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Plenty of Hoopla at the Fair...



El Segundo Honors Bebe Buchen as Older American of the Year

By Brian Simon

This past Saturday, longtime local resident Cecelia "Bebe" Buchen received recognition as the 2019 El Segundo Older American of the Year at the annual Elderfest Celebration at the Joslyn Center. Initial news of her selection caught her off guard. "I thought, 'This is really surprising,'" she said. "I felt so honored by it... and when they read off my accomplishments, I thought, 'Did I do that?'" While not one to toot her own horn, Bebe (and we'll get around to how she earned her lifelong nickname) definitely did plenty to earn her moment in the spotlight. In one of the nomination letters for the honoree, El Segundo Woman's Club 3rd Vice President Carol Cervantes wrote, "Cecelia (Bebe) Buchen embodies the qualities of class, humor and kindness. Quick to laugh, she can zero in on the humor of a situation with the sharp wittiness of a Hollywood comedienne, while always remaining the lady." Bebe is the current president of the El Segundo Woman's Club, serving her second stint at the helm of the community's oldest service organization. She originally joined back in 1993. She remains involved in virtually all club activities and has accepted the responsibility of not only keeping the group active, but also assuring the nearly 100-year-old clubhouse remains in good repair. Bebe is also very active with the El Segundo United Methodist Church, serving

on several committees, and also volunteers with C.A.S.E. "Bebe has long deserved to be recognized for not only her long history of contributions to our community, but also for just the way she lives her life striving to always be kind to others," Cervantes added.

Bebe's family moved from Stockton to Richmond, California in 1942 when she was four years old. Richmond was the site of the first Standard Oil refinery on the West Coast. Little did she know that she would eventually settle down for good in the town where the company established its second California refinery. After graduating from Richmond High School, Bebe moved on to San Francisco State University and eventually became a teacher. She married her high school sweetheart Michael Buchen and the couple relocated to Cambridge, Massachusetts where he spent two years at MIT. The next decade was a whirlwind of moving all over the country due to his duties with the Air Force. "We came back to California and lived in Inglewood near the racetrack," Bebe said. They had two children - Christopher and Gretchen - and found a home on El Segundo Boulevard by Los Angeles Air Force Base. By then, Bebe had quit teaching to become a full-time housewife. But not long after, they moved to Hawaii where Bebe also found the time to take scuba diving classes and earn a certificate. Michael then served a tour of duty

in Vietnam and when he returned, the family also resided in Torrance and Albuquerque. "We finally landed back in Southern California in 1977 and bought a house at Eucalyptus and Walnut," Bebe said. She continues to live at the same residence 42 years later.

Once entrenched in El Segundo, Bebe became involved in the community by coaching girls soccer with a team known as the Algae Eaters because of their green uniforms. She returned to teaching, working as a substitute mainly at El Segundo elementary schools and also occasionally at Wiseburn. "One time I subbed for Coach John Stevenson when he had a heart attack, which was extremely difficult," Bebe remembered. Speaking of soccer, when her daughter was about 13 and playing the sport, a local man approached some of the moms during a game and said. "You mothers, you could have a ladies' soccer team - you should be out there playing." Bebe took the suggestion to heart and helped form an El Segundo adult women's soccer team. "We started in the C division, made it to B level and then won the championship in the A division," she said. Bebe had never previously played soccer and was already in her early 40s, so she settled on a team management role as younger players began to join. In the mid-'80s with the kids now adults, Bebe embarked on a full-time career at LA Air See Bebe Buchen, page 13

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May 16, 2019

Obituaries Gary Kent "Buzzard" Buzzarte

Gary Kent "Buzzard" Buzzarte passed away April 30th, 2019 at age 79. Born April 27th, 1940 in Missouri. An El Segundo resident for over 60 years, Buzz graduated from El Segundo High and served four years in the US Navy. As a retired engineer from the aerospace and communications industry (including Boeing, Hughes, and TRW), he was better known around town

for his 4th of July block parties and being the guy who threw Brussel sprouts instead

Stefflre, and daughter Windy Knight. Buzz will be forever missed and his legacy will live on in El Segundo and in our hearts. Peace and Love. •

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El Segundo Christmas Parade. He

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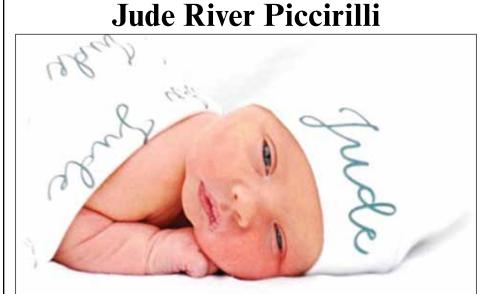
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Buzzarte, wives Barbara Buzzarte,

Alberta Buzzarte, and Vonnie

Birth Announcement



Katie Hendrix Piccirilli and Adam Piccirilli proudly announce the birth of their first son, Jude River Piccirilli. Jude was born on April 22, 2017 in Los Angeles, CA. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz., measuring 19 inches long. He was given a hearty welcome home to El Segundo by his big sister, Lucy Rose (Lulu) who is two. Lucy's Mom is a 2006 graduate of El Segundo High School. His delighted grandparents are David Hendrix and Dahne Underhill-Hendrix of El Segundo, and Vince and Cheryl Piccirilli of Fountain Hills, AZ. Jude's great-grandmother is Maryjane Clutter of El Segundo. We all welcome into our family this wonderful, mellow little guy.



Come Try Trojan Water Polo Club for Free for 3 Whole Months!

