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ES High Choir Sings Anthem at Pearl Harbor Memorial



The El Segundo High School Choir sang the National Anthem at the USS Missouri Battleship Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii during their recent spring tour of music and culture in Oahu. They performed in front of United Nations flags representing the places the *USS Missouri* traveled. All veterans and active military present during the ESHS Choir's performance stood at salute during the National Anthem. Photo Provided by El Segundo Unified School District.

City Using Key Performance Indicators to Track Services

By Brian Simon

In developing a three-year strategic plan last summer, the El Segundo City Council committed to achieve five major goals. The list includes enhancing customer service and engagement; supporting community safety and preparedness; developing as a choice employer and workforce; developing quality infrastructure and technology; and championing economic development and fiscal sustainability.

Under the umbrella of “enhancing customer service and engagement” are objectives for the City to be “transparent regarding services and performance” and to “report City-wide performance indicators.” With that in mind, staff last month began to provide monthly reports of key performance indicators (KPI) to track how the City is doing in various areas ranging from public safety response time to filling both potholes and personnel vacancies. City Manager Greg Carpenter cautioned that the endeavor will take some time to bear fruit, as staff is still creating baselines for metrics that will more accurately measure the organization’s performance over the long haul both here in town and in comparison to other municipalities. “It’s still early in the process—it’s like driving to San Francisco, but we’re in the San Fernando Valley,” Carpenter said.

Still, some early numbers provide an interesting initial snapshot now that the City can make its first month-to-month progress notation. For example, the total number of plan checks run through the City rose from 51 in February to 63 in March. Department review of said plan checks took 15.8 days last month as opposed to just 13.6 days in February. The reports also figure in the amount of full-time employee (FTE) hours devoted to each plan check, with March

seeing the numbers grow to 7.9 per FTE versus 6.75 in February. However, the statistics can’t be judged in a vacuum, according to Finance Director Joe Lillio who attributed the time upticks to the fact that staff received “more complex reviews” the second month.

In the City Clerk’s office, turnaround time to process all City contracts decreased from eight days in February to 6.9 days in March—with the number of contracts also up from 14 to 39. The City also processed six film permits in February and four more in March with an average turnaround of 48 hours.

More people visited the library in March, with 16,612 stopping in compared to 12,386 in

February. Attendance at programs also jumped considerably, from 333 up to 619. This despite a slight decrease in library card holders (19,586 down to 19,223).

In some encouraging news for January and February, the El Segundo Police Department indicated that Part 1 crimes dropped by 25 percent. The main drivers were declines in theft and larceny incidents. The number of Priority 1 (requiring immediate police response) calls decreased from 155 (with 6.5 calls per FTE) down to 112 (4.7 per FTE).

On the Fire Department side, the amount of time for dispatch to arrive at the scene for

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El Segundo School Board Approves Comprehensive Campus Safety Plans

By Duane Plank

Fifteen days after a special education teacher and two of her young students were shot by her estranged husband in her classroom at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino, the El Segundo School Board unanimously approved comprehensive safety plans at El Segundo Unified School District’s four campuses. The plans, updated on an annual basis, serve as a guide for faculty and staff in dealing with emergency on-campus situations that might arise.

The plans typically first receive input from interested members of the public, are then crafted, and if necessary updated—incorporating suggestions from school safety committee members prior to review

by law enforcement officials. The next step in the process is usually the adoption of the safety plan by the school site council, with the last step Board approval.

Prior to approving the safety plans, the Board members recognized standout District employees for sterling contributions. The Board feted educators of the year, including Marcos Bolanos (El Segundo High School), Scott Garinger (El Segundo Middle School), Renee Hoover (Center Street Elementary School), and Celia Plotkin (Richmond Street Elementary School). Longtime District instructor Daphne Moote, currently teaching Kindergarten at Center Street and set to step down from her position as the President of

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
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Saturday

Sunny
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Sunday

Sunny
79°/59°



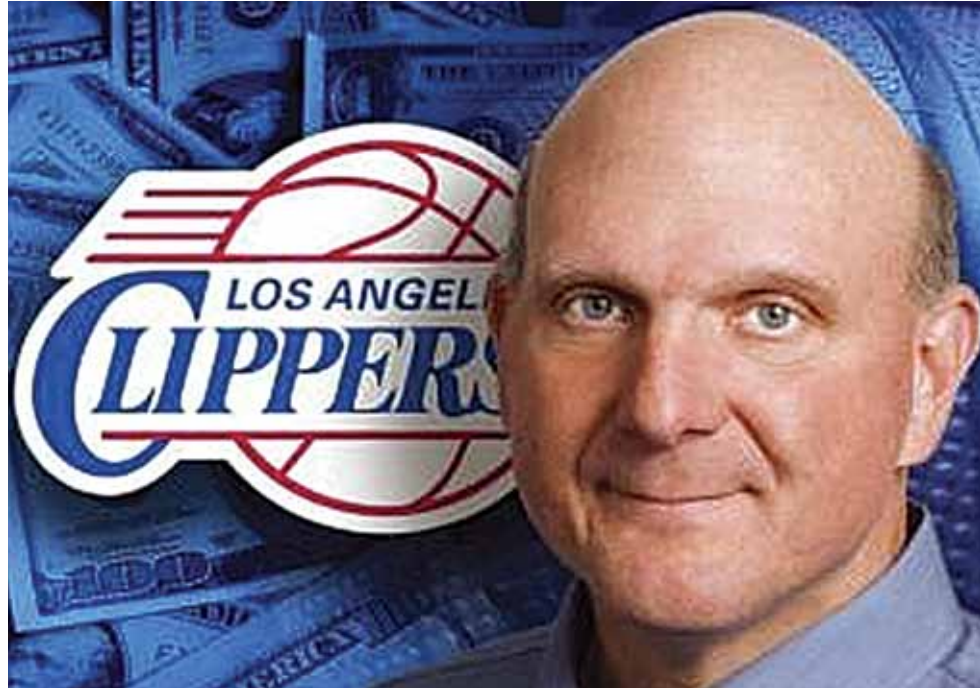
Ballmer's Latest Project Looks at the Big Picture

By Rob McCarthy

Steve Ballmer says he loves numbers because they reveal what's really happening within a complex system. He relied on them when he ran Microsoft Corporation and now as owner of the Los Angeles Clippers,

that information and explains with numbers the areas where government makes money, loses money, or breaks even.

Ballmer wants the public to know upfront that USAFacts.org is nonpartisan and free to use. The billionaire owner and former chief



"Whether government money is spent wisely or not ... that's for you to decide," Clippers owners and former tech-industry executive Steve Ballmer says about his new website USAFacts.org.

he depends on numerical data to run the team and watch games from the stands. The scoreboard doesn't just tell Ballmer who's winning. It breaks down the action on the floor into a measure of team performance.

In public life, Ballmer discovered it wasn't that easy. Anyone who wanted to understand the government's finances had to piece together local, state and federal data to get the big picture. Ballmer's latest project is a website called USAFacts.org that gathers

executive at Microsoft financed it himself and hired a team of economists, researchers and writers who spent three years analyzing government data and looking for a clear meaning. For Ballmer, the project started with a conversation with his wife who wanted him to do more philanthropic work.

Before he increased his charitable work, Ballmer needed to grasp the bigger picture of where the money could do the most

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Calendar of Events

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to marketing@heraldpublications.com. We take Visa and MasterCard.

THURSDAY, APR. 27

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
- Free Computer Class: Social Media Basics, 3:00 PM. – 4:30 PM., seating is limited and registration is required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

FRIDAY, APR. 28

- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.

SATURDAY, APR. 29

- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.

SUNDAY, APR. 30

- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

MONDAY, MAY 1

- Canasta Group, 12:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, Free, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., City Hall Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, Call: 310-524-2306.
- El Segundo Kiwanis Club Meeting, 12:10 PM., The Lakes at El Segundo, 400 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Contact: elsegundokiwanis.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- Bowling, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.
- Drop In Lobby Events: Adult Coloring Books, Tea & Chat, 12:00 PM. – 1:00 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.
- ESHS PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM., ESHS Library, 640 Main Street, Call: 310-615-2662.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
- Spring Concerts – Middle School Band, 6:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., Bulldog Hall, 332 Center Street, Call: 310-615-2690.

