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Read to Achieve at Center Street



"Los Angeles D-Fenders players Roscoe Smith (left) and Vander Blue answer student questions at the Center Street Elementary Book Fair on Wednesday, December 3rd. The players spent some time reading to the children as part of the NBA D-League's 'Read to Achieve' program." Photo by Will Patterson, Los Angeles D-Fenders.

Council Opts to Go Wider on Richmond Parking Stalls

By Brian Simon

On Tuesday night, the El Segundo City Council directed staff to widen the parking stalls in the 200 block of Richmond Street to address concerns about the recent restripe to angled parking. Crews will also move the curb stops forward 15 inches on both the 100 and 200 blocks. Additionally, a new loading zone will be created at the southwest corner of Franklin and Richmond—about 150 feet away from the Old Town Music Hall—so that a large bus can stop there and drop off venue patrons. An existing loading zone on the northwest side further away from the theater will be removed.

According to Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas, Richmond Street businesses and patrons say they like the angled parking but deem the spaces in the 200 block too narrow. Measurements indicated the stalls are between seven feet-11 inches and eight feet-two inches in width while also being at an almost 60 degree angle-making it difficult for drivers to get in and out of spaces and to open car doors safely. The next restripe will widen the stalls to a minimum of eight feet-six inches. Because the stalls on the 100 block are already at least eight-six in width, those will stay put. Meanwhile, moving the curb stops in will actually create 18 inches of stall length. "People will feel the difference," Katsouleas said.

The Council authorized the new loading zone location in response to complaints from Old Town Music Hall volunteers, patrons and representatives. The recent restripe entailed removal of the longtime loading zone in front of the theater, hampering access for seniors and disabled people including proprietor Bill Field. Katsouleas said the chosen loading zone spot offers level sidewalks to minimize impacts versus another option near Rock and Brews that presents a steeper incline.

Still, several speakers on behalf of the venue pleaded with the Council to return the block to parallel parking and restore the old loading zone—contending that the new plan will not work. Councilmember Mike Dugan agreed, feeling it best to revert to parallel stalls for now and then allow the soon-to-be-formed Richmond Street Design Committee to hash through all the options for the reconstruction project set for early 2016. "Why not put it back the way it was and have the Design Committee look at a way to satisfy all concerns?" he asked. However, the rest of the Council voted to keep angled parking on the two blocks. Mayor Suzanne Fuentes argued that the additional stalls created after the restripe give some

businesses on Richmond "a fighting chance" in light of the fact that destination dining on Main Street uses up much of the parking in the area. Councilmember Marie Fellhauer admitted that there will be an inconvenience for the next year, but thought it prudent to make the latest changes to see how people respond rather than to go backward.

Katsouleas estimated that the latest set of changes (crews restored the 300 block to parallel parking earlier this month) should be completed within the next four weeks. The next step in the process to redo the streets, sidewalks, gutters and curbs—and to remove the ficus trees--on the 100 to 300 blocks of

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Downtown Merchants Weigh in on Parking, Filming, Shuttle and More

By Brian Simon

A number of Downtown El Segundo business owners gathered at City Hall last Wednesday to provide feedback on key issues including Richmond Street parking, filming permits, and the lunchtime shuttle. The meeting, co-hosted by the City of El Segundo and El Segundo Chamber of Commerce, also included an update on new businesses coming to Downtown.

On December 6, crews completed the return of Richmond's 300 block back to parallel parking after public outcry from area residents regarding perceived safety and traffic hazards from the newly angled configuration. Options to address concerns about the 100 and 200 blocks were set to go before the City Council this past Tuesday.

Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas explained that the recent restriping

was a test run "to make sure we get it right" before permanent work proceeds on Richmond Street in 2016. "The streets and sidewalks have to be fixed no matter what we do to address parking," she said. The future restoration of Richmond will also include new curbs and gutters as well as removal of the damage-inflicting ficus trees. The draft design option that received the most support from the Planning Commission and Council at this point includes a plan to reduce the sidewalks from 10 to eight feet in order to provide ample room for two traffic lanes. The move would also return parallel parking to the east side of the street, with angled parking on the west to provide up to 50 new spaces.

Among the options to improve current parking conditions on the remaining angled **See Downtown Merchants, page 14**

Obituaries

Alan Frank West

Alan West peacefully passed away in his home on December 12th, 2014 at the age of 86. Born on October 3rd, 1928 he grew up in Tigard, Oregon. After graduating High School he joined the Army as Military Police. Following the completion of service he and his best friend Walt traveled to Southern California. A few years later Alan met his wife of 57 years, Allene. In 1964 they moved to El Segundo where Alan opened up

El Segundo Brake and Wheel proudly serving the community for many years. Alan was also a member of the El Segundo City Council and School Board for eight years, avidly leading the community with a song on his lips and pep in his step. Alan never lost this ambition. As he said often he was, "healthy, wealthy, and wise." He loved to spend time with his



family and participated in many activities such as riding bikes on the strand and making vacation trips up to the Delta until his was 86 years old. Alan is survived by his two sons; Steve, Doug, and daughter-in-Law Ashley; grandchildren include Billy, Sommer, Shannon, and Carlie; great grandchildren include, Kailey, Keaton, Kinsleigh, and Alexa. Although the family will miss his warm encouragement and wisdom they are comforted

knowing that Alan has found paradise with his Father in Heaven. A viewing will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning prior to the Funeral processions at 11 o'clock on Friday morning, December 19th. These will be located at Douglas Mortuary; 500 E Imperial Avenue, El Segundo California. Condolences are asked to be sent to Douglas Mortuary as well. •

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50th Wedding Anniversary

The Myers' moved to El Segundo from Sunland back in 1971 and they raised their two children Kelli and Grant and continue to reside here. Tim started his own business, from which he is now retired. Vickie taught math at Hawthorne High and she is now also retired. To keep busy Tim plays tennis and golf and has recently begun writing & recording music. Vickie also plays tennis and she teaches a watercolor class at the Joslyn Center. They also enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

Tim and Vickie (Zander) Myers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 12, 2014.



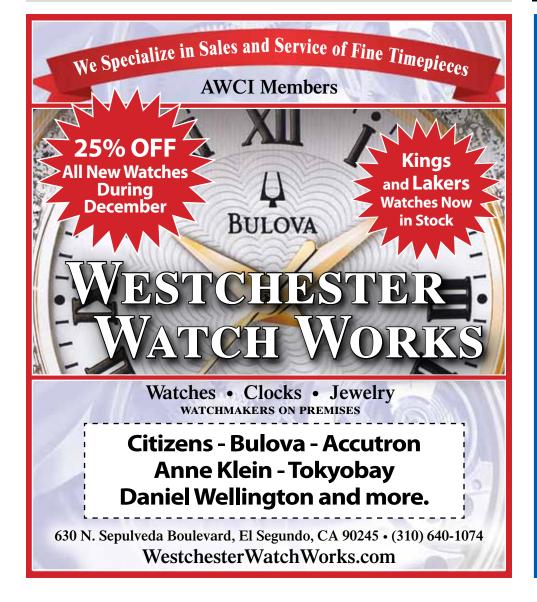
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Greetings Bobby and Brian,

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Women at Work

Heidi Butzine Advocates Support of Small Business

By Laura Sorensen

Sometimes it's nice to be able to do work in a coffee shop, especially one with comfortable couches and book-filled corners like Catalina Coffee in Redondo Beach. Catalina has a laid-

back vibe for a coffee shop; people are reading quietly in the corners and a mom lets her kids color on a low table across from me. There's no annoying holiday music, or at least it's not up loud enough to drill into one's eardrums.

