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Cougars Make A Difference



Center Street Cougars make a big impact: Center Street Student Council along with Center Street School families recently raised \$1473.00 with their Annual Student Talent Show. This year, the Student Council chose to support a local organization with the proceeds from the show. C.A.S.E. was the lucky organization selected by the Council and all monies will be used to assist El Segundo families in need. Just one of the many ways our Center Street Cougars provide a service to their community. Photo by Brooke Tice. •

Mayor Fuentes Speaks of El Segundo's Innovation at State of the City

By Brian Simon

Innovation was the buzz word for El Segundo Mayor Suzanne Fuentes last Wednesday as she summarized the past year highlights during her State of the City address held at Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB). "This year, we celebrate innovation in our community, our public services, our economy, and our new developments," she said. "As a community, we have demonstrated time and time again our ability to solve complex problems, find new and unique solutions and work together to build a thriving city."

Fuentes began by recognizing LAAFB's "critical role in America's military success" that entails generation of nearly 50,000 jobs in the County, management of \$60 billion in face-value contracts, and employment of 90% of the individuals involved in the nation's military space work. She also noted that El Segundo is home to many of the country's largest defense firms.

Continuing with the theme of innovation, the Mayor thanked local residents and businesses giving back to the community through service on City and school boards, committees and commissions, and those participating in sports, arts and philanthropy. "Our residents have contributed so much to this city," she said. As examples of community efforts, Fuentes singled out El Segundo's role last summer as host town for the Special Olympics when teams from Barbados and Macedonia visited and took part in an array of local activities. She also praised the volunteers who spearheaded last summer's inaugural and highly successful El Segundo Art Walk. "This is a model for the type of innovative and creative new ideas that benefit our entire community," Fuentes said of the event.

Looking within the City itself, which she said will celebrate its centennial on January 18, 2017, Fuentes provided an overview of departmental

accomplishments and innovations over the past year and praised leadership for jobs well done. The Library expanded high-speed fiber bandwidth, will publish a new pictorial book on El Segundo's history (courtesy of Director Debra Brighton) this fall and participate in the next Art Walk. Recreation and Parks received a grant to revamp the Hilltop Park playground, which will be a national demonstration site. It also partnered with local organizations to make enhancements to public property and the community, and made a variety of other improvements such as resurfacing playgrounds and installing new equipment. Fuentes also announced that El Segundo TV surpassed one million views and has 800 regular subscribers.

On the public safety side, the El Segundo

Police Department continued with community outreach and education--most notably through 25 presentations to businesses and schools on the Active Shooter Program. Fuentes also congratulated Sergeant Tom Jones and Officers Erik Atkinson and Luke Muir, who will receive the South Bay Police and Fire Memorial Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

The Mayor welcomed new Fire Chief Chris Donovan to the fold and spoke of the department's innovation in patient care and firefighter training. Of the new Electronic Patient Care Reporting system, Fuentes said it "allows Fire Department personnel to document medical care rendered in the pre-hospital environments and electronically transfer that medical information

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City Council Incumbents Voted Out; Measure B Passes

By Brian Simon

On Tuesday, local voters opted for a new direction and did not reelect El Segundo City Council incumbents Dave Atkinson and Marie Fellhauer to second terms. With three seats up for grabs (the other incumbent, Mayor Pro Tem Carl Jacobson, did not run) newcomers Drew Boyles and Carol Pirsztuk were easily the top vote-getters, followed by former Councilmember Don Brann who will serve his second term after a four-year break from the dais. Unofficial results as of press time had Boyles with 2,330 votes, Pirsztuk 2,135, Brann 1,439, Fellhauer 1,238 and Atkinson 692. Provisional ballots had yet to be counted, but were not expected to change the overall results.

Meanwhile Measure B, the transient occupancy tax (TOT) increase, passed overwhelmingly--with 72.1% of the votes in favor (2,197 to 848). The tax assessed on patrons staying at local hotels will now rise from 8% to 12%. According to estimates, the City will realize an additional \$3.2 million in annual general fund revenues from the additional TOT. "Congratulations to El Segundo voters for passing Measure B," Mayor Suzanne Fuentes said. "These funds will allow the City Council to make strategic infrastructure decisions based on a steady revenue stream. I realize how cautious our residents are about raising taxes and I am committed to being a good steward

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
75°/59°



Saturday
Sunny
75°/57°



Sunday
Sunny
76°/58°



Community Briefs

El Segundo Citizen Thwarts Burglary



L to R: Kiwanis Club President Scot Nicol, City Employee Ron Griffin, El Segundo Police Chief Mitch Tavera.

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at approximately 6:04 a.m., Ron Griffin was walking in the alley behind the 100 block of Concord Street when he observed a vehicle pass by and turn into a concealed parking area. Griffin watched as a female subject exited the vehicle and approached a parked car. He noticed that she was carrying a flashlight and was attempting to manipulate the vehicle door handles. Believing this

activity to be suspicious, Griffin called 9-1-1 and provided a description of the subject and the suspicious vehicle. When officers located the suspicious vehicle, Griffin positively identified one of the subjects and the vehicle. The suspects were found to be in possession of property belonging to several auto burglary victims. Ron Griffin is commended for his assistance, which led to the arrest of two burglary suspects.

Letters

Save the Plunge

I have worked at the El Segundo Plunge as a lifeguard, swim instructor, and Senior Lifeguard. I spent four years swimming and playing water polo for El Segundo High School on teams have set national records and played in CIF finals. I've had the pleasure of working with infants and senior citizens alike.

I am writing simply to remind the public of the integral role the Plunge has played in El Segundo, and the dire straits we find ourselves in now. Legendary coaches such as Urho Saari, Henry Stuart, and Riley Brady have pushed and inspired athletes to championships in Men's and Women's swimming and water polo. Plunge patrons and staff have saved innumerable lives at the pool and on the

beaches of Los Angeles County as lifeguards and EMTs. Children have grown up through swim lessons to become CIF champions, valedictorians, and D1 athletes.