- El Segundo Historical Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-640-8923.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.
- RSS Spring Sing, 9:40 AM. – 11:40 AM., ESHS Performing Arts Center, 640 Main Street, Call: 310-606-6831.

- Free Computer Class: Email Attachments, 8:30 AM. – 10:00 AM., seating is limited and registration is required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

- ESHS Spring Choir Concert, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM, ESHS Performing Arts Center, 640 Main Street, Call: 310-615-2662.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.

- Hometown Fair & Carnival, 10:00 AM. – 3:00 PM., Main Street, Downtown El Segundo, Call: 310-524-2700.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

MONDAY, MAY 8

- Canasta Group, 12:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, Free, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- RSS PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM., Richmond Street School Café, 615 Richmond Street, Call: 310-606-6831.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Administrative Offices, Board Room, 641 Sheldon Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- Bowling, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.
- Eagles' Nest PTO Meeting, 6:15 PM., 641 Sheldon Street, Call: 310-615-2650.
- ESMS Choir Concert, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM., ESHS Performing Arts Center, 640 Main Street, Call: 310-615-2662.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.

Letters

Thank You to ESPD

I wanted to thank the ESPD for solving a crime before my husband even knew it had been committed. His car was broken into and his wallet was stolen on Monday April 17, 2017. The criminals were in a car waiting at a light, when Officer Cory Mcenroe, who was behind them

noticed a broken headlight. In addition, the passenger kept turning around. He pulled them over and was informed the car was stolen. In addition, my husband's wallet was discovered.

Thank you Officer Mcenroe for catching the men who stole not only a wallet, but someone's car.

– Andrea Yob




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Community Briefs

SWBIB to Award Students in Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program



El Segundo students in their after-school program Project Lead the Way (PLTW), supporting engineering, technology and science courses. Photo Courtesy of PLTW.

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has piloted an “earn and learn” model for high school students connecting interns with career pathways in engineering and advanced manufacturing. Up to 25 participating students in the SBWIB’s Aero-Flex pre-apprenticeship program will gain work readiness and technical skills training along with their intensive internship. Once both programs are completed they will be awarded a \$500 stipend. In addition, students will receive many other benefits that will enhance their employment prospects.

One unique aspect of the program is that the employer is able to define the training plan that the students are taught, which allows the student to learn specific skills that the employer needs. Training in work readiness skills are

provided through online and in person courses and through work-based learning and on-the-job training. Additionally, students will receive an Industry-recognized stackable credential, and opportunity to advance to employment, complete college and/or enter into a Registered Apprenticeship. Membership into the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) is also included, providing them access to SME mentor programs, SME Connect, scholarships, competitions and more. Students who complete the program can also earn qualified credentials to add to their college application and resume. Program expansion will later include post-secondary students, veterans, returning service personnel and other under-served or under-employed populations.

ES High Tour of MLK Station at Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project



El Segundo High School students go underground to learn how a tunnel is bored for light rail. Photo by Brian Hill, Community Relations Liaison, Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

Twenty El Segundo High School students studying Principals of Engineering learned more about the industry during a tour of the MLK Metro Station section of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project at the end of March. Organized by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board’s (SBWIB) Career Pathway Program in conjunction with the engineers, safety team and community outreach associates at Walsh Group and Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors, the students went underground to learn how a tunnel is bored to make room for light rail. This station is part of the 8.5 mile light rail line that will run along Crenshaw Blvd and from Exposition Blvd to the Metro Green Line, expected to be completed March 2019.

The High School sophomores and their teacher, Daniel Horvath, had a couple of objectives in mind: to understand the Walsh/Shea Corridor project and to learn about the variety of engineering disciplines and challenges necessary to complete a project of this size and scope. The experience included a safety briefing where they donned the workers’ typical hard hats, boots, vests, gloves, glasses and earplugs. They were able to learn first-hand what it would be like to do several related jobs,

and to consider if they would like to work on this or similar projects.

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School Spotlight

Wiseburn School Board Discusses San Bernardino Shooting

By Duane Plank

As construction at the Wiseburn/Da Vinci High school site on Douglas Street continues, with the first day of school slated to be on August 22 and the ribbon-cutting ceremonies set to take place on August 12, the Wiseburn Unified School District School viewed special presentations from Juan Cabrillo School Principal Margaret Lynch and District Program Specialist Peggy Mazzarella. They also addressed the recent campus shooting incident that occurred in San Bernardino, resulting in the deaths of an elementary school teacher and one of her students.

Lynch’s presentation was supported by Juan Cabrillo counselor Elisa Lopez, who has established a program that has as one of its main components a school-wide Positive Behavior Support System (PBS). Lynch called her presentation a “thank-you note to the Board” because two years ago, the Board had approved a part-time counselor at Cabrillo. “This is the first year we have had a [full-time] counselor at Cabrillo School. We want to share with you how that is supporting students, and the data that is supporting the effectiveness of the program,” said Lynch.

Lynch and Lopez spoke of “behavior expectations” at Cabrillo, as well as three tiers of support in place on the campus that teach students from Kindergarten through second grade. Lopez mentioned components of the counseling program, including “whole-body

listening,” “expectation assemblies,” and the implementation of re-aligned “Cabrillo Cub cards” to reinforce positive behavior.

The presenters also shared gathered data on the decrease of negative disciplines at the school since the implementation of the PBS program. Data showed that student “warnings,” “white slips,” and “in-school suspensions” have decreased substantially since the advent of the campus counseling program.

Lynch and Lopez also spoke of the 3Bs that are among the cornerstones of the program, including Being Respectful, Being Responsible, and Being Safe. A behavior matrix has been created, and all campus staff members have been trained to consistently implement the matrix expectations and reinforcement with the Cub cards. Concluded Lynch: “I hope you can see that having a full-time counselor is making a huge difference for our students.”

Board member queries about the Cabrillo program then followed. Superintendent Tom Johnstone then added his thoughts, also recognizing Lynch for a recent achievement. “We haven’t really been publicly able to recognize Margaret for her achievement as elementary school principal of the year for the entire state of California,” he said.

Mazzarella’s presentation focused on the Wiseburn Child Development Center, which offers preschool and before/after school care

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Herald in Iceland



Phill, Julie and Cooper Stolnack just happened to bring along the hometown paper on their spring break vacation to Iceland. They circumnavigated the country on the Ring Road, ending their 1,762-mile road trip with a stop at Gullfoss--just one of the many magnificent waterfalls to experience in Iceland. •

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Sports

Injuries and Inconsistencies Plague Dodgers Once Again

By Adam Serrao

As of last Sunday, the Los Angeles Dodgers hadn't won a series since beating the San Diego Padres in three of four games to begin the regular season. Being that it's only less than a month into the season, it becomes hard to form a concrete opinion about a team that still has over 135 games left to play. So far, a few major weaknesses have been exposed and injuries have already begun to pile up for a team that constantly seems to be plagued by them. If this is indeed the year for the "Boys in Blue," Dave Roberts and company may have a long way to go before Los Angeles becomes part of the league's elite.

In the very, very young baseball season, the Los Angeles Dodgers have found that playing any team other than the San Diego Padres has proven to be difficult. That's not saying much, either. Ask any baseball fans around Major League Baseball and they'd be hard-pressed to name even one player on the Padres. The Dodgers beat San Diego in three of four games to start the regular season and L.A. fans everywhere were comfortable with where the team was at after the first weekend. Since that time, however, the Dodgers went 6-9 dating back to last Sunday and were 5-7 against other NL West opponents.

In addition to not having as much fun playing baseball against other teams as they have against the Padres, Los Angeles has been exposed against left-handed pitching. Opposing managers know that if they start a left-hander against the Dodgers—even a rookie lefty making his first appearance in the majors—they will have an excellent chance at winning the ballgame. The 2016 Dodgers had the worst batting line against lefties of any playoff team in MLB history. Not much has changed in six months. Opposing pitchers had accumulated a 2.20 ERA and 1.21 WHIP against L.A at the time of this writing. Basically, if you start a southpaw against the Dodgers, you're going to get a win more times than not.