It's no accident that I have arranged to meet Heidi Butzine at Catalina, which is a proud local Redondo institution. Butzine, a collected and articulate, and very friendly interviewee, who brought her formal "office

to put it on, has made porter, and founder of ShopLocal.us. Photo courtesy of Heidi Butzine. ing to organize public a career from supporting local business. Her articulate and intelligent look at consumers and their spending habits has coalesced into

a book called "Shop Local: A Practical Pain-Free Guide to Shopping with Purpose." Hey, just in time for the holidays. Butzine hopes to nudge the consumer towards mindfulness when shopping, and help him or her make a decision that takes the local business into account.

Butzine is a child of the South Bay who grew up in Torrance and Lomita and whose first job was at Del Amo mall. In high school she loved to write, but her passion was always geared towards business: she wanted to be the woman with the big office high in the shiny tower. She wanted an office of her own, like the one her great-grandmother had when she worked for many years in the aerospace industry,

or like the one where she visited her father. She enrolled in Harbor College, at the same time as she got a full-time job working as a copy-girl in the mailroom at a small nonprofit. "Paying for your own school helps you realize

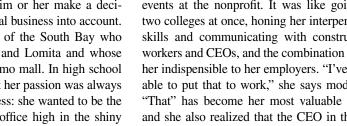
the importance of your own education," she notes, and she lived by her own maxim, using her money to pay for her tuition while she lived at home and worked her way up from the mailroom.

And here is where it gets intriguing. The nonprofit company took

a chance on Butzine, who considered herself a shy girl and was the youngest person at the nonprofit by many years, giving her the suit coat" but never had Heidi Butzine - entrepreneur, wine enthusiast, local business sup- responsibility of helpmeetings and seminars for important clients of

all types. At Harbor College, she switched her major from business to communications with an emphasis on PR. She would go from the academic environment, learning about public relations strategies, and put them directly into use when meeting clients and organizing the events at the nonprofit. It was like going to two colleges at once, honing her interpersonal skills and communicating with construction workers and CEOs, and the combination made her indispensible to her employers. "I've been able to put that to work," she says modestly. "That" has become her most valuable asset, and she also realized that the CEO in the office tower was not really her style after all. Instead, she wanted to work where she could

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The Spirit of the Season at the Boy **Scout Christmas Tree Lot**

By: Cece Stewart, Sophomore at ESHS

In the midst of an always-busy week, my mom and I tried to find time to get over to the Boy Scout Christmas tree lot to pick out our tree. Every year since moving to El Segundo, we enjoy going to the Scout House and selecting our tree. With a storm looming on Thursday night we rushed in, and I walked right up to the tree I wanted! My mom snapped pictures of me with the tree as she does every year, and the "delivery men" loaded up our tree on the delivery truck that delivers the tree to your home, free of charge.

Luck was with us as we were the last tree loaded, and thus the first tree delivered. The three men arrived while I was upstairs trying to fit in my studying. My mom came up after the guys left and shared a beautiful Christmas story with me... It turns out that the "delivery men" were all actually El Segundo High School graduates, who were former Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts, and during their always-busy week they were volunteering to deliver the trees. Michael Drohan, Anthony Gamboa, and Charlie Nicholson set up our tree in the perfect spot and trimmed away leaves so we could water the tree. They told my mom that they volunteered their time to the Boy Scouts and the El Segundo community because as Charlie Nicholson put it "volunteering for the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot is just giving back to the community after the community invested so much time in helping me achieve the rank of Eagle Scout."

Charlie, I learned, grew up in El Segundo and went to Center Street, then to El Segundo Middle School, followed by El Segundo High School. He was "in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for 12 years, earning every rank." He earned an Eagle Scout and his "project was a viewing area at the flight path museum on Imperial and California." He states, "It is a viewing area consisting of 4 handmade picnic benches and then an overall beautification with floral arrangements and planters." It just blew me away that this community has raised young adults with such honorable values to the point that they come back and give to the community and organization that formed them into productive humans of this earth.

I was so moved by this holiday story of volunteerism in our community that I contacted the Boy Scouts through our family friend Mr. Carl Doby, whose son Henry earned Eagle Scout last year, and was a standout ESHS football player, now attending college. Mr. Doby put me in touch with Mr. Lacy Cook, the El Segundo Scout House Association (ES-SHA) President for the last 10 (plus) years, in his 28th year of Tree Lot service, having also been a Cub Master for 12 years and a Scout Master for 8 years. He gave me some facts about this amazing organization that I want to share with the El Segundo community.

Ms. Cook says, "The ESSHA building was moved to it present location in 1949, and the yearly Christmas Tree Lot was started shortly thereafter- so the El Segundo Scout House Christmas Tree Lot is a 69-year-old El Segundo tradition!"

Mr. Cook shared that "all Christmas tree lot employees are volunteers consisting of local Scout families and alumni. There are about 200 Scout families involved each year, giving many thousands of hours, mainly from the cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Manhattan Beach." Mr. Cook volunteers because his two sons benefited from Scouting in El Segundo, "and while they are quite grown, I continue to consider the ESSHA a very worthwhile organization." Of note, his sons, Nathan (33) and Thomas (28) both attend K-12 in El Segundo and graduated from ESHS; they have both earned engineering degrees from the University of California.

I also learned from Mr. Cook, a veteran of the aerospace industry, that the Christmas tree lot is the only fundraiser of the year for the El Segundo Scout House Association. 100% of the proceeds go to the Scouts; the tree lot fully funds the building and the troops. The ESSHA is a non-profit association whose charter is the ownership and maintenance of the building at 325 E. Grand Ave., for use by any local established youth or youth-serving organization, free of charge. Presently there are two Cub Scout Packs and three Boy Scouts Troops that regularly use the building. In the past, there have been Venture (Explorer) Units, Girl Scout Units, youth sports teams, and PTAs have used the building. Proceeds from the Christmas Tree Lot above the yearly ESSHA operating budget go directly to the Scout Units to be used in their outdoor programs such as: camping, backpacking, rock climbing, rifle and shotgun shooting, canoeing, and of course long-term summer camp. The ESSHA also pays for each Scout's yearly registration and insurance, as well as all youth and adult Scout training; additionally the ES-SHA contributes to the costs of major Courts of Honor for advancements such as Eagle Scout.

In case you all are wondering, the Boy Scout tree lot provides a variety of tree types and sizes for both commercial businesses and residential homes. They provide flocking and

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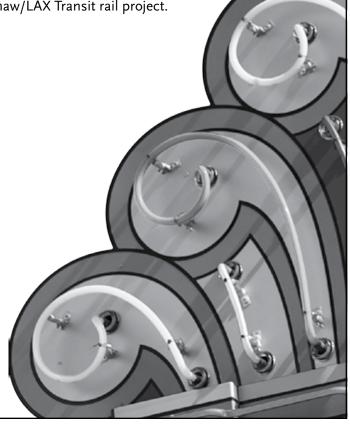
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Interesting Times

By Gerry Chong

"May you live in interesting times" – purported Chinese curse

Can anyone think of more interesting times that border on or cross over into insanity? For example, The Freedom of Information Act, through Judicial Watch, revealed that the government had paid The Baptist Children and Family Services \$182 million to house for just four months, 2,400 children who had entered the U.S. illegally from Central America. Of that, each child was allocated \$75 per day for food. \$200,000 went to laptops. \$160,000 bought 800 cell phones with international calling capability. Each child could call home twice a week for a four-month tab of \$576,000. In just four months we had spent over \$75,000 for each child! Generosity knows no bounds in interesting times.