Community Briefs Hot Wheels[®] Legends Tour on Saturday

Mattel will be hosting a stop of the Hot Wheels® legends tour on Saturday, May 18 at the Mattel Design Center at 2031 E. Mariposa Ave, El Segundo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the Mattel Toy Store as they launch new and exclusive apparel and drinkware and offer special promotions to support this exciting event! Ask a Toy Store associate how you can become a member and save! - Content: Mattel

Brown University President Christina Paxson Joins Vistamar for Speaker Series



Brown University President Christina Paxson speaks at Vistamar School in El Segundo as part of annual Buckheit Educational Leadership Series. Photo Courtesy of Vistamar School.

Nearly 3,000 miles separates 14-year-old Vistamar School and 255-year-old Brown University. Yet, the two academic institutions came together in El Segundo on Wednesday, May 8 for Vistamar's annual Buckheit Educational Leadership Series.

This year's featured speaker, Brown University President Christina Paxson, shared her thoughts as well as industry research on the returns of a college education and the impact of college choice on economic prospects and social mobility in her talk, *Higher Education as an Engine of Economic Mobility*. Paxson discussed the different challenges universities and students face as they go through the admissions process, and then college and graduate school.

Paxson spoke Vistamar families and members of the outside community, including other independent school and charter school leaders from the Greater Los Angeles area. The audience asjed questions and engaged in often posed her own questions back to the guests standing at the microphone.

Brown University and Vistamar School share similar approaches to education, as well as philosophies – perhaps that's why seven Vistamar students have gone on to Brown after graduating from high school. Paxson herself is a kindred spirit to the school. As Vistamar Head of School Chris Bright said of President Paxson, "I'm thrilled she's here. So much of the work she's championed, including increasing scholarships for low-income families and her work to create a more just, inclusive and equitable communities is in parallel with our work here and our extraordinary commitment to equity and justice."

The Buckheit Educational Leadership Series explores issues in education and adolescent development of interest to greater Los Angeles community. It is held annually at Vistamar's campus in El Segundo, and is free to attend.

Starting April 30th, the following introductory classes will be offered at the El Segundo Plunge. Free through July for all residents of El Segundo and the Wiseburn School District:



Splashball is for boys & girls ages 4-9.

Tuesday: 6:00-6:50pm Thursday: 6:00-6:50pm



Junior Polo is for boys & girls ages 9-14.

Tuesday: 6:00-7:30pm **Thursday:** 6:00-7:30pm

Residents of El Segundo and the Wiseburn School District that wish to join any of our competitive teams receive 2 weeks free and discounted dues.

For more information on how to register visit Trojan Water Polo Club @ http://www.trojanwaterpolo.com or email twpcsupport@aol.com.

thoughtful conversation with Paxson as she – Content: Vistamar School

ESFD Offers Free CPR Certification Classes

The El Segundo Fire Department is offering free-of-charge, hands-on, CPR certification classes on Super CPR Saturday, May 18. The certifications are offered in three different sessions at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at El Segundo Fire Station No.1. To sign up for the classes, visit supercpr2019.eventbrite.com. In addition, the El Segundo Fire Station will open its doors to the community with station tours, complimentary refreshments, food and photo opportunities. For the kids, there will be obstacle courses, an engine with ladder and the chance to meet the firefighters that serve the city.

CPR classes will take place from 8 a.m. to noon, with the Fire Station open house between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 314 Main Street. The El Segundo Fire Department and Firefighter's Association will host the open house. The community is welcome to attend.

- Content: City of El Segundo

"Take some time to learn first aid and CPR. It saves lives, and it works." – BOBBY SHERMAN

Uber Drivers Pump the Brakes While Company Plots Next Move

By Rob McCarthy

Uber drivers were hopping mad last week and decided they weren't going to take it anymore. A loosely organized group representing the drivers called a one-day strike to demand higher pay and bargaining power. That group, Rideshare Drivers United, was taking a cue from Uber and being disruptive. In the gig economy, disruption is a money-maker for technology startups that almost singlehandedly change consumer behavior.

The revolt didn't severely disrupt Los Angeles International Airport, judging by local news coverage. Television images from LAX showed cars displaying the familiar Uber logos accusations of wrongdoing by passengers or a violation of the rules of conduct they agreed to abide by.

Uber didn't comment about the strike or whether management is considering the list of demands for higher pay and more bargaining power for its independent workforce. Still, the Ridershare Drivers group vows to keep pressing the company and its rival, Lyft, to recognize the drivers as more than independent contractors. They want to be treated like partners with a stake in Uber and Lyft, both of which are now publicly traded companies. Hedge-fund managers and individual stockholders now are part-owners in the rideshare industry, which



Drivers want more job protection and pay, but Uber wants to go in another direction. Photo Credit: Uber

cruising through the airport. However, it wasn't clear if the drivers were supporting the strike or making pickups and drop-offs at the nation's second-busiest airport. Rideshare Drivers United demonstrated at LAX to demand higher pay and better working conditions. The demands included a \$28 hourly minimum wage, fares on a sliding scale that increase with gasoline prices, and a new tipping policy.

The L.A.-based group wants job security, too, for the independent operators who work with Uber to connect with people who need a ride. Representatives of the group stressed during Thursday's protest that Uber can remove a driver from using its ride-hailing smartphone app without a formal investigation or hearing. The drivers worry they could lose their livelihood -- up to \$240 per day- without a chance to defend themselves from

analysts say puts both companies under pressure to get more profitable.

One way to do that is to eliminate the need for drivers, and that's something on Uber's radar. Set against the backdrop of driver dissatisfaction and demands for fair treatment, Uber has experimented with a fleet of robotic vehicles that will pick up and drop off passengers. But, will paying customers feel safe enough to climb in?

People in Pennsylvania apparently are. Uber spokeswoman Sarah Abboud revealed that self-driving cars are in operation in only one location in the 50 states: Pittsburgh. Testing is being done in San Francisco and Toronto too, but in cars with someone at the controls. The company doesn't want to eliminate all of its drivers -- just some.

