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El Segundo AYSO U10 All-Stars Finish in Third Place



El Segundo AYSO U10 All-Stars won 3rd Place at Sectional Tournament by beating rival Arcadia, 4-1. Picture left to right: Coach Ron Heredia, Dominik Kopecky, Conrad Herring, Matheo Heredia, Gavin McKinnon, Michael Severson, Juddson Lister, Benji Kerin, H. Daniel Gomez, Jacob Delfino, James Baldino, Coach Geoff Lister. Photo by Hector Gomez.

Council Tweaks Richmond Street Project, Revisits Residential Building Code

By Brian Simon

Plans to begin the reconstruction of the 100-300 blocks of Richmond Street remain on track for mid-April, but a few features may no longer be part of the picture. On Tuesday night, the El Segundo City Council voted to remove some components because the price tag for the overall project exceeded the initial budget by 957,000. By a 3-2 vote (with Dave Atkinson and Mike Dugan dissenting), the Council approved staff's recommendation to award the construction contract to lowest bidder Sully-Miller for \$1,335,335. An additional \$51,920 to maintain daily inspection services plus \$112,745 to cover contingencies puts the Richmond job at \$1.5 million—this compared to only \$735,000 allocated by the Council. The main reason for the large uptick is that the scope of the project broadened to include providing more parking on the street.

To cover the shortfall, the City will use \$244,000 from the Downtown Parking In-Lieu fund, pull \$350,000 from the finance software budget (since those monies won't be needed for at least five years) and \$29,000 from the general fund (expected to be replenished from the contingency monies) for a total of \$623,000. The Council opted not to pull any monies from the first \$500,000 payment coming this month from Raytheon for the latter's South Campus development agreement. The remaining \$334,000 will come from eliminating structured soil (saving 135,000, with the argument that the new trees won't have invasive roots anyway); concrete

paver trim edge details (saving 50,000, with the contention that this is purely an aesthetic feature and not critical); pedestrian lighting fixtures, poles and foundation (\$90,000); and pedestrian lighting conduit (\$59,000). Eliminating the pedestrian fixtures means the City must plan for lighting through Southern California Edison. Also, overall lighting will be reduced. In nixing the conduit installation, the Council is banking on the idea that the approved solar lighting will be sufficient. Otherwise, it will cost much more in the future to pay for undergrounding of electrical wires should the Council eventually opt to replace solar with LED lights.

In considering all the options, staff also recommended and the Council agreed not to eliminate three-phase staging (which would have saved \$100,000). Project construction will still proceed one block at a time to minimize overall impacts on businesses and residents.

While in favor of most of the moves, Atkinson was against the idea of eliminating the pedestrian light poles—arguing that people in town told him that the quaint, unique fixtures were the biggest appealing factor of the new street design. Dugan preferred to do the project the right way with all the features intact, but did not feel it was fiscally responsible to go beyond what the Council set in the budget. He suggested to just perform the work on the 100 and 200 blocks.

Despite the majority vote, the item will come back to the Council after the April 12 municipal election when the City's financial

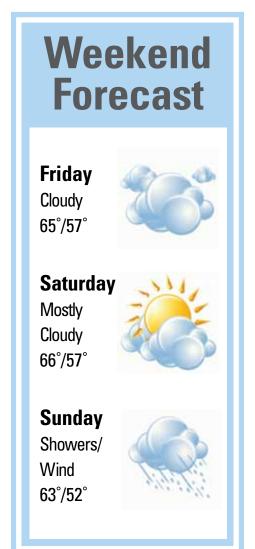
complexion could change depending on the result of the Measure B vote and the prospect of new tax revenues on the way. At that time, the group could decide to re-insert some or all of the items removed on Tuesday night.

Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas provided a basic timeline for construction, with the 100 block going first on April 15 followed by the 200 block on May 15 and then the 300 block last. Rain delays may play a factor, but Katsouleas said the 200 block should not take a full month and the entire project could be completed by mid-June.

Other plans for the Richmond Street project include removing all remaining Ficus trees and replacing those with alternating Strawberry and King Palm trees; reducing sidewalk widths from 10 to seven feet while maintaining ADA access; increasing roadway width from 40 to 40 feet to accommodate angled parking on the west side and parallel on the east; and maintaining two-way traffic throughout all three blocks.

Also on Tuesday, Councilmember Marie Fellhauer brought forth an item (supported by her colleagues) instructing staff to provide a report on the impacts of the changes to the City's single family residence zone (R-1) ordinance adopted back in 2006. While stating she understood the need to address mansionization and have light issues mitigated, Fellhauer contended that the code "went too far" and pointed out that "government's job isn't to tell people what their homes should

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Treating Pain Leads to **New Goal in Life**

By Cristian Vasquez

For 20 years Dr. Harold Kraft used his medical abilities in the operating room as an anesthesiologist; there he was able to treat pain patients with epidural steroids during a time when that was the only treatment available in the field. Eventually, Dr. Kraft would leave the East Coast to California in search of different opportunities and would discover the effectiveness laser treatment to help pain patients; it's a concept he now wants to push farther by funding a clinical trial that would focus on the efficiency of laser treatment on people with posttraumatic stress disorder [PTSD].

Dr. Kraft was a skeptic at first with regards to using lasers to treat pain patients. However, an old patient of his shared her personal success with laser treatment and the doctor looked further into the technology.

"The results that she got were jaw dropping. After studying the biology of lasers, I believe that it is by far the best thing for treating skeletal and muscular pain," Dr. Kraft said. "The results have been fantastic. I am seeing up to ninety percent of patients get some relief: the average relief is in the area of seventy percent. A seventy percent for pain relief is phenomenal."

Dr. Kraft opened his practice in August of 2015 in the City of Manhattan Beach, where he treats patients afflicted by different types of treat pains with lasers. He does not prescribe drugs or narcotics, nor does he use shots or needles, which he describes as exciting, given that conventional non-laser treatment has historically relied on these.

"Most of my patients have failed trial drugs and other therapies, and this laser can make them better," Dr. Kraft said. "There is almost nothing as satisfying as taking a patient that is in severe pain and taking them out of pain without a drug. It has been very exciting. You are able to treat a lot more pain than we were able to treat before."

However, Dr. Kraft came across a way to make his work in the field of pain relief not only more exciting but significantly more beneficial to the public, as a whole, while treating a local Vietnam War Veteran, who suffered from PTSD.

"He introduced me to the fact that PTSD was a bad disease, which had negatively affected his life, so I started researching it,"

Dr. Kraft said. "Within a month of when I started the research, a paper come out of Denver of a chiropractor and a psychiatrist using a laser similar to mine right into the head. Trans-cranial Laser to treat PTSD and TBI [traumatic brain injury]."

Dr. Kraft describes the results published as breathtaking and phenomenal. Despite only being a 10-patient study, the results surpassed the average effectiveness of PTSD treatment, which is only helpful in 50 percent of patients. That 50 percent standard is considered the gold standard, but the new study gave Dr. Kraft hope that with laser treatment a higher standard could be met.

"That was another fortuitous circumstance that made me realize that PTSD is a horrible disease and that I may have, via the Denver group, discovered what could be a breakthrough treatment, which is laser to the head," Dr. Kraft said. "Only recently, in the past two years, the neurobiology completely supports that using lasers in the front of the head would treat PTSD."

Laser treatment is applied through a massage-like roller ball with the laser coming out of a quartz marble. The laser feels warm on the patient as it penetrates to the muscle or nerve or bone, it is absorbed by the mitochondria, which activates ATP [adenosine triphosphate]. The ATP energizes the cell and additional chemicals are created which accelerate healing and decrease pain.

"Every cell in our body uses ATP; it is essentially a carrier of energy," Dr. Kraft explained. "Every cell in our body uses ATP to carry energy from mitochondria to other parts of the body that need it. So the laser accelerates the body's process for treating pain and for healing."

Using the pain-treatment laser technology on the brain, the Denver study revealed that applying the laser to the front of the head can help the prefrontal cortex grow back to its normal size. The amygdala, which is where emotions such as fear are generated, is constantly hyperactive in PTSD patients. The prefrontal cortex, which is responsible for a person's ability to act rationally, process information and control the emptions produced by the amygdala, is physically shrunken in people afflicted with PTSD.