Interesting Times example Number Two: On Thanksgiving eve, when no one was looking, President Obama released a list of 3,514 new regulations on the Land of the Free.

Interesting Times example Number three: Edwin Hill, President of the International Brotherhood of electrical workers, said the nation could not afford to lose more than 100 gigawatts of power over 5 years without compromising the reliability and safety of the nation's electrical grid. Of that, 72.7 gigwatts of electrical generating capacity had already been scheduled for retirement. Now the EPA will require closing of plants producing 41-49 gigawatts of power, bringing potential loss up to 121 gigawats, more than enough to destabilize power in this country. Moreover, these closures will cost 52,000 direct and

permanent jobs along with 100,000 indirectly, related jobs. That loss of capacity is sufficient to power 44.7 million homes, or every home in every state west of the Mississippi. No cost

is too great for the cause of environmentalism.

Interesting Times example Number Four: Traditionally, cities have established land use regulations specific to its own unique situation. Now President Obama has instituted a new rule that threatens a cut off of all federal funding to any city that fails to comply with Federal guidelines regarding racial mix, residential density, and other matters as the federal government may advance. The rule, entitled Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), bypasses the states and exercises control over cities directly. If you like your city or neighborhood, be sure to check with Washington to be sure you're in compliance.

Interesting Times example Number Five: President Obama has proposed the "Fairness Doctrine," placing the internet under government control. No one has defined either "fairness," nor identified the arbiter of "fairness." 'Nuff said.

Interesting Times example Number Six: Oil prices have fallen 40% since July, resulting in a national average \$0.59 drop in gasoline prices. That translates to a \$120 annual savings for the average family. Most would consider that a boon, but according to Energy Secretary Steven Chu, the Obama Administration has set a target of raising gas prices to \$10 per gallon to reduce driving and preserving the environment at the expense of the economy.

And so it goes in an interesting time. If it is true that the phrase is a Chinese curse, then we are a cursed nation. •

Another Man's Opinion

Revelations of Torture Are Not Surprising, Still Disappointing

By Cristian Vasquez

The recent report by the Senate Intelligence Committee into the Central Intelligence Agency's "enhanced" interrogation tactics are definitely disappointing but even worse not surprising. Sitting in front of a computer makes it easy to criticize or rally behind any cause or action by our government and other world leaders. However, that's not the purpose of this piece. None of us have to be told or reminded that torturing people in custody [or using enhanced interrogation techniques] is plain wrong. Attacking the people involved will probably do little to alleviate the situation or end such practices.

What is disheartening is that there are enough people within our national defense agencies willing to engage in such acts and lie to keep it a secret. I get it: when it comes to national security many things must remain classified and certain steps are taken to keep the nation safe that might disturb average American citizens. However, when we as a nation pride ourselves as leaders of the free world, when we as a country boast about our respect for law and order and due process, knowing that at least one of our national security agencies torture detainees is shameful: it is embarrassing and wrong.

The argument will be made that I know nothing about the dangers that exist and threaten American interests abroad and at home. That's right; I don't know all of the risks and vulnerabilities that we would face if we did not have these national security agencies investigating and acting against any and all threats. I do understand that when our troops

or fellow Americans are arrested or detained abroad, that they don't always receive the most humane treatment. However, when we carry the title of leaders of the free world and as a country with a charitable history to nations in need, engaging in acts of torture provides mixed messages to our allies and us as citizens.

How effective can our enhanced interrogation methods be if the groups that threaten us know we will torture them? With terrorist willing to die in their efforts to destroy America, wouldn't knowing that in our custody they will be tortured only convince them even more that dying in a suicide mission is a better alternative? We have had our share of Americans tortured abroad when in custody of enemies. Louis Zamperini was tortured as a POW in WWII; Senator John McCain was tortured as a POW in Vietnam and what did that accomplish for our enemies? Nothing. Senator McCain spoke from the Senate about the report and considered the techniques mentioned in the report to have "not only failed their purpose -- to secure actionable intelligence to prevent further attacks on the U.S. and our allies -- but actually damaged our security interests, as well as our reputation as a force for good in the world."

Whether those interrogation methods are effective or not, they are wrong. We can't brag about law and order and due process while engaging in such inhumane and deplorable acts. I love living in a country where we are safe and can sleep at night without the fear of random military attacks from foreign enemies. However, in many instances the ends do not justify the means. •

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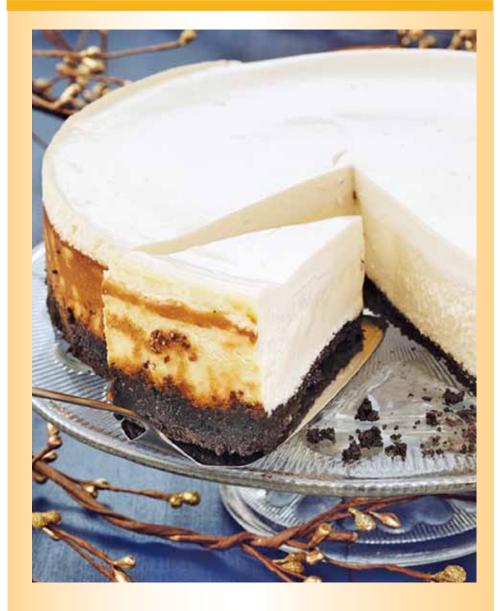
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- 3/4 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 3 large eggs
- 1 container (16 oz.) sour cream, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease bottom and side of nine-inch springform pan.

Press cookie crumbs onto bottom of prepared pan. Place in freezer for five minutes.

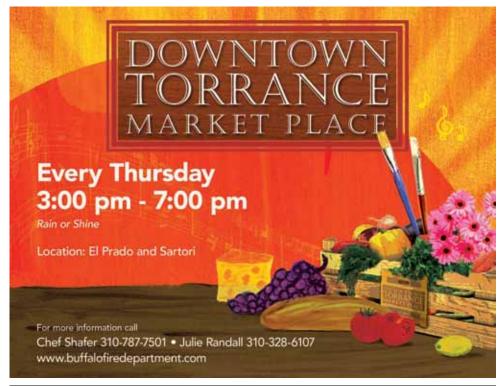
Beat cream cheese, Coffee-mate and 1/4 cup sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Pour filling into crust.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until edges are set but center still moves slightly.

Combine sour cream, remaining sugar and vanilla extract in medium bowl; mix well. Spread over surface of warm cheesecake. Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove side of springform pan.