Recently the Plunge has fallen ill, and I know how hard the city has worked to fix many issues. However, we are near the point of not having a pool in our city. A new pool, or a remodel, will be time consuming and expensive. Yet, the money we have put into Band-Aids only delays the inevitable dilemma of our historic pool. We can all reflect upon the wisdom of the Greek proverb which states, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

— Dayne Contarsy
El Segundo Plunge Employee (2009-) •

School



Spotlight

ESMS Principal Jack Plotkin Named 2016 Principal of the Year by ACSA

El Segundo Middle School Principal Dr. Jack Plotkin was recently honored as Middle Grades Principal of the Year (Region 14) by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). It is the first time an El Segundo Unified School District (ESUSD) administrator has received this esteemed honor.



Dr. Jack Plotkin.

The association is the largest umbrella organization for school leaders in the United States, serving more than 17,000 California educators. As the leading professional association for educators in the nation, ACSA honors exceptional leadership through its annual awards programs.

In his nomination for the award, Plotkin was commended by his colleagues, students and administrators for his exemplary leadership and vision as El Segundo Middle School principal. During his tenure, he brought to fruition the ESUSD Board of Education's goal to achieve an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, as well as earned the middle school the California School Board Association's Golden Bell Award and designation as a California Gold Ribbon School by the California Department of Education.

In nominating him for the award, Dr. Melissa Moore, ESUSD superintendent, detailed Dr. Plotkin's achievements, talents and dedication to education—from facilitating a shared vision of education conducive to student learning to management of the organization, collaboration with the community, his personal code of ethics and advocating the use of new technology.

"Dr. Plotkin is a humble leader who always promotes the talents of his team over himself," says Moore. "He nurtures creativity, builds an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect, and continues to support his school in their professional growth as he models life-long learning."

As for dedication to student achievement, "Jack not only possesses a depth of knowledge of instruction and curriculum, but he greets students by name each morning and knows their personal stories" Moore explains. "His leadership facilitated the establishment of El Segundo Middle School's culture into an esteemed and award-winning middle school with the academic achievement, growth, and social development of

its students as its core priority."

Dr. Jeanie Nishime, ESUSD Board of Education member, said, "The recognition El Segundo Middle School has garnered would not be possible without Jack Plotkin's leadership and ability to galvanize teachers, parents and staff to help students rise to the challenge of the IB curriculum and to achieve their greatest potential as learners."

Dr. Plotkin has worked in administration for ESUSD since

2007, serving as coordinator of pupil services, assistant principal for El Segundo Middle School and Richmond Street Elementary School, before being promoted to principal of the middle school in 2011. He belongs to a number of professional organizations including the Association of California School Administrators, California Association of World Schools, International Baccalaureate Heads of Schools, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

El Segundo Middle School Assistant Principal Ali Rabiei witnesses Dr. Plotkin's dedication to educational leadership on a day-to-day basis. "Dr. Plotkin is truly an instructional leader and an individual who always has an innovative lens on, sees the big and oftentimes bigger picture, and has the outlook of the future of his school and public education in mind," said Rabiei. "He continually looks at ways of enhancing the services that all students receive, making sure our teachers and staff members are empowered and set up for success, and that the co-administrator who works at his site does not work for him, but rather alongside him as a partner."

Dr. Plotkin earned his doctorate in education from UCLA's Educational Leadership Program, a master's degree in educational administration from Pepperdine University and a master's degree in special education from the University of Virginia. He earned bachelor's degrees in foreign affairs and Spanish also from the University of Virginia.

A video about the El Segundo Middle School International Baccalaureate Programme may be view here: <http://www.elsegundomiddleschool.org/apps/video/>.

Provided by El Segundo Unified School District.

Affordable Health Screenings Coming to El Segundo, California

Residents living in and around the El Segundo, California can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. El Segundo Masonic Lodge 421 will host this community event on 4/28/2016. The site is located at 520 Main Street in El Segundo.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels

- Diabetes risk
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- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

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Winners, Losers and Myths of the Minimum-Wage Increase

By Rob McCarthy

California's \$15 minimum-wage law is being watched closely by business owners and labor economists who expect the slow annual increases beginning next year to eliminate some jobs and possibly have unintended consequences.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed the law on April 4, and set in motion annual increases in the state's minimum wage for five consecutive years beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. Business groups, including the California Chamber of Commerce, lined up against making California's minimum wage the highest in the nation, along with New York's base wage.

"This is too much too fast," said CalChamber President and CEO Allan Zaremberg. "It is unfortunate the Legislature didn't take advantage of the opportunity to address the issue in a more balanced manner."

California's minimum wage is \$10 per hour, and will move to \$10.50 in January for employers with 25 or more employees. Smaller businesses are exempt from the raise until 2018. After a second 50-cent increase in 2018, the state minimum wage will jump by \$1 per year until it reaches \$15.

The law calls for that to happen in 2022, though there is a provision in the law that allows the governor to delay implementation of the annual wage increases in the event the economy tanks.

An unintended consequence could be higher prices and expenses for workers' compensation, uniform and tool reimbursements, and overtime, according to the California Chamber. "These additional costs will significantly burden those companies that may not ordinarily pay minimum wage," it warned.

The winners of a higher base wage are minimum-wage employees, of which there are 1.9 million in Los Angeles County, according to the UC Berkeley Labor Center. Orange County ranked second at 605,000 people working for the state's minimum hourly rate. The majority of those are employed in the restaurant and hospitality industries, both of which are huge in the South Bay.

University of California economists - one at Berkeley, the other at the Irvine campus - are divided over whether the law will reduce jobs because of higher employment costs for businesses.