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THURSDAY, MAY 16

- El Segundo Certified Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. - 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo
- FRIDAY, MAY 17 Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon Street
- **TUESDAY, MAY 21** • Pinochle, 11:30 AM. - 3:30 PM., Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

posa Ave, Call: 310-524-2728.

• Eagles' Nest PTO Meeting, 6:15 PM., 641 Sheldon Street, Call: 310-615-2650.



• ESHS Spring Concert, 6:00 PM., ESHS PAC, 640 Main Street, Call: 310-615-2662.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- Mattel will be hosting a stop of the Hot Wheels® legends tour on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Mattel Design Center at 2031 E. Mariposa Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245 from 9:00 AM. - 1:00 PM. Visit the Mattel Toy Store as they launch NEW and EXCLUSIVE apparel and drink ware and offer special promotions to support this exciting event!
- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. 9:45 PM., Cost: \$5.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.
- Concerts in the Library/Valley Baroque Ensemble: Classical, 2:00 PM., El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave, Call: 310-524-2728.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

- El Segundo Kiwanis Club Meeting, 12:10 PM., The Lakes at El Segundo, Contact: elsegundokiwanis.org.
- ESMS PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM., ESMS Library, 332 Center Street, Call: 310-615-2690.
- City Council Meeting, 6:00 PM., City Hall, 350 Main Street, Call: 310-524-2306.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- Bowling, 1:00 PM 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.50 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.
- Meditation in Library Park, 12:00 PM. -1:00 PM., Meet at the Gazebo in Library Park, al levels of experience welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

 Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 See Calendar of Events, page 6

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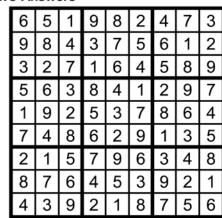
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<u>ESUSD</u>

ES School Board Welcomes New Middle School Principal

By Duane Plank

During Tuesday evening's 75-minute El Segundo School Board meeting, the members ratified the selection of Nicole Duquette to take over the principal reins at El Segundo Middle School (ESMS) for the 2019/20 school year. Ali Rabiei is currently the interim principal, a position he assumed in November when there was a shuffling of the deck in the El Segundo Unified School District (ESUSD) administration, with the unexpected resignation of El Segundo High School (ESHS) Principal Dr. Jennifer Hawn. Hawn's resignation prompted the elevation of at-the-time ESMS Principal Dr. Melissa Gooden to the ESHS principal post on an interim basis, but the latter has now been selected for the full-time position.

Duquette comes to ESUSD after serving for seven years as an assistant principal and working two years as a TK-8 Arts School principal in Pasadena, with a teaching background in English, History and Student Government. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Arizona State University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Duquette thanked the Board for selecting her and noted she is "just dying" to start working in her new post.

Also announced at the beginning of the open session of the meeting were the selections of the new Director of Operations Rabiei, who briefly spoke to the Board and said that he couldn't "thank the District enough for this opportunity. I will not let you down." Rabiei, who has worked in the District since 2011, added, "It's all about the kids."

The Board also approved interim ESMS Assistant Principal Sarah Davlantis for the permanent position. She initially transitioned to the interim role after Hawn left the District last November.

Eagles' Nest Preschool Director Guadalupe Grijalva helmed Tuesday's main special presentation, the annual state of the school address. It began with a quick overview of 2018/19 session and schedule options that have been available this schoolyear, and then highlighted professional development options such as playground and safety training, CPR/First Aid certifications and other training sessions that the Eagles' Nest staff has been afforded.

Grijalya shared the 2018/19 self-assessment data with the Board, including self-awareness and positive self-concepts, emerging motor skill proficiency, reinforcement of communication and language skills as well as fostering literacy skills, and also mathematical concepts. The presentation not only touched on the parental participation opportunities available, including volunteering and participating in classroom activities, but pointed out parental survey results that skewed highly positive. A stellar 100 percent of respondents answered that they are satisfied with the overall quality of the programs at Eagles' Nest, and a similar 100 percent said they feel that their children are "safe and happy in our preschool."

The presentation then highlighted the success of the school's PTO program, which raised \$25,000 towards enrichment programs. These included sports clinics, camps, a sea life See ESUSD, page 13

Eagles Impressive in CIF Playoffs

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

Sports

Spotlight

The month of May is always an exciting time of the year. It marks the second season for high school teams and individuals advancing to the CIF Southern Section playoffs. The El Segundo High School track team made history, the baseball team's Cinderella season ended in the quarterfinals and the softball team has advanced to the semifinals.

Track Team **Enjoys Historical Season**

The track team has steadily made advancements over the past several years thanks to a staff assembled by head coach Marcos Bolanos. John Lee and Lewis Hill coach pole vault; Lawren Minor coaches jumps; Madeline Desemone, Leilanli Cooper, Tyler Jones and Suey Diep set a school record. Individual winners were Gabby Lee in the 1,600m, James Matlosz (3,200m), Celestina Craft (high jump), Gabby Hume (discus) and Tyler Jones (long jump). Nikki Fulcomer won the1,600m and 800m races.

Others who advanced included Lauren Davis, who was third in 100m and second in the 200m. Isabella Mai and Sophia Zago finished second and third respectively in the 800m. Gabby Lee took third in the 3,200m, while Kaialani Breeden was second in the high jump. Suey Diep was second in the triple jump, Elyse Middleton third in the shotput, and Gabriella Hume second in the shotputs.



Dexter Koester equaled his school record of 14 feet at the CIF-SS Finals.