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Eagles Rolling before Christmas; AYSO Crowns Champs

By Gregg McMullin

With Christmas a week away, the El Segundo Eagles are getting some playing time in before the holiday break. The girls' water polo team has been taking care of business with impressive wins over Marlborough and Hoover (Pasadena). The girls' basketball team displayed their talents in the Southeast Tournament, the boy's basketball team played three formidable teams in the University Tournament, the girls' soccer team bounced Leuzinger and got by Lawndale.

The girls' water polo team took care of Marlborough and then defeated Pacific League power Glendale Hoover 12-6. Talia Dominique tied the game 5-5 when she took a pass from Cassidy Shevlin and fired one to the back of the goal late in the second quarter. The Eagles went on a tear in the second half, outscoring the Tornadoes 7-1. Grace Wiggington and Ellyse Barriga each had three goals to lead their team while Stephanie Ruegler had two goals. The Eagles, who are 4-2, played Peninsula on Tuesday and are at Redondo today before the Winter Break.

The girls' basketball team played in the Southeast Tournament and won their first two games against King/Drew 64-31 and Bell 34-27 to reach the semi-finals. They fell to City Section power Carson 50-48. In the consolation final the Eagles fell to sixth ranked in the City Section View Park 57-38.

In the opener against King/Drew Ani Finau led the Eagles with18 points and 9 rebounds. Paige Endo had 12 points and 3 assists while Jordan Swanier contributed 11 points. In the Bell game Endo and Finau combined for 24 of the team's 34 points and the team played solid defense.

In the semi-finals the Eagles lost a heartbreaker to Carson in which there were numerous lead changes. The Colts withstood a comeback attempt and came away with the win. Finau led the Eagles with 16 points and 10 rebounds and Swanier had 12 points while Paige Endo added 11 points and 5 assists.

The boys' basketball team dropped to 1-7 on the year with losses to University, Windward, St Bernards and North Hollywood in the University Tournament. Their record is a little misleading though. Of the eight teams they've faced six of them are highly ranked in their division whether in the CIF or City Section.

Eagle head coach Jason Ito is upbeat about the season so far and he believes that in the long run it will better prepare his team for the rugged Ocean League schedule. The Eagles play their final game before the Winter Break at Torrance tonight.

The girls' soccer team is undefeated at 3-0-3 having defeated Leuzinger 2-0 and Lawndale

1-0. Katherine Burner returned from injury and played forward with Rhianna Rich, who scored both goals. Burner hit the crossbar twice. Burner and Rich looked very good, exciting, dangerous and will be an attacking duo that could give the opposition fits.

The injury toll that hit team last season has once again surfaced. Nettie Saldana and Tabatha Lund are likely to miss most of the season. Niki Saunders was injured late in the game against Leuzinger and they are hoping that it is a mild ankle injury.

With that in mind, coach Tony Hobbs has tinkered with the lineup. Jordan Doukakis has stepped in at left back or midfield and helped solidify the lineup. Isabella Gutierrez moved from defense to center midfield alongside Maddie Hobbs. Vanessa Cortez has excelled on defense at sweeper along with Julia Freeman. Coach Hobbs is testing his team and looking for a line up that will help them when they start Ocean League play in January.

Championship Saturday Crowns AYSO Champs

On a sun filled day at Campus El Segundo, the AYSO Region 92 soccer championships were held. It was the crowning moment for winning teams in three divisions. According to Region 92 coordinator Eric Stoker, there were over 1000 participants in the league this season. It culminated with Championship Saturday with winners in the BU-10, GU-10, BU-12, GU-12, BU-14 and GU-14.

To reach the finals each division held exciting semi-final matches. In the BU-10 division the Radioactive Raptors continued their assault on a championship season with a 4-0 win over the Dragons. Lucas Bonham scored two goals while Ethan Ralls and Daniel Gomez scored one goal each to lead their team into he finals. In the other semi-final the Second City Strikers, led by Jacob Delfino's four goals, defeated the Green Machine 4-2. Benji Kerrin and Dylan Immell each scored goals for the Green Machine.

In the finals the top seeded Radioactive Raptors had a 1-0 lead on Second City Strikers but gave up three fourth quarter goals and fell 3-1. Nicholas Fisher tied the game on a penalty kick early in the fourth period. Then James Baldino scored the go-ahead goal on a breakaway Delfino found himself in the right spot on a rebound he put back in to make it 3-1. The Radioactive Raptors' Daniel Gomez scored his team's only goal in the first quarter.

In the GU-10 semis the Silver Swag got by the Rebels 3-2. Katy Durand, Leia Costillo and Hayden Agnew scored for the Silver Swag while

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Wheelin' and Dealin'

By Adam Serrao

They stayed quiet for the majority of the offseason and even into the very beginning of the winter meetings last week in San Diego. Then, all at once, as if they had been measuring their moves down to the T, they jumped. The Los Angeles Dodgers waited until almost the last second and then all at once made a flurry of moves that overhauled their roster from where it stood last season into what it is now. With new president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman and new GM Farhan Zaidi coming in and taking control of the Dodgers player moves and acquisitions, Ned Colletti was essentially put on the backburner and things have certainly been shaken up a bit. This new front office staff and the owners of Los Angeles believe, however, that the moves that have been made have put the Dodgers in a better position to win now and in the future.

The dust settled on this year's winter meetings and the Dodgers arose as the one team that had come out into the clear having made the most noise. What's yet to be determined, however, is if the moves that the club made will make them into a better team. Dodgers president Stan Kasten certainly believes that they will. "We feel the steps we've taken, and those to come, will be extremely productive and consistent with our goals." Kasten and the Dodgers goals are to both win now and win in the future while allowing no down time for a sub-sufficient ball club. Predicting how the team's recent trades and free-agent signings will affect the club is not something that is easy to do. While Kasten remains eternally optimistic, let's not forget that the Dodgers did win the fourth most games in the league last year (94). That being so, it is hard to immediately say that they will certainly be better.

One thing that is for sure is that coming into this offseason, the Dodgers had a certain vision. After going two straight years (without a championship) of having more than enough offense and lacking on the defensive side of the ball, Friedman and Zaidi wanted to improve. Allowing Hanley Ramirez to walk away and sign with the Boston Red Sox was the first step in that improvement process on defense. Phase two was trading away Dee Gordon. While Gordon was a fan favorite, trading him to the Florida Marlins made sense on multiple levels. For most of his young career up to this point, Gordon has been a defensive liability. While the young shortstop turned second baseman had a remarkable first half of last season that got him to the All-Star game, even Gordon's offensive statistics slowed drastically in the second half of the season. While his speed on the bases

will certainly be missed (12 triples, 64 stolen bases last year), Gordon wore down a bit in the final months, finding it difficult to get on base and produce much like he did in the first half of the year. Those who are skeptical of the move need only not lose sight of the fact that to this point in his career, Gordon has only been a difference-making player for only a total of two-to-three months.

Friedman and the Dodgers used the winter meetings to first replace Ramirez. In walked Jimmy Rollins. While Rollins isn't tremendous offensively (.243 BA last year), he will shore up the shortstop position defensively and will be a great clubhouse presence. Those bobbled balls and miscues from Ramirez to first base are now a thing of the past. Howie Kendrick was also acquired from the Angels to take the place of Gordon at second base. Friedman stated his pleasure with that signing. "We feel like [Kendrick] fits us really well. Right handed bat, tremendous hitter, really good defender." Kendrick may not have the speed of Gordon, but he will sure up second base defensively, add to an excellent double play combo with Rollins, and will most likely get on base with more consistency than Gordon. Last year with the Angels, Kendrick batted .293 with 75 RBI's and .347 on base percentage.