Michael Reich, a UC Berkeley economist, believes a \$15 minimum hourly wage will barely affect employment or the economy. Low-income workers will have more income, which should offset the higher labor costs for some, but not all businesses. Almost everyone agrees small business in rural communities could suffer more than those in larger, urban areas like L.A. County.

"Minimum wages stimulate increased worker productivity, reduce employee turnover and are paid for primarily by very small price increases that are spread among all consumers," said Reich, who has studied the effects of a \$15 minimum hourly wage.

David Neumark at UC Irvine foresees a workforce reduction of 10 percent or more in the lower-skilled segment of the job economy statewide. "While some gain, others lose," he told The Orange County Register.

Other winners include:

- Big businesses that can automate some labor will have an advantage over their competitors who cannot.

- Some union contracts are tied to the minimum wage and will see automatic increases.

The losers of a higher minimum wage seem to

be the employers, including smaller businesses and local governments whose labor costs will rise annually through 2020. Local governments don't have the ability to raise taxes, and it's possible that city and county services could be affected if local governments can't afford to hire additional staff or fill vacant positions.

Other projected losers seniors whose Social Security benefits didn't increase this year and might not again in 2017. Prices may only increase 1 percent or 2 percent, but Social Security checks aren't expected to grow because of low inflation. If you are a senior, you could be paying a larger portion for food, housing, and medical expenses out of your Social Security check.

Middle class workers could be squeezed, too if employers choose to tighten their business costs and charge more for food, goods and services, including rents.

High school students looking for a summer job next year could find it more difficult to land a minimum-wage job if employers reduce hiring. That could be true for college students who need to earn money for school or young adults entering the workforce.

The U.S. Department of Labor refutes the dire predictions about an increase in the minimum wage. The labor department lists among its myth busters that small-business owners oppose paying their workers more and don't support raises in the minimum-wage level.

"A July 2015 survey found that 3 out of 5 small business owners with employees support a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$12," according to the labor department. "The survey reports that small business owners say an increase would immediately put more money in the pocket of low-wage workers who will then spend the money on things like housing, food, and gas.

"This boost in demand for goods and services will help stimulate the economy and help create opportunities," the labor department reports.

Another belief about minimum wage is that an increase is bad business, which the Labor Department says is flat untrue.

"Academic research has shown that higher wages sharply reduce employee turnover which can reduce employment and training costs," it countered.

Nor is increasing the minimum wage bad for the economy, based on historical data dating back to the post-Depression era.

"Since 1938, the federal minimum wage has been increased 22 times. For more than 75 years, real GDP per capita has steadily increased, even when the minimum wage has been raised," the labor department says.

It's a common misperception that the current minimum wage is higher than it was decades ago, when Ronald Reagan stepped into the Oval Office. Again, the Labor Department refutes the common notion, noting that buying power doesn't keep pace with the federal \$7.25 minimum wage rate. President Obama is asking Congress to raise the federal rate.

"While the federal minimum wage was only \$3.35 per hour in 1981 and is currently \$7.25 per hour in real dollars, when adjusted for inflation, the current federal minimum wage would need to be more than \$8 per hour to equal its buying power of the early 1980s and more nearly \$11 per hour to equal its buying power of the late 1960s," the labor department explains on its web site.

California raised the state minimum wage to \$10 on Jan. 1, and the city of Los Angeles will bump the rate to \$10.50 in July. •

School Board Recognizes Mayor Pro Tem Jacobson

By Duane Plank

On Election Day in the city of El Segundo, the Tuesday night meeting of the ESUSD Board featured a special presentation honoring Mayor Pro Tem Carl Jacobson. Jacobson, who has given decades of service to the city and the children of the District, was not on the election ballot this time around.

Superintendent Melissa Moore, in an email sent prior to the meeting, noted that Jacobson was being honored for his "steadfast support of the children of El Segundo." She mentioned that Jacobson had "signed the first agreement between the City and District for library services," which allowed a "partnership for our children to have access to the El Segundo Public Library and improved services from trained library personnel. This partnership has been a valuable resource that positively impact the literacy of our youth. We appreciate the significant public service that he has provided."

Said Jacobson: "It has been a good relationship, over the years, over the decades."

The second presentation on the agenda was handled by Marisa Janicek, the District's Executive Director of Educational Services. Janicek reported to the Board about the District's 2015 awarded Educator Effectiveness Grant. The total grant distribution to the District totaled-out at a little more than \$240,000, and was bestowed upon the District pending the development of a plan to effectively spend the funds. Janicek noted that the "allowable uses" for the funds included professional development of teachers, administrators, and professional educators; beginning and new teacher support; and instructional coaches to promote educator quality.

An implementation plan is currently in place that runs through the 2017-18 school year; a detailed plan is scheduled to be brought back to the Board at the April 26 meeting, with a request for approval to be asked for at the May 10th Board meeting.

Janicek emailed that the grant "is a new funding source to help professional development for our districts, state-wide. The funding is based off of our staff count and is to be used to support professional development initiatives over the next three years. We have had and continue to have so many shifts and changes in our educational system that personalized and ongoing professional development is critical to support our para-educators, teachers and academic administrators with the new standards.

This funding source will further enhance the great work that is taking place in our district, which will thoroughly support and prepare our students for college and career readiness."

Following student representative to the Board Lexi Griffin's presentation, the Board discussed their vote on the LA County School Trustees Association elections that will be cast by Board Vice-president Bill Watkins.

Consent agenda items, of which there were 17, were next tackled by the members during their 55-minute meeting. Among the highlights: the approval of the always-popular Pioneer Days/Gold Rush assembly at Center Street Elementary near the end of April; session summer school rates for the Eagles' Nest Preschool; approval of a student teaching agreement with Antioch University; a "Trash for Teaching" assembly slated to take place at Center Street in early June; the approval of a memorandum of understanding between the District and the South Bay Children's Health Center (SBCHC); and the approval to renew an standing agreement with Charter School Management Corporation.