"The timing was great and by happenstance See Dr. Harold Kraft, page 14

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A Musical Heart at El Segundo High School

By Cece Stewart, junior at ESHS

A Musical Heart is a new club on the campus of El Segundo High School (ESHS) this year.

through performances at senior living centers, hospitals, and throughout the community. Lee said "A Musical Heart hopes to teach not just



Top Row: Tom, Vada, Middle: Anna, Bianca, Jessa, Vada, Botton: Jessica, Allison, Irene, Kalysa, Christina

Founded by sophomore Irene Lee, the club's mission, Lee explains, is to "help younger musicians give back to the community through their musical talents." Students enhance performance skills

its members, but the receptors, the importance and power of music in a person's life."

Irene Lee serves as President, and is joined in See Musical Heart, page 14

ESUSD Hosts 'Most Likely to Succeed'

Parents, educators and community members are invited to attend a free film screening of the award-winning documentary "Most Likely to Succeed" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. The 89-minute film will be followed by a panel discussion by El Segundo Unified School District educators, and moderated by Superintendent Melissa Moore, about the future of education and why change is necessary. The presentation will take place at the El Segundo High School Performing Arts Center, located at 640 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

"Most Likely to Succeed" examines the history of education, revealing the growing conversation around how schools and learning should happen for our current students to best prepare them for their present and future success. The schools and students highlighted in the film will not only challenge assumptions but also inspire optimism and encourage us to explore what is possible in our schools and communities.

This film has been named "among the best edu-documentaries ever produced" by

Education Week, and called a "smart and engaging look at education in the 21st century" by The Hollywood Reporter.

"We know parents residing in El Segundo are highly engaged in their children's education, which is why we are pleased to bring this film to our community," said Melissa Moore, El Segundo Unified School District superintendent. "I encourage every parent to attend this film screening. The documentary is an excellent vehicle for parents to gain insight into the educational environment required to support 21st century learners. It does a fantastic job of highlighting the power of inquiry- and projectbased learning while also raising necessary questions and addressing inevitable anxieties."

Written and produced by Greg Whiteley, "Most Likely to Succeed" was featured at several international film festivals in 2015. More information on "Most Likely To Succeed" is available from the film's website at http://mltsfilm.org...



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Center Street Elementary

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Richmond Street Elementary 615 Richmond Street, El Segundo, CA

700 Center Street, El Segundo, CA (Children are welcome and encouraged to attend the Classroom Visitation)



********* **ELECTION 2016** *********

Getting to Know the City Council Candidates

**** Carol Pirsztuk ****

By Brian Simon

Although this April's municipal election marks her first time throwing her hat into the ring, El Segundo native Carol Pirsztuk thought strongly about running for City Council as far back as a decade ago. But work and parental duties took priority and she opted to wait until the timing was absolutely right. "As

a family, we agreed that 2016 would be the best time to make it happen," Pirsztuk said.

A graduate of El Segundo High (Class of 1981) and Loyola Marymount University with a double major in Business Administration and Economics, Pirsztuk left the community after college but returned in 2002 with her husband Michael when their children (two daughters who are now teens) reached school age. "Growing up, I always had a sense of security here and



was fortunate to receive a great education—and so I wanted to provide the same experience for my kids," she said. "I was surrounded by good people who were proud of this town. Neighbors wanted you to succeed and were always willing to help you. Thankfully, that community still exists here and my family has the opportunity to thrive in it. As we

celebrate other's successes and rally around those in need, I am grateful that the heart of El Segundo is still pumping and I know that wherever I go in town I always see a friend."

Pirsztuk's professional career crossed over various industries--including the retail, entertainment and non-profit sectors. She also worked extensively in sales and operations. "The one constant was being in management

See Carol Pirsztuk, page 12

*** * Marie Fellhauer ***

By Brian Simon

The past few months have been particularly eventful for Marie Fellhauer. The lifetime El Segundo resident became a mom in September when she and her husband Justin adopted a newborn (Klaus). Soon after, she ascended to the presidency of the Independent Cities Association (ICA). She also continues

to work as a Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant (originally joining the force 19 years ago) and sits on the El Segundo City Council with hopes to win a second term this April.

Fellhauer identified public safety as the top issue facing El Segundo in the wake of increased crime--and emphasized the need to educate residents about the impacts of legislation that resulted in more offenders out on the streets.



She also stressed her commitment to keep the City independent and local fire and police in-house while also maintaining park and library programs. Other priorities include passing a structurally balanced budget, caring for seniors through housing and other programs, encouraging small businesses to move to Downtown, and keeping El Segundo's eastside an upscale

business haven by cultivating existing and new relationships.

Fellhauer also looks to bolster relationships with legislators who might exert influence on Los Angeles County to increase El Segundo's small share of the property tax pie. The City's portion of each collected property tax dollar is 6.3 cents—less than half than Manhattan Beach receives and about 20 cents below

See Marie Fellhauer, page 6

*** Don Brann

By Brian Simon

After nearly 40 years as a teacher and administrator, Don Brann retired as Superintendent of the Wiseburn School District in 2008 and made a successful bid for the El Segundo City Council that April. But after serving one term, he realized he hadn't quite gotten education out of his system--accepting an

Interim Superintendent position at San Gabriel Unified while wrapping up his final year on the Council. Next up was a two-year stint as State Trustee at Inglewood Unified where he balanced the budget and eliminated a long-standing deficit to move that district back towards local control. And with that achievement, Brann finally proclaimed, "I am done with being a school superintendent." Now with considerably more free time and a stated thirst to create "a



better El Segundo," he decided to give it another go and vie for one of the three available seats on the City Council.

Brann found it interesting to note how the biggest issues facing El Segundo have changed since he ran for office eight years ago. He listed his current priorities to bolster police staffing and technology to address rising

crime, maintain quality City services across the board, continue to represent the community's needs in dealing with LAX, mitigate traffic issues caused by new development, work with Edison to improve local infrastructure, enhance the City's public information program with more opportunities for seniors and teens, improve Downtown parking, develop a local filming policy that supports all stakeholders,

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*** Dave Atkinson

By Brian Simon

As he seeks reelection for a second term on the El Segundo City Council, Dave Atkinson noted that the most important thing he ever learned in life came as a result of his upbringing in the Midwest. He would spend summers at his uncle's farm in Indiana toiling from the crack of dawn feeding chickens, slopping

hogs, milking cows and understanding the value of a good work ethic. "I found out the hard—and best—way that things aren't free in this world," he said. "Everything has a cost to it and that will only go up over time. Coming to grips with that reality is one of the biggest challenges in making difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions that must be made to help our city."

As a young man, Atkinson served in the



United States Air Force where he had top-secret clearance and left with an honorable discharge after four years of duty. While in the military, he took courses in computers, science and math that he feels served him well in future endeavors. Early work included stints at Honeywell, American Airlines and Max Factor. He married his wife

Carol in 1970 and the couple bought a home in El Segundo eight years later. They have two sons—Matthew, a special needs adult currently attending school in the community; and Zachary--a 2008 El Segundo High and 2012 USC grad who works in town.

Atkinson ultimately found his true career calling in the automotive industry and earned acclaim as one of the top salespeople nation-

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*** Drew Boyles ***

By Brian Simon

Even with 20 years as an El Segundo resident under his belt, City Council candidate Drew Boyles jokes that he still feels like a relative newcomer when compared to some of the longstanding locals who have been here virtually forever. Regardless, he said he fell in love with the town the moment he

arrived and nothing has changed to alter that sentiment. "El Segundo reminds me of the Midwest where I grew up--where neighbors are friendly, concerned and in touch with each other," Boyles said.

The father of five children ranging in age from nine to 28, Boyles decided to move to El Segundo after a friend touted the community's schools and safe, small town environment. He pointed out that keeping those elements



in place are among his priorities in running for Council--as well as maintaining a fiscally prudent ship at City Hall, protecting El Segundo's interests in Los Angeles County, and building partnerships with the business community to retain existing companies while also recruiting new firms to bolster the economic base. "Almost all of

the City's general fund revenues come from the business community and we can't be in reactive mode," he said.