Jessica Davis, Justin Sydney and Darrick Davis coach sprints; Jason Parker coaches throws; and Bolanos mentors the distance runners. Together they have been able to build a program that in a few short years has won a league title and more than doubled the amount of athletes advancing to the CIF prelims. The Eagles had 26 athletes in 24 events who qualified for the CIF Southern Section Division 3 Prelims by placing in the top three in each event.

The girls team won its first ever Ocean League title and the following were individual league champions: The 4x100 team of

On the boys' side, they swept the pole vault event with Dexter Koester breaking a 43-year old school record of 14 feet. Sean Lee was second, Charlie Taylor third and Sydney Chen also did well. Cross country standout Arend Verfaillie finished second in the 1,600m while Elijah Dunn was stunning in the 100m.

Tyler Matlosz won the 3,200, 1,600 and 800 frosh/soph girls titles. Chelsie Charles won the frosh/soph 100m. Sophia Jones was the girls' frosh/soph winner of the high jump. Alyssa Castillon won the girls frosh/ soph shotput and finished third in the discus.

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<u>WUSD</u> **Wiseburn Board Tables Soccer** Field Financing, Gets Dana Update

By Duane Plank

As the 2018/19 school-year calendar winds down, the Wiseburn School Board met last Thursday night and viewed the annual presentation from Dana Middle School. It also again tabled a proposed financing plan for the Wiseburn High School soccer field -- a project that has lagged because of unforeseen construction site circumstances, electrical issues, cost overruns, soil degradation and underlying underground pipe issues.

Wiseburn Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Blake Silvers noted prior to the meeting, "You get to the point where you are out of money and then you need to build the soccer field." He pointed out that it was a "perfect-storm" of issues that led to the delay of the field construction. Silvers said the approximate timeline for the field being ready for play would be to have soccer players on the pitch, hopefully for the 2019/2020 prep soccer season. The School Board could potentially give its blessing to the field financing plan at the May 30 meeting. The Dana Middle School presentation focused on revamping a campus advisory program that had been labeled TLC (Targeted Learning of Content) but has since been rebranded as POD. Dana Assistant Principal Lisa Wilberg and her team of teachers Jessica Aguilar, Barry Williams and Aimee Glotz explained to the Board the evolution of the POD program and how it is helping reach middle school students and enrich their campus learning experiences. Wilburg emailed that that program was dubbed POD because the Dana students are "dolphins" and that "dolphins swim in pods in the wild, and we wanted this class to be like a student's family at school -- a place of positive support." Students meet with staff for 45 minutes each school day.

The Dana administrators felt that the TLC program had hit a stalemate, with rebranding and new practices a necessity because students were drifting from established Dana "signature practices." There was diminished "school connectedness" and the "overcoming of disparate activities" that left all involved feeling unsuccessful and in need of fresh ideas.

The POD program is in place to implement the signature practices, including personalizing the middle school experience; and developing and strengthening student ownership of be-

havior as well as their ownership of learning.

The presenters spoke of the success in the program in building connectedness; and POD competitions, including the success of Literacy Week and spirited math competitions as well as POD sessions stressing bullying prevention. The 15-minute presentation ended with slides portraying teacher-participant satisfaction with the nascent program, including a seventh grade teacher who opined, "I like PODS 20/20 & Flex structure...We use flex-time for bonding as well, but if students need time to meet their goals, we have the student ownership of the learning option too."

School Board President JoAnne Kaneda lauded the POD program, commenting on the power of positive feedback for students. "You never know what someone is going to remember," she said.

The Board later in the meeting tabled the proposed plan to fund the construction of the soccer field, which would have entailed the District signing a lease agreement with See WUSD, page 12

Lauren Davis holds off Leuzinger's Jailah Collins in the CIF-SS Division 3 200-Meter Dash.

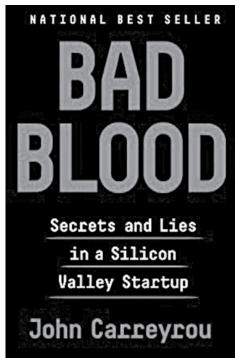




Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou

Reviewed by Jeff Huttinger, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

Unless you've been vacationing under a rock lately, you're probably at least somewhat familiar with the downfall of the biotech company Theranos and its infamous CEO Elizabeth Holmes. Well if not, you're in luck. There are multiple ways to acquaint yourself with this



Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou

high-profile scandal including the podcast The Dropout, the recent HBO documentary The Inventor: Out for Blood in Silicon Valley and the book I've chosen for this month's review, Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by author John Carreyrou.

Wall Street Journal reporter Carreyrou chronicles the rise and eventual collapse of the startup Theranos from its inception in 2003 by 19-year-old Stanford dropout Elizabeth Holmes to the shutdown in 2018 and subsequent indictments of Holmes and former company president Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani. It is no wonder this tale has inspired numerous media depictions. Holmes is such a fascinating person! Describing Holmes by her investors and staff as equal parts ambitious genius and eccentric monster, Carreyrou paints a picture of the young CEO as inspiring,

vindictive, brilliant and recklessly compulsive.

Holmes' hostile managerial style included pitting the different departments against each other in a needless competition that brought out the worst in its employees. Also, there was a level of rampant paranoia throughout Theranos due to the incredibly high turnover and frequent terminations of those whi displayed even the slightest hint of disloyalty that kept staff constantly on edge.

Despite the inner office turmoil, Theranos managed to fleece investors and venture capitalists of more than \$700 million resulting in a peak valuation of \$10 billion. The products they were banking on were considered revolutionary: compact blood-testing devices coined the Edison and its more advanced counterpart, the Minilab. Keep in mind that these devices never successfully worked and their results could not be duplicated. I was shocked at the various ways Holmes and her staff hid these disappointing facts from regulatory agencies.

