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Exploring the LAX Dunes

The wildlife preserve sits just north of El Segundo yet remains unseen to many.

By Maureen Kingsley

El Segundo community member Darlene Gaston gives voice to what so many of us are thinking in her essay “Big Little Blue,” published last year in *El Segundo Writes: A Collection of Writing from the Community*. “Shouldn’t I have seen a blue butterfly by now?” she asks herself, while driving the length of Pershing one afternoon and seeing for the umpteenth time the bright-blue sign for the El Segundo Blue Butterfly Habitat Restoration Area positioned at the thoroughfare’s southern end. “Is that sign left over from a bygone era?” she wonders. “Perhaps that butterfly is a mythological creature.”

Her curiosity growing with time, Darlene eventually finds herself exploring the restricted-access LAX Dunes on foot one Saturday morning, months later, having signed up along with other citizen-volunteers to help remove invasive plant species from the area. The clean-up event is a monthly effort coordinated by Friends of the LAX Dunes (FOLD), The Bay Foundation, Loyola Marymount University’s Coastal Research Institute, and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), and Darlene is there to help, to learn about the ecology of the dunes, and to finally catch a glimpse of the storied El Segundo Blue. Two hours into her work pulling black mustard and wild oats from the sand, she finally gets her chance.

“I see it!” Darlene calls out, after the volunteer coordinator points to an El Segundo Blue fluttering among the seacliff buckwheat plants that are native to the area and vital to the endangered butterfly’s survival. *No wonder I have never seen one before*, Darlene writes. *It is the size of a thumbnail*. Her fellow volunteers gather excitedly, trying to see this tiny, rare species for themselves, while the coordinator explains that the female butterflies are brown or gray, with spots, while the males are the shade of blue for which everyone is searching among the vegetation. Darlene is pleased to learn that El Segundo Blue Butterflies are, in fact, real, and that she has contributed to their welfare. It is a memorable, special experience, and one that any local resident interested in geography, ecology, and conservation is welcome to enjoy.

LAX Dunes History

Before visiting LAX Dunes as a volunteer, it’s helpful to know their recent history. The largest remnant of the greater Southern California Dune System, which originally spanned coastline from Palos Verdes to Santa Monica, the LAX Dunes comprise roughly 307 square acres of protected wildlife bordered by Vista del Mar to the west, Pershing Drive to the east, Imperial Highway to the south, and Waterview Street to the north. Now owned and managed by LAWA, the preserve is home to more than 900 plant and animal species, more than 90 of which are unique to the Los Angeles area—including local favorite the El Segundo Blue Butterfly.

This ecological sanctuary, however, was not always so. Local residents whose





South Bay roots go back generations are likely to have heard about the old Surfridge and Palisades del Rey residential neighborhoods (pictured to the left in black and white), which were developed just off the beach between Pershing Drive and Vista del Mar in the 1920s, where the preserved dunes are now. By the late 1950s and early 1960s, however, as Los Angeles International Airport sprung forth from the original, smaller Mines Field airfield built in 1928, what became more and more apparent was that LAX and those beachside neighborhoods west of Pershing simply couldn't coexist in that space.

As a result, the 1970s saw the Surfridge and Palisades del Rey neighborhoods reclaimed by the city of Los Angeles, the residents relocated, and the homes and infrastructure dismantled. Restoration of the natural dunes began in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and in 2014 Girl Scout Gold Award winner Ayanna Neal formed the nonprofit group Friends of the LAX Dunes (FOLD), now part of The Bay Foundation, to assist in this effort. FOLD's monthly volunteer events continue to this day, and local groups and individuals are encouraged to register and attend.

Experience the LAX Dunes Yourself

Like Darlene, any and all of us here in El Segundo, the South Bay, and beyond are welcome and encouraged to register for a monthly Saturday-morning dune-restoration event. All ages are invited, says Chris Enyart—an LMU alumnus and Watershed Programs Project Manager for The Bay Foundation who leads the Saturday volunteer events—so long as young children are supervised by capable adults. “We’ve had scout groups, kindergarteners, employees from AT&T’s El Segundo office,” Chris adds. “We also do targeted outreach to inland and underserved communities.”

The morning typically begins at 9:30 and provides education, exercise, and beautiful coastal views for participants. Chris or another volunteer coordinator teaches those gathered about non-native species, such as grasses, mustard plants, and Russian thistle, which need pulling and removing, versus the natives: beach evening-primrose, beach burr, deerweed, and the species required for the El Segundo Blue Butterflies' survival, seacliff buckwheat, says Nancy Price, Environmental Specialist II for LAWA. Volunteers also learn about endangered and threatened animal species they may encounter on the dunes, if they are lucky and observant: San Diego horned lizards, gnatcatchers, El Segundo Blues, legless lizards, and burrowing owls. They're then turned loose on the dune to uproot and bag invasive plants, thereby making room for the natives and helping to restore the ecology of the area. The volunteer coordinator helps as needed and points out lizards, birds, and yes, butterflies, to the volunteers as they work.

“We appreciate people coming out and spending time with us and learning how species survive and thrive,” Nancy says. Her colleague Frederick Badlissi calls the LAX Dunes “a unique gem” and points out the special opportunity we as locals have to participate in something so informative and educational close by, that's also physically bracing and just plain feels good.

Volunteer LAX Dune restoration events take place on the first Saturday of each month, excluding holidays and weather permitting, and they begin at 9:30am. Those interested in participating are asked to register online in advance at santamonicabay.org/friends-of-the-lax-dunes, after which you'll receive information on where to report the morning of the event.

For more information, visit Friends of the LAX Dunes and The Bay Foundation online (santamonicabay.org), and consult our Guide to Cultural Events for the next Saturday volunteer event. See you at the dunes!



Letter from the Editor

This month begins some big new changes for The El Segundo Scene. Thank you, readers, for coming along for the ride!

Hello, and happy March! Whether you're a first-time reader of The El Segundo Scene or you've been following along from our very first issue in May of 2018, I'm delighted you're here! Thank you for picking up this guide to all things creative, artistic, musical, and cultural in El Segundo, and for supporting independent, homegrown community journalism.