Boyles noted that the focus on business growth is a key component of his position as Chair of the El Segundo's Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) that provides support and guidance to City staff and the City Council on business attraction

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Film Review

Gene Cernan Tells His Story of Being The Last Man on the Moon

By Morgan Rojas for www.CINEMACY.com

On Wednesday, February 24th, scientists detected the origin point of a space radio signal 6 billion light-years away and managed to find the universe's missing matter as a result. This incredible discovery is a strong reminder of how far we've come since 1969, the moment when Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong declared the first successful mission to the Moon as One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. Since Armstrong, twelve men in total have walked on the moon during the Apollo missions from 1969-1972. Of these 12, Eugene the strong bonds he made with the other men.

His close friendships with his co-workers also made the tough times almost unbearable. Two deadly events, the unexpected crash of Gemini 9 which claimed the lives of the two pilots in his crew as well as the emotional Apollo 1 fire of 1967, when his neighbor and good friend Roger Chaffee and two other men died as a result of a flash cabin fire in the shuttle, shook up Cernan's world. At the time, he was married with a young daughter and the thought of never seeing his family again was extremely hard on him. However, when he was selected to be a part of the Apollo 17 crew, NASA's last



Gene Cernan aboard the lunar module after his final EVA. Photo: Jack Schmitt / NASA.

"Gene" Cernan was the last, and the documentary The Last Man on the Moon is his story.

Cernan's story is a unique one; a former Navy captain, his journey towards becoming a NASA astronaut started with a simple phone call. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy set the bar high for U.S. space exploration, putting pressure on the space program to be the first country to land on the moon. This public assignment given to NASA resulted in an increased demand for anyone willing to participate in the program, which lead to more opportunities for people like Gene to join. Getting his foot in the door was the easy part, he realizes in hindsight. The intense training that each of the aspiring young men endured, including desert survival, water survival, and jungle survival just to name a few, was the hard part. The best thing to come from that experience, Gene remarks, was mission to the moon, Cernan couldn't say no.

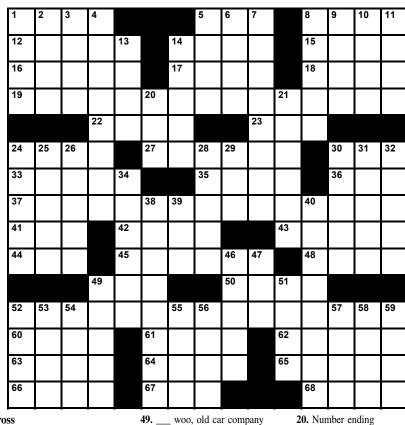
Cernan spent three days on the moon. Right before he was about to leave, and knowing that man may not be back on the moon again for years, he left his footprints and wrote his daughter's initials in the lunar dust. He describes this moment with such intimacy and detail that it's truly humbling to listen to him.

It does not feel like a traditional "documentarystyle" film, thanks to the stylized approach from director Mark Craig as he strikes the perfect balance between the portrayal of Gene's personal and work life. He cuts between Gene in the present day with archival footage of his time at NASA, which, photographically, feels like a subtle effort to relive his experience. The B-roll of various space missions really does make The Martian look like a comedy.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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- the Wind"
- 5. Increases
- 8. Alert to something odd 12. Tennessee footballer
- 14. Yarn ball
- 15. Motive starters
- 16. Wing feather
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- 13. "Valkyrie" soldier

50. Four-letter word

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68. Cairo's waterway

61. Old Italian currency

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66. Newbie 67. "You betcha!"

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Rich soil

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The Enigma That CIF Title Hones End in

The Enigma That is Steph Curry

By Adam Serrao

Sometimes it's hard to shift interest over from a football season that takes place every week to the long, 82 game year that the NBA boasts. One person who has certainly been making that shift quite a bit easier is the Golden State Warriors point guard, Stephen Curry. Curry has made quick work of becoming the face of the National Basketball Association. LeBron, who? In just three short years, Curry has not only brought his team to a championship level, but has also won an MVP and is reconstructing the game of basketball as we know it. Sure, it's hard to stay focused on every game of a season that's so long, but when Steph Curry suits up to take the court, all eyes are transfixed on the Warrior.

For those that don't know much about Curry, the son of former NBA player Dell Curry and the seventh overall pick in the 2009 NBA draft played college ball for Davidson. The 6-foot-3, 190 pound point guard started making headlines at a young age. It was at Davidson that Curry was twice named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and set the all-time scoring record for not only his team, but also the conference. During his sophomore year, Curry fully developed his touch. He set the single-season NCAA record for 3-pointers made, foreshadowing what the sharpshooter would soon become in the NBA.

"He's doing things that nobody's ever done before," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said of his superstar after he turned in another 51 point effort in a win against the Orlando Magic. It wasn't just any other win, though. It was a win, on the road, on a back-to-back night after a hard-fought game against the Miami Heat where Curry scored 42 points, including a 3-point shot that eventually decided the game. If you haven't caught on yet, Curry is simply mastering the 3-pointer. From fall-away's, to fade-away's to even half-court shots; if Curry puts the ball in the air, it finds a way to fall through the hoop.

Just last week, Curry set a new consecutive 3-point mark that was formerly held by Atlanta Hawks guard, Kyle Korver. In breaking Korver's record, Curry made a 3-point shot in his 128th consecutive game. Something makes it seem as if that record will last well beyond 128 games. "I have a hard time seeing how that streak is ever going to end," said Orlando Magic head coach, Scott Skiles. "It would have to be kind of a fluke night. He'd just have to be off that night, and that certainly doesn't happen very often." Curry set the record against Skiles and his Magic team in the Warriors 130-114 win. Even Kerr, Steph's own coach, is downplaying the significance of the records that his star player is setting. "It's so simple for him. His 3-point shot is like a 2-point shot," Kerr explained. "It's what he does. It's to the point where we expect a half-court shot."

Perhaps the most amazing thing about Curry is that no one can shut him down. Whether it's the best defensive team in the league or the best individual defender, Curry finds a way to avoid being stopped. He'll shoot a three right in someone's face, beat his defender off the dribble, orcut to the basket from the 3-point line, confusing his opponent, only to get an easy bucket at the rim. "The strength that he has is allowing him to

step further and further back without changing his mechanics," Curry's trainer Brandon Payne said. "He's able to create any look that he wants because he's able to get backward away from pressure." Curry's incredible range is exactly what sets up other opportunities on the court. "If you get up tight on him, that's actually what we want you to do," Payne continued. "We want you to get up tight on him because then it's going to open lanes to the basket when he plays off the high post."

Last Saturday night at Oklahoma City, Curry put on his purest demonstration yet of how and why he's clearly the best player in the league. Not only did Curry tie a record for most 3-pointers made in a game (12), but he broke his own record for most 3-pointers made in a season with 24 games still remaining. Ray Allen previously held the record with 269 3's made. Curry broke Allen's record in the 2012-'13 season with 272 and has broken his own record every year since with 286 in '14-'15 and 288 this year with plenty of games still to be played. Aside from the records, Curry's phenomenal play guided the Warriors into overtime against the Thunder and a ridiculous shot from more than 35 feet out not only won the game for Golden State, but also had the rest of the league in awe. "@StephenCurry30 needs to stop it man!!" LeBron James tweeted after Curry made an absurd shot look routine to win the game. "He's ridiculous man! Never before seen someone like him in the history of ball." Dwyane Wade tweeted out, "Curry is UNREAL!!!!" and Magic Johnson chimed in saying, "@StephenCurry30 has a chance to be the greatest player we've ever seen, if he plays at this level for the next 4-5yrs!" Clearly, Curry has everyone's attention.

Curry is the closest thing that the NBA has seen to "un-guardable" since Michael Jordan dawned the red and black for the Chicago Bulls. Even now, six years into the league, Curry is being labeled the greatest shooter to ever play the game. He has no trouble garnering other labels, too. He's the new face of the league, the reigning Most Valuable Player, an NBA Finals champion and was named the 2015 Male Athlete of the Year by The Associated Press. Curry is bringing finesse back to a league that was so recently enamored with slam dunks and inside post play. The power game has become a thing of the past. Now, people want to show up early to catch warm-ups just to see Curry dribble the ball or shoot 3-pointers that range out toward the half-court line.