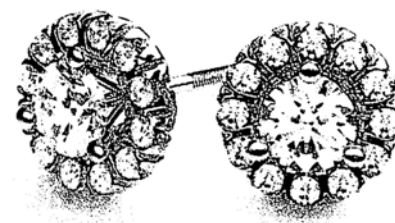
The Pioneer Days program will be taking place at Center Street on April 28th, and allow the students to have the opportunity to engage in "hands-on experiences that recreate the excitement and hardships suffered by the early California settlers during the California Gold Rush." The Eagles' Nest Preschool will offer a three-week session starting on June 20, and cost \$220 per week. The "Trash for Teaching" assembly is slated for June 3 at Center Street. The assembly, expected to be attended by 125 second-grade students, will aim to help the students learn the value of rescuing and recycling items that may have been discarded and originally headed for a local landfill.

The memorandum of understanding between the District and the South Bay Children's Health Center will provide the District with on-site mental health services, at no charge to the ESUSD. The SBCHC will provide up-to four hours per week of on-site support with a licensed therapist to provide counseling and referral services. The agreement with the Charter School Management Corporation will allow Charter to continue to management the District's CalPad and PowerSchool database.

There were six action items dotting the Tuesday night agenda, including the acceptance of

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Sports

Catching Up On The Teams

By Gregg McMullin

With the Spring Break in the rear view mirror lets catch up on how the El Segundo high school teams are doing. The baseball and softball teams played in tournaments, the boys' volleyball team started league play, the girls' lacrosse team is making heads turn while the boys' lacrosse team has won four straight.

Baseball

The baseball team played in the Don Lugo Tournament during the break and played some highly regarded programs. Though the team went just 1-3 each team they fell to, including Schurr, Covina and Nogales have winning records and are expected to vie for league titles in their respective leagues. They did however defeat Calvary Murietta one of the top ranked teams in the CIF-SS Division 6.

The Eagles' bats came alive as they pounded out 12 hits against Calvary Murrieta and went on to defeat the third ranked Warriors 7-4. Sean Emery and Spencer Long each had three hits while Dylan Sledge had two doubles. Junior right-hander, Justin Ostler, pitched four innings and picked up the win while Garrett Boyce was solid in relief.

The Eagles have had as rough go to start the season. When the pitching has been solid the defense has played spotty. Spencer Long has thrown well but the defense failed him in the team's 6-2 loss to Torrance in a non-league game. Long gave up four unearned runs through five innings while Boyce surrendered two runs (one earned). The offense had their troubles getting the key base hit. Though they pounded out three doubles they managed but two runs against Tartar ace Dante Mendoza whose ERA was lowered to 1.25.

The Eagles played a double-header against Mira Costa the fifteenth ranked team in the nation. The Eagles played with their never-say-die attitude and were in both games but fell 7-4 and 8-6. In the first Spencer Palmer started for the Eagles but his stay on the mound ended early when he was struck on the knee by a line drive by the first batter of the game. He ended up giving up giving up three more hits and the Eagles were down 3-0 early. Trailing 7-0 in the fifth inning Sean Emery collected the Eagles' first hit. Nico Celestial followed with a single and Bradley Heckman hammered an RBI single. Griffin Martes' RBI double and Jake Palmer's RBI single made it 7-4 but that's as close as they'd come.

In the second game the Mustangs scored three unearned runs en route to their 8-6 win. Eagle starter Albert Galicia was the tough luck pitcher this time. The senior right-hander was charged with giving up all eight runs but only one was earned. The Eagles were trailing 8-1 in the fifth inning when they erupted for four runs. Emery's RBI double made it 8-4 and Heckman skipped a hard ground ball through Mira Costa shortstop Wil Procter's legs for another run to make it 8-5. The Eagles would score once more in the seventh but Mira Costa held on for the 8-6 win.

The Eagles started Ocean League play Tuesday on the road against Beverly Hills and host the Normans today at 3:15 p.m. Saturday the Eagles travel to Torrance for an 11am game. Next week the Eagles host Culver City on Tuesday at 3:15 p.m.

Softball

The Lady Eagles had lofty goals to start the season but injuries and other issues that affected the team surprised head coach Keith Cameron. Still with the rugged schedule his team has undertaken thus far and the team responding reaffirms his position that the

team will continue to do well.

El Segundo competed in the Savanna tournament, over two weekends, arguably one of the top tournaments in Orange County. In game one against Cerritos, Megan Truesdale tossed a gem against the Dons holding them scoreless and scattering four hits. The Eagles squandered numerous scoring opportunities but came away empty. In the bottom of the seventh of the scoreless game Truesdale came through with a game-winning RBI single to give the Eagles a 1-0 win.

In game two the Eagles faced Saint Lucy's a CIF-SS Division 1 power. The Eagles' bats came alive early and scored three first inning runs en route to a 6-1 victory. Allison Tatnal led the way with three hits, two runs scored, two stolen bases, and an RBI to lead the Eagles attack. Sophomore sensation Monique Benjamin gave up four hits while striking out three and walked two.

The Eagles played in the semi finals against the host team, Savannah, a team ranked second in their division and ninth in California. The Eagles ran into some tough luck thanks to some out of position umpires. A routine pop up to the second baseman to end the inning turned into a three run play when the umpire ran into the second baseman Kaili Reitano. One batter later, the umpire nearly collided with shortstop Alyssa Pelegrin, allowing the ball to drop and runs to score once again. Instead of the inning being over El Segundo found itself trailing 8-0 and Savannah went on to a 10-3 victory.

El Segundo played in the third-place game against Burroughs Burbank. The Indians are loaded with talent and ranked fourth in the CIF-SS Division 3 polls but the Eagles came away with a 3-1 win. Freshman Kaili Reitano started for the Eagles and shut down a team that averages six runs a game. She held the Indians to just two hits and struck out five in the first three innings.