"I think you guys are making it a bigger deal than anybody else," Dodgers utility man Kike Hernandez stated about the stats. "It's still April. If we're still not hitting lefties or righties in September, then it's a different story, but we're still in April and we're not going to make a big deal out of it or get in our heads." Whether it's early in the season or not, offense has certainly been a problem for the Dodgers. That fact was no more apparent than in the series versus the reigning World Series champions, Chicago Cubs. The Dodgers were 1-21 with runners in scoring position in the series and seem to continuously miss on key

opportunities every time they have a chance to score a run. Granted, the Dodgers do have the ability to get runners on base and even get them into scoring position. It's only once the team gets ready to score, however, that they fail by either grounding into double plays or continuously strike out under pressure. A team that can't play under pressure can't make it deep into the playoffs and that, after all, is what this year is all about for the Dodgers.

Injuries have certainly piled up for the Dodgers as well. So far, the team had already put 11 players on the DL only three weeks into the season. Logan Forsythe, Rob Segedin, Andre Ethier, Scott Kazmir, Grant Dayton and most importantly Rich Hill have all found themselves on the disabled list, among others. The Dodgers have some incredible depth on the roster, but depth doesn't matter when injuries continue to plague a locker room that has been marred by them for the better part of two years now. The "Boys in (Black) and Blue" better get healthy if they want any legitimate shot at playing into October.

Not everything has been negative surrounding the Dodgers, though. The bullpen has been mostly solid, the back end of the rotation has really stepped up and Clayton Kershaw is still really, really good. Players like Andrew Toles, Alex Wood and Ross Stripling have all stepped up to bolster a roster that has been plagued by the injury bug. Corey Seager and Justin Turner have proven to be invaluable and the Dodgers have many other skilled players in the minor leagues champing at the bit to get their chance at playing under the bright lights of the MLB (if Cody Bellinger gets a chance, watch out). Also, don't forget Julio Urias who is still waiting on his call to join the major league club and could do so this week.

The regular season always has its own way of playing itself out, especially when there are still over 135 games left to be played. The Dodgers haven't been left for dead yet, but there is still a lot of work left to be done, as there likely is with most major league clubs at this point in the season. The truth surrounding the Dodgers is that Roberts and the front office occupied by Farhan Zaidi and Andrew Friedman are taking their time in slowly evaluating a team that they are almost certain will be competing for a championship this year. The diamonds in the rough will undoubtedly rise to the top and the weak links will fall off of the chain as the regular season carries on. In the meantime, it sure is fun to dissect a team that may have its best chance at winning a World Series since 1988.

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Emery's Surge Leads Eagles to Victories

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo High School baseball team has had one of its most successful seasons in years. The Eagles are 17-6 overall entering this week's play. With convincing wins over Beverly Hills and a narrow loss to Redondo, the Eagles are setting their sights on a long playoff run. With Jake Palmer set to obliterate the school record books for batting average and Spencer Palmer not far behind, the Eagles will need others to step up as well. Sean Emery has emerged as another big hitter in an already deep offensive lineup.

Beverly Hills was leading the Ocean League along with Santa Monica before facing the Eagles. So Emery and his teammates swept the Normans 10-3 and 5-3 to make it known that the Eagles are part of the Ocean League race. Emery was a tough out, going six for eight in the two games including a home run, three doubles, four RBIs, four runs scored and two stolen bases.

Emery singled, stole second base and scored on a fielder's choice in the first inning. In the third inning, Jake Palmer singled and scored on Nico Celestial's double. Spencer Palmer then singled and Emery smacked an RBI double to make it 3-0. Matt Romero's sacrifice fly made it 4-0. With the Eagles leading 7-0 in the fourth inning, Emery unloaded a 385-foot two-run home run to make it 9-0. The Eagles would go on to score once more in the bottom half of the sixth inning.

Jimmy Galicia tossed a complete game for the Eagles. Galicia was sharp through the first five innings, limiting the Normans to just two hits. But Beverly Hills came alive in the sixth inning by scoring three runs on four hits. Galicia then tossed a perfect seventh inning, including his fifth strikeout, to end the game.

In the 5-3 win over the Normans, Jake Palmer was three for three, Spencer Palmer was two four four with two doubles and two RBIs, and Emery was two for four and scored twice. Spencer Long got the win, pitching a complete game with a season-high 10 strikeouts. He gave up three earned runs on six hits to notch his sixth win of the season.

In the 4-1 loss to Redondo, the Eagles squandered plenty of opportunities by leaving base runners. Emery went two for three with an RBI and Justin Mostert tossed six innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits and two walks with one strikeout for the Eagles.

The Eagles played host to Lawndale on Tuesday and play there today. Next Thursday the program salutes the seniors on Senior Day. The game against Hawthorne starts at

3:15 with the salute to the seniors starting at 3 pm.

Swim Teams Doing Well

Head coach Riley Brady is certainly proud of how well both the boys' and girls' swim teams have done thus far. The varsity boys have continued their undefeated streak as they blew away Ocean League foe Culver City 97-67. Will Schodorf continues his rise as one of the team's best swimmers. The sophomore sensation took first in the 500 free and has yet to lose in this event this season. Nolan Young swam a personal best of 1:59.5 in the 200 freestyle, while Kyle Crist ran away with the 100 free and 50 free.

The varsity girls dominated Culver City 87-59. Bridgette Allison won the 200 freestyle, Freshman phenom Dylan Chen won the 100 freestyle and Savannah Ghale was outstanding in the 100 butterfly.

Today, The Eagles travel to league rival Santa Monica to take on one of the top teams in the Southern Section.

Boys' Lacrosse Gets Signature Win

The boys' lacrosse team turned in one of the program's biggest wins when it unseated Santa Monica 13-9 on the road. For the Vikings, ranked 25th in the state, it was their first loss of the season. The Eagles took a measure of revenge out on the Vikings after losing at home to Samo in a thriller 9-8.

This time around, Daniel Ball scored five goals and senior goalie Alex Nolan made three crucial fourth quarter saves to lead the Eagles to victory. It took a five-goal outburst in the third quarter for El Segundo to open up a lead over Santa Monica. The Eagles led 10-6 heading to the fourth quarter, but Santa Monica wouldn't fold and pulled to within 10-9. Then the Eagles met the challenge with three straight goals.

The Eagles' defense held the high-scoring Vikings to nine goals for the second time this season. Santa Monica has been averaging 14 goals per game and have not scored less than in double digits all season other than the two games against the Eagles. With Nolan in goal, he made just six saves—a testament to the Eagles' defensive presence. Three of those saves came in the fourth quarter, as Santa Monica made an effort to erase El Segundo's lead.

Santa Monica used a different strategy in slowing down the Eagles; offense by double-teaming Cory Lund—the Eagles' top scorer. That opened the way for Ball to have a five-goal game. Rory Cochrane added three

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City Council

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emergency medical services edged up a notch from four minutes and eight seconds to four minutes and 14 seconds. Fire call response was up 24 seconds from the prior month (five minutes and 23 seconds in March).

The KPIs also include the number of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members who received training. Nine more individuals took CERT classes in March on the heels of 19 in February, with staff labor time adding up to 60 hours each month.

The Human Resources Department has also been busy as it oversees employee hires, with eight positions filled in March and 24 total year to date. There were no internal promotions last month after three in February. The City also lost six people—two full-time and four-part time. The lengthy (129-day average wait) period to fill recruitments may seem alarming at first, but Lillio explained that the numbers are skewed due to the necessary extensive search for major department head spots such as the new Police Chief and Information Technology Director.

Looking to keep an eye on local infrastructure repair, the KPIs also include a running number of potholes in town filled on a monthly basis—with 254 done in March and 620 total for 2017. February and March additionally saw a combined 52 skin patches (to fill depressions in the road), 13 sidewalk grinding repairs and two digouts that all told required 139 labor hours.

And thanks to a heavy outreach campaign in which customers received flyer inserts and the City highlighted information on its website, online payments for water bills swelled by nearly 50 percent in March from the previous month.

While pleased with the progress, members of the City Council have already begun making some tweaks. Mayor Pro Tem Drew Boyles asked if stats on employee turnover can be annualized with percentages rather

than absolute numbers. He also thought Part 1 crime information should be analyzed on a per capita resident basis in order to compare with other communities. Councilmember Carol Pirsztuk wondered if departments had already changed any existing processes due to the first monthly reports and if any new KPIs might be added. Carpenter emphasized that the strategic plan is not static and (along with the KPIs) can and will change over time as new information becomes available.