Steph Curry is not only changing the way basketball is played, but he's changing the way that we, the viewers, watch the game. Whoever would have thought that the 3-point shot would be exciting? Now, people tune in to watch the Warriors to see how many Curry will make in a night, who he'll shoot them over, and how long the Warriors will go without losing a game. A 20 point deficit, for Curry and these Warriors, can be erased in the blink of an eye. No lead is safe. The 52-5 Warriors are on pace to beat Michael Jordan's Bulls best season record ever of 72-10, giving us all yet another reason to tune in every night. Basketball has never been so exciting and it's Steph Curry who has truly changed the game. •

CIF Title Hopes End in Quarter-Finals for Eagles

Photos and Story by Gregg McMullin

When the playoff brackets came out for all five El Segundo high school teams advancing to the CIF playoffs, the draw for the girls' water polo team, boys and girls' basketball and boys' and girls' soccer teams was not encouraging. Each team would end up facing the fourth seeded team early on. But not surprisingly each team faced the arduous confrontation with the desire to beat the best so they could end up being the best. One team rocked the soccer world while the other four teams nearly shocked the sporting scene.

The water polo team lost to Westridge, which will play Santa Monica for the CIF title. The boys' basketball team fell to fourth seeded Mission Prep, the girls' soccer team lost a heartbreaker on penalty kicks to fourth seeded Royal and the girls' basketball team fell in the final seconds to fourth seeded Duarte. The only team to defeat the fourth seed was the boys' soccer team which defeated Bellflower the defending CIF champions but then fell in the quarter-finals to Santa Paula.

The El Segundo high school soccer boys' program has been on the upswing for the past few years and looks to restock the cupboard each year. Last season the Eagles won a school record 18 games and reached the quarter-finals for the first time in the program's history. This season they won the Ocean League outright and were on a roll when the playoffs started.

The Eagles won their first round playoff game 4-1 over Temecula Valley and faced Bellflower in the second round. The Buccaneers were the Suburban League champions, the fourth seeded team and the defending CIF-SS Division 4 champions with no less than 12 returning players.

The Eagles have a senior heavy starting lineup with plenty of experience. They demonstrated their athleticism, speed and gutty desire and came away with a hard fought 2-1 win that wasn't pretty but well earned.

Bellflower (18-4-1) took a 1-0 lead in the

fifth minute when Flavio Martinez scored on a header off a corner kick from Alan Ramirez. The Eagles nearly evened the game moments later when Nabi Sidiqi's header off Grant Bemis' corner kick was just over the crossbar.

The Eagles did tie the game when goalie Tyler Hollick boomed a punt that was misjudged by a Bellflower defender. Gilbert Cortez utilized the bounce that went his way and went one-on-one with the goalie and Cortez pounded one to the back of the net.

"I had an idea that their goalie was leaning and I took it the other way," said Cortez.

This was a game that featured no less than seven yellow cards and an ejection by a Bellflower player. That meant the Eagles would have a man advantage the rest of the way and they took the opportunity to pressure the Buccaneers' goalie Jordan Jacobo. Grant Bemis hammered one that was destine for glory only to hit the crossbar. Jacobo would make three other saves and a total of seven for the game.

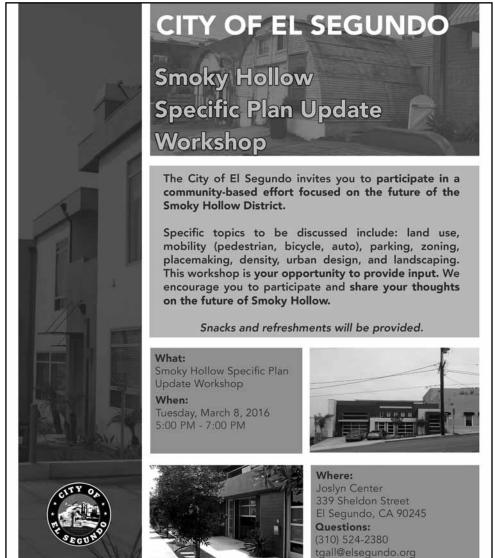
With Bellflower bewildered and frustrated by the upstart Eagles a Buccaneer player was handed his ejection red card papers when he took a violent swing at an Eagle. Though no contact was made the officials huddled and made the ruling.

Two minutes after Bellflower lost its player the Eagles capitalized. Cortez got positioning behind the defense on a long throw-in by Justin Knoll and scored to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead in the first half.

The Eagles would put the pressure on the Buccaneers throughout the game but came away empty each time. Bellflower had its moments but El Segundo's back line of Knoll, Zach Franco, Dan Gutierrez and Zach Skwarek made sure that Hollick was well protected. As it is Hollick made seven saves, some from close range including two from a scrum of player deep in the zone.

The Eagles had shocked the soccer world with their win over the champions. They

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'Monster' Gas Company Bills Investigated

By Rob McCarthy

A preliminary investigation found no irregularities with Southern Gas Company bills that tripled home-heating costs in December and January and created suspicions that a massive gas leak near Porter Ranch was already costing customers.

Mark Pocta, spokesman for the Office of Ratepayer Advocate in San Francisco, told the Herald Publications that chilly weather and higher gas usage were behind the run-up in household utility bills. His office reviewed customer bills after receiving complaints from SoCal Gas households about higher-than-normal winter bills.

"We've looked at SoCal Gas rates and their rates really have not changed significantly over the past approximately five months since September," Pocta said.

Public speculation was that the Aliso Canyon storage leak was being charged already to gas customers. Another theory was the Gas Co. raised rates but didn't announce it. The Ratepayer Advocate Office said neither was true, and that its initial investigation had a simpler explanation.

"We've talked to a number of people about

this issue, and we think that the issue is likely related to cold weather during the winter, so the bills have been higher."

The Ratepayer Advocate is a unit of the Public Utilities Commission. The office advocates for customer and environmental protections while working to obtain the lowest rate for public utility service.

This winter has been the coldest since 2011, the Gas Co. said after the public outcry over bills for December and January. Customers in winter use up to seven times more gas for home heating, explained in a newsletter sent out last week.

The Los Angeles City Council in mid-January called on the commission to investigate So-Cal Gas bills for winter heating. Councilman Mitch Englander said his \$60 monthly bill jumped to \$200 in January. He questioned whether the smart meters used by The Gas Co. were accurate.

The California Public Utilities Commission is investigating the complaints by Southern Californians who were shocked to see their home-heating bills three times the norm to start 2016, said spokesman Christopher Chow. The commission's early findings found chilly weather

that had residents cranking up the thermostat.

"Home heating drives most of the residential gas bills so cold weather will increase gas bills," Chow said.

The December billing period was longer by two to four days for some customers, a result of the holidays. January's billing period reflected in February bills was two to four days shorter, Chow explained.

The drilling operation to cap the leak near Porter Ranch is not costing customers, he said. SoCal Gas said it stopped the methane-gas leak on Feb. 12, four months after San Fernando Valley residents began complaining about a strong odor, nausea, headaches and nosebleeds, according to health officials.

"None of the costs incurred by SoCalGas to resolve the Aliso Canyon Storage Field leak are included in customer rates," Chow said.

Residential gas rates were slightly higher in December for the typical customer because the wholesale price of natural gas rose 4 percent, according to the commission spokesman. SoCal Gas passes along the higher wholesale cost to its customers

On top of the wholesale price increase, residential usage in December nearly doubled

from the month before, according to the Public Utilities Commission.

The commission continues to investigate specific high bills that are cannot be explained by the weather, higher usage or holiday billing period, Chow said.

It's likely that February bills will be lower because of unseasonably hot weather. Metereologists say that high pressure settled over the region, reversing the El Nino effect. They expect the heaviest of the winter storms to arrive in March and April.

Westside residents complained to L.A. City Councilman Mike Bonin that December and January's gas bills were pricey even for the winter. At least one Porter Ranch resident who stayed in his home told the L.A. Daily News his monthly bill was more than three times the \$100 amount he and his wife pay to heat their 1,800-square-foot home.

"Suddenly, I get this monster bill," Arthur Kalnit said.

A newsletter mailed last week to gas customers contained "Winter Billing FAQs." Half of a household's winter bill is for home heating. The water heater accounts for 25 percent

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Los Angeles. "It may take years, but building rapport with leaders in Sacramento is our best hope of rectifying this huge inadequacy and bring much-needed revenues to help the City grow," Fellhauer said.