With the game tied 0-0 in the top of the fourth inning, Julie Roach hit a mammoth home run to give El Segundo a 1-0 lead. Burroughs tied the game and the teams went into International tiebreaker. With the bases-loaded, Monique Benjamin ripped a double to right field scoring two and giving the Eagles a 3 to 1 lead. Megan Truesdale came in to close out the victory, earn the save and give the Eagles a 3-1 win and a third place finish in the Savannah tournament.

"We played some of our best softball of the season," explained Coach Keith Cameron. "We are ready to turn the corner as we approach

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Lakers Clinch Worst Season Ever

By Adam Serrao

A long time has passed since the Lakers were competing for championships on the floor of the TD Garden in Boston. It was only 2009-2010 when Paul Pierce and the Celtics were the Lakers biggest rivals. Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol and company were bringing home banners to the Staples Center and enjoying their time as

"Fans want to see him one last time, so he hobbles to center court, throws up a few air balls, smiles for the camera, and everyone goes home happy."

the league's best team. A lot of time has passed since then. It's been six years and players like Pau and even Pierce have all moved on, but a 62 loss season sure has a way of making fond memories seem like the even more distant past. Today's Lakers team is dealing with Nick Young and Jordan Clarkson being accused of sexual harassment. D'Angelo Russell is in the news for all of the wrong reasons and Kobe is a literal shell of himself, wrapped in ice at every joint, trying to find relief from the pain. The pain isn't only in Kobe's body. It's also at the sight of the team. With a 91-81 loss to the Clippers last Wednesday night, the Lakers clinched their worst season in franchise history.

For the third straight year now, the Lakers have set a franchise record for most losses in a season. In the 2013-'14 season, the team went 27-55. In 2014-'15, they went 21-61. This year, 61 losses would be a treat. The team's loss to the Clippers assured them of at least 62 losses for the year. Dating back to less than a week ago, they already had acquired at least 64. Unless you're the Philadelphia 76ers, who for some reason pride themselves on losing, getting consistently worse year after year is a hard thing to do. Putting together a season in which the team wins less than 20 of its total 84 games must not only take real effort, or lack thereof, but it must also mean that something is inherently wrong with the team and organization.

Kobe has a different opinion about the entire year. "It's hard for people to understand this, but losing is losing," Bryant said. "There aren't different degrees of losing, not in my mind. You either win a championship or you're s---. It's very black and white to me." To a certain extent, what Kobe is saying makes sense. If you're not the last team standing when all is said and done, you're simply a loser. But to say that this Lakers team is on the same level as the Oklahoma City Thunder, for instance, is rather ridiculous. While the Thunder are in the thick of the playoff hunt, given good fortune, they could actually surprise and win the title. The Lakers, on the other hand, are so

incredibly bad this season that the only good fortune that they could possibly obtain would come in the NBA draft lottery this May.

The last time a team set a franchise record for losses in three consecutive seasons was the Detroit Pistons when they did it in the 1957-1960 seasons. The Last time the Lakers lost more than 50 games before their current

three-year streak was in the 1957-'58 season when the team was based in Minneapolis. In the process of setting all of the wrong record for all of the wrong reasons, the Lakers have lost a total of 178 games in a three-year span. Only 17 games better than the 76ers, who continue to be a team in complete disarray and are a laughing stock of the league.

"They're learning and it's hard," head coach Byron Scott explained of his young team. "When we had the veteran guys, they know how to compete every single night. They've been in the league for a while. These young guys, they don't know how to do that every night." Competing every night for a 20-year-old kid like Russell may be made a little bit more difficult by the presence of a 20 year veteran like Bryant. Kobe, on his "farewell tour" around the league, hasn't necessarily gone out of his way to mentor Russell, or any of the other young players on the team. Instead, he has been playing toward the crowd, hogging the ball, and shooting an all-time low percentage from the field (.352). Out of the 1029 shots Bryant has taken as of last weekend, he has made only 362. There's no wonder as to why Russell's goal down the stretch of the season is to, "Give Kobe the ball," as he stated. "Wherever he's at, give him the ball."

As much as Scott wants to criticize the young kids on the team, truth is that they're not getting an equal shake. Kobe's on his tour around the league that resembles much more of a circus tour than anything resembling basketball. Fans want to see him one last time, so he hobbles to center court, throws up a few air balls, smiles for the camera, and everyone goes home happy. Jerry Buss must be turning in his grave at the spectacle that the Lakers have become, but next season, without the enormous shadow of Kobe casting glares and judgment at the young players trying to become something in this league, the Lakers should be a bit more well-off. That's not hard to say, coming off of a season in which the team has barely surpassed the 15 win plateau, but it can't get much worse, can it? •

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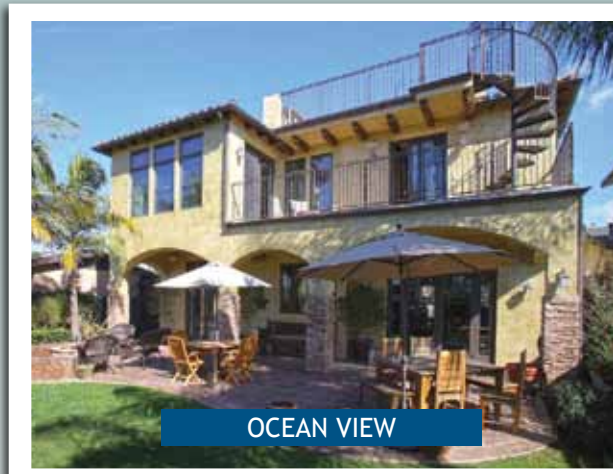
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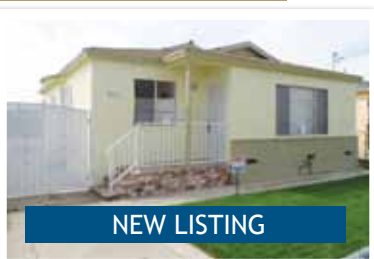
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Hawthorne Press Tribune: Pub. 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14/2016 **HH-1415**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016067361

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VISIONSFLUX², 11311 S. FIRMONA AVE APT 22, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90304, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MARTIN HAYES, 11311 S. FIRMONA AVE APT 22, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90304. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: MARTIN HAYES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 18, 2016.