Meanwhile, staff continues to compile data and future reports will include resident/business satisfaction survey results and citizen surveys/questionnaires, as well as employee satisfaction surveys to be developed by Human Resources. Lillio will provide a quarterly status report to the City Council on the strategic work plan, while the Public Works Department will come back every three months with an update on capital improvement plan implementation. Other items of note include tracking economic indicators and tax revenue annually, monthly OpenGov status reports on budget versus actuals, annual percent of costs recovered for services provided, quarterly investment policy compliance, and status update of the Information Services master plan implementation. Staff will also analyze City website traffic to determine the number of “hits,” what pages were most viewed, number of inquiries made by the community via Web tools, and number of online transactions in all.

“Leadership guru Peter Drucker said it best—‘What gets measured improves,’ and while we have a great city, there is clearly room for improvement,” Boyles said. “Measuring and improving our performance will help us create a safer city with engaged and satisfied employees and residents, while supporting smart decisions about infrastructure and our finances.” •

Wiseburn

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programs. She gave her update, noting that “we are very, very busy. We are serving approximately 360 students throughout the District, and we are full.” She also shared parental survey results, which gave the program very high marks in all categories, and highlighted how the positive behavior matrix developed at Cabrillo and was mentioned in the prior presentation is also utilized in Child Development Center programs. She noted ramped-up professional development opportunities for WDCD staff, and the increased access to technology for the District’s young learners. Increased safety enhancements were broached—critical in light of recent school-site violence, including door-locking procedures and the installation of doorbell and video cameras as well as alarms. Increasing campus safety, always a priority, has been highlighted because of the recent horrific shootings in San Bernardino.

Mazzarella mentioned that preschool parent training sessions have taken place, although the parental turnout has been somewhat sparse. She indicated that the timing of the trainings may be altered, adding that “we are going to keep working on how we can get better attendance.” She added that some changes this school year included new classrooms at Cabrillo, and elimination of “extended care, because we want to focus on instruction.” Space was an issue, she said. She also addressed the strides being made in teaching special education students.

After the presentation, Johnstone noted, “I don’t think we could have done what we have” [without the seamless transition from the prior group that had run the program to the WDCD]. “We have taken an awesome program and made it that much better.”

Board members and District administrators then had their turn to make comments, with the presenters departing and one of the folks who left at this point of the 90-minute meeting jokingly imploring Board members to “make good decisions tonight.” The success of recent District events, including “Rock-Around-the-Block,” were lauded, with kudos

going out to the hard work of the Wiseburn Education Foundation. Board Vice President JoAnne Kaneda voiced her appreciation of how well the event was staged.

Kaneda also brought up the recent tragic events that took place at the San Bernardino elementary school. Said Board President Israel Mora, “Unfortunately, it is a reality of life and something that we are going to have to look at closely. We all know that we don’t want our schools to be prisons.” Talk ensued about how the San Bernardino shooter, who then committed suicide, easily gained access to the classroom to murder his estranged wife and an innocent student. Mora said it was an important topic, and if District personnel are having “issues” with a significant other, “maybe it needs to be discussed—but of course, nobody likes to do that. Things happen in the country, and we just can’t say that it is not going to happen here.”

Superintendent Johnstone, addressing the devastating fallout from the school-site shooting, said that the District was working on its sign-in protocol to limit visitors and family members on-campus during the school day and after-hours. He also touted the “active-shooter” training taking place for District teachers and “significant office staff” on April 27. Next year, he said, District members will become certified to deal with possible “active shooters” on campus, through the “ALICE” Training Institute.

Action items were next on the agenda, including the approval of the safe school plans—a huge issue considering recent developments. Construction change orders at the new high school were next briefly mentioned, with all well heading towards the start of school on August 22.

Consent items followed, with personnel issues quickly addressed. School open houses blanket the May District calendar, with Burnett holding its event on May 31.

The next meeting Wiseburn School Board meeting has been moved up on the calendar, because of scheduling issues, and is now set for Thursday, May 4. •

Eagles

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goals, while Lukas Roscoe had two goals and Jacob Brockman, Scot Melton and Lund each scored once.

El Segundo Softball Tournament Underway

The Lady Eagles got off to a great start by defeating Notre Dame Academy 6-3 in the first round of the El Segundo Tournament. It could have been a blowout, but the Lady Eagles left 13 runners on base. Trailing 1-0 in the third inning, El Segundo tied it up when Katherine Kakuske singled and later scored on Julia Chavez’s RBI single. In the fifth inning, Chavez doubled and scored on a

fielder’s choice for an El Segundo 2-1 lead.

With the score tied 2-2 in the seventh inning, Nena Hylander’s two-run double made it 4-2. The Lady Eagles tagged on two more runs when Cierra Kessler slugged a two-run triple to centerfield. NDA scored a run in its half of the seventh for the final 6-3 score.

In the second round, the game was cut short in the top of the sixth inning when the lights went out due to a city curfew. El Segundo was trailing Harvard Westlake 5-3 with Bailey Ernest at the plate. The game will be resumed on Saturday as will the rest of the tournament. •



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To help you spring into warm weather home improvement, here are 24 simple projects that take 24 hours or less to accomplish:

Put a fresh coat of paint on the front door. Standard paints can take a long time to dry, especially if you live in a humid climate. SnapDry(R) from Sherwin-Williams(R) dries in as little as one hour, and you'll be able to close the door without it sticking. The paint can be used inside or outside the home and it resists dirt, fingerprints, UV rays and weathering.

Update kitchen cabinets. Recently, homeowners are changing the facades of their kitchen cabinets and painting them instead of staining them-a trend that has grown tremendously.

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While you're upgrading lighting, be sure to replace old-style incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient ones that will last longer and cost less to operate.

Create a recharging drawer in your kitchen. Clean out that junk drawer, add dividers and a power strip and you have the perfect place for recharging your family's electronic devices. Install a ceiling fan. Nothing says spring and summer like a ceiling fan wafting gentle breeze through a room. Add a ceiling medallion. Draw attention to a light fixture by installing a decorative ceiling medallion that has a slightly different color than the ceiling.

Replace a kitchen faucet. A new kitchen faucet can be practical and decorative, but can also control water flow, saving money. Pressure wash siding and walkways. Power washing exterior home areas makes siding and walkways look fresh.

Hang a new mirror in the bathroom. A decorative framed mirror in place of a standard bathroom mirror adds interest, elegance and even light to the space. Put a decorative decal in the laundry room. Create some fun in the laundry area by adding a decal with a humorous saying, such as "Life is too short to fold fitted sheets!"

Use wood to frame a decorative shower curtain and turn it into wall art. Wash windows! What's the one spring DIY task that will make all the others in your home look even better? Wash windows to allow spring and summer sunlight into your home. Trying just a few of these easy home-improvement tasks is a fast way to perk up your home for spring and summer. •



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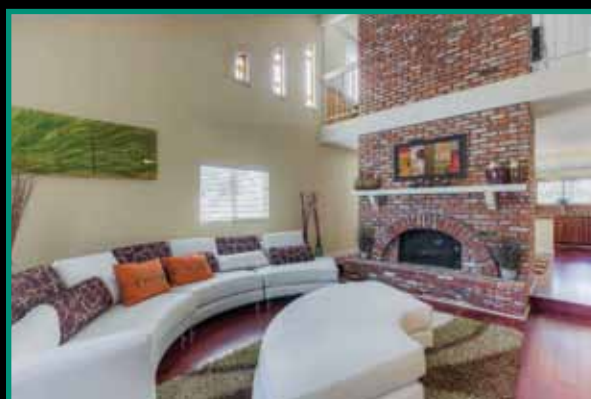


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5 Simple Steps To Be Your Best At Any Age

(BPT) - They say you're only as young as you feel, and if you're an older American, the ability to feel young a little while longer is always appealing. Having a youthful state of mind goes a long way toward accomplishing this goal, but you can't ignore the importance of solid physical health.

To improve your physical and mental health and prove age is just a number, apply these five tips from Mayo Clinic today.