Thanks to the efforts of our editorial contributors and the partnerships built with our advertisers these past 18 months, The El Segundo Scene is growing and expanding. With this current issue we have tripled our print run to 10,000 copies from our original 3,000, and we're broadening our distribution to 10 additional South Bay cities. We are excited to share our local artists, musicians, community groups, and cultural events with the greater South Bay community!

In this month's issue, for instance, we explore the hidden wonders of the preserved LAX Dunes tucked between Vista del Mar and Pershing Drive and invite you to volunteer for one of their monthly Saturday restoration events. (Wear sunscreen, stay hydrated, and keep an eye out for tiny El Segundo Blue butterflies and wriggling legless lizards!) We also share notes and photos from ESMoA's newest exhibit, STARDUST, which is a whimsical, interactive, and brain-bending experience for all ages.

Talented teenager Hailey Hansen shares her digital artwork, created on her iPad, in our Young Artists of 90245 spread this month, and our littlest artists display their creations on page 12, with the generous sponsorship of Mattel's Imagination Center. I challenge you *not* to smile when you check out the creativity of our local youth! I bet you can't do it!

As you make your way further into this issue, you'll see that local personal chef Jenifer Antonelli offers us her no-fail, easy-peasy method for preparing a traditional St. Patrick's Day feast in the slow-cooker, and artist Natalie Strong presents a strong argument for "linear consumerism" in her Artist's Voice column. (Maybe multitasking *isn't* the panacea of productivity after all!)

A look at the history and traditions of the nearly 100-year-old El Segundo Woman's Club, four pages of culturally enriching community events, and another challenging El Segundo crossword puzzle by local puzzle-maker Donna Kahl round out our March issue.

As always, we take great pride in our product and love the opportunity it affords us to get to know the unique individuals, groups, and businesses that make El Segundo a lively, eclectic, and interesting place to spend time.

Please get in touch with feedback, editorial pitches, events for our guide, and suggested advertising partnerships at editor@theelsegundoscene.com. Thank you!

—Maureen Kingsley



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Artist's Voice: Linear Consumerism

As minimalism as a lifestyle and consumer trend continues its ascent, artist and writer **Natalie Strong** gives its cousin, linear consumerism, a try—and finds it liberating.

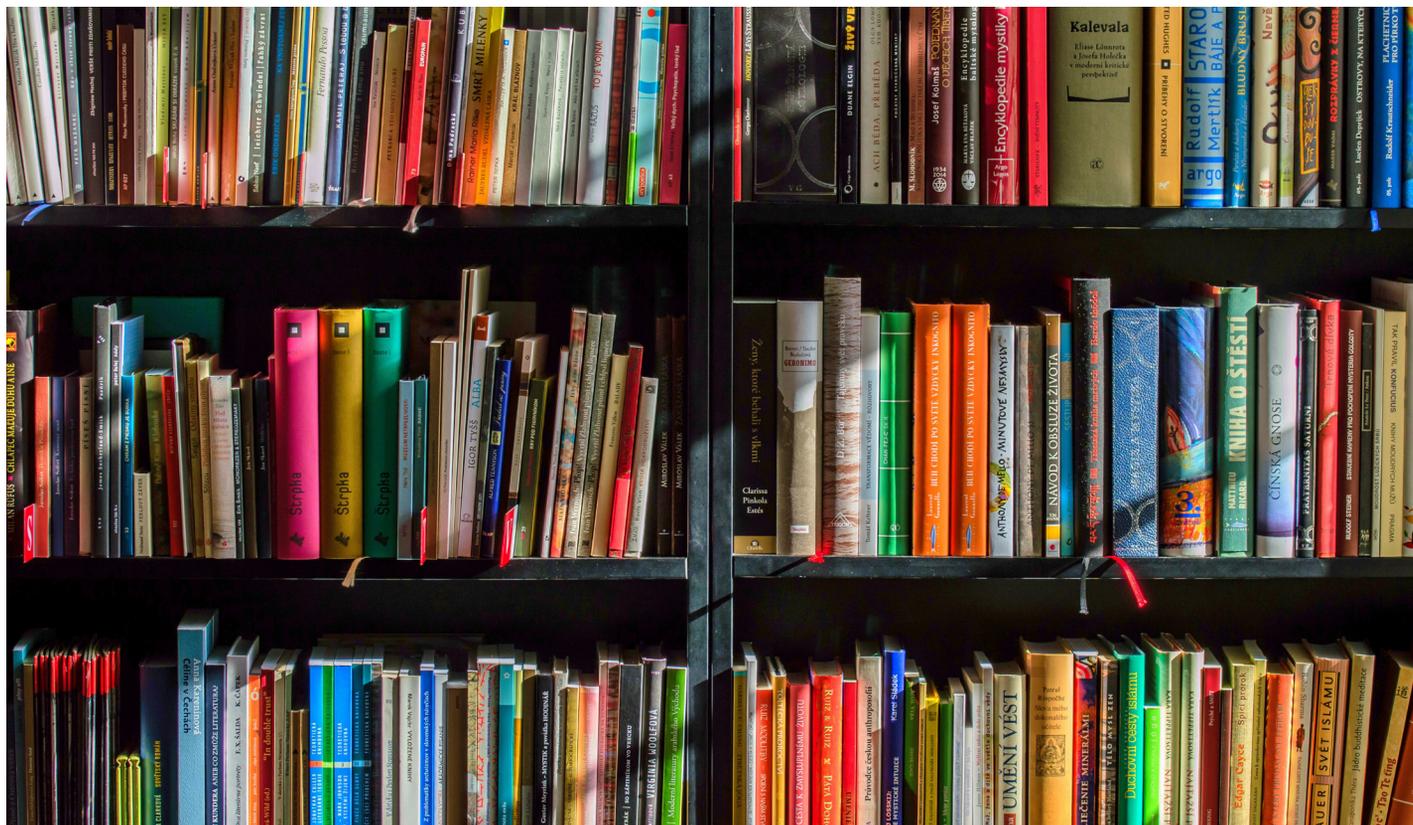
For a while, multitasking was all the rage. We got very good at it. Then it started going around that multitasking wasn't as cognitively beneficial as we once thought, and now it's very difficult to shift position on this issue. Doing one thing at a time? It feels so... unproductive, distractingly slow, even. You want me to just write this article and that's all? Okay, but you should know I have a load of laundry in the dryer and an episode of *CSI* on in the background. ("Who are you? Who-oo? Whoo-oo?") I'm rocking this multitasking situation.