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Inglewood News: Pub. 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14/2016 **HI- 1416**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016068173

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RA:DOM, 21029 WOOD AVE SUITE A, TORRANCE, CA, 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ADRIAN RAKOWICZ, 21029 WOOD AVE SUITE A, TORRANCE, CA, 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: ADRIAN RAKOWICZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 21, 2016.

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Torrance Tribune: Pub. 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14/2016 **HT-1417**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016067687

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAMILY FOCUSED COACHING, 8919 FLEETWING AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MELINDA DALENE MESHAD, 8919 FLEETWING AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/28/1958. Signed: MELINDA DALENE MESHAD, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 21, 2016.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2016 **H-1418**



Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016071027

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HANSEN SCREEN & GLASS, 1527 CENTINELA AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90302, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CHRISTIAN E FOSTER II, 525 E FRANKLIN AVE#4, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/01/2004. Signed: CHRISTIAN E FOSTER, II, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 23, 2016.

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Inglewood News: Pub. 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2016 **HI-1419**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016065902

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as R & R PARTNERS, INC., 1700 E. WALNUT AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): R & R PARTNERS, CALIFORNIA, INC., 900 SOUTH PAVILION CENTER DRIVE, LAS VEGAS, NV. This business is being conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/20/2010. Signed: MORGAN BAUMGARTNER, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 17, 2016.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2016 **H-1420**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016072185

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HELEN & RENES KITCHEN, 1324 W PALMER ST, COMPTON, CA, 90220, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) CARMEN ELENA RODRIGUEZ ROBLES 2) RENE ARNOLDO ROBLES RODRIGUEZ; 1324 W PALMER ST, COMPTON, CA, 90220. This business is being conducted by Copartners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/29/2011. Signed: RENE ARNOLDO ROBLES RODRIGUEZ, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 24, 2016.

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Inglewood News : Pub. 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 **HI-1421**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016072475

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARTINEZ ENTERTAINMENT, 549 W 89TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): KATHY MARTINEZ, W 540 89TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: KATHY MARTINEZ, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 24, 2016.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2016 **H-1422**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016071810

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A GR8T BEGINNING ACADEMY, 321 E CARSON STREET, CARSON, CA, 90745, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LINDA JOHNSON, 321 E CARSON STREET, CARSON, CA, 90745. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 3/08/2011. Signed: LINDA JOHNSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 24, 2016.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/2016 **H-1423**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016068157

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KONA POOLS, 1633 WEST VERNON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ANDREW B MATA, 1633 WEST VERNON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: ANDREW B MATA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 21, 2016.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/2016 **H-1424**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016079870

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JORDAN SHIELDS DESIGN, 414 2ND #351, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JORDAN SHIFRIN, 414 2ND ST #351, HERMOSA BEACH, CA, 90254. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/01/2014. Signed: JORDAN SHIFRIN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 1, 2016.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/2016 **H-1425**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016082380

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MOMS' REMEDY PRO, 3525 W 82ND ST, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90305, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PROGRESSIVE MEDICAL INDUSTRIES, INC. 6705 S. GARTH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: JANICE M. KNIGHT-COOPER, President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 5, 2016.

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Mayor Fuentes

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to the hospital.” She added that El Segundo also implemented a smart classroom at Fire Station 2 to connect real-time video and voice transmission to over 40 sites within the region.

Emphasizing the importance of fiscal responsibility and the need to control costs, track revenues and build reserves, Fuentes said. “We continue to be challenged to meet the City’s service and operational requirements while at the same time maintaining reserves and addressing our infrastructure needs.” She then noted the hire of new Finance Director Joseph Lillio. Fuentes also thanked City Clerk Tracy Weaver and staff for “successfully navigating new state laws and managing public records requests.”

Moving on to Public Works, Fuentes spoke of the City’s continued investment in local infrastructure. Key projects of the past year included replacement of 3,500 feet of sewer and water lines; repair of over 36,000 square feet of sidewalk, 7,000 linear feet of curbs and gutters, and 10 ADA ramps; restoration of the City Council Chambers; and installation of benches and tables at Civic Plaza. The Mayor also spoke of the significance of the upcoming Richmond Street Rehabilitation Project. “This project will not only make long-overdue safety improvements to the street and sidewalks, [but] it will also increase parking availability in our thriving downtown center,” she said. Other infrastructure projects mentioned were new ADA curb ramps, sidewalk repairs, fiber network improvements, and additional water and sewer line replacement.

In Human Resources, Fuentes reported that the department filled 20 vacancies over the last six months including seven people from within. “HR is currently in the process of filling 20 additional vacancies,” she added.

Stating that “we’re educating future innovators,” Fuentes said both the El Segundo and Wiseburn school districts “are shaping our future leaders and training our children for careers at the many high-tech companies located right here in El Segundo.” She listed several El Segundo Unified accomplishments, including implementation of Project Lead the Way for grades K-8; recognition of El Segundo High as an Apple Distinguished School; selection of ES High teacher Kathy Clemmer for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science—one of only five

instructors statewide so honored; ES High senior engineering students’ participation at the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Design Competition at Texas A & M this summer; and ES High Zero Robotics team’s first place finish at the 2016 MIT Zero Robotics ISS Virtual Challenge.

Wiseburn achievements included launching Project Lead the Way in upper elementary grades thanks to a Chevron grant; and the Da

“As a community, we have demonstrated time and time again our ability to solve complex problems, find new and unique solutions and work together to build a thriving city.”