- **Find the perfect interval.** If you've never participated in high-intensity interval training before, here's a compelling reason to start. Researchers at the Mayo Clinic found high-intensity aerobic exercise actually reversed some cellular aspects of aging. The research also found that the exercise improved muscle proteins, enlarged muscles and increased energy levels.
- **The benefit of brain games.** A sharp mind is every bit as important as a healthy body, and exercising your brain can be a lot of fun. Spend time learning new things on the internet, enroll in a class for that craft you've always wanted to master, go out with friends or sit down and play a board game. All of these activities can greatly improve your mental health. For example, a Mayo Clinic study found playing games decreased a person's risk of mild cognitive impairment by 22 percent making this enjoyable activity healthy as well.
- **Supplementing your health.** Health supplements should never completely replace



whole food offerings, but they may offer you real health value as well. According to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, supplements may be ideal for vegans and vegetarians or those who consume less than 1,600 calories per day. People with a condition affecting the way their body absorbs

nutrients and those who have had surgery on their digestive tract should also speak with their doctor about supplements that may improve their overall health.

- **The importance of sleep.** A good night's sleep offers health benefits at any age, but getting enough rest can be more

difficult as you get older. To get a better night's sleep, review your medications with your doctor to see if anything is impacting your rest. You should also try to limit your daytime napping (just 10 to 20 minutes per day is best) and avoid alcohol, caffeine or even water within a couple hours before bedtime.

- **Focus on your sexual health.** This topic may not be as widely discussed as your physical or mental health, but it is no less important. Men should talk to their doctors about their lessening testosterone levels, which drop about 1 percent per year after age 30. Women may experience a similar drop in estrogen levels as well and should consult their doctor for treatment options. Don't be shy about discussing sexual health issues with your doctor, from STDs to annual checkups, having a thorough understanding of your current sexual health - and what you need to do to protect or improve it - will benefit every other part of your life.

With aging comes new challenges and the need to be more vigilant in maintaining your overall well-being. By incorporating some of the tips above from the experts at Mayo Clinic, you'll make sure the best years of your life are still to come. You can learn more about improving your health at any age through the advice offered in Mayo Clinic on Healthy Aging, or visit <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle> for more healthy lifestyle ideas. •

Finance

6 Tips For Decoding College Financial Aid Award Letters

(BPT) - Whether you're a high school senior or an adult looking to change careers, a college degree can be the key to a bright future. As acceptance letters arrive in the mail, another important document is not far behind: financial aid letters.

"College is a major investment, and many people require financial assistance to pay for it," says Harlan Cohen, New York Times best-selling author and creator of the Naked Financial Minute. "It's vital to understand financial aid so you can make informed choices and avoid surprises in the future."

The average cost of tuition and fees for the 2016-2017 school year is \$33,480 at private colleges, \$9,650 for state residents at public colleges, and \$24,930 for out-of-state residents attending public universities, according to the College Board.

In order to find out what aid you qualify for, you should start by filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). After your information is processed, and you've applied to the colleges of your choice, you'll receive financial aid award letters in the mail with the results from each school where you were accepted.

Not all financial aid letters are the same, so deciphering and comparing them can be confusing. To help get you started, the

experts at College Ave Student Loans share tips and tricks for how to easily understand your financial aid letter.

Know the difference between gift aid and loans: Gift aid is money that is awarded to qualifying students that isn't expected to be paid back. Gift aid includes things like scholarships, grants, and housing or tuition waivers. Not all applicants will qualify for



gift aid, but most will be eligible for federal loans. As a general rule, you should expect that you'll need to pay loans back, usually with interest.

Be aware of the impact of outside scholarships: If a student is awarded a private scholarship, the financial aid letter may list its effect on the amount of money offered by the school or in federal aid because the

student's financial need has already been partially covered. This could impact gift aid, loan amounts, or both.

Keep an eye out for work-study offers: If you indicated an interest during the FAFSA application, your financial aid letter may list approval for a work-study job that provides money toward your studies and fits with your class schedule. The money you earn is typically applied directly to your school expenses.

Understand your expected family contribution (EFC): Depending on your personal circumstances, there may be a line item for expected family contribution. This is the amount of money your family is expected to contribute toward your college education based on their tax and savings information. This will impact your overall award package.

Think about additional costs: Your financial aid letter may not include all of the costs associated with going to school. Think beyond tuition and make sure you have an idea of what you'll be spending on housing, food, transportation, books, supplies, additional fees, and other living expenses.

Finally, if you're still unclear about the terms and conditions of any college award letter, it's important to reach out to the school to ask for clarification or discuss your options. You don't want to leave any money on the table. •

Ballmer's

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good. What he didn't want was to duplicate government-funded services.

Specifically, he researched government-funded activities in health, education and human services, and quickly hit a wall. Information about how much the government spends taxpayer money wasn't being shared across federal, state and local levels. When the former chief executive of the world's largest software company Microsoft can't find data on the Internet, there is an information gap.

His discovery led Ballmer to create USA-Facts.org, which he launched last week. The website team is "passionate about making information available to the public." Calling it a work-in-progress, the beta version of the site released on April 18 is ambitious in its scope. And there's no political bent.

The government numbers and colorful charts tell the stories of American government activities, huge and complex as they are. Ballmer's team culled as much information as time and manpower allowed: 90,000 jurisdictions serving 320 million people. To be exact: 321,418,820 at last count.

"Whether government money is spent wisely or not, whether our quality of life is improving or getting worse--that's for you to decide," Ballmer's team says. The non-partisan tone of the website is refreshing, as polarizing political viewpoints have no place in Ballmer's new project. In fact, he admits that his perception of "government bureaucracy" is different, knowing almost 24 million work in government. "People who work in schools, higher ed, public institutions of education--they are government employees," he realized. Those sectors alone account for nearly half of the 24 million jobs.

The other big contributors to government employment are active-duty military and government hospitals, Ballmer learned. No longer faceless bureaucrats, the government workforce looks much different because "most of these people you like," Ballmer says. "Your tax dollars are helping somehow to pay 24 million people" who have mortgages, car payments and families to feed.

How much money does state and federal government collect per year? The number is \$5.2 trillion, mostly from tax collection, according to USAFacts. Interestingly, the government also makes money on investments and runs several profitable businesses. State-run enterprises turn a profit on airports, public hospitals, transit systems and waste-

management operations.

States that run a lottery lose money on that form of gaming and on gas and electric utilities. Ports, toll highways and parking lots break even, generating enough revenue to cover state expenses, according to USAFacts.

The federally-run business that weighs most heavily on Washington's balance sheet is the U.S. Postal Service. The nation's letter and package carrier didn't always lose money. The losses began in 2013 and have continued due to increased competition for package delivery and lower sales of stamps and postage. The Postal Service posted a staggering \$1.6 billion loss in 2015, the website shows.

Marriages, the nation's divorce rate and average family size are all listed here. And that's not all. Having run Microsoft and now the L.A. Clippers, Ballmer says he likes reading reports that summarize facts and figures into a simplified narrative. How are we doing financially? Are we meeting our goals? Were our projections right?

U.S. corporations must explain their finances and performance in an annual report called a 10-K, prepared for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Ballmer's website team has done the same, compiling an annual report about U.S. government performance and salaries. The president's salary of \$400,000 per year isn't a secret, but how much does the vice president earn annually? The answer is \$237,700, making the veep the third-highest paid executive in Washington. Chief Justice John Roberts is second at \$260,700, according to USA Fact's 10-K.

Which state's governor had the highest salary last year? California finished third in this spending category, behind top-ranked Pennsylvania (\$190,000) and Tennessee (\$187,000). Being the top elected official in the state doesn't always translate into buck bucks, not for the governors of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Maine and Oregon who earn less than \$100,000 per year for their official duties.


With the South Bay's reliance on space systems and defense, the categories that Ballmer labels "Provide for the Common Defense" and "Promote the General Welfare" include columns for the nation's spending on its military (\$812 billion) and space programs \$16.6 billion). States outspend the federal government by a nearly four-to-one ratio in support of the economy and on roads and bridges and other

essential infrastructure.