The last piece of business for the Dodgers was to clear up the logjam in the outfield a bit. Friedman and Zaidi made quick work of that by trading former All-Star outfielder Matt Kemp to the San Diego Padres. Kemp has long made it known that he wants to be a starting center fielder in this league. With talents like Yasiel Puig and the up-and-coming Joc Pederson, there was simply no room left for Kemp in the outfield. The Dodgers will still try to get rid of Andre Ethier before the season starts as well, leaving Pederson to start in center, Puig in right field and a platoon of Carl Crawford and Scott Van Slyke in left. In trading Kemp, the Dodgers got back young catcher Yasmani Grandal. Grandal has the power to become a home run hitting catcher and will add offense behind the plate, splitting time with A.J. Ellis. One motto that Friedman certainly lives by is that it is better to trade a player one year too early rather than one year too late. Despite a second half resurgence last season, Kemp is certainly on the back end of his career. With youngsters like Puig, Pederson and Van Slyke chomping at the bit, the move is not only good for the here and now, but also for the future.

Without Ramirez and Kemp in the middle of the batting order, there is certainly some cause for concern on offense. Great defense, however, leads to great offense,

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"As we move in to the New Year, it's about embracing function but also creating a space that's a strong reflection of the people who live there," says Nate Berkus, renowned decorator, designer and artistic advisor to LG Studio. "Forget fleeting trends - 2015 is all about integrating thoughtful elements that have a lasting impact," adds Berkus, who offers these tips:

GET ORGANIZED

The first thing, and maybe the most important, is to clean the house. Don't underestimate how important that is, and what a difference it will make! Next, clean up the clutter. Getting rid of all the clutter, which has probably been piling up all year, will allow a room to really shine again. It's all about editing - throw out what no longer works to make room for things that are necessary to live well.



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CHANGES THAT LAST

Maybe 2015 is the year that you commit to that renovation. If thinking of a full kitchen

remodel, I say go for it. It's one of the best investments to make in the home. Reach for things that will feel timeless, now and in the future because replacing your stove, or wall tiles, or flooring the next year or even after 10 years, is not an option. When it comes to the appliances, go for matching stainless steel; they have a forever feel that will absolutely up the style factor of the kitchen. Every appliance in the kitchen needs to be very hardworking. So, maybe it's a large-capacity French-door refrigerator, like the one from the LG Studio suite of appliances. I particularly love the Door-in-Door feature, especially for a large family, as it has easy access to your favorite foods and more room for storage.

BE BOLD

If you're not able to take on a full kitchen renovation this year, don't worry - it can be as simple as layering in some color. Add-

ing in a bold accessory is one of the easiest ways to change the look and feel of a room. I always encourage people to go with what they love, and if what you love is a gold ottoman, bright purple throw pillows or a dramatic piece of art, then I say go for it. Color is such a great way to add personality, and accent pieces are the best way to make a statement; if by summer it's time for another refresh, those pieces are easy enough to change out. •

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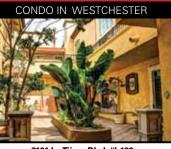


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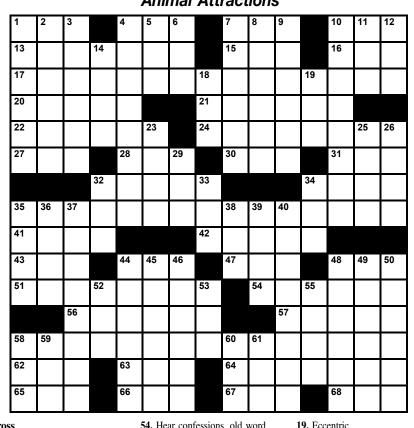
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week **Animal Attractions**



Across

- 1. Type
- 4. Deviation
- 7. "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
- 10. Lingerie item
- 13. Docking
- 15. Acquire
- **16.** Speed (up)
- 17. Way to trick someone
- 20. Deity to many
- **21.** Caesar's meal starters? 22. Items of little importance
- **24.** Waits
- 27. Personals, e.g. 28. Kind of chamber
- 30. Dash lengths
- **31.** Important time 32. Commencement
- **34.** High-five, e.g. **35.** Futile efforts
- 41. Cleveland's lake
- **42.** Kilt pattern
- 43. Anatomical duct
- 44. 30-day mo. 47. Banned insecticide
- 48. Dog doc
- 51. Required

6. Nurse type 7. Related on the father's side

8. Mass confusion

1. Lion's lunch, maybe

3. Outback critters

5. Foreign dignitary

- 9. Individual souls, in Hinduism
- 10. Belgian capital 11. Hi-___ monitor
- **12.** Bygone greeting

56. Slips

63. Bleed

67. Long **68.** Fronted

Down

2. Was lazy

4. On a cruise

57. Red dye

62. Cain raiser

64. Stare down

66. Hot springs

58. Acting the fool

65. Kind of cabinet

- 14. Shag rugs
- **18.** Dolt
- 52. Refuge
 - **53.** Rather, for one

23. C-worthy

34. In a funk

29. Classic opener

32. Laudatory lines 33. Recipe amt.

36. Bit of Kurdistan

38. Antiquity, once

39. No-goodniks

44. Networks, e.g.

45. Emphasize

46. Focal point

50. Looked after

40. As yet

48. Ocular

49. Show

37. Audience member

26. Blabs

25. Slope to the sea, to Sean

35. "___ Only Just Begun"

- 55. It may be pitched
- **58.** Kitten's cry
- **59.** Female gametes
- **60.** ___ few rounds
- **61.** Hot time: abbr.

Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Trustee Sale No. F14-00070

Notice Of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 1425373956 Title Order No. 108626 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 05/14/2008 And More Fully Described Below. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.). will be held by a duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, legal fees and costs, charges and expenses of the undersigned trustee ("Trustee") for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): Cesar Garcia, A Married Man As His Sole And Separate Property Recorded: recorded on 05/19/08 as Document No. 20080883582 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 01/08/2015 at 11:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$509,134.71 The purported property address is: 530 Eucalyptus Drive, El Segundo, CA 90245 Legal Description Lot 6 In Block 72 Of El Segundo, In The City Of El Segundo, County Of Los Angeles, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FWA-121166 APN# 4139-ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/6/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 8, 2015, at 11:00 AM, BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, in the City State of CALIFORNIA, RTS Pacific, Inc., a Washington corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by BRANDON MANUMALEUNA AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustors recorded on 8/9/2007, as Instrument No. 20071870924, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: TAX PARCEL NO. 4139-010-013 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation

to be 1224 EAST ACACIA AVENUE, EL

In Book 20 Pages 22 And 23 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Assessors Parcel No. 4133-005-016 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that

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for information regarding the trustee's sale

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF** LARRY WAYNE DOMANN Case No. BP157991

To all heirs, beneficiaries, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both. of LARRY WAYNE DOMANN

PETITION PROBATE has been filed by Timothy Ernest Domann in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS **ANGELES**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Timothy Ernest Domann be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 6, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your

objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney

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Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court

Attorney for petitioner: CHRISTOPHER P BRANDLIN ESQ SBN 278426 **BURKLEY & BRANDLIN LLP**