But I do honestly long for a simpler way of life. I've been successful in the past. One time, I gathered all of the hotel shampoos and travel-size shower gels and tiny soaps I had amassed over the years, and I vowed to work my way through each category, using up one shampoo before moving on to the next. When I finished all of the tiny toiletries, I felt I had really accomplished something. It sounds silly, but the linear progression, the commitment to the effort, and the reduction of excess without waste were exhilarating to this nerd.

I did the same with the small perfume collection I accumulated back when I had more disposable income and more desire to smell differently on various occasions. Now I have one perfume. My current favorite. It feels right. These successes led me to wonder what else I might go linear with.

Some things are easy to use linearly. I'd be willing to bet there aren't many of us who have a variety of toothpastes that we jump between because we are struck with a taste for a different flavor. One tube of toothpaste, beginning to end, and replace. So elegant!

It's not as easy with other categories of items. We are bombarded with messages of variety and options. Why limit yourself? If you are like me, you've bought in. I won't tell you how many colors of nail polish I own, and I don't even paint my nails very often. What would life be like if I used only one color until it ran out and then sought a new color? Do you think it would be freeing or stifling? I might try it out by working through my nail polish one color at a



time until they are all gone... which should take years.

As part of my personal New Year's Resolutions package, I am currently working through my books. My shelf is full of books that I bought because I was excited to read them and had to have them right then and there. Inevitably, I would get distracted by some other new acquisition or side-tracked by a need to read a book for a particular purpose or on a deadline. The tangential reading didn't reduce my interest in the books I already owned, however; it merely extended my To Be Read list to an overwhelming length. No longer! Inspired by theunreadshelf.com, a blog about this very endeavor, I am knocking down long-owned tomes one after another, in linear fashion. It is, again, exhilarating for this nerd! Check out theunreadshelf.com for inspiration in this department.

So what else? Here is a long but not exhaustive list of other categories I am considering going linear with: tea flavors, lipstick colors, lotions, knitting projects, half-finished quilts, sketchbooks, notebooks, coloring books, and television series. Gather them into one place, choose one to start with, and proceed in a linear fashion. Suddenly I feel as though there's a chance I might breathe again one day.

As far as simplification philosophies go, it's not news that minimalism is a solid solution. While I am too much of a free spirit for true minimalism (ask my kids about my coffee mug habits), I am definitely interested in actually using the things I own, using them up, and, in the process, discovering favorites within the distracting multitudes. Linear consumerism—is that a thing? If not, it is now. I've coined it.

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El Segundo Woman's Club Nears Its Centennial

History, culture, and philanthropy are at the heart of El Segundo Woman's Club.

By Carol Cervantes

Perhaps, on warm summer nights, you've heard live music coming from the historic white building on Standard Street that sits across from El Segundo High School. Maybe you've peered into the windows while walking your dog down Mariposa Avenue and glimpsed couples gliding across the building's floor in a waltz or a fox trot. You've almost certainly seen kids cracking confetti-filled eggs over each other's heads at Recreation Park during the city's July 4th celebration. One way or another, you've likely encountered El Segundo Woman's Club, an active group of community members headquartered in one of the city's most historic buildings.

ESWC's Historic Home

El Segundo's first one-room schoolhouse, built in 1912, was originally situated where local elementary school Richmond Street School sits now. In 1936, the then-16-year-old El Segundo Woman's Club bought that original schoolhouse and had it moved to its current location at 541 Standard Street, where it remains to this day and serves as club headquarters. The building has recently been upgraded with a new HVAC system, better electrical wiring, a new parking lot, and insulation. Cosmetically, however, the building could use a facelift. To that end, ESWC has employed a rental agent, and members look forward to having the building's walls repainted and the landscaping updated as a result.

What ESWC Is All About

Nearly 100 years after the El Segundo Woman's Club's formation in 1922, it remains a thriving, active, philanthropic community organization supporting international, national, state, and local charities; hosting events; and renting out its space in that historic schoolhouse on Standard Street.

What's more, the ladies and gentleman of the club are not above having a bit of fun.

In 1976, members of the El Segundo Woman's Club began their beloved tradition of stuffing confetti into eggshells, or *cascarones*, and kids cracked them on each other's heads during the city's July 4 celebration. Club members have continued this tradition of stuffing eggshells collected from the community, and forty-four years later, the children of those now-grown kids from the 1970s are enjoying the *cascarones* themselves. The money raised from *cascarones* sales has funded ESHS and Arena High School scholarships. Today, the club not only provides its own scholarships, it helps to facilitate many others from local donors.

The club has about 50 members, including one man, and cheerfully embraces anyone who wishes to join. Its members participate in El Segundo's annual holiday parade, help Santa Claus answer letters from children at the El Segundo Public Library, and collect blankets for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, food for local food bank CASE, and coupons for military personnel. They have also gathered plastic bottle caps to assist their sister club in Hermosa Beach in installing a Buddy Bench and collected gently used clothing for women in need. ESWC members have created quilts for Wounded Warriors and paracord bracelets for Operation Gratitude. Every month the club makes a donation to one or two charities, including The Peach Foundation, Mychal's Learning Place, crisis homes, and environmental organizations.