Looking back at the achievements of her first term, Fellhauer said the Council has a consistent record of fiscally responsible decisions-including a successful tax resolution agreement with Chevron she helped negotiate. She also listed her leadership role in building a strong and active Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) to increase local business attraction; the opening of The Point shopping center and elevon creative media campus; approval of the future Raytheon development that will provide revenues to the City as well as a new road to ease traffic in the southeast quadrant; future hotel openings; TopGolf coming to town; construction of new headquarters for the Lakers; El Segundo's 2015 Most Business-Friendly City recognition from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC); and the agreement with Wiseburn to provide a world-class aquatics facility in town. "I have also always honored community members' requests to meet regarding their concerns or ideas," Fellhauer added.

Fellhauer (nee Caravello) went through the local school system and graduated from El Segundo High. A little known fact, she was an arm-wrestling champ during her Eagles' days and competed at the state level. She then attended El Camino College before a brief departure to study at Humboldt State where she earned a degree in Mathematics. She remembered her late mother—an El Segundo Citizen of the Year in the early '70s--volunteering to take blood

pressure readings for seniors at the Joslyn Center. "My mother ingrained in me the spirit of giving back to the community as well as the importance of self-reliance," Fellhauer noted, adding that she still fondly recalls the quaint Downtown of her childhood and when there was little development and mostly fields on the east side of town. Though admitting that she misses businesses like RB Drugs, the old bowling alley and the Cornet Five and Dime store, she said she is excited about what the future holds with the aforementioned new commercial projects and businesses on the horizon. "Four years ago, our city faced several critical issues that could have negatively impacted our longterm future, but we worked hard to ensure El Segundo remained sustainable," Fellhauer said.

Prior to joining the Council, Fellhauer was on the Planning Commission for seven years. She is an Ed! Foundation Superintendent's Roundtable member, Kiwanian, and Public Safety Policy Committee Member for the League of California Cities. As ICA President, main focuses include public safety and education issues that affect 44 independent municipalities. "Having a leadership position on a regional level is a huge benefit to El Segundo because so much can be accomplished through collaboration," Fellhauer said.

Now that she has a young son, Fellhauer explained that she is more committed than ever to ensure the future fiscal prosperity of the City. "I was born here, raised here and I'll die here," she said. "I am a proud product of El Segundo. The community feel is what's most special about this place and must be preserved. I know when I go for a walk, guaranteed I'll wave to someone I know..." •

Dave Atkinson

ally for Chevrolet. He learned every aspect of the business including management, training, marketing, negotiation, and long-term planning—experience he believes makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the City Council. "As a local businessman, I have specialized in taking over failing enterprises and bringing them to profitability while providing stable jobs to the community," Atkinson said.

Looking at his priorities, Atkinson singled out the need to continue to work with the El Segundo School Board to support and solidify the local education system in order to maintain high transfer rates to colleges and universities, tout El Segundo's Most Business-Friendly City status to retain and attract businesses, keep City spending under control while investing in infrastructure, and grow reserves while maintaining a balanced budget.

When he retired in 2002, then-Mayor Mike Gordon asked Atkinson to join the Senior Citizen Housing Corporation Board. "During my tenure, we were able to change operations at Park Vista, finally get us out of the red, and make long-needed repairs," Atkinson said. He spent four years on the Capital Improvement Project Advisory Committee (CIPAC) during which time the group developed a point system for prioritizing infrastructure items for the City Council to consider for potential funding. Atkinson also coached Little League baseball in town and assisted the Police Department in bringing the annual car show to Main Street.

Listing key accomplishments of his first Council term, Atkinson pointed to the 17-year financial agreement forged with Chevron that brought more than \$5 million in new annual revenues to the general fund; arrangement for El Segundo to be a host city for the 2015 Special Olympic World Games; and grand openings of The Point and elevon. He added that a number of projects are on the way after Council approvals—including several new hotels under construction, the Richmond Street upgrade this spring, future development of Pautheon's South Computer development of Pautheon's South Computer.

development of Raytheon's South Campus, the TopGolf and Lakers' facilities, and El Segundo/Wiseburn Aquatics Center. "As a member of the Aquatics Committee, I am particularly proud of the deal the City worked out with Wiseburn to build a new, world-class competition pool that will serve the needs of our student athletes as well as the entire community," Atkinson said. "The facility will be a major draw for El Segundo

and pay for itself over time."

The most important issue the community faces this go-around, in Atkinson's estimation, is the proposed Measure B transient occupancy tax increase (from the current 8% to 12%) also on the April ballot. Local lodging facilities collect this tax from guests and remit the monies to the City, which in turn keeps 100 percent of those proceeds. "These funds will be used for City needs, such as aging buildings, Rec and Parks facilities, street and sewer repair, education, fire and safety, economic development, advertising to our hotels/motels and more," Atkinson said. "This does not come out of our residents' pockets and the tax increase will still leave El Segundo below the area average of 12.9% while providing a way to combat rising costs for the City. For me, everything comes down to what is best for the City..." •



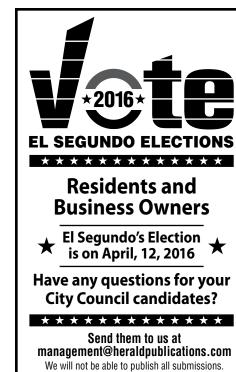
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Selling Your Home? Let The Bidding Wars Begin

(BPT) - No wonder you're thinking of selling your home - it's a "seller's market" right now. The housing supply has dwindled, creating more demand for fewer homes.

At the same time, according to Realtor Tammy Reinke, buyers' expectations are higher than ever. They've become accustomed to model-perfect homes.

What's the upshot? "Sellers have a choice," says Reinke. "You can win the price war or win the beauty contest." By winning the beauty contest, you'll gain pricing leverage. And if your home shows well, it can even spark a bidding war - generating offers that exceed your asking price.

Here are three top "beauty" tips to set your home apart from other contestants, and set yourself up for a fatter settlement check.

1. DIRT'S A DEAL-BREAKER

Make a clean sweep

"Buyers want to see a clean home," says Reinke. "And the first thing to deal with is stained carpets and ceilings."

Stained carpets should be cleaned or replaced. Stained ceilings deserve your attention, too. They can scare off prospective buyers who fear that ceiling imperfections might be a sign of bigger problems.

"If you've got a stained popcorn ceiling, don't bother trying to spot paint over it, it doesn't work," Reinke says. Even professionals find it difficult to match the original finish and color. In addition, flocked or heavily textured ceilings are best replaced because they look so outdated.

Instead, consider installing ceiling tiles or panels directly over the offending ceiling, using a simple DIY track-and-clip system. To weigh all your ceiling replacement options, pop some real popcorn and settle back with the Armstrong Ceiling video guide to ceilings for lots of ideas and inspiration.

2. DECLUTTER DE HOUSE

Buyers can't picture themselves in your home if they can't see past your piles of stuff. "There's a difference between clutter and an intentional collection," says Tiffany Little, a senior interior design at Albion Associates.

Pull together different items - like pottery or framed photography - using a common design element like color, similar patterns, texture or materials. "It's OK to leave some surfaces empty, and to create a display of personal mementos in a stylish, organized manner in other areas," says Little. "This makes the personal items even more special."

3. SPARK DESIGN INTEREST

So you've cleaned and decluttered, but now your rooms seem blah and uninviting. Nothing enlivens a space like a splash of color. Toss some bright new pillows on the sofa or add tasteful artwork or accessories to complement your color scheme.

Paint adds personality, too, but choose your colors carefully so your wall palette flows naturally from room to room. "I like using a neutral color palette for larger rooms - from ivory tones to values of grey," says Little.



She adds mid-tone colors to smaller rooms, while selectively using vivid or deeper colors as accents with accessories and artwork throughout the home.

Finally, don't forget to add texture, whether with a woven area rug or sculptural wire baskets. "Texture adds great dimension and depth to a room," says Little.

"I especially love the look of Armstrong Ceilings decorative metal ceiling panels in textured tin or copper as accents above a kitchen island. This turns the ordinary, smooth sheetrock ceiling into a wow factor. By adding this textured ceiling color in with a few of the dishes, or countertop items, it unifies the room's palette," she added.