The California Legislature just passed a \$53 billion road repair plan for fixing local roads and state-maintained highways in South Bay cities and Los Angeles County and elsewhere over the next decade. Those repairs will be financed by higher fuel taxes paid by motorists and businesses, and vehicle registration fees. The bill, SB 1,

also charges electric-vehicle owners a new annual fee.

The billionaire sports owner says he's not trying to change anyone's mind about the role of government either. His mission is to keep connecting reams of spending and revenue data from across America's villages, towns, cities, counties and states, plus the federal government. •



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Police Reports

Thursday, April 13

One female adult was arrested at 0047 hours from Grand Avenue and Loma Vista Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 0135 hours at Douglas Street and El Segundo Boulevard, vehicle versus a fire hydrant and light pole.

A battery report was taken at 0653 hours from Franklin Avenue and Oregon Street. Suspect punched the victim in the chest.

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 0936 hours at Hughes Way and Sepulveda Boulevard, three vehicles involved.

One female adult was arrested at 1417 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for fraudulent use of a credit card, possession of a baton and two outstanding Orange County Sheriff misdemeanor warrants.

One male adult was arrested at 2137 hours from the 800 block of South Douglas Street for public intoxication.

Friday, April 14

A grand theft (auto) report was taken at 0954 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Taken was a silver 2015 Volkswagen Tiguan.

A missing person report was taken at 1035 hours form the 1100 block of East Acacia Avenue. A male adult was reported missing.

A missing person report was taken at 1111 hours from the 500 block of Valley Street. A female juvenile was reported missing.

One female adult was arrested at 2222 hours from Main Street and Grand Avenue for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 2256 hours from Vista Del Mar and Imperial Highway for transportation of a controlled substance for sale(s).

One female adult was arrested at 2315 hours from Vista Del Mar and Imperial Highway for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

Saturday, April 15

One male adult was arrested at 0419 hours from the 6500 block of Imperial Highway for grand theft (auto), felony evading, assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, conspiracy, identity theft, burglary, felony hit and run, felony DUI (drugs), obstructing a peace officer, possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and one outstanding LASD felony warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0419 hours from the 6500 block of Imperial Highway for grand theft (auto), burglary and possession of burglary tools.

A vehicle theft recovery report was taken at 0415 hours from the 6500 block of

Imperial Highway. Recovered was a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado truck that was reported stolen out of LAPD (77th Street Division) on 04/14/17.

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 0336 hours in the 6500 block of Imperial Highway, vehicle versus a tree.

A found property report was taken at 1005 hours from the 200 block of Main Street. An Oregon driver license was found.

A found property report was taken at 1103 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. A ring was found at the location.

An attempt vehicle theft report was taken at 1649 hours from the 700 block of Washington Street. Unknown suspect(s) dismantled the ignition in an attempt to steal vehicle.

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1932 hours at Grand Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle. •

School Board

the El Segundo Teacher’s Association after 15 years, also received recognition from the Board.

Bolanos, who has been teaching at the High School for eight years, thanked current Board member and past High School principal Jim Garza for “taking a chance” on a neophyte teacher when Bolanos was transitioning from employment in the banking industry. Dylan Farris, the District’s Executive Director of Human Resources, announced that Hoover had also been selected as the El Segundo Unified Teacher of the Year.

Said Superintendent Melissa Moore regarding Moote’s years of service: “Daphne has provided a tremendous contribution, I feel to the professionalism of our teachers,” terming Moote’s work in the District as “service over self.”

Classified employees recognized by the Board included Sharon Felker, Kristin Knoll, Lynette Marcus and William Ochoa. Felker and Knoll both work at the Middle School, with the former as the Health Office assistant and the latter as an Instructional Assistant. Marcus is the Administrative Assistant to the Principal

at Richmond Street School, and Ochoa, called a “bedrock employee” by Farris, toils in the custodial department at the High School.

After Alex Nilsson’s student presentation, Moore revealed the results of the District’s Bond Feasibility poll, as the Board considers putting a school bond measure on the ballot in 2018. Pollster True North Research conducted the random poll, by phone and email, which yielded 352 participants.

District needs were delineated during the presentation, including the upgrade of classrooms and instructional technology to support student achievement; improved student safety and campus security; and the repair and modernization of aging classrooms and school facilities. Poll results showed that 32 percent of the participants have children who currently attend District schools; 86 percent rated the quality of the schools as “excellent” or “good”; and 69 percent felt it was “very important or better” to repair and upgrade aging school facilities.

Key takeaways from the poll included that initial testing showed community support, and

that the community was pleased with the quality of District schools. Other results indicated the need to clarify the usage of the proceeds from the former Imperial Avenue school site property, as well as the importance of further educating and engaging the community members. On the issue of spending the proceeds from the property sale, Moore said a special Board meeting has been slated for May 22 to tackle that topic.

Board Vice President Emilee Layne commented, post-presentation, that “we have not decided” to pursue a school bond. She implored community members to “really look at” the District’s Long-Range Facilities Master Plan and give feedback to Board members.

Board Clerk Nancy Cobb mentioned the need to upgrade the District’s technology infrastructure. She complimented the District on keeping the infrastructure viable with “band aids and duct tape,” but said that upgrades are necessary.

The Board then discussed Southern California Regional Occupation Center (SoCal ROC)

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billing options. The presentation offered three billing options for the program, including leaving the current plan in place. Board President Bill Watkins, a long-time proponent of SoCal ROC, opined that a prorated billing option would best serve the students’ and the District’s needs. Currently District members pay \$1,234 per student enrolled per semester based on the prior year’s enrollment. The plan that Watkins is in favor of would allow the students to drop a class early in the semester, with the District incurring only a cost of \$100.

Among the eight consent items quickly passed by the Board during the 125-minute meeting was an agreement with Quality Fence to install a “double-drive” gate at the western entrance of the Eagles’ Nest preschool facility. The new gate will increase security at the preschool.

The Board also passed a resolution designating the week of May 1-5 as Teacher Appreciation week, as well as approving a new District job description “Athletics Field Marshall” that would have the employee monitor High School

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR THE CENTER ST. WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT, PINE AVE. TO EL SEGUNDO BLVD. IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO PROJECT NO.: 17-22

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, MAY 16, 2017

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 Water Main Improvement 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 17-22 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on April 18, 2017 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

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 10 AM**, at the West Conference Room, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is **mandatory**. Questions regarding the bid shall be submitted by 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 4, 2017 to 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 <http://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 nonresponsive.

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 of contract.

The Contractor's duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et. Seq. and Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages and employ apprentices including forfeitures and debarment.

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, or 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 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to 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:

"SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO.: PW 17-22

CENTER ST. WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT, PINE AVE. TO EL SEGUNDO BLVD. IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO 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 this project, those acceptable classes of license shall be **A**. 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 Segundo.

DATED this 20th day of April, 2017 CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA Tracy Weaver, City Clerk

El Segundo Herald Pub. 4/27, 5/4/17

H-25558

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM AND PACE PROGRAM:

Golden State Finance Authority ("GSFA"), formerly known as California Home Finance Authority ("CHF") is seeking to amend the validation Judgment obtained in Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2015-00174212, which authorized the finance or refinance for acquisition, installation and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy improvements affixed to or on real property and in buildings, whether the real property or buildings are privately or publicly owned and whether the real property or buildings are used for residential, commercial, industrial, or other purposes (the "Clean Energy Program") and authorized the CHF Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") Program to include the financing of the seismic strengthening infrastructure for all types of property located in GSFA jurisdictional areas..

GSFA is now seeking to amend the validation Judgment, to include (1) Resolution No. 2016-05, (2) to amend the Program Report for the PACE program to authorize the financing of seismic strengthening improvements that are permanently fixed to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural or other real property in California pursuant to AB 811, and (3) to authorize the levy of a special tax to finance or refinance Authorized Improvements which shall include seismic improvements pursuant to AB 2618.

Any person who wishes to challenge the amendment to the validation Judgment must provide written notice to Danielle Sakai at Best Best & Krieger LLP, 3390 University Ave., 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501, phone number (951) 686-1450, by May 22, 2017, or appear at the hearing on May 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54 of the Sacramento County Superior Court located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.
- John C. Maxwell

School Board

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field usage by permitted groups, as well as unauthorized campus users, and intervene if necessary. The High School has recommended the creation of up to two part-time positions to be assigned evenings and weekends. According to District notes, the position pay range is from \$17.81 to \$21.63 per hour. Board member Jim Garza inquired about the funding for the position(s) and asked for more information on the proposed positions scheduling.