Vinci Science Robotics Team’s berth in the First International Robotics Competition in St. Louis. Of special note, the district broke ground on a new high school campus last August set to open in June 2017 as the home to the three Da Vinci high schools—Communications, Design and Science. Fuentes also spoke of the “spectacular design” for the new Olympic-caliber aquatics facility. “Richard Lundquist, President of Continental Development [Corporation], has generously committed \$1 million towards construction and is leading the charge to help the City fundraise through a comprehensive corporate sponsorship program,” Fuentes said. “The Los Angeles Lakers have committed \$250,000 and it is anticipated the pool will open in early 2018.”

In the economic realm, the Mayor reported that El Segundo hosted the kick-off event for LA County’s Innovation Week that took place at elevon on October 1 with over 200 business and civic leaders in attendance. She also noted that El Segundo for the second time won the Eddy Award for Most Business-Friendly City handed out by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. “In El Segundo, we believe economic development is a shared responsibility of all of our employees—and our staff is second to none,” Fuentes said. She also lauded the work of the City’s Economic Development Advisory Council and confirmed that renewed marketing efforts since September 2014 drove over 13,000 visitors to the ElSegundoBusiness.com website. Print and digital media advertising (the latter bolstered by a \$15,000 grant from Continental Development) additionally contributed to more

awareness about El Segundo, as well as recent positive articles in major publications. Fuentes went on to welcome Barbara Voss, who came on last year as the City’s Economic Development Manager. She also thanked Chevron for supporting local economic development efforts, including a \$200,000 contribution last year. “We’ve made steady progress toward achieving our goal of attracting 100 new businesses to

the commercial real estate giant opted to invest in El Segundo with the redevelopment of 555 S. Aviation—a 260,000-square foot, single-story office building on 14 acres that will transform into a creative campus. The “exciting emergence of a whole new set of industries” in town, proximity to world-class amenities as well as executive housing and good schools impressed Laderman. He also said that El Segundo is “a city that’s pro-business in every way.”

Fuentes also listed other developments in the works: Raytheon’s South Campus Project with three phases planned and over two million square feet of new construction to provide office, warehousing, light industrial and commercial uses as well as the long-awaited extension of Nash Street; the Lakers’ new corporate headquarters and training facility at the elevon site; Trisonic’s five-building development at the former wind tunnel location; creative office campuses In/Site and The Landing; and the Utah/Douglas Project. Also renowned architecture firm S.O.M. will reinvent the office building at 777 Aviation Boulevard, converting the 1960 facility into a multi-tenant campus, Fuentes said. The Mayor additionally mentioned EVA Airways’ move into Campus El Segundo to build new headquarters, Continental Development’s \$10 million investment to redevelop properties at 840 and 880 Apollo Street, and the repurposed space at 235 and 239 Oregon Street in Smoky Hollow for three office and research and development buildings.

Fuentes described Smoky Hollow as “an exciting focal point for innovation in El Segundo” with a specific plan update in progress to provide “a long-term strategy for addressing future development and promoting the continued revitalization of the Smoky Hollow district.” She also announced that four new hotels will open in the near future. Rubicon Company is building two facilities at the former Hacienda Hotel site—a 246-room Aloft Hotel and 350-room Fairfield Inn and Suites. Also on the way are the 170-room Hampton Inn on Sepulveda and 154-room Cambria Suites on Continental.

“As you can see, we truly are a City of innovation,” Fuentes concluded. She added, “Before we leave, how many times did I say any form of the word ‘innovate?’” The Mayor asked attendees to tell the person to their left their guess. The correct answer was 30... •

Election Results

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of our city’s money. I will treat these funds as my own.”

In other results, incumbents for the City Clerk (Tracy Weaver) and City Treasurer (Crista Binder) positions ran uncontested and will serve for the next four years. The two garnered 2,337 and 2,302 votes respectively.

In leading the pack, Boyles—an entrepreneur and business owner—said he was

the community for having the confidence in her to help guide the City. “I look forward to serving the residents and businesses in El Segundo,” she said. “We have an opportunity to collaborate, be solution-orientated... and together create a long-term vision for our city. I will strive to ensure that El Segundo prospers through economic development, retains its community charm, and continues

happy that Measure B is moving forward.” In leaving the Council next month, Fellhauer must also vacate her position as President of the Independent Cities Association but plans to spend more time with her family and recently adopted an infant son. She added, “As Colin Powell once said, ‘Never let your ego get so close to your position that when your position goes, your ego goes with it.’”

Despite a disappointing finish, Atkinson was upbeat about the City’s future with the success of Measure B. “My primary goal in running was to ensure that Measure B

passed—and it did with flying colors,” he said. “I hope the new Council will use the money wisely for infrastructure, with some funds also for hotels/motels and EDAC [Economic Development Advisory Council].”

Atkinson and Fellhauer will preside during the entirety of next Tuesday’s Council meeting because of a recent legislative change that doesn’t allow the election to be officially certified until April 20. The three new Council members will be sworn in on May 3, after which time the full group of five will select the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. •

“Meanwhile Measure B, the transient occupancy tax (TOT) increase, passed overwhelmingly—with 72.1% of the votes in favor (2,197 to 848). The tax assessed on patrons staying at local hotels will now rise from 8% to 12%.”

honored by the show of support from El Segundo voters and thankful of the efforts from his campaign committee, friends, neighbors and family. “I look forward to serving this community as a responsible, thoughtful City Council member,” he said. “I pledge to use my passion, energy and well-tested business experience to work towards making El Segundo the best it can be for everyone who calls this town home.” Boyles added that he is grateful to the many residents who spent time talking to him during the campaign. “I assure them and the rest of our citizens that I will continue to listen to their voice.” Boyles was also encouraged by the swell of support for Measure B and said he will “use the new revenues in the best interests of the community.”