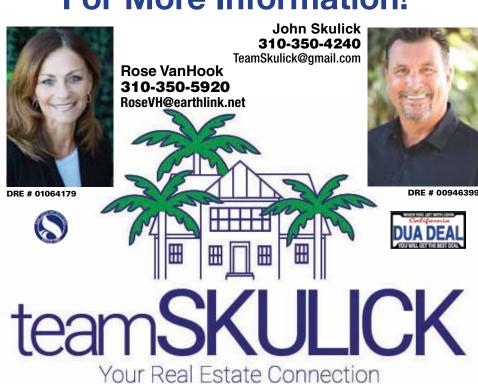
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look like." During public communications, local resident Dana Rafiee noted that the City's current code is so restrictive that one cannot build a usable 21st Century home in town—adding that "the smaller the lot, the more you're penalized." He mentioned a case study of a family hoping to build a home with four bedrooms on the same floor, but that a Manhattan Beach house designer told them that it can't be done in El Segundo and they should live elsewhere. Rafiee emphasized that "it's not about building big houses, but usable [ones]." Realtor Alex Abad followed by saying that El Segundo is "the worst city to build a new home in all of the South Bay" and that hardly any contractors will build on spec here. He reported data of only six spec homes built in El Segundo since 2007 compared to 128 during the same period in Manhattan Beach's Tree Section—this versus 33 such homes built in El Segundo in the five-year period before the code change. "The code passed absolutely killed new construction

in El Segundo," Abad said, adding as an example that a \$3 million verbal deal fell through when it came to light that a functional brand-new house could not be constructed here. Architect Frank Glynn also spoke of

as well as lot coverage requirements here as compared to other nearby cities. Dugan suggested also speaking to contractors to determine what steps the City could take to encourage them to stay here and build. City

"Mayor Suzanne Fuentes introduced the members of the El Segundo High School Zero Robotics Team recently named 2016 MIT Zero Robotics ISS (International Space Station) Virtual Challenge Champions."

the complexities of the zoning regulation that severely hamper sensible design plans. He urged the Council to look at this issue quickly to avert further damage to the local economy and property values.

Fellhauer asked staff to report on the number of new homes built in the past 10 years in El Segundo as well as the prior decade, the number of major remodels and substantial additions since 2006, and floor area ratio Manager Greg Carpenter confirmed staff has had issues understanding how to administer modulation codes. He said next up will be to reach out to the building community to receive input and then go to the Planning Commission for recommendations on how to proceed and how soon.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Council proclaimed March 5 as California Arbor Day and invited citizens to join Tree Musketeers in planting and caring for trees along the Imperial Highway median that day starting at 9:30. Tree Musketeers Youth Manager Fernando Aguilar indicated that over 400 community volunteers will be on-hand for the event.

Mayor Suzanne Fuentes introduced the members of the El Segundo High School Zero Robotics Team recently named 2016 MIT Zero Robotics ISS (International Space Station) Virtual Challenge Champions. The group is part of the engineering class at El Segundo High sponsored by the El Segundo Education Foundation and Northrop Grumman and supported by Chevron. "I present to you our future," Fuentes said of the "Space Eagles" team members--Captain Victoria Chu, Ian Hurd, Jakub Koziol, Adrian Osorio, Henry Smith, Ari Berkowicz and Luke St. Regis. Also recognized were coaches Jennifer Cho and Steve Lubs as well as mentor Ron Chu. The El Segundo team outlasted finalist squads from 19 countries. •

Carol Pirsztuk

for over 30 years," Pirsztuk noted. That resume included a lengthy stint for Sony Pictures where she ultimately moved up the corporate ladder to become Vice President of Internal Sales. Her responsibilities included establishing and managing the budget for the entire sales department, developing and implementing the annual strategic plan, and negotiating all contracts with retailers as well as personnel. "As my career continued, it became apparent that I had an aptitude for change management—and I was eventually given the responsibility of restructuring many departments."

New developments in technology and the marketplace eventually prompted her to leave Sony, but Pirsztuk said she realized she could now offer her skill set to give back to the community she loved. In addition to co-owning a local small business (The Glass Idea Company) with her husband, she began to immerse herself in volunteer work upon her return to town. She joined the board of the El Segundo Education Foundation, eventually becoming the CEO—and is currently a Superintendent's Roundtable member. Reflecting on her achievements on behalf of local education, Pirsztuk is most proud of leading the Ed! Foundation in raising over \$4 million. "I am thankful to the community of El Segundo for believing in education and for supporting the schools and investing in our future leaders," she said. Pirsztuk is also a founding executive board member of the newly formed National Charity League Beachside Chapter, founding member of the ESMoA (El Segundo Museum of Art) Community Board, and member of the Downtown El Segundo Code Committee. She previously served a term on the City's Community Cable Advisory Committee.

"Throughout my career, I always remembered the El Segundo High School motto of 'Enter to Learn and Go Forth for Service' and I believe that I can give back to the community by joining the City Council and leading them

my expertise in board development, strategic planning, contract negotiations and budget management," she said.

Among Pirsztuk's stated priorities should she be elected are to ensure the City is prosperous, maintain a balanced budget, and bolster employee morale through "open and honest" communication. "I will be decisive, accessible and provide solutions-based leadership," she said.

In addition to her volunteer affiliations with local groups, Pirsztuk is also a certified Irish dance teacher and adjudicator who judges competitions across the country. "Due to my

Irish heritage, I have been involved in Irish dancing since the age of five, competed all over the world and now co-run--with my twin sister Claire--the Kelly School of Traditional Irish Dance," she said of the academy founded by her mother over 40 years ago. Pirsztuk was quick to add that her parents emigrated from Ireland in the 1950s and still live in the house she grew up in on Oak Street. "I have taught hundreds of girls over the years and they look to me as a role model. And as a role model, I would like to show them that women can and should play a leadership role in their community and local government..." •

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of the bill. Without realizing it, household customers use between three and seven times more gas in the winter than other months, the newsletter said.

Consumers who think their winter bills are

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR THE 2015-2016FURNISHING AND APPLICATION OF SLURRY SEAL ON VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

PROJECT NO.: PW 16-09
The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245. until 11:00 a.m. on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 at which time they will be publicly opened.

at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of slurry seal resurfacing and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. PW 16-09 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on February 16, 2016 which is filed with the Public Works Department. Copies of the Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents and Engineer's estimate are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans And Specifications are alternately available electronically via http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions.

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.

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4 to be

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.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required.

Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.

The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award

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, 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.

In entering into a Public Works contract.

a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the Contractor, or Sub-Contractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 167001 of Part 2 of Division of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the parties

Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside.

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DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL" The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base contract.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A" or this Specialty license(s): "C-12" — Earthwork and Paving Contractors. The successful Contractor and his Sub-Contractors will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.

The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El

DATED this 25th day of February 2016 CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA Tracy Weaver, City Clerk

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goods, furniture, antiques, appliances, tools, misc goods, office furniture, and articles of art, equipment, rugs, sealed cartons and the unknown. The auction will be made for the purpose of satisfying the lien of the undersigned on said personal property to the extent of the sum owed, together with the cost of the sale For information contact Gentle Giant Moving. Terms: Cash only with a 13% buyer's premium, 10% for cash buyers. Inspection at sale time. Payment and removal day of sale. Auction conducted by American Auctioneers, Dan Dotson & Associates (800) 838-SQLD (909) 790-0433 or www.americanauctioneers.com Bond #FS863-20-14.

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Don Brann

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and increase Planning Department personnel to expedite project turnaround. "Public safety has become the hot-button topic," Brann said. "It wasn't to that extent eight years ago."

Born in Los Angeles just before the end of World War II, Brann settled in Hawthorne in 1953 and began a 60-plus-year connection with the Wiseburn School District. He graduated from Hawthorne High in 1963 and became the first in his family to attend college when he enrolled at El Camino where he earned his AA degree. After obtaining his Bachelor's at the USC School of Business, Brann went to Cal State LA for a Master's in Elementary Education. He then returned to USC to complete his doctorate in Administration.