Information pending action items included consideration of Board approval of the Middle

School’s Middle Years Programme (MYP) Design Course; as well as both the Middle and High Schools’ summer reading lists. Moore then highlighted upcoming District calendar events, including Parent Math learning opportunities that will take place on May 1 at the elementary schools.

Board member reports followed, with Garza sharing comments on his time working with Bolanos, saying “he represents the best and the brightest of El Segundo High School. You can’t buy that kind of dedication and passion

for the kids and the community.” Garza also expressed concerns about the District’s enrollment for the 2107-18 school year.

Moore’s report took note of a School Board workshop that took place on Monday evening, with the Board working with retired school superintendents Dr. Joe Condon and Paul Mercier in analyzing and reflecting upon the California School Board Association’s (CSBA) self-assessment tool. Moore had previously noted the District’s “continuous cycle of improvement,” and said that the assessment showed

the Board’s “significant strengths,” noting the unity of the Board. Moore added that the self-assessment electronic evaluation helped the Board members conclude that the top three areas they want to prioritize going forward are the effective use of data in their decision-making process; a focus on informing the community about District priorities, progress and needs; and the use of cohesive messaging to reach out to the community and District stakeholders.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, May 9. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017062798

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) MELT GELATO & CREPE CAFÉ, 730-A ALLIED WAY, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY; 2) 909 E. WALNUT AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. Registered Owner(s): EL SEGUNDO BEACH, LLC, 909 E WALNUT AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/2008. Signed: EL SEGUNDO BEACH, LLC., OWNER, MYUNGJA ASHWORTH. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 13, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 13, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27/2017 **H-1613**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017079803

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NEXTHOME NEST BROKER, 1730 E HOLLY AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY; 4917 W. 116TH STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, Al#ON: C3941632. Registered Owner(s): NEST BROKER, INC., 1730 E HOLLY AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. 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: BITANIA GIRMA, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 30, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 30, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 30, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017082898

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JAGUAR TENNIS ACADEMY, LLC., 906 E. IMPERIAL AVE., APT 1, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Al #ON: 201707210495. Registered Owner(s): JAGUAR TENNIS ACADEMY, LLC., 906 E. IMPERIAL AVE., APT 1, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a limited liability corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/2017. Signed: JAGUAR TENNIS ACADEMY, LLC., OWNER, SERGIU BOERICA. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on APRIL 3, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on APRIL 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to APRIL 3, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017070683

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTH BAY POOL-POND & SPA RESTORATION, 816 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): HUGO DE AVILA MARQUEZ, 816 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA, 90501. 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: HUGO DE AVILA MARQUEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 21, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 21, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 21, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017079367

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAILBOXES GALORE, 1820 W. CARSON ST., #202, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) GINA T. RODRIGUEZ, 25925 AVOCADO ST., LOMITA, CA 90717. 2) JOHN RODRIGUEZ, 25925 AVOCADO ST., LOMITA, CA 90707. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: GINA T. RODRIGUEZ, WIFE. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 30, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 30, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 30, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017079196

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LUFTGEKUHLT, 1601 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. #199, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): COGNITION COMPANY, 1601 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. #199, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266. This business is being conducted by a JOINT VENTURE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: COGNITION COMPANY, PARTNER, PATRICK LONG. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 30, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 30, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 30, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017090817

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as OFFICE MOVE GURU, 17103 EASTWOOD AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LMR ENTERPRISES LLC, 17103 EASTWOOD AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA 90504. This business is being conducted by a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/2017. Signed: LMR ENTERPRISES LLC, OWNER, LAUREN MARIE RICHESON. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 11, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 11, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 11, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Torrance Tribune: Pub. 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4/17 **HT-1621**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017078152

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DELIGHT PROP, LCC, 4219 W 165TH ST., LAWNDALE, CA, 90260, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): DELIGHT PROP, LCC, 4219 W 165TH ST., LAWNDALE, CA, 90260. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2008. Signed: DELIGHT PROP, LCC, OWNER, EDUARDO OSORIO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 29, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 29, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 29, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Lawndale Tribune: Pub. 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11/2017 **HL-1622**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017084540

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BACKSPIN ENTERTAINMENT, 2414 CABRILLO AVE, APT A, TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SHERWIN-RYAN RUSTE, 2414 CABRILLO AVE, APT A, TORRANCE, CA, 90501. 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: SHERWIN-RYAN RUSTE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 6, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 6, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 6, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Torrance Tribune: Pub. 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11/2017 **HT-1623**

**2017077342
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
Current File #2016192687**

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CRAFT SHACK FUELED BY SIMMZYS, 850 S SEPULVEDA BLVD, STE K200, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles ON MARCH 29, 2017. Registrants: SIMMZYS LLC, 1148 MANHATTAN AVE #1, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. This business was conducted by a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: SIMMZYS LLC, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on MARCH 29, 2017.

EL SEGUNDO HERALD: Pub. 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11/2017 **H-1624**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017095477

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LO:LA, 222 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LONDON:LOS ANGELES LLC, 222 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/2017. Signed: LONDON:LOS ANGELES LLC, CEO, NICHOLAS PLATT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 14, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 14, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 14, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18/2017 **H-1625**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017097163

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BRIGHT HORIZONS COUNSELING SERVICES, 1) 1500 ROSECRANS AVE., MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) 14123 JEFFERSON AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): BLESSY M. GIRON FRANCO, 14123 JEFFERSON AVE., 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: 04/2017. Signed: BLESSY M. GIRON FRANCO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 17 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 17, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 17, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18/2017 **H-1626**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017097515

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAYTAG LAUNDRY HAWTHORNE, 14345 INGLEWOOD AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MATTHEW IAN CLARK, 15307 EUCALYPTUS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. 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: MATTHEW IAN CLARK, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 18, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 18, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Hawthorne Tribune: Pub. 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18/2017 **HH-1627**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017098145

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZOFICALI, 1) 13102 ROSELLE AVE., #5, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) PO BOX 1394, ATTN: SOPHIE REGNIER, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SOPHIE REGNIER, 13102 ROSELLE AVE., #5, 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: N/A. Signed: SOPHIE REGNIER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 18, 2017.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 18, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Hawthorne Tribune: Pub. 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18/2017 **HH-1628**

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Smoky Maple Potato Bites

Ingredients

- 2 pounds russet potatoes, washed and cut into 2-inch cubes
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon sea salt, plus extra as needed
 - 3/4 cup diced leeks, white part only (one medium leek)
 - 1/2 cup low-fat plain strained yogurt
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons mild smoked paprika
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
 - 3 tablespoons real maple syrup
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 3 large eggs, divided
 - 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper, plus extra as needed
 - 1 1/2 cups panko (regular or gluten-free)
 - Olive oil cooking spray

Directions

1. Add potatoes to a large pot of water and bring them to a boil. Cook uncovered at medium-high heat for 15 minutes, or until the potatoes are fork tender. Drain the potatoes and place them in a large bowl.
 2. While the potatoes are cooking, heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the olive oil, leeks and 1/8 teaspoon of the salt. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring regularly, to soften. Place the cooked leeks in the bowl with the potatoes.
 3. Add the yogurt, paprika, oregano, maple syrup, mustard, 1 egg, the pepper, and remaining salt to the bowl with the potatoes and leeks. Mash the potatoes, stirring periodically, until smooth.
 4. Place the potato mixture in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
5. Preheat the oven to 425 F.
 6. Crack the remaining 2 eggs in a small bowl and whisk.
 7. Add the panko to another small bowl. Season with salt and pepper.
 8. Make 2-tablespoon portions of the potato mixture and roll them into balls.
 9. Working one at a time, dip the balls into the eggs, then dredge in the panko, pressing it to coat.
 10. Place the balls on a baking sheet coating with olive oil cooking spray. Spray the tops of the balls with cooking spray as well.
 11. Bake for 15 minutes and then, if needed, broil them for 2 to 3 minutes to brown. Serve immediately.