Add in Holmes' obsession with Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and her fabricated deep voice and you have all the makings of a compelling read. With both a limited Hulu series and feature film starring Jennifer Lawrence on the horizon, this story isn't going away anytime soon. To check out Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup, also available in eBook, or browse any of our other nonfiction titles, please visit the library to apply for your free library card. •



Jeff Huttinger.



Film Review

Knock Down The House: Documenting the Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

By Kailee Andrews for Cinemacy

Low-budget and born of energy and insistence, Knock Down the House has a great deal in common with the underdog political candidates it profiles. This brisk, 86-minute documentary, available to stream on Netflix, tracks the campaigns of four Democratic

nurse and pastor drawn further into politics by the shooting of Michael Brown and ensuing protests against police brutality. Amy Vilela of Las Vegas, Nevada was a working mother motivated to advocate for affordable healthcare after her daughter died of a preventable condition. Finally, Paula Jean



Knock Down the House, Courtesy of Netflix

women running for the United States Congress in 2018. Of the four, only one wins her race. I'm referring, of course, to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez -- the now iconic Democratic Socialist who unseated 10-term Democratic incumbent Joe Crowley to become, at 29, the youngest woman to ever serve in the U.S Congress.

These candidates are underdogs not only because they are women or because they are first-time candidates, but because they are not independently wealthy and will not accept funds from corporate PACS. They reject the premise that to win political office, a candidate must possess corporate ties that allow them to mount multi-million dollar campaigns. If enough of them are elected, they intend to enact earth-shattering reforms of corporate control in our political system.

Each candidate was a political outsider, offering a new mold for who can become an elected official. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York City was pulling shifts as a bartender and waitress to support her family. Cori Bush of Ferguson, Missouri was a

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Swearengin of West Virginia was an activist outraged by the human and environmental abuse of the coal industry. In her community, Swearengin has an encyclopedic knowledge of which families have been affected by the soaring rates of childhood and adult cancers in the mining-heavy mountain towns.

You might think it's unfortunate for the documentary's narrative that only one of its profiled candidates made it to Congress. However, director Rachel Lears' subjects make the cogent case that losses play as much a role in the Democratic process as victories, if not more. For every woman who makes it through to Congress, hundreds try. And each who tries her hand builds the infrastructure, energy and sense of normalization that allows women to govern in a system still defined by unrepresentative, imbalanced male majorities.

In one of the film's most energizing moments, Cortez encapsulates this persistence in a single sentence, as she offers her young niece some advice. Cortez explains, "For every 10 rejections, you get one acceptance. And that's how you win everything." •

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TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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- Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM., District Administrative Offices Board Room, 641 Sheldon Street
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THURSDAY, MAY 30

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

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Giselle Segura was second in the shotput and third in the discus. Marcus Ortiz won the frosh/soph 800m. Kai Vasquez won the frosh/soph boys pole vault and Jackson Hick the boys frosh/soph triple jump.

The girls 4x400 relay team consisted of Madeline Desmone, Tyler Jones, Isabella

the season with a 21-9 record. It marked the 40thtime in the last 59 years that the Eagles have won 20 or more games in a season.

Against the number one team, according to the CIF polls and seeding, the Eagles trailed 1-0 in the sixth inning. They were on the ropes and on the verge of elimination when

referring to a needed comeback.

With one out, Benny Casillas reached base

on a fielder's choice. Matt Romero hit a flare

to right field that took a perfect bounce and

scooted past Gavin Vogel for a triple that

scored Casillas. Then Dylan Marquez-Wasson

hit a ball nearly in the same place for a single

In the top of the seventh, Arcadia tied

the game when Jeffery Castillo hit an RBI

double and went to third base on a fielder's

choice. With one out, Ian Bonham dove to

his right and caught a line drive down the

third base line. All in one motion by catch-

ing the ball, he tagged the bag that doubled

up Castillo for the third out. That double

play that ended the inning saved a run and

The game eventually went into the 11th

inning when those baseball gods listened and

El Segundo's dance card was punched to

the quarterfinals. Casillas walked, Marquez-

Wasson beat out an infield single and Julian

extended the season for the Eagles.

that easily scored Romero for a 2-1 lead.



Tyler Jones (far right) hands off to Isabella Mai during the 4X400 Meter Relay.

Mai and Lauren Davis. Davis in the 200m and Dexter Koester in the pole vault each advanced to the CIF-SS Division 3 finals. The relay team ran a respectable 4:07. Davis finished just outside of medaling and Koester matched his school record, but fell short of medaling.

Baseball Team's Magical Season Ends

The Eagles were invited to the big dance, the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs, after winning the Ocean League. After dispensing of Santa Fe in the first round, they faced a decidedly overconfident top-seeded Arcadia team in the second round. They upended the Apaches 3-2 in 11 innings to advance to the third round against Santa Margarita where the dance and season ended.

You could call this season's version of the Eagles a Cinderella story. Not many thought they would win the program's 37th league title or even 15 games on the season. But nobody told the 18 members of the team or their five coaches. The Eagles wound up winning the Ocean League and for good measure ended



El Segundo traveled to Santa Margarita to face quite possibly its toughest opponent this season. The clock struck midnight on the Eagles and their glass slipper shattered when Santa Margarita dealt El Segundo a 4-0 loss.

Rodriquez hit another ball to shallow right

field that easily scored Casillas. The walk-off,

game-winning hit ignited a celebration that

stunned the Arcadia faithful and delighted a

full house of Eagle supporters. The 11-inning

CIF playoff game was the third longest in

the school's history behind 13- and 18-inning

El Segundo couldn't put together much offense all game long. The Eagles' woes started to lead off the game when Ethan Burner hit a laser line drive one bouncer to right fielder Connor Bane. He played it perfectly and threw out the speedy Burner by a step. Romero was thrown out at the plate in the second inning and the Eagles hit into two double plays.