Meetings and Membership

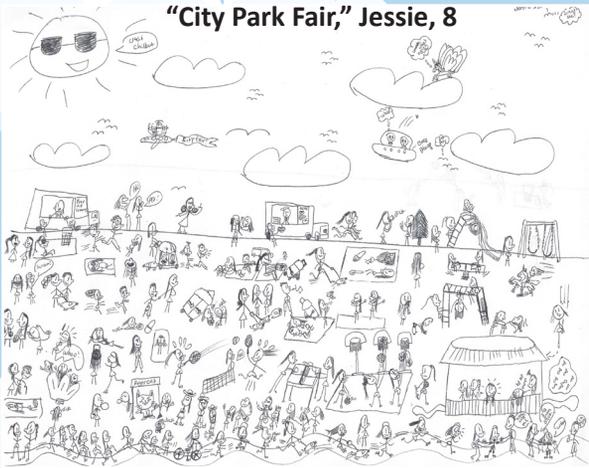
El Segundo Woman's Club meets every second Wednesday of the month for a luncheon and general business meeting. Most members live in El Segundo, but many do not. Anyone who has an interest in fun and philanthropy is welcome, and, despite the club's name, men may join, too. (Anyone interested in helping to maintain a very old building for posterity is *doubly* welcome!)

If you would like to attend the March 11 luncheon, scheduled for 11:30am, or have questions, send email to ESWCMembership@gmail.com. For more information or to rent the venue, visit the website at ElSegundoWomansClub.org.

The ESWC is planning another boutique on May 2 in response to heavy demand and to complement El Segundo's Hometown Fair. The club's first-ever boutique, with 30 vendors, was held last December and was hugely successful. On May 16, ESWC will host its annual Tea Party (open to the public with reservations required; send email to ESWCmembership@gmail.com). Both events will support the club's Philanthropy and Scholarship fund.

Carol Cervantes is an El Segundo resident and a member of El Segundo Woman's Club.





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How to Style a Coffee Table

- Holly Socrates, Interior Designer and Real Estate Agent

Whether you're listing your home for sale or simply want to elevate the look of your existing one, creating an inviting space can feel daunting. Or perhaps you started and got stuck along the way. Here, I have simplified the process into a few easy steps to help you achieve the desired look you want. When styling a coffee table, it's best to first start with a blank canvas. Remove all items and start fresh with a clear surface. To create a cohesive look, stick to a color palette. Adding a fun game, puzzle or great coffee table book creates interest and conversation for guests. Use decorative boxes, baskets or trays for remote controls. Create dimension by using items of different heights. Adding a touch of greenery or fresh flowers is a natural way to add life and complete the look. Below is a step by step breakdown on how to layer objects to create a beautifully styled coffee table. **Step 1:** Anchor with a decorative tray **Step 2:** Add books and magazines **Step 3:** Include functional items like coasters **Step 4:** Wood puzzles and games can make great conversation pieces **Step 5:** Inviting items like scented candles add warmth **Step 6:** Create dimension by adding height with vases or pottery **Step 7:** Finish with a touch of greenery **Real Estate Fact:** Staged homes sell will for 17% more on average and 87% faster than a non-staged home. - Forbes.com

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El Segundo Guide to Cultural Events

March is packed with cultural and community events in El Segundo and just outside. Keep this guide handy all month long to help you plan your days!

March

1 SoCal Diecast Cars & Coffee

Sun. 9am-noon
Automobile Driving Museum
\$5 gen. admission, diecastcarsandcoffee.com

1 Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in "Carefree"

Sun. 2:30pm
Old Town Music Hall
\$10, \$8 seniors, oldtownmusichall.org

1 Jewish American Music Festival: Music Crossing Boundaries

Sat. 11am-7:30pm
American Youth Symphony at Schoenberg Hall, UCLA
\$10-\$20, aysymphony.org/2019-20-season

2 HS Craftern: Harry Potter Wands

Mon. 3-4pm
ES Public Library, Teen Room
Free, eslib.org

4 Ballona Wetlands Community Restoration Event

Wed. 9:30-11:30am
Ballona Wetlands
Free, register at santamonicaabay.org/events

4 Common Space Comedy Night

Wed. 8pm
Common Space Brewery
Free, commonspace.la/events/comedy-night-march

4 Free comedy show (21+)

Wed. 8:30pm
Purple Orchid
Free, 310-322-5829

6 HS Teens: Fun Friday

Fri. 3-5pm
ES Public Library, Teen Room
Free, eslib.org

6-7 "Three Smart Girls"

Fri. 8:15pm, Sat. 2:30pm + 8:15pm
Old Town Music Hall
\$10, \$8 seniors, oldtownmusichall.org

7 LAX Dunes Restoration Event

Sat. 9:30-11:30am
LAX Dunes, Playa del Rey
Free, register at santamonicaabay.org/events

7 Hot Wheels Garage

Sat. 10am
Automobile Driving Museum
Children 10 + under

free, adults \$15 suggested, <http://bit.ly/37hEdL0>

7 Fur_casso dogs + painting event

Sat. 10am-2pm
Camp Run-A-Mutt (Gardena)
\$25, thecollect-ibulls562@gmail.com

7 Women-Owned Small-Business Saturday

Sat. noon-5pm
Common Space Brewery
Free, commonspace/events/womens-weekend

7 Women's History Month Event

Sat. 4-7pm
LA Glass Center
\$45, laglasscenter.com

8 Full Moon Sound Bath

Sun. 6-7:15pm
Yoga Bliss
cost: \$30 presale, yogabliss-studio.com/events

8 "This Is The Ticket!"

