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Large Crowds Come Out for Aerospace Summer Games 2017



The Aerospace Summer Games 2017 took place on Saturday, July 29 at Dockweiler Beach's Lifeguard Tower 58. The day of fun and friendly competition drew a large crowd and featured participants from more than two dozen area aerospace and related companies—including many from El Segundo—competing in events ranging from volleyball to balloon tossing. Group Shot Photo Credit: Vera Mulyani, SpacePortLA.com.

City Council Delays TopGolf Project Vote to September

By Brian Simon

On Tuesday night, the El Segundo City Council (minus Mayor Suzanne Fuentes, who was in China on a diplomatic trip) postponed its final vote on the long-pending TopGolf project from August 15 to September 5 to allow for some additional revisions to the lease agreement with CenterCal Properties. Staff tacked a TopGolf item onto Tuesday's agenda the day before the meeting, catching Council members by surprise.

A lengthy discussion ensued on several of the proposed revisions. In one major change that only just came to light, the Golf Course Subcommittee negotiated to have golf pros work under the City's auspices instead of under TopGolf's supervision—since only 20 percent of lessons and programs occur at the driving range, with the remainder taking place at the City-owned golf course. But in relinquishing its control through this provision, TopGolf no longer feels it should be obligated to pay the pros (specifically two individuals) during the construction period when the golf course is closed. However, City Attorney Mark Hensley explained that "the City can't legally pay them [the pros] to do nothing."

Councilmember Mike Dugan felt that keeping the pros paid during the forced hiatus is crucial to ensure they don't choose to go elsewhere. "The programs we want to maintain are run by the pros—when they [pros] disappear, the programs disappear,"

he warned.

In early June, Councilmember Don Brann voted against extending the due diligence period on the lease agreement in order to "send out a message" for TopGolf to address security concerns at the new venue. The strategy paid dividends, as TopGolf quickly reached out to Brann and agreed in principle to cover the costs of providing two police officers on the premises on Friday

and Saturday nights—with flexible options for additional days and/or to increase the number of officers to four (or reduce the total) depending on need. Hensley indicated his office will add this clause to the agreement and hammer out the details. Under the arrangement, Police Chief Bill Whelan would make decisions on staffing.

Also still unresolved after four years of
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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
78°/69°



Saturday

Sunny
79°/68°



Sunday

Sunny
76°/67°



Wiseburn School Board Informed Opening Day at New High School Delayed Until Fall

By Duane Plank

With less than a month remaining before the scheduled opening day at the newly constructed Wiseburn High School located on Douglas Street, the Wiseburn Unified District (WUSD) School Board Trustees met last Tuesday evening to tackle