The season didn't end on a sour note because of the loss. The baseball gods may not have sided with the Eagles in this game, but they certainly did for 21 other games.

Softball Team Advances to Semifinals

The Eagles overwhelmed Dos Pueblos 6-0 and then took down Rialto 4-3 in eight innings to advance to the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 semifinals. It's the first time



in 10 years the program has gone this deep in the playoffs.

El Segundo used a pair of three-run innings and great pitching to defeat Dos Pueblos. In the fourth inning of a scoreless game, the Eagles scored three runs on an RBI double by Sophia Marrero and RBIs by Laila Phillips



Madeline Desemone starts the 4x400 Meter Relay in the CIF-SS Track Finals. games in the 1960s. and H

and Kaila Little. In the sixth inning Katie Croxall, Phillips and Little each drove in runs to make it 6-0. Kaili Reitano went the distance, striking out 12.

El Segundo's long bus ride to Rialto had no ill effects against a solid Knights team. In the second inning, Marrero and Phillips each doubled for a 1-0 advantage. The lead stretched to 3-0 in the third inning on an RBI double by Adri Hebert and an RBI single by Julia Chavez. The Knights scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to tie the game at 3-3.

In the eighth inning, the Eagles got backto-back doubles from Marrero and Reitano to take the 4-3 lead. In the bottom half of the inning, the Knights got a lead-off single and a one out infield single. Reitano induced a strikeout and then a pop fly to close out the game and send the Eagles to the semifinals this past Tuesday on the road to play Sultana in Hesperia.

The winner advances to the CIF-SS Division 4 championship game set to be played at Deanna Manning Stadium in Irvine. •





Matt Romero drills a single in the second inning against Santa Margarita.

Brendan McAndrews gets set to tag out Santa Margarita's Jonny Giannola in the CIF-SS quarterfinal game.



Assistant coach Wil Parsons thanks Kyle McMullin for a great season and becoming the program's first Eagle Scout.

Ethan Burner shut down top-seeded Arcadia over the final five innings.



The Eagles celebrate Julian Rodriquez's 11th inning walk-off RBI single against Arcadia.



The Eagles had a successful season finishing as Ocean League champions and winning 21 games.





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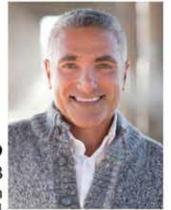


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PNC Bank. Under that arrangement, Wiseburn would spend around \$172,000 yearly, for seven years, to finance the field construction. According to Silvers, the proposed creative financing plan could save the District about \$200,000, as opposed to selecting other options.

Juan Cabrillo Elementary Principal Lisa Baggio quickly spoke to the Board regarding a conference her administrative team recently attended that she felt was extremely valuable for the District. The conference was geared towards ramping up the development of tiered intervention programs that would support all student needs. Baggio said that while Wiseburn was already implementing a somewhat similar program, attendees at the conference were inspired by the presentation and left with the understanding that the education process needs to be constantly redesigned to meet all students' needs.

In member reports, Dr. Neil Goldman spoke of the "magic in the classroom and the difference-makers that we are all supporting," noting teacher appreciation week. Board members Nelson Martinez and Roger Banuelos gave kudos to all District teachers, and Kaneda thanked the teachers. She noted that as 2018/19 winds down, every year is a new opportunity. She mentioned the accomplishments in Wiseburn, spotlighting the "big things and a ton of little things" that sometimes go unnoticed.

"little things" that had influenced him to become a teacher and had made a major impact on his educational life. He cited the "positive, overt and subtle messages that are going out to our kids" to help them feel "safe and secure." He also touted recent District musical performances. "The kids and teachers are phenomenal," he said. He also mentioned the high attendance at a recent elementary family math night and the continued rampup of school site safety. "What we are doing here is good," Silvers said.

After the members and administrators gave their reports, the Board got down to the nuts and bolts, approving various change orders as the construction work continues at Wiseburn High School.

One of the items on the agenda was the retirement of 25-year employee Anita Collins, who will soon be leaving her administrative duties at Anza Elementary School. Anza Principal Alberto Paredes emailed, "Anita is an invaluable member of Anza. No matter how busy she is, she will always stop what she is doing to help someone in need. We are all going to miss her." Silvers called Collins "an absolute pillar" of the school and District. He called her retirement a "tremendous loss to the organization" that will leave "a gaping hole" in the Anza educational community.

Upcoming on the Wiseburn calendar are open house dates at Cabrillo and Burnett, with the next School Board meeting calendared for Thursday evening, May 30. •

In his comments, Silvers spoke about the

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Bebe Buchen

Force Base rising up the ranks from secretarial/ clerical duties to personnel management and eventually complex contract writing. She spent 15 years there. Sadly, Michael passed away at the too-young age of 50 in 1990.

Bebe continued to work and remained involved in the community, but there was a definite void in her life. That changed in 1993 when she met Richard "Dick" Van Vranken at church. A local fixture known by the entire town, he had served as El Segundo's mayor, was an active Rotarian, a Herald board member, had recently retired and also lost his wife just a few years earlier. Bebe and Dick began to date in 1994 and remained companions until his death in 2017. "He convinced me that I didn't need to work, so the two of us began traveling," she said, noting the countless trips they would enjoy over the years. Bebe also spoke of Dick at last weekend's Elderfest. "He was so very kind to people and so well-loved," she said. "We always had Thanksgiving in town with him and his children. Then at Christmas we went back east to be with my family."