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City Council

Richmond will be to release an Request For Proposal (RFP) after the holidays with the goal of awarding a contract in February. The Design Committee will consist of two Council members, two residents of the 300 block and three business members (one from each block). The City will then host several community meetings regarding the final design to receive input from citizens. The currently preferred alternative for Richmond entails reducing the sidewalks from 10 to eight feet to widen the street so that there can be two lanes of traffic, parallel parking on one side and angled spaces on the other (plus the loading zone likely restored in front of Old Town Music Hall). This option would add about 42 more parking spaces to the area. However, Katsouleas pointed out that the Council can also choose look at other options such as a one-way street

Also on Tuesday, the Council asked staff to work with the Golf Course Subcommittee and engage the public to develop a new RFP that considers the best overall use of The Lakes of El Segundo. The action was in response to a formal agendized request from resident John Gutt. This is in addition to a different RFP issued a few months ago seeking a third party opinion to resolve the financial questions surrounding

so as not to lose any sidewalk width.

from front page

the TopGolf proposal at The Lakes. City Manager Greg Carpenter reported that the City received four responses to that RFP by Tuesday's deadline and will turn those over to Recreation and Parks for review. During public communications, Southern California Golf Association representative Craig Kessler warned the Council of the importance of addressing the golf course itself and not just the driving range portion—as the City in the future may not have the funds for costly items such as irrigation system replacement and major lighting and fencing repairs. To address understaffing issues in the In-

formation Systems Division in the wake of a couple of resignations, a retirement, a promotion and one job cut over the last five years, the Council authorized the City Manager to reclassify three vacant Network Assistant position into an Information Systems Specialist, and two part-time Information Systems Specialist positions into one full-time post. The nearly \$70,000 cost for these moves will be offset by charging enterprise funds for technical services provided. The City Manager will also create a new Information Systems Developer position at a projected salary of \$115,000 a year and will return in a few months with specifications

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014312599

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TINA'S NAILS SPA, 321 RICHMOND ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TINA TUYET TRAN, 4903 W. 129TH ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/31/2014. Signed: TINA TRAN. OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on OCTOBER 31, 2014.
NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

expires on OCTOBER 31, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to OCTOBER 31, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald Pub. December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014 H-1179

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014333689

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) TTB CORP, 2) TTB, 3) TTB TECHNICAL, 4020 PV DRIVE NORTH, STE 200, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TOP TO BOTTOM CORPORATION, 4020 PV DRIVE NORTH, STE 200, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274. This business is being conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: n/a. Signed: Top to Bottom Corporation, Robert McConnell, President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 21, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 21, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 21, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014 **H-1180**

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHALLENGE PLUMBING, 901 E. REDONDO BLVD., INGLEWOOD, CA, 90302, LOS ANGELES COUNTY Owner(s): CHALLENGE PLUMBING, INC., 901 E. REDONDO BLVD., INGLEWOOD, CA, 90302 This business is being conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: n/a Signed: ALBERT JUAREZ, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 8, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

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Downtown Merchants

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blocks is to widen the spaces on the 200 block deemed as too narrow. This entails losing one of the additional parking spots gained in the 200 block. Exacerbating the tight spacing on the 200 block is the almost 60-degree angle (compared to 42 degrees in front of the El Segundo Public Library) of each stall. Adding six inches to the width will make a major difference, Katsouleas indicated. Also on the table is a suggestion to move the curb stops further in to create another foot-and-a-half of space. Katsouleas noted that the future plan will not incorporate these stops because the new sidewalks and uniform curb height will allow cars to slightly hang over the curb. She also warned that the construction period will present adverse impacts—particularly when sidewalks become a mound of dirt and cut off or limit access to businesses for a week or two. Options for alternate or alley access will be discussed during the planning stages. Katsouleas emphasized that work will be conducted one block at a time and anticipates about one month of significant disruption for each section—although she added that staff plans to do everything it can to make sure patrons can get to businesses on Richmond.

Meanwhile, staff recommended a new loading zone on Franklin Avenue's southwest corner in response to complaints from Old Town Music Hall representatives. The recent restripe turned the previous loading zone in front of the venue into a traffic lane, thereby hampering access to the theater for seniors, disabled persons and musicians. The suggested "replacement" loading area is the closest viable spot with the flattest terrain to get to the theater compared to other options. Katsouleas reported that Chevron had declined a request to allow use of the adjacent parking lot for loading and that a proposed bus area directly across the street would create unacceptable pedestrian safety hazards while also losing a minimum of 10 spaces.

When asked which Downtown proprietors favored the angled parking, several people raised their hands and agreed the move has helped. Richmond Bar and Grill owner Jeff Brown estimated that 90 percent of his customers like the setup. "You can't just ask residents, but everyone involved," he said, referring to the many daytime patrons who visit Downtown and appreciate the increased parking.

The merchants also weighed in on the lunchtime shuttle, with questions about its ultimate value to Downtown commerce when the \$60,000 in Prop C monies that fund the program annually can be rerouted instead to street improvements. The City currently operates three buses on

weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. that tote east side employees to Downtown—with six stops Downtown and 11 east of Sepulveda. Recreation and Parks Director Meredith Petit unveiled data showing about 13,000 annual rides (6,500 round trips) on the shuttles, with a cost to the City of \$9.24 per round trip and sales tax benefits of only \$910 a year based on if an average rider spends \$14 on lunch. "It's a practically negligible return on investment in terms of actual dollars," Petit said. She added that most shuttle users ride the buses two to three times a week and are happy with the service due to the convenience factor—especially those who work in large office buildings who wish to save their parking spots.

Chamber Board Chair Elyse Rothstein asked those in attendance if they would miss the shuttle if it no longer existed. While none of the respondents felt the shuttle made a major impact on their sales, several mentioned that they do get some patrons. "It would hurt even if you lose three customers," Brown said about the prospect of the shuttle service stopping.

Learning that ridership is only at about 20 percent capacity per day, the group discussed ways to increase awareness about the shuttle. Ideas included offering a Downtown Discount program and more aggressively marketing the service to key office centers such as Pacific Corporate Towers. Also brought up was that Boeing has interest in a shuttle stop in front of its buildings and would publicize the service company-wide.

On the topic of filming, several of the business owners complained that production crews monopolize parking and impede access to businesses. Concerns about filming during the holidays prompted the City Manager to begin reviewing each permit application as of December 1 to determine the impacts before approving—with no requests for Downtown in the queue so far. School Board member Emilee Layne, who runs a family business on Richmond Street, said that in addition to using up parking, one of the film crews drilled into her building without permission and showed "no respect for anyone."

While pleased with angled parking, Brown had the opposite view on filming—reporting a noticeable drop in revenues when crews are in the area. "All it does is take up parking," he said, adding that many of the companies also bring in their own catered food and don't even frequent local eateries. "It's frustrating because it [filming] happens all the time... and they have a little attitude."

However, Justin Folk of Madison McQueena small production company on Richmond Street—had a different take on the matter. He

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meet and interact with lots of people.