Sun. 2:30pm
Old Town Music Hall
All seats \$20 (cash or check), oldtownmusichall.org

9 HS Craftern: Beaded Bracelets

Mon. 3-4pm
ES Public Library, Teen Room
Free, eslib.org

10 Ballona Wetlands Community Restoration Event

Wed. 9:30-11:30am
Ballona Wetlands
Free, register at santamonicaabay.org/events

12 Read to a BARK Therapy Dog!

Thurs. 3:30-4:30pm
ES Public Library
Free, eslib.org

12 Night of Style

Thurs. 6-9pm
Frocks 'n' Rocks boutique
Free to attend, frock-sandrocks.net

13 Flight Path Museum's Friday Free For All

Fri. 10am-3pm
Flight Path Museum and Learning Center
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13 Shamrock Slime Party (parents' night out)

Fri. 6-9pm
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13 Star Party with South Bay Astronomical Society

Fri. 8-10:30pm
Hilltop Park
Free, esrec.org

13-15 "For Me and My Gal"

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\$10, \$8 seniors, old-townmusichall.org

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14 Hat-Making Workshop

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14 A Great Gatsby Casino Night



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Automobile Driving Museum
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14 "Let Earth Ring" presented by El Segundo Concert Band

Sat. 7pm
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The Proud Bird's Tuskegee Building
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16 Cook + Bake for Kids

Tues. 1-2:30pm or 3:30-5pm
The LOFT Academy
\$142.50 (3-class series), fromscratchbakers.com

16 HS Crafteen: Four Leaf Clover Clips and Pins

Mon. 3-4pm
ES Public Library, Teen Room
Free, eslib.org

18 Chair Yoga and Meditation

Wed. 1:30-2:30pm
ES Public Library
Free, eslib.org

19 ESMoA Jr. Ambassador Program (age 13+)

Thurs. 3-5pm
ESMoA
Free, esmoa.org

19 ESHS Orchestra Solo + Small Ensemble Festival

Thurs. 7pm
ES Performing Arts Center (at ESHS)
Free, [@eshs_orchestra on IG](https://eshs_orchestra.on.ig)

20-22 Laurel and Hardy Festival

Fri. 8:15pm, Sat. 2:30pm + 8:15pm, Sun.

Artist Natalie Strong on Instagram

@constantalchemy

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WEEKLY MARCH EVENTS

Tuesdays: Trivia Night, 7pm
Brewport Tap House, Free

Tuesdays: Crafts N' Laughs comedy, 9pm, Flights Beer Bar,
Free

First + Third Tuesdays:
Kiwanis meeting, noon
The Lakes El Segundo

Wednesdays: Cocktails & Chords, 6-9pm, R6 Distillery

Fridays: Just Draw (adults),
10-11am, ESMoA, Free

Fridays: "Singing with the Hits" Karaoke, 9pm-close
The Standard Station, Free

Fridays: STARTOPIA, 3:30-5pm, ages 10+
ESMoA, Free

Saturdays: Live Music at The Tavern on Main, 8pm-midnight
The Tavern on Main, Free
Sat. 14, 21

Last Saturday of the month:
"Singing with the Hits" karaoke, 9pm-1am, The Tavern on
Main, Free

Sundays: Brunch + Bottomless Mimosas, 11am-2pm
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Tuesdays through Sundays:
Sam First live music, 8pm + 9:30pm
Sam First jazz club

"Make Your Own" Glass-Making Lessons
30-minute appointments, Sat. March 7. LA Glass Center,
Smoky Hollow. laglasscenter.com

2:30pm
Old Town Music Hall
\$10, \$8 seniors, old-
townmusichall.org

**20-28 Senior Spring
Variety Show**
All shows (3/20, 3/21,
3/27, 3/28) 7pm
\$8 presale tickets,
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**21-28 Junior Spring
Variety Show**
All shows (3/21, 3/22,
3/28, 3/29) 2pm
Rec Park Clubhouse
\$8 presale tickets,
esrec.org

**21 All Girls Car Show &
Vintage Fashion Ex-
change**

Sat. 10am
Automobile Driving
Museum
Free for spectators,
<http://bit.ly/2utPpqz>

**21 Common Space 2nd
Anniversary Party**

Sat. noon-midnight
Common Space
Brewery
Free, [commonspace/
events/2nd-anniver-
sary](http://commonspace/events/2nd-anniversary)

21 Embodied Kirtan
Sat. 7:30-9:30pm

Yoga Bliss
Free (donations accept-
ed), [yogabliss-studio.
com/events](http://yogabliss-studio.com/events)

**21 Concerts in the
Library: Derrick Ander-
son**

Sat. 2-3:30pm
ES Public Library
Free, eslib.org

**21-22 Glass Vessels +
Natural Perfumery**

Sat. 9am-4pm + Sun.
1-4pm
LA Glass Center
\$295, [laglasscenter.
com](http://laglasscenter.com)

23 Cook + Bake for Kids
Tues. 1-2:30pm or 3:30-
5pm

The LOFT Academy
\$142.50 (3-class series),
fromscratchbakers.com

**23 HS Crafteen: DIY
Organizer Box**

Mon. 3-4pm
ES Public Library, Teen
Room
Free, eslib.org

**26 Spring Flowers Glass
Class**

Thurs. 5-8pm
LA Glass Center
\$50, laglasscenter.com

27 Container Gardening for All

Fri. 10:30am
International Garden Center
Free, igardencenter.com



27 Family Craft Hour

Fri. 2-3pm
ES Public Library
Ages 5 and up
Free, eslib.org

27-29 "Singin' in the Rain"

Fri. 8:15pm, Sat. 2:30pm + 8:15pm, Sun. 2:30pm
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LA Glass Center
\$95, laglasscenter.com

28 Water and Wood Art + Photography Opening

Sat. 5-9pm
Resin Gallery, Hermosa Beach

Free, waterandwood.co [not .com]

30 Cook + Bake for Kids

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30 HS Craftern: Pom Pom Party Bunnies

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All registrants receive a t-shirt and goodie bag on race day; a fitness expo takes place after the races in Library Park. For more information and to register, visit esrun4education.com