Though heartbroken by Dick's passing, Bebe was not the sort to sink into depression and she also knew he would want her to forge ahead with more gusto than ever. She proceeded to step up her volunteer efforts with the Woman's Club, taking on the president positon last year. "I think having been a schoolteacher, it makes it comfortable getting in front of a bunch of people," Bebe said of addressing the 50-plus members. Her responsibilities also include preparing agendas for board and general meetings, chairing committees and

El Segundo Older American of the Year Bebe Buchen, bottom right, with daughter Gretchen to her left at last Saturday's Elderfest. Top row: Bebe's great-nephew Jake and her nephew Eric. Photo Provided by Carol Cervantes

overseeing rentals (through which the club generates most of its revenues).

Relentlessly active, Bebe especially enjoys playing bridge (two Mondays a month through the club and at other times through different

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see the Eiffel Tower," Bebe said. "Last year, I took another granddaughter to Italy... and this summer, I'm going to Spain and Portugal with my grandson." That's three of the five grandkids. The other two, both girls, are 18

groups) as well as bunco. She is also an avid

reader. Meanwhile, she continues to travel -

this time with family members. "After Dick's

passing, I took one granddaughter, who was

20, to France because she always wanted to

and 15. Presumably they will have their turn with their grandmother in some exotic locale soon enough.

Looking back at over 40 years in El Segundo, Bebe recalled her first thoughts about the community. "It was always a nice, small town," she said. "You didn't have to go far to get to the grocery store. But the great schools are what brought us here from the beginning, along with being close to the Air Force Base."

Bebe also praised the members of the El Segundo Woman's Club. "They are hardworking women trying to provide community service, enjoy life and have good friends," she said. "My motto is that we need to treat each other with kindness and that's how we approach life in the club."

So how did the name "Bebe" come about? "When I was very little, my mother told us we had to put away all our toys before our dad got home because he likes things to be neat and tidy," Bebe remembered. "When he would come home, he'd ask my sister, who was 19 months older than me, 'Is that your toy?' She would answer, 'No, it's the Bebe's.' She didn't say 'Baby...' She said, 'Bebe' -- and the name stuck. I went through grade school and high school as Bebe. The only person who called me Cecelia was my aunt because she was the one who chose that name." Well, there you have it... •

ESUSD

exploration with Roundhouse Aquarium, and Wild Critter encounters. Also noted were family social events, including the Barnes & Noble family reading night, participation in the El Segundo Holiday Parade, and a spring picnic.

Next steps for Eagles' Nest include adding a technology component to the classroom learning areas, and developing a more simplified school schedule for the 2020/21 school year.

Board President Nancy Cobb wanted it mentioned that the Eagles' Nest is an integral part of ESUSD, lauding that the staff members there "emphasize learning by doing, creativity, collaborations and problem-solving" -- which are district-wide standards.

Post-presentation, Board member Tracey Miller-Zarneke said that she has been privy to the "joy and happiness that occurs in those classrooms." Superintendent Dr. Melissa Moore praised the work that Grijalva and staff have done developing the District's youngest learners.

El Segundo Education Foundation CEO Carol Pirsztuk spoke of the success of last week's gala event that took place on the grounds of Chevron. More than 1,000 District supporters attended. Gooden recognized the ESHS's Winter Color Guard, which earned the gold medal with a stellar performance at the Winter Guard Association of Southern California Championships. Gooden gave kudos to the myriad participants in the Winter Color Guard, many of whom were in attendance. This was the second championship garnered by the Winter third school year that the ESUSD will partner with P.S. Arts to work with the elementary school students to provide professional arts program to provide "consistency and support for art instruction in the classrooms." The Ed Foundation and the PTA provide the funding for this program.

Action items passed on Tuesday evening included approval of a High School Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus BC course; a choir trip to perform in and visit the Great White North in Montreal and Quebec City; a revised job description for the District's Director of Operations; as well as updated job descriptions for the positions of school psychologist, special programs; personalized learning specialist; and technology implementation specialist.

The Board also awarded a bid to RT Contractor Corp. to begin work this summer on the HVAC issues that have plagued Science Building R at ESHS.

The AP Calculus course is a new entry to the on-campus offerings at ESHS and had been offered in the past through Loyola Marymount University. The choir trip to Eastern Canada is slated to occur in June 2020 and will not only entail the expected 50-60 ESHS students to hone their performance skills, but also allow attendees to visit Canadian landmarks and become immersed in the culture of our neighbors to the north.

Information pending action items included consideration of "Amplify Science" adoption for K-5; as well as the ESMS and ESHS School reading lists that will be available to District students this summer. The Amplify Science program is a curriculum vetted by District lead-science teachers that has received very high marks.

Uber Drivers

While Uber wouldn't say exactly when drivers might be replaced by software-controlled cars, its customers always will have a choice between going auto or with a guy named Otto. "The technology is still early days and scaling in a reliable, safe manner will take time. I can say that as the technology develops, Uber envisions a future where both self-driven cars as well as those driven by our drivers will be necessary to deploy this technology in a safe manner," Abboud said.

A deadly traffic collision in Tempe, Ariz. involving an Uber self-driving car temporarily halted the program until it restarted last July. Uber Advanced Technologies is the unit assigned to equip cars with the technology and safety devices that will win the trust of state regulators first... then the public that sees rideshare as a better, safer option than owning or driving one's own vehicle.

The company is moving ahead, with financial backing from Toyota and other investors. Eric Meyhofer, who oversees the engineering and software teams at Uber Advanced Technologies Group, says that self-driving technology has great potential for making rideshare more accessible and even safer, but "it's not going to happen overnight."

Job security for Uber drivers is safe for now. "Building best-in-class self-driving technology will take time, and safety is our priority every step of the way," Meyhofer said in a post on the Uber website.

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hourly rate and having a union-like presence in corporate discussions about operations, fare pricing and compensation. Uber says its driverless car technology is dependent on public feedback and acceptance to propel the project forward. Uber's spokeswoman called public perception a "critical component."