Of her second place finish, Pirsztuk—a small business owner and Chair of the El Segundo Education Foundation—thanked

to be a great place to live, work and raise a family.” Pirsztuk also indicated that she was pleased about Measure B. “The money raised will enable the City to invest in infrastructure projects that have been deferred for many years.”

Brann, a retired former long-time school superintendent, previously served on the Council from 2008 to 2012 and did not run four years ago. “The voters of El Segundo figured it out and I’m very appreciative of their support once again,” he said. “I look forward to building a strong team with the continuing Council members and other winners.”

Though falling short in her quest for a second term, Fellhauer noted that the “numbers speak for themselves” and wished the next Council well. “I put my best foot forward,” she said of her campaign. “It was an honor to serve on the Council the past four years and I am

School Board

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gifts: the expulsion of a student; the approval of a resolution allowing the Ed! Foundation to offer their fee-based summer academy; the approval of the proposal to replace the District’s current wireless network; and the approval of the District’s math placement policy.

VPLS Solutions was the winning bidder when the District issued a request for proposal to replace their current wireless network earlier this spring. Four qualified vendors submitted wireless infrastructure and equipment proposals, and VPLS Solutions, based in Orange, California, was selected as the best fit for the District.

Wrote District Director of Information Technology Danny Gauna in an email sent prior to the meeting: “It’s great to see that we are building a new Wireless Network that will support our technology goals and carry us into the future.”

With summer quickly approaching, the

information pending action items portion of the agenda included the consideration of the summer reading lists for both the Middle School and the High School. Superintendent Moore then reported-out on the District’s informational calendar, with a Board budget-study session scheduled for this Saturday, and the always popular Run-for-Education on the calendar for Saturday, April 23.

Board member reports followed, and Moore then gave her Superintendent’s report. She noted the relationship between the District and the Ed! Foundation and their fundraising prowess in helping offer and continue needed programs for the District students. Prior to closing the meeting, President Jim Garza asked for a moment of silence for long-time District teacher Evelyn Somers, who recently passed away.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will commence on Tuesday evening, April 26. •

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Snuggles got her name for being especially enthusiastic about napping. However, when she is awake, she is almost constantly purring. A extremely sweet and gentle kitten, Snuggles enjoys being with people. And she will definitely let you know she is happy to see you by purring loudly and rubbing her head against your hand. With her innocent round eyes, sweet voice, and beautiful smoky coat, Snuggles is ready to capture your heart.

Stumper is a fun cat, full of personality and funny poses. He is affectionate and likes to follow you around and be right in the middle

of the action. He was born with a small stump of a tail, which makes him sit in some funny position at times. Stumper goes crazy for treats and has learned to sit on command. He also likes to play, both with toys and with his brother Shorty. He is closely bonded with Shorty and would enjoy finding a home together with him. Stumper loves the cozy indoor life and all the comforts it provides. He gets a little shy at first when meeting new people, but once he knows he's safe he becomes very bonded with you.

This sweet girl showed up on our porch one day and just would not leave. **Zuma** was so sweet and needy. She can be independent, but also likes to sleep with her humans every night and typically wants to be in the same room with you all the time. Zuma has lots of energy and wants to play, and that means it's not always possible to keep her held down in one place. She would be very happy and more relaxed as the only cat in the house, but she can get along with other cats with a gradual introduction and with time. Zuma is such a sweetheart and will make an amazing friend to anyone!

Lucretia's golden eyes are beautiful, but also expressive, like she is. **Lucretia (or Lulu)** is a lovely little girl, who loves to play with toys and with her siblings and other playmates in the house. She's full of energy, but also sweet-natured and snuggly, and loves to be pet and loved on by people. She's pretty perfect. Lucretia is very social, so she needs to be adopted either along with another kitten (ideally a sibling,



Eloise

although that is not a requirement) or to a home where there is already another animal (kitten, adult cat, or cat-loving puppy or adult dog) that would be her full-time playmate. Her beautiful, sweet siblings and playmates are available as well; please look for their postings on our website: Augustus, Maximus, Valeria, Tullia, Festus, Valerius, and Bitsy.

Eloise was a friendly, young, neighborhood cat in Pasadena looking for a home of her own. All the neighbors loved Eloise, but no one would offer her a permanent home. She loves the indoor life and now prefers to view the outside world from the safety of a window. She has the loveliest face and beautiful markings, as you can see. She is a sweet, friendly girl and is good with other cats and dogs. Her Beagle friend does not come with her, but she would ideally like a companion in her new home.

Pippen is a little tuxedo boy with white toes and long white whiskers. He is too adorable for words and looks like a cross between a monkey and a hamster. Pippen was found stuffed into a bird cage on a patio in the hot sun with 20 other kittens. It was not a great beginning, but then Kitten Rescue saved them and life got better! Pippen loves to play with the other kittens in his foster home, including the bigger cats. He's not even scared of the two dogs in my foster home. When Pippen is not playing, he loves to cuddle and be kissed, and can purr up a storm. He promises if you adopt him, he'll love you forever and ever.

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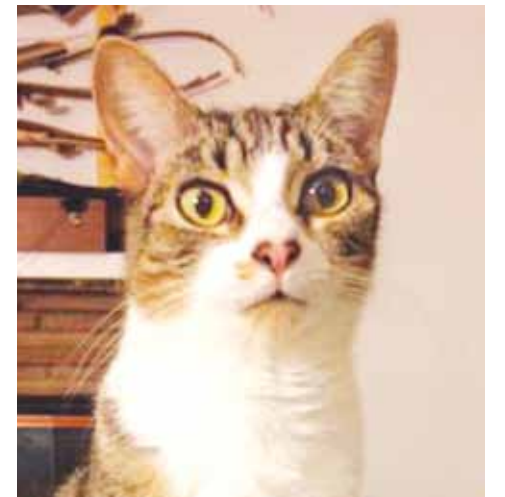
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