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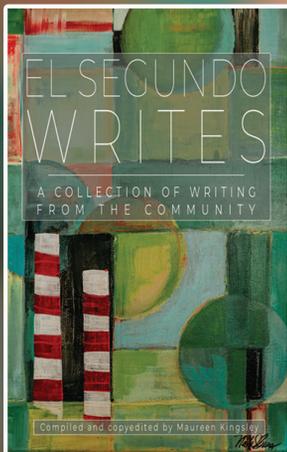
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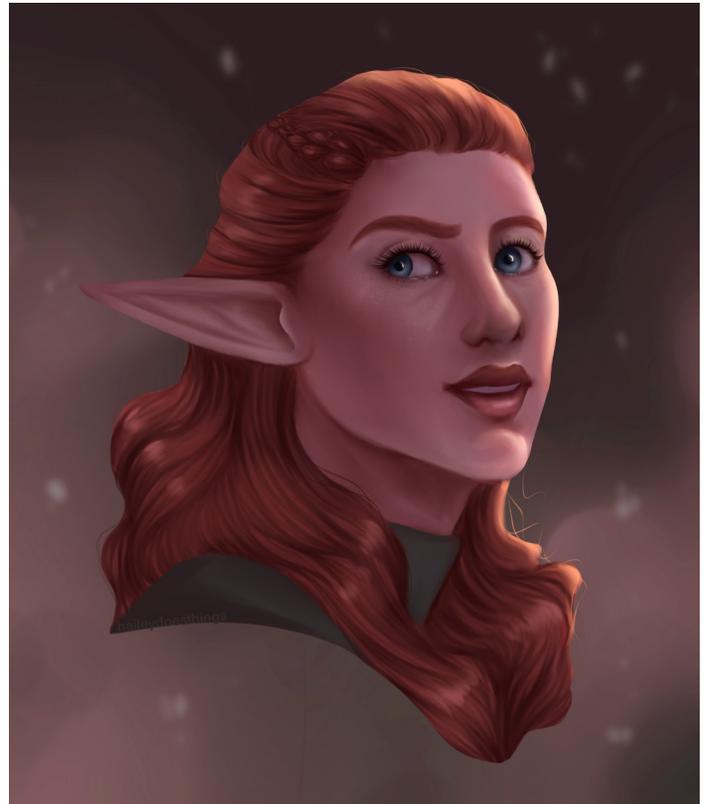
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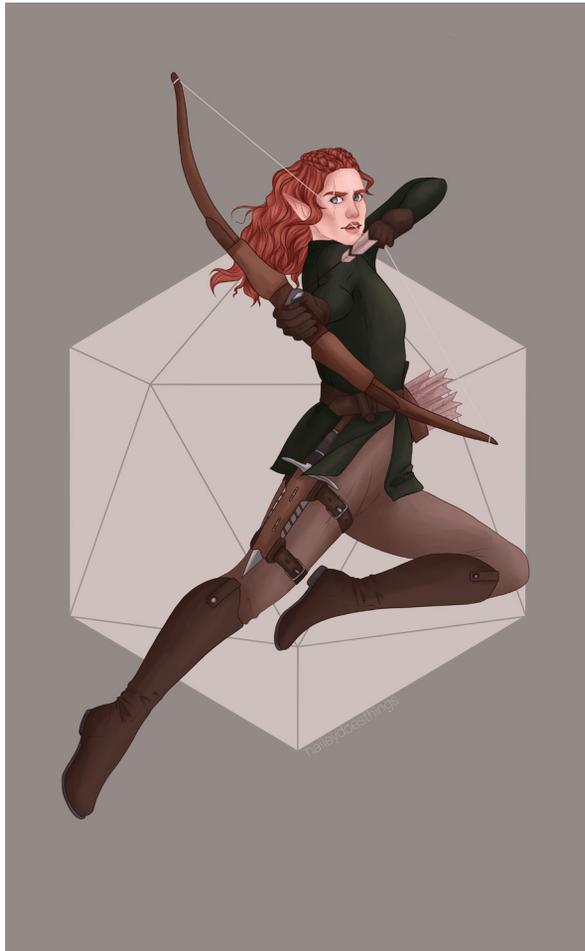
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Featured artist: Hailey Hansen

“As of late, I’ve taken an interest in digital art. I use Procreate for the iPad. I have also been focusing on drawing humans more often than not. I was never able to quite figure out how to draw them for the longest time, but once I did, I never stopped. I’m still not very good at drawing real people because I’m never able to get their likeness down on paper (or, in this instance, an iPad screen). However, I really enjoy drawing characters I’ve created myself or characters in media. I usually find myself drawing characters existing in the realm of the fantasy genre, whether they’re from a popular RPG game called Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) or from similar things in the same vein as D&D.” —Hailey, age 19



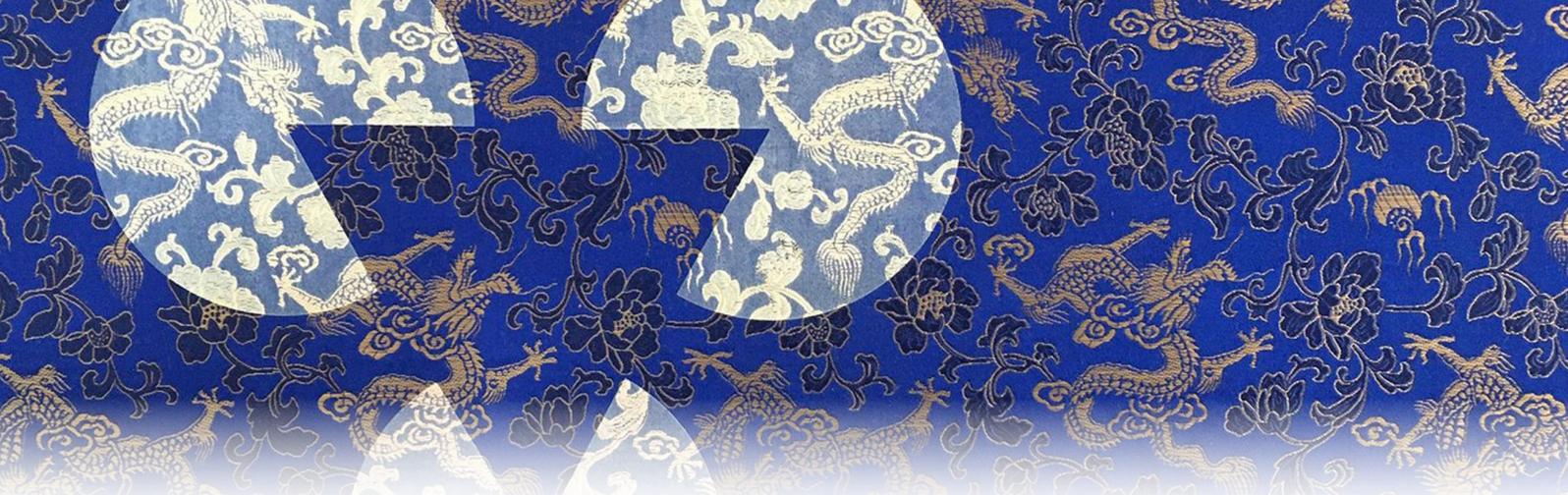


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STARDUST at ESMoA

The art laboratory's latest exhibit is interactive, hands-on, and thought-provoking.