Brann's relationship with El Segundo began in 1970 when the then-25-year-old landed his first teaching job with the fourth grade class at Center Street Elementary School. Four years later, he and his wife Sari (high school sweethearts now together for over a half-century who went on to raise two daughters who followed in their father's footsteps by embarking on academic careers) bought a house on California Street. "It was and continues to be a joy to live in El Segundo and Sari and I are proud to call this community our home," Brann said.

A mass layoff of teachers in 1979 (those who hadn't worked in the district for at least 13 years had to leave) ended Brann's time at Center Street and he moved on to the Antelope Valley where at 34 became the state's youngest school superintendent. He eventually made his way back home in 1993 when he took the helm of his childhood district, Wiseburn. Brann said he is most proud

of adopting a balanced budget every year, passing multiple school bonds to modernize district campuses, and spearheading the initial effort that ultimately resulted in Wiseburn's long-desired unification in 2014. On the education side, he received recognition as one of the Top 100 School Executives in North America in 1985, PTA - Very Special Person (VSP) Award in 1995, School Superintendent of the Year in 2005, and most recently Pepperdine University's Superintendent of the Year honors in 2014. He also established the California Small School Districts' Association in 1983, was Vice President of the Cosca Group that recruited and placed superintendents across California, and founded the Da Vinci charter schools in 2008. He also managed to sandwich in the Dave Jones Outstanding Citizen Award in 2007, and Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award in 2008.

As for community involvement, Brann was the former Committee Chair for the LAX Master Plan Advisory Commission and Chair of Broadway in the Park. He was a member of the El Segundo Cable TV Committee, Capital Improvement Project Advisory Committee (CIPAC), Chevron Community Advisory Committee, El Segundo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Camp Eucalyptus Advisory Committee that oversaw that facility's redesign. Additional volunteer activities include current work on behalf of the Library's History Committee and Tree Musketeers. "I joined these groups in an effort to give back to my community-and the opportunity to once again serve on the City Council continues my ongoing quest to honor and enhance our city," he said. •

and retention. He said he is especially proud of the inroads the recently revamped group has made during his tenure, with revised bylaws and an influx of new members representing various local sectors. Boyles' other community involvement includes membership in the El Segundo Kiwanis Club, a board slot with the El Segundo Museum of Art (ESMoA), a role as presenter for Character Counts at the Center Street School, and stints as a coach and commissioner for local AYSO soccer. He also operates several businesses in town, most recently establishing HazAwayToday. com (a household hazardous waste removal outfit) in 2014. He became a franchisee of

You Move Me (a moving company) in 2013

and 1-800-GOT-JUNK? in 2004. In the Los

Angeles area, Boyles is also Regional Direc-

tor of the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO)

overseeing 1,200 members and 15 chapters, as

well as a member and former Co-Chair of the

Malibu/Santa Monica Surfrider Foundation.

Drew Boyles

An avid surfer who has scaled the waters in 15 different countries, Boyles found himself unexpectedly assisting with rescue efforts for the passengers from a sinking ship off of the coast of Indonesia last summer. And despite travels to many exotic locales, he emphasized that his favorite journey ever was a routine business trip to Seattle in the late '90s where he met his wife of now 16 years, Lee. "She was a flight attendant and still is," he said. Boyles also enjoys skiing and snowboarding and was quick to point out that he was part of a breakdancing group in high school. "I have been known to occasionally still bust a move."

When he was just 17, Boyles joined the US Navy and recalled that his parents had to sign his enlistment papers. He worked on the F-14 aircraft and trained at NAS Miramar in San Diego County. Over his four years of shore duty, he managed to avoid setting foot on a ship. After finishing service with an honorable discharge, Boyles went to school full time and earned a degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University in 1994. He followed that with an MBA in Finance from USC in 1999. While still in Illinois, he also went to work for the Brunswick Corporation and became the youngest general manager (at 23) in the history of the company. After college, he moved on to Starbucks for six years and managed 13 locations with \$14.9 million in annual revenues and nearly 200 employees. "I opened 19 new stores and one remote market and also turned a challenging, post-acquisition, urban-market district around to first-time profitability," he said.

Next up were a couple of two-year stints as an executive for Andersen Business Consulting and head of operations for a dry cleaning start-up. When the opportunity with 1-800-GOT-JUNK? arose, Boyles felt his prior business experiences would ultimately paid dividends. "The difference is I have employees, I sign paychecks and have to personally guarantee my property," he said. "As an entrepreneur, I create jobs and excel in analyzing, solving and implementing solutions to complex organizational challenges. I feel I can translate those skills to the El Segundo City Council." •

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KELLEY'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE, 13715 CERISE AVE UNIT 2, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SONDRAL KELLEY-GILLIAM, 13715 CERISE AVE UNIT 2, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/02/2016. Signed: SONDRAL KELLEY-GILLIAM, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 3, 2016.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016040253

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Musical Heart

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running this new club by: Vice President, Jessica Martin; Co-Directors of Communications, Irene Lee and Allison Gridley; Treasurer, Kalysa Lo; and Secretary Christina Lam. They manage a club membership of 18 members; quiet a few members for a club just founded this year.

Club members work to bring music to the community by, as Lee explains, "music, which is the only subject that involves someone's emotions, can move someone; can change someone's life, and helps with the development of the overall person. Music transcends all barriers of language, personal feelings, and situations."

The club has not only a motivated President, but also a motivated board of leaders. In speaking with the board, Jessica Martin, club Vice-President said "music is important because it adds more to our lives."

Furthermore, Kalysa Lo, club Treasurer, says "music is more than a sound. It is a story, powerful, with the capability to transport the listener back to a certain place, and to feel a certain emotion. Music is a journey, carrying the listeners from one world to another, telling the stories of the writer, and conveying emotions that cannot otherwise be felt."

This hard working team arranges opportunities for club members to give back to the community through their musical talents, and in turn they find joy in making someone's day more enjoyable. Allison Gridley, Director of Communication, believes members find the music "allows the member to be creative and express themselves in an entertaining environment, while still maintaining a high level of discipline and rigor."

Through the community performances, A Musical Heart members have opportunities in the musical world of performance in a safe environment, where they integrate service experiences with their musical studies. This fosters a spirit of volunteerism and benefits the community.

"The best part about leading this club is watching each of the musicians improve, grow, and learn," Lee said. "There are times when they exceed my expectations and that truly makes me fall in love with music and its power all over again."

It is Lee's hope that the members will find joy and a passion for serving others through music.

"In the future I hope that each member will be able to witness one person's day becoming happier or one person showing his or her appreciation for the music that they provided," Lee added. "I hope that by seeing how much music can positively affect and influence a person's life, they will never let go of their gift of music and continue to serve others through music."

A Musical Heart meets on Monday's during lunch in Ms. Watkins room. The members of the club are quite appreciative of Ms. Watkins.

"Ms. Watkins allows us to play, and sometimes make obnoxious sounds, in her classroom on Mondays. It is definitely horrible to hear music when it is first being put together, but that is the sheer nature of music," Lee said. "We are thankful to her for putting up with our racket and we are thankful to the surrounding teachers of that classroom. We are also extremely thankful for Ms. Rice who gives us more music to add to our repertoire and helping fix instruments all the time. In addition, she is always on the lookout for more opportunities for our club to perform."

I hope the entire El Segundo community will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful music of A Musical Heart, this year and in the years to come. The passion that shines through this amazing group of musicians is inspiring and a gift for all of us to enjoy. •

another paper came out indicating that the absorption of lasers was much higher in the skull and in the brain; much higher than anyone expected," Dr. Kraft said. "That meant that if you run the numbers, you discover that the study that had been done in Denver with the Trans-cranial Laser Therapy was at the very, very, very lowest amount that would

theoretically be able to have an effect. So I

thought what if we did the high-end? So they

had phenomenal room to grow."

Dr. Harold Kraft

In a presentation made by Dr. Kraft, he states that the Pentagon spends \$3.3 billion a year on PTSD treatments, which are described as modestly effective. The most common types of PTSD treatments are psychotherapy and antidepressants; however, psychotherapy requires 10-20 weeks of therapy, has a high dropout rate, and is not scalable due to the need for trained providers, according to Dr. Kraft's presentation. Currently there are 1.1 million veterans diagnosed with PTSD, with an estimated 700,000 being afflicted since the Vietnam War and another 400,000 post 9-11. In the general population, it is estimated that 7 million civilians live with PTSD.