At her next job, which she acquired through her contacts at the nonprofit, she was promoted to VP of operations, and then at the same time went and put herself through the executive MBA program at UCLA. She and her mentor formed a residential risk consultancy business that dealt with "just about every home builder in the country" until the recession. That position took ideas from all her former jobs and synthesized them into such a lucrative business that they were bought out in 2007, just in time for the recession to hit. Butzine, who was transitioning away from that business, had to watch as many of her former employees were laid off. "Ultimately," she said, "I had to let myself go." She closed the door on that job and took a break in Italy.

It would be another entire article to talk about Butzine and Italy. She has an abiding passion for wine and winemaking - and another side business certifying students who want to learn about wine - and she has taken the Culinary Institute of America wine program. In Italy she followed a tour bus around and learned that "wine comes from the same area wehre the food is grown, where the mushrooms came from. . . ." In other words, Italians like to shop local. Butzine came back to California with more information about wine and wrote articles for Napa-area wineries. She likes to tell the story that when she spoke to local winemakers up North, they would say, "If our neighbors fail, then we fail as well." Meaning, communities have to band together to save one anothers' businesses, even if they are competitors. If businesses feel responsible for each others' successes, and if consumers realize that and spend their money at local businesses, local economy will begin to boom and "support and save what makes our communities unique and different," says Butzine. This idea became the seed for her next venture, ShopLocal.us.

ShopLocal.us is a type of glue that binds local small businesses together. Butzine wants to give businesses a chance to interact with one another, and to become more visible to the type of customer looking to support them. Then it's easy for consumers to access local business and be confident that their money is well spent and is headed back into the community

rather than being funneled away to corporate headquarters. Butzine has begun to certify businesses in the South Bay area that want to be recognized as local, and consumers can use an app to target these businesses. "The point is to spend money in your community, because it comes back to you," she says, as the businesses support schools, little league teams, and other services.

Butzine hasn't stopped at the South Bay, though: she wants to take ShopLocal to a national level. California has long had a pro-small-business mentality, but many other U.S. cities have more of a "shop big-box for everything" habit. Butzine wants to change that by training others with a passion for the shop-local ideal to connect with small business owners, raise visibility, and work with citizens to promote mindfulness while spending and awareness of what small businesses are found in their own neighborhoods. But these "other Heidis" aren't found just anywhere: Butzine is the perfect combination of passion, drive, knowledge, and practice. She makes friends with business owners, blending the personal with the professional in a way that is very fulfilling for her while still advancing her goals. It might be that she doesn't have a counterpart anywhere. However, Butzine is confident that she can find qualified candidates around the country who have the same qualities. Her goal for the next year is to roll out the platform in other locations besides the Redondo Beach area.

When I asked her to give advice to someone who is passionate about small business and wanted to get involved in the shop-local movement, she said that small businesses need each other, and that people shouldn't just try to start a "business in a vacuum" online and expect it to work without connection to the outside world. Be committed, confident, and trust in your own abilities. "Not everyone will be a fan of yours," she said, but if you're honest to your ethics, and continue to do the right thing, success will come. She also said something which I have heard many times from successful women – don't let yourself be limited by people around you. "If you're honest and prove your value, you will shine, and there won't be anything to hold you down." •

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revealed that small outfits like his must pay the same fees to the City as the giant ones. Those fees include a \$640 non-refundable application, \$750 public right-of-way usage (if City property is used during a shoot), a \$99 daily permit, and any reimbursement for police support. "It makes small shooting prohibitive," said Folk.

The upshot of the discussion will prompt staff to consider scaled fees for different-sized companies and to study filming ordinances in other cities such as Burbank, Pasadena and Culver City for ideas on assessing charges and handling parking impacts. City Manager Greg Carpenter said annual revenues from filming run between \$60,000 and \$80,000. "It's designed to capture our costs...not to make money," he explained. "There is a film industry in Southern California that employs people and we want to assist that industry and jobs here." But City Councilmember Dave Atkinson felt that the City "shouldn't just break even," but also look at filming as a "business opportunity."

Finally, Building and Planning Safety Director Sam Lee provided a brief overview on new Downtown tenants. Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine, which opened its headquarters at the old post office site, submitted an application to provide a larger tasting room that may also become a restaurant. Across the street, longtime establishment Indian Summer will close and Sausal—described as a "Mexican/American bistro"--will take over that space as well as the vacant unit next door. Indian Summer plans to relocate to 958 Main in early 2015. Rob Croxall, owner of El Segundo Brewing Company, said he hopes to expand his operation and move the current tasting room to the back for a "more comfortable and inviting environment."

Other plans include a proposal to revamp the surface area/façade of the Grand Hotel building at the corner of Grand and Richmond with hopes of attracting new use; and construction of two new buildings at 133/135 Richmond Street (after demolition of one existing building) for bottom floor retail/restaurant tenants and apartments upstairs. Various potential tenants remain in the mix for the renovated former Centinela Medical Center building at Main and Pine, with talk of medical and restaurant uses. Lee added that the long vacant El Segundo Bakery property remains in limbo, though plans had been submitted for a restaurant there back in 2013. "It went through plan check and staff is waiting for a resubmittal of plans," he said. •

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and the Dodgers will certainly not be giving away any free runs this year when they are not up to bat. Defensive acquisitions should allow the Dodgers to be stronger and stingier in the playoffs, perhaps paving the way for the team to finally reach the World Series should they find enough offense. The Dodgers aren't done dealing yet, however. By the start of the season expect to have parted

ways with Andre Ethier. The team will also still need to address the bullpen and back end of the starting rotation. All in all, the team wasn't winning when it mattered with the guys they traded away. It can't hurt to give a different strategy a go. Expect more moves and big things from a Dodgers team that is seemingly constantly active before the 2015 baseball season gets its start.

Eagles

Payton Bemis and Bianca Prince scored one goal each for the Rebels. In the other game the Blue Lightning fell to the Pink City United 2-1. Audrey Cde Baca scored both goals for Pink City United while Narelly Santiago scored for the Blue Lightning.

In the finals, Pink City United and Silver Swag went into overtime after being tied 1-1. When neither team scored in the extra period the game was decided by a penalty kicks. Pink City United's Katie Garcia, Audrey CdeBaca and Jessie Diller scored and hung on for a 3-2 win

In the BU-12 division The Avalanche easily go by the Silverbacks 5-0. Danny Kopecky scored four goals, Jack Stoker one goal to lead their team. In the other bracket the Crazy Camo defeated the Meatballs 4-2. Xavier Rice had a hat trick three goals and Mason Kahn scored one goal for the Crazy Camo. Tucker Stevens and Brendan McAndrews scored goals for the Meatballs. In the finals The Avalanche shutout the Crazy Camos 3-0. Kopecky led his team with two goals and Christian Kramer chipped in the other for the champions.

In the GU-12 division The Crashers got balanced scoring with goals by Sarah Bedoyan, Jasmine Vallafana, Lidia Cicchini and Peyton Lubs to defeat, Dominating Smurfs 4-2. Arianna Goitom and Eleri Irons scored for the Dominating Smurfs. In the other match Gundo Glow played the Red Dragons to a 4-4 tie but advanced with a 2-1 advantage in penalty kicks. The Gundo Glow shutout The Crashers in the final 5-0 led by Marcela Martinez and Leah Abitante.