By Maureen Kingsley



This spring, El Segundo-based art laboratory ESMoA follows up its wondrous and inspiring PLANT experience with its newest marvel of creativity and skill: Experience 45: STARDUST. Featuring more than 40 interactive, hands-on artworks and objects that invite visitors to play and explore, STARDUST, curated by Bernhard Zuenkeler with works by Zuenkeler himself and members of the European artist collective Freeters, runs now through May 16 and is free to visit during ESMoA's open hours.

The El Segundo Scene spoke with Zuenkeler and previewed the artworks in February. The many varied pieces in this exhibit "look at the workings of the brain in many different ways," Zuenkeler explained, "and challenge how we think." The participating artists explore "creativity without any borders," he add-



ed. The show's title, "STARDUST," refers to the essential matter of which human beings are made.

Among the works on display is a large fabric collage of the human brain ("Brain") by Freeters and Sile Mattern; "Toy Blocks" (pictured), by Freeters, Miriam Nolte, and Bernhard Zuenkeler; "Sneeeekers" (pictured) by Freeters and Michael Sistig; several re-imagined, redesigned chairs by Freeters (pictured); and "Free Chazz," an oversized chess board and playing pieces that guests are invited to manipulate. One particular illustration, "Ideas come from ideas. Circuit of innovation," by Bernhard Zuenkeler, depicts "what this whole exhibit is about," Zuenkeler said, pointing out the relationships among the cognitive elements imagination, improvisation, intuition, iteration, intention, imagination, and interaction.

The ESMoA Experience Award recipient for STARDUST is artist Rachel Robin Reid, whose miniature ceramic vessels are on display as part of this exhibit (pictured).

Experience 45: STARDUST is open to visitors on Thursdays from 1 to 8pm and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 5pm.

Ask Beth: How Can I Get My Home Ready for the Change of Season?



Beth Rubin, director of design at local business Custom Design & Construction, offers pro tips for preparing your home for spring.

Spring is almost here and it's time to get your house springtime ready. Here are some tips to adequately prepare for the upcoming spring and summer months.

Inspect Your Roof

Check to see if any shingles were lost or damaged. Flashing needs to be checked, and all issues should be repaired immediately in order to prevent additional damage to your home. It is also a good idea to get your roof professionally cleaned; this will improve energy efficiency and keep your home looking aesthetically appealing.

Check Windows and Doors

Check to make sure there aren't any cracks in your caulk or other weather seals around windows and doors. This will help reduce your utility bill and prevent any water from entering into your home. It's also important to check screens. Make sure your window screens and door screens do not have any holes that will allow insects into the house—this will save you from having to call an exterminator later down the road and save you from those bug bites.

Check your Attic

Look for signs of insects and critters that may be living in your attic. Critters could have found a comfy home in your attic during the cooler months, which means they have found a way in and out of your home. Call a professional to take care of the pest problem and boot those unwanted roommates.

Clean your Gutters

Clogged gutters open your home up to potential water damage. Keeping them clean allows the gutters to guide the rain away from your roof and home. Check for leaks and damages to the downspouts as well.

Clean your Dryer Vent

While a lint trap does help catch lint from a drying cycle, some lint is bound to make its way into the dryer vent. A clean vent reduces the energy your dryer uses and helps prevent house fires.

Service your AC Unit

Before you need to use your AC unit for the spring and summer heat, make sure it is cleaned and serviced. Clean units operate more efficiently, and interior filters help purify the air. Check your HVAC filters and make sure they're changed a couple of times per year for optimal use.

Check Lawn Sprinklers

Make sure to check your sprinkler system for malfunctioning valves or sprinkler heads. Also check to see if your outdoor faucets are still functioning properly. This will help keep your water cost down and ensure you aren't wasting water.

Spring Cleaning

Now is a great time to do an overall cleaning of the house. A good, deep clean will also help you catch any other updates you need to make to the house. Keep an eye out for mold and mildew, missing grout, cracks in the walls, build-up on windows, or any other issues. Call a professional to get the issues taken care of right away so you can enjoy your spring and summer months to the max.

What other home remodeling tips can Beth help you with? Send your requests to aliciah@visitcustomdesign.com, and Beth will answer them here!

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El Segundo Eats: St. Patrick's Day Fare

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This month, personal chef and writer Jenifer Antonelli takes us through preparing the holiday staple corned beef and cabbage.



I love how you can tell what time of year it is and which major holiday is just around the corner as soon as you walk into the grocery store. Turkeys, stuffing mixes, green beans, and cranberries take center stage in November. Holiday roasts abound in December. In February, I'm suddenly surrounded by roses and chocolates. When I see mounds of cabbage, bunches of carrots, bags of baby potatoes, and packages of corned beef on full display, I know St. Patrick's Day must be coming up on the calendar. It's as if the market is not-so-subtly reminding me to get into the spirit of the holiday and make a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Honestly, any other time of year I would never even think about making corned beef and cabbage, but when the ingredients are staring me in the face, I can't help but buy them. Whenever I do make corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day, my family enjoys it and we ask why I don't make it more often. Then whoosh! Another year passes by and I find myself in the middle of March ready to make the recipe again.

Corned beef is a salt-cured brisket of beef. The name is derived from the large "corns" of rock salt that are used to cure the meat along with spices such as cloves, pep-





percorns, bay leaves, mustard seeds, coriander seeds, and allspice berries. In March, it's easy to find prepackaged briskets that are already brined with pickling spices. I find that cooking the brisket in my slow cooker is the easiest way to enjoy this one-pot meal. I set it up in the morning then come home to have a delicious dinner ready and waiting for me. You can, too, following the recipe here.