The company talks regularly with community and school groups in Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto so that the technology it hopes to deploy someday is better understood and seen as less of a threat. The company won't say when testing might start in California, where the Department of Motor Vehicles must grant permission for companies to operate self-driving cars and SUVs on public streets. Google autopiloted cars are regular sights in the Bay Area. A ride in one of these is closer than you think.

The Las Vegas Strip is serviced by a small fleet of software-controlled BMWs that make pickups and drop-offs. The ride-share app for Aptiv will send an autonomous car, occupied by a driver and an engineer. Even though the cars can navigate through traffic on their own, they don't yet. Aptiv has the technology, but is pumping the brakes for now. "You can't predict every situation. So we always err on the side of safety," said Aptiv's managing director Abe Ghabra. There is a great deal riding on this research.

Uber and its independent drivers aren't the only ones with a stake in this. Toyota Motor Corp. has a \$700 million stake in the Uber project. Toyota and Uber have agreed to deploy auto-piloted Sienna vans in the rideshare company's fleet in less than three years. •

Guard, and the first under the stewardship of stalwarts Joey Leon and Allison Wyant, and Mr. Robert Soto.

Gooden emailed, "Our color guard program has really flourished this year. We are so proud of these young men and women who participate in the program. Joey Leon has done a fantastic of building this program and coaching our students."

Consent action items later approved by the Board members included an agreement with P.S. Arts to continue providing the District with top-notch arts education. This is the

Moore then highlighted upcoming events on the District's calendar, including PTA installations, as the ESUSD steams toward mid-June promotion and graduation festivities.

The next regularly scheduled El Segundo School Board meeting is on the calendar for Tuesday, May 28. •

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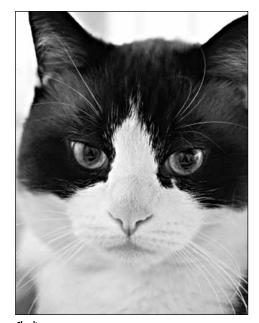


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How To Plant What You Love This Summer

(BPT) - Whether you're new to gardening or have a green thumb, summer is the perfect season to start your own garden. Now is the time to start thinking of all the possibilities the warm weather brings!

"The first step to start your summer garden is considering what plants make you happy and what types of things you'll use or enjoy most throughout the season," says Emily Murphy, author of Pass the Pistil blog and "Grow What You Love" book and podcast. "In gardening, as in life, I say, grow what you love - find the things that make you happy and grow them."

The Gilmour Planting Map can also help you determine what to plant based on your zone. If you're not sure where to start, consider these ideas to inspire your summer garden.

Garden like a chef

From fresh herbs like sage and basil to easy-to-grow kitchen staples like carrots and tomatoes, there's nothing like growing your own food. With an edible garden, the possibilities are endless to take you from garden to table throughout the season.

"Incorporating seasonal foods and herbs into your summer cooking adds fresh, new flavors," says Murphy. "Try planting carrots, kale, tomatoes, chard, blueberries, beets or summer squash, as they are star ingredients in many delicious summer dishes."

Vegetables like lettuces, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, celery and asparagus are all great seasonal options. Some are even companion adjust for each area of the garden. plants, so planting them near one another can increase plant health, optimize soil, prevent weeds and more. However, these veggies are "thirstier" than others, so make sure you have

Plant for visual beauty

If you're more interested in looking at your garden than eating it, consider planting your favorite colors. Choose flowers that look



the proper watering tools for them to grow successfully. The Gilmour Thumb Control Watering Nozzle with Swivel Connect is an essential tool for watering, as it moves with the hose to reduce kinking. It also has eight clearly marked spray settings, so you can gorgeous outdoors and indoors as vibrant and colorful bouquets. Cosmos are a great seasonal choice and range in colors from shades of white, yellow and tangerine to pink and magenta. Another bountiful option is the Clematis, which bloom all summer long in

shades of lavender, pink and purple.

If you're looking for shade or a little privacy for your yard, Hollyhocks are another great option, as they grow up to six feet tall.

Flowers tend to spread quickly, so using a sprinkler to water them makes gardening a lot easier. The Gilmour Rectangular Sprinkler with On/Off Flow Control eliminates trips from sprinkler to spigot, making the watering process easier and faster. It also has independent length and width control tabs, so you can easily customize the spray patterns to fit the needs of your garden.

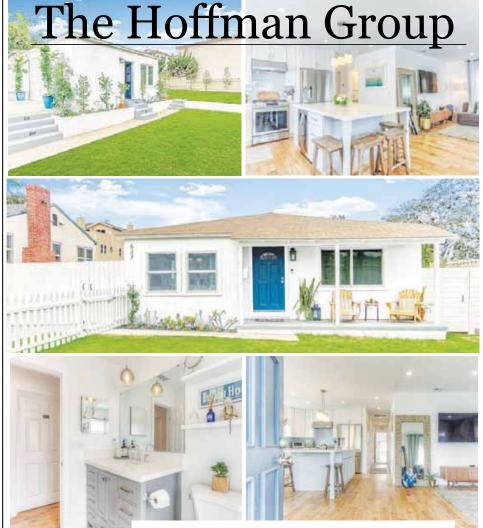
Attract pollinators

There are many options that will bring beautiful pollinators to your garden as well. Honeysuckles are a magnet for butterflies, hummingbirds and bees because of their sweet scent. Easy to grow, Honeysuckles simply require full sun and generous watering. Milkweed and nectar-rich flowers such as Asters are other great options that attract monarch butterflies.

To attract pollinators all season long, make sure your hose is up for the job. Choose something that is durable and will hold up season after season, like the Flexogen Super Duty Hose. Designed to resist kinks, you'll be able to weave around your landscape to water all your flowers with ease.

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