In the BU-14, bolstered by Peter Hernandez's hat trick three-goal game, The Bomb Squad defeated The Gray Team 5-2; Julian Ambroccio scored the other two goals. Victor Erland and Luke Arruda scored for The Gray Team. In the

other semi-final game the Bomb Squad got a second half goal from Denis Vezina and held on for a 1-0 win.

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In the finals The Bomb Squad won it on penalty kicks 3-0. Fabian Gutierrez made up for an own goal early in the second half by scoring in the final minute to tie the game, 1-1, in regulation. The game was decided on kicks from the mark with goals by Denis Vezina, Diego Sanchez, and Danny Boulgarides.

In the GU-14 semi-final, Megan CdeBaca's only goal of the game for Skyfall held up as Skyfall defeated ICQ 1-0. In the other game Squad defeated Shrek 3-2 to advance to the championship game. Claire Mahon, Alyssa Walker and Allvia Kelly each scored goals for Skyfall while Katie Latta and Amanda Clark scored for Squad.

In the final Skyfall used a strong game from Megan CdeBaca, who had three goals to defeat Squad 5-1; Olivia Wethern scored Skyfall's other two goals. Squad's lone goal was scored by Erin Graner.

The League Champions tournament begins January 4. All of the teams that won the Region 92 Championships will advance to the Area tournament plus the Silver Swag in the GU10 and GU12's Crashers as wild cards. The League Champions tournament, which includes teams from Westchester, North and South Redondo, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach/Hermosa Beach, runs through January 17.

The Area 1D All Stars tournament begins Jan 18 at Campus El Segundo and runs thru Feb 8. Winners from the two Area tournaments advance to the Section 1 tournaments in Riverside and then potentially to the State games in March. Our own Region 92 All Stars (BU12) won the State Championships in 2012 and 2013. •

City Council

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for the post—at which time the Council will decide whether or not to officially fund it. Job responsibilities will include overseeing City websites, smartphone and tablet apps, staff Intranet, enterprise application integration, and custom reporting.

Information Systems Division Manager Larry Klingaman reported that prior attempts to address the personnel shortage through contract and part-time labor did not succeed. He noted that the resulting workload on the current staff has led to project delays and system downtime, adversely impacting a number of City departments. Klingaman added that core systems are also behind in maintenance, with an outdated phone system, web server and networking hardware. Furthermore, an analysis revealed that El Segundo ran well behind cites like Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Culver City as far as technical employee staffing ratios and percentage of salaries to general fund. Mayor Fuentes also asked staff to look into a third party assessment to consider all aspects of the City's information technology package and in which areas it may be lagging. "We need to be leading the charge," she said. Recent similar analyses in other cities came with a price tag of over \$60,000.

The Council also on Tuesday accepted a \$175,000 grant from Chevron that will be used towards the City's economic development effort over the next two years and assist in marketing,

branding and public relations. This is the second such contribution from the refinery after a \$200,000 subsidy at the beginning of 2014. The new grant dollars will go towards advertising and contractual services.

During presentations, the Council issued a commendation to Linda Messia as the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of the year. An RSVP since 2005, Messia not only worked the required four hours per week but also donated additional time for a number of local special events ranging from DUI checkpoints to the Halloween Frolic. She also assisted the El Segundo Police Department's Records Division and Crime Prevention Unit, and development RSVP recruitment files.

The Council also thanked all sponsors, supporters and volunteers for contributions to the El Segundo Community Christmas Dinner. Conceived by the late Bill Coffman, a longtime local resident who co-founded the Old Town Music Hall, the dinner is now a hometown tradition going back to 1983. As it has done the past 26 years, the Joslyn Center will again host this year's event that will also feature food donations from the DoubleTree Hotel, and flowers courtesy of Natural Simplicity. The dinner will start at noon on Christmas Day.

At the end of the meeting, City Clerk Tracy Weaver announced that Deputy City Clerk II Cathy Domann will be retiring this month after 15 years of service. •

School Spotlight

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flame retarding, base standing, and free delivery within a radius of 5 miles. So, when you get your residential or commercial tree this year, remember that 100% of the proceeds go to funding the programming of the children of this community, teaching them values including honor and gratitude as evidenced by seeing them come back and volunteer in the community. I guess Mr. Cook summed up for me what I was feeling, in that the Boy Scouts teach "leadership, citizenship, and character development." This was so evident when these young men delivered our tree, volunteering their time in the spirit of Christmas giving.

When I was done studying, we made hot cocoa (with marshmallows) and we decorated the tree, admiring the bulbs, the lights, and the smell of pine. Later, I fell asleep, only to awake to a torrential storm of rain and wind, I walked downstairs in the middle of the night, and there, awaiting me, was our beautiful tree, twinkling and inviting, and despite the howling wind, I fell fast asleep on the couch next to the tree feeling happy and safe. Thank you to all of the El Segundo Scout House Association volunteers for being yet one more of the magical links that makes the El Segundo a community and a home. Happy Holidays to all! •

Sports Shorts

Armada Swim Team Members Qualify in Palm Springs



The El Segundo Armada Swim Team. Photo by Candace Allison/Debra Davis.

The El Segundo Armada swim team proudly sent 15 swimmers that qualified for So. Cal. Swimming Winter Age Group (W.A.G.) Championships. They participated during the weekend of December 12th – 14th in Palm Springs. The swimmers have trained 5-6 days a week at the El Segundo Plunge under the direction of Head Coach Matt Cervantes and Assistant Coach Julianne (JuJu) Allison.

The swimmers qualified in the following events: Bridgette Allison (15) – 100 Free, 100 Back, 100 Fly, 200 Back, 200 Free, 200 IM; Nicholas Allison (13) – 100 Free, 100 Back, 100 Fly, 200 Back, 200 Fly; Skylar Beckett (10) – 50 Free, 50 Back, 100 Free, 100 Back; Vincent Calta (9) – 50 Breast, 100 Free, 100 Breast, 100 IM, 200 Free, 200 IM; Kyle Crist (14) – 50 Free, 100 Free, 200 Free, 200 IM; Slate Davis (14) – 50 Free, 100 Free, 100 Back, 100 Breast, 200 Back, 200 IM; Owen Frank (9) - 100 Breast; Christina Grenke (13) – 100 Back, 200 Back; Stephanie Rodriquez (9) – 50 Free, 50 Breast, 100 Free, 100 Breast; William Schodorf (13) - 50 Free, 100 Back, 200 Free, 200 Back, 200 IM; Riley Small (13) – 50 Free, 100 Free, 100 Breast, 100 Fly, 200 Free, 200 IM; Mary Taylor (14) – 50 Free, 100 Back; Amari Turner (13) – 50 Free, 100 Back, 100 Fly; Brock Wilson (12) – 50 Back, 50 Breast, 50 Fly, 100 Back, 100 Breast, 100 Fly, 200 Free, 200 IM, 500 Free; Baron Young (13) – 50 Free, 100 Free, 100 Breast, 100 Fly, 200 Free, 200 IM.

In the past 2 1/2 years, our team has grown to 90 swimmers, ranging from the ages of 7-15. And in that time, our team as gone from zero qualifying, to the 15 listed above. Bridgette Allison and Kyle Crist compete for the El Segundo High School Team. Seven Swimmers look forward to competing in high school next year. Now the team will train to qualify for long-course Junior Olympics in the summer (50-meter course).



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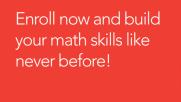
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