Note: If you don't have an hour between the time you get home and when you need dinner on the table, you can add the cabbage at the very beginning on top of the onions. If you do have an hour to spare, though, I would add it at the end so that it is tender but not mushy.

Ingredients:

- 1 (2- to 3-pound) corned beef brisket, rinsed
- 1 Tbsp. pickling spice
- 1 1/2 pounds baby potatoes (red or yellow, washed and unpeeled)
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 2-in. pieces
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into wedges
- 1 head green cabbage (about 1 1/2 pounds), cored and cut into wedges

Method:

Place the corned beef into your slow cooker. Sprinkle the pickling spice on top. Arrange the potatoes and carrots between the beef and walls of the slow cooker. Add enough water to just cover the meat, about five cups.

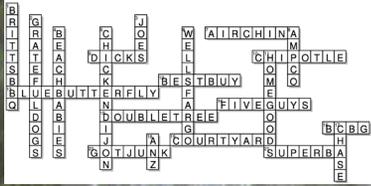
Place the onion wedges on top of the meat. Cook on high heat for five hours or low heat for eight hours, until the meat is tender. Add the cabbage on top and cook for about one hour more, until the cabbage is tender.

Transfer the corned beef to a cutting board, cover it with foil and let it rest for 15 minutes before cutting it against the grain into slices. Arrange the slices on a platter. Using a slotted spoon, carefully remove the vegetables from the slow cooker and arrange them on the platter around the meat. Taste the veggies, and if needed, sprinkle with a little salt and pepper.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

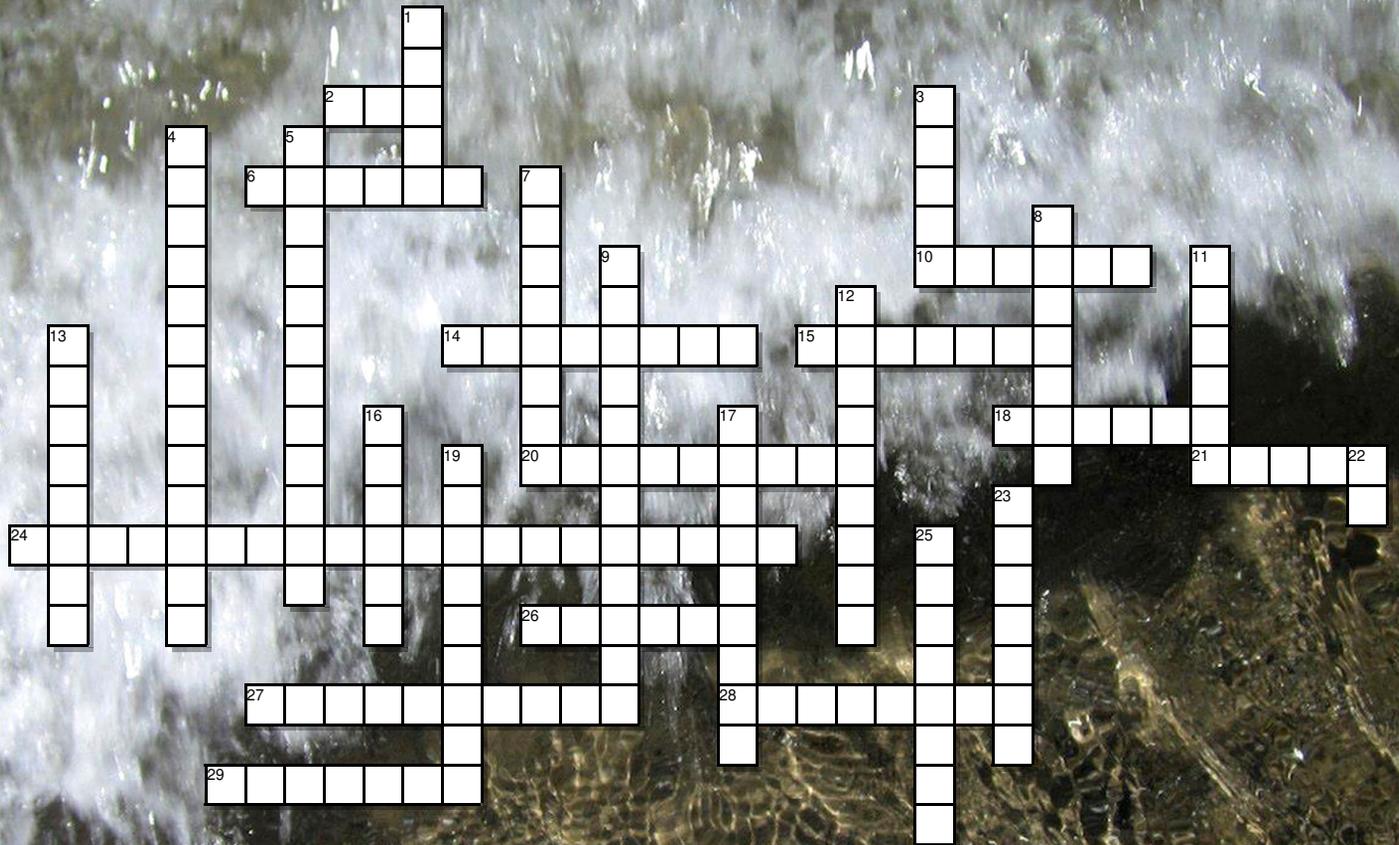
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Last month's answer key



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An El Segundo Crossword by Donna Kahl



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- 6 Orthodontics
- 10 Hello Kitty's Home
- 14 Lifeguard Tower Realtor
- 15 1-800 _____
- 18 Eye See You
- 20 Drug store
- 21 The _____
- 24 PCT
- 26 Service club
- 27 One of the oldest banks
- 28 Ideas in Orbit
- 29 _____ Suites

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- 1 Dry cleaners
- 3 _____ Bagels
- 4 Coffee hangout
- 5 Pizza and beer on Grand
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