Created Exclusively for Potatoes USA by Katie Cavuto, MS, RD
Yield: 16 servings (2 bites per serving)



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Gatito

Take a look at this week's featured kitties (with many more waiting for you on our website). All of these cats and kittens are waiting to share their love with their purrfect someone who will give them a new forever home.

Gatito is a very sweet tabby boy. He loves to cuddle and receive hugs, kisses and lots of love. Gatito loves humans of all ages, to play with and to receive pets and cuddles. With his very affectionate personality, he would be happy sit on your lap all day given the chance. Gatito has a very playful nature and gets along well with dogs and cats with all ages.

Beautiful **Mia** was trapped by management at DWP and taken to a shelter. Because Mia was deemed feral, she could only be adopted by a rescue group. The plan was to spay her and find a place where she could be a barn cat and live out her life as a feral. But something happened when her rescuer put her in a cage for recovery after being spayed--Mia meowed! Feral cats do not meow. Meowing is a cat's way of communicating with humans. It was Mia's way of saying, "I want a home." After a couple of months of socialization, Mia has become a sweet, lovable cat who likes to be petted and held. A quiet home with a kitty companion may be best for her, so she can continue to blossom as the sweet girl she is.

Thor is a handsome boy who is about as chill as they come. He likes to be where the action is, but usually just wants to observe. Although Thor can sometimes be shy, he starts to warm up quickly. He lives with other cats and a dog and gets along fine with everyone, yet doesn't need to be around them all the time. He is also comfortable hanging out on his own. Since he makes friends quickly, Thor would likely do well in a home with another animal, or he could be an only pet with someone who's often home. If you're looking for a sweet and



Thor

easygoing kitty, plan to meet Thor!

Boomer is a wonderfully sweet and loving young man. His soft orange and buff coat matches his gentle and loving demeanor. He is very kind towards people and other kitties. Boomer is gentle, yet playful, and does well with older cats. He is a real mama's boy and could be yours too! Or he would be happy being a daddy's boy in his forever home with you!

Looking for an adorable, outgoing, friendly, playful and sweet kitty? **Splash** is your boy! He's the perfect combination of cuddly and fun! Splash and his siblings were rescued along with their young mother the day they were born. Then he was adopted with his favorite sister, only to be returned three months later without his sister due to no fault of his own. Splash needs another kitty or kitties to play with in his new home. He has two other siblings (Gale and Chinook) who are also available for adoption. He loves his siblings, but he would also do well in a home that already has a friendly and playful kitty. Splash is an awesome kitty who deserves to find a wonderful forever family!

Gale is a very handsome boy. With his coloring, he looks like a Russian Blue. He has a beautiful silver sheen on his dark gray coat and gorgeous green/amber eyes. Gale is a bit shy at first, but once he feels safe he is very sweet, cuddly and loves to play! Gale would do best being adopted with his sister Chinook. They are very bonded to each other and would adjust more quickly to their new forever home if they could remain together.

Chinook is an adorable, sweet, playful and gorgeous little panther! She is shy at first, but once she gets to know you she becomes a playful lap kitty! Chinook is a petite cat and has the most beautiful amber-colored eyes! Chinook would love you to adopt her with her brother Gale. After seeing them cuddle and play together, you'll understand



Gale

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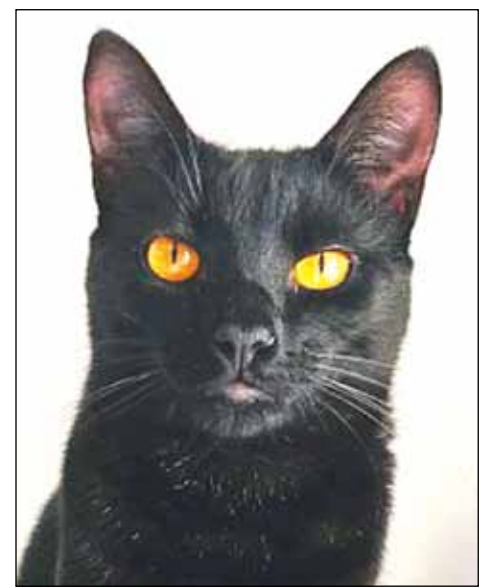
Boomer



Mia



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El Segundo Fire Department Celebrates Centennial

On the afternoon of January 18, family and community members joined the El Segundo Fire Department as it commemorated its own 100th birthday with a ceremony and parade



Parade attendees pose for a shot at the original Fire Department building site on Franklin Avenue just west of Richmond.

down Main St. The festivities included a badge pinning for personnel who had joined the department in the last two years. **Photos Provided by El SegundoTV.**



The parade makes its way down Main Street, which included bagpipes!



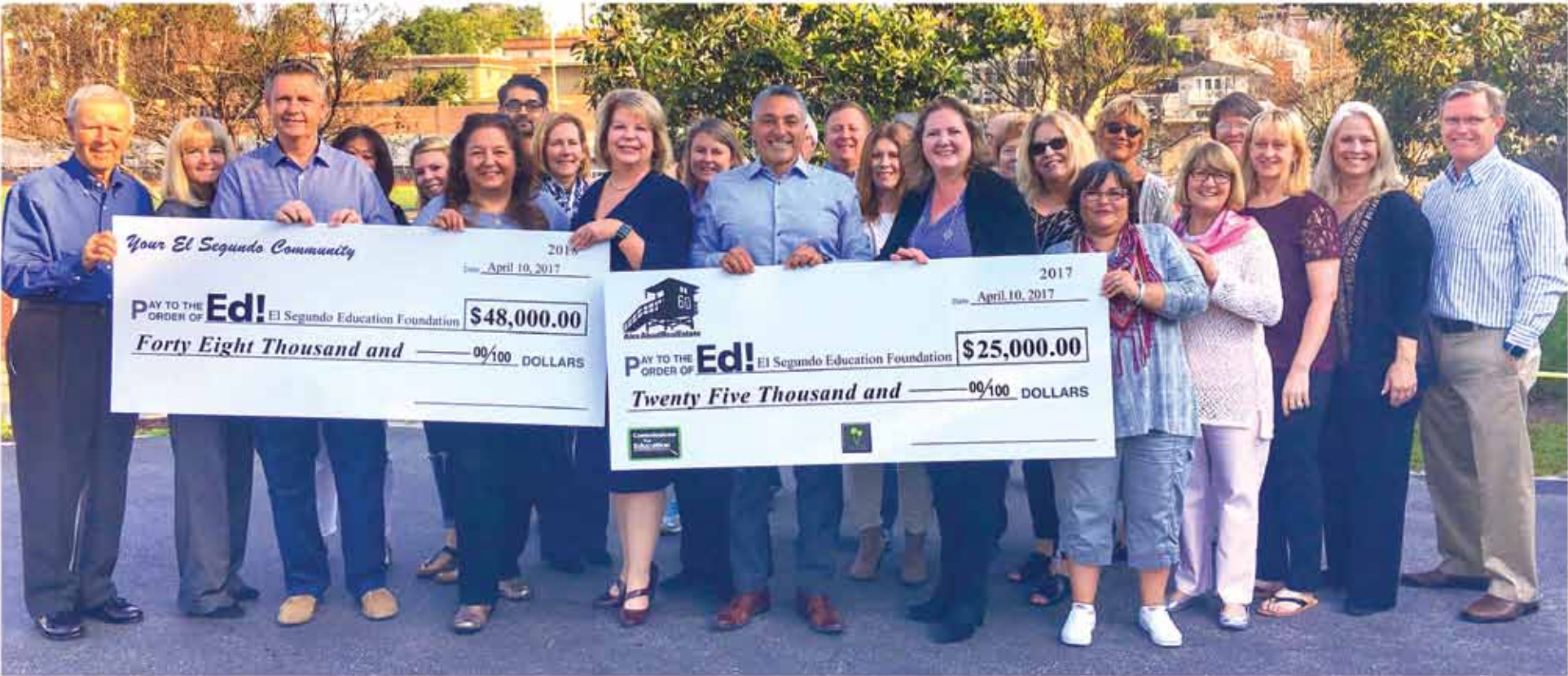
The Fire Department Centennial parade procession marches down Richmond Street, with uniformed personnel and bagpipe music leading the way.



The badge-pinning ceremony at Fire Station 1.



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