Dr. Kraft's clinical trial would work with 40 Wounded Warriors afflicted with PTSD in order to further investigate the effectiveness of this technology on this condition, which causes recurring nightmares, sleep depravation, hyper vigilance and irritability, emotional distress and depression, as well as 22 veteran suicides per day.

"I will tell you that in my dream world, some company in El Segundo, in particular Boeing, Raytheon and Northrop Grumman, could fund this in a heartbeat with a donation," Dr. Kraft said. "The study needs \$400-\$500K to get rolling. Those three companies should be ashamed of themselves if they don't fund this study." •

Eagles

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not only deserved this win but earned it in a highly physical and exciting game. With the victory the Eagles were rewarded with a game against fifth seeded Santa Paula in the CIF-SS quarter-finals.

The Cardinals have a high scoring offense and are stingy at home where they have given up just seven goals all season and are undefeated. The result was an exciting contest that the Eagles lost 3-2. It was a game the Eagles held 1-0 and 2-1 leads but gave up the go ahead goal in the final ten minutes.

With the Eagles on the offensive early on Grant Bemis took the opportunity to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead two minutes into the game. Santa Paula's Gio Acosta, who scored two goals including the eventual game winner, evened the game ten minutes later. Gilbert Cortez's goal gave the Eagles a 2-1 lead midway through the first half. The Cardinals' Alex Torres tied the game before the half. In the second half both teams had their opportunities putting plenty of pressure on but Acosta's goal in the 68th minute was the game decider.

A heartbreaking defeat for the Eagles who had overcome so much throughout the year but a season to be proud of.

Girls' Basketball Nipped in Quarter-Finals For the second consecutive season the Lady Eagles had reached the CIF-SS Division 4AA quarter-finals. After convincing first two round wins over Nipomo and fifth seeded Covina the Eagles faced the task of taking on Duarte the fourth seeded team on the road. The game was in doubt until the final seconds but Duarte eked out a 38-36 win.

The Falcons have one of the tallest front courts in the Southern Section. Forwards MacKenzie Barnes and Georgina Zamora both listed at 5'11 and 6'7 sophomore center Patricia Morris; the team averages 36 rebounds per game. But the Lady Eagles played perhaps their finest game inside. Ani Finau and Quinn Adams blocked out inside that helped hold the Falcons inside threats

This was high school basketball at its best. A full gym that was loud from the start and twelve lead changes where neither team led by more than four points throughout. This was a game the Falcons thought would be an easy one but El Segundo's heady play kept the game close throughout. The Falcons, who average 53 points per game, were held to their second lowest total point score all season long.

With the teams tied after each of the first three quarters it came down to the final eight minutes. El Segundo missed several opportunities on offense to take leads and take control while the defensive end was doing their part to keep the game in check.

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Film Review from page 4

The Last Man on the Moon is a top notch documentary that feels like a perfect fit on the HBO or Showtime roster. It is humbling, poignant, hard-hitting, and emotionally charged, on top of being aesthetically rich and visually beautiful. Without giving too much away, I can say that the last shot will take your breath away as it did mine.

The Last Man on the Moon is not all happy endings. This is a deeply personal film for Cernan which is why it took until now, 40 years since his return to earth, to share his story. Now living on a ranch in Texas, Gene still works to this day, as his friends and family admit that "retirement" is not in his vocabulary. This film and its message is so important and will leave the viewer feeling inspired from both Gene's words and actions. Lightheartedly joking that he can't live forever, he wants to share his knowledge and experience now because he feels an obligation to inform the younger generations about man's potential and inspire hope for the future. "I walked on the moon," he says at the end of the film, "What can't you do?"

The Last Man on the Moon is playing at Laemmle's Monica Fourplex. •

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Buttercup is a precious, charismatic Siamese girl who bats her eyelashes and everyone melts. She loves attention, but also entertains herself. Buttercup adores other nice kitties and brings out the best in everyone with her sweet charm. She is soft, affectionate, nuzzles, loves nose kisses and cuddles. Named after the princess in "The Princess Bride", she bonded to a shy boy named Westley, who has been through a lot of hardship in his young life. She brought out his happiness and confidence with love. To see him light up when they are together, inspires the people who rescued them both.

Wesley is a cool cat. He has swag and wants to hang out with his friends, sit and watch TV next to you, and play with his cat friends. He keeps his distance when there is a ruckus. His fur is soft and fluffy and he loves pets and chin scratches. Wesley looks at you with his piercing green eyes and his mane is full like a proud king. Buttercup's outgoing personality brought out his playfulness with unconditional love. These two would bring so much joy to any home!

Mango is a young "creamsicle" male kitty who loves to play and follow you around. He also loves relaxing on his cat tree perch. He is strikingly handsome and would be a great addition to your family! Mango has short, soft bright white fur with cute orange tabby patches and very pretty, smiling and expressive golden eyes. His tabby patches are arranged on his face like a Turkish Van although he is more of an oriental Shorthair. He is ready to move in to be your sweet Mango boy! Mango gets along very nicely with everyone (although he might prefer a home without very small



children). If you already have another cat, Mango could be a great choice, but he'd probably be happiest getting full attention as a single cat.

Julian is a sweet and mellow boy. He is short-haired Russian Blue mix who is extremely affectionate with people. He gets also along with other cats of all ages. Julian is looking for a safe and loving home. He could be adopted as an only cat, but would probably do best in a home with at least one other kitty.

Audrey is sweet and reserved, a little shy with new people at first, but a real sweetheart once she trusts you. She doesn't mind being held, and will cuddle into your neck for comfort once she gets to know you. She loves playing with her sister, Amanda, and





hopes to get adopted with her. Amanda is a spitfire, very playful, always on the move, and also cute and funny. But she's also very affectionate. If you put your face close to hers, she'll bump noses with you! Amanda definitely needs a playmate to be happy. Of course, she'd love to be adopted with her sister, Audrey. They promise to keep you entertained.

Anita will be two years old this April. She is a very sweet little girl who loves to play and run. Her favorite toys are laser lights and tiny crumpled balls of paper or tinfoil; she'll chase them around the house and even carry them in her mouth. She can be a little shy with new people, and a bit skittish if she feels she's being chased or yelled at, but with a bit of gentle lovingness, she'll warm



along with most dogs (provided they won't chase her!). She would fit right into a home with another cat or dog friend, but no young children please. (She was severely traumatized by young children at her first home.) These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/ neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and

right up and really does love attention and affection. Anita would love another female kitty friend to play with, and she does get

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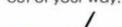






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In the waning moments the Eagles came up empty when they failed to score.

With so many lead changes and ties in the game the last, and most important, change came with 32.8 seconds left when Duarte's Sofia Calvo put in a layup after a scramble under the basket to put the Falcons up 37-36. The Falcons' final margin came on a free throw by point guard MacKenzie Barnes with 10.6 seconds left. Still the Eagles had one last desperate opportunity to shock the basketball world when two late

shots by Paige Endo, the last a 3-point attempt, that rattled off the rim as time expired.

Endo led all scorers with 18 points and much praise from Duarte coach Scott Wiard who said, "Their point guard (Paige Endo) is a special player and that's a very good team." **Girls' Soccer Team Loses Thriller**

Eagle head coach Tony Hobbs was upbeat after his team's 1-1 loss on penalty kicks to fourth seeded Royal. He said he was proud of the way his team played all year long and

couldn't be prouder of his team's play in the playoffs.

"We won the South Torrance Tournament and we won our first playoff game in years. Then to take Royal as far as we did the girls should be very proud of what they did," said Coach Hobbs.

The Eagles only score came early in the first half but had a number of opportunities slip by them. The defense applied pressure all game long but Royal found a way to get

a goal with a barrage of shots at El Segundo goalie Katrina Mathews. The one goal that snuck in was off a rebound that slid in on the right side in the 35th minute. for the game Mathews turned back nine shots.

The game would go scoreless in the second half though plenty of shots came close by both teams. The game went to overtime and then to penalty kicks where the Highlanders prevailed 3-1. Royal, the 25th ranked team in the state, is currently playing in the semi-finals. •



Amanda Gamboa disrupted the Highlander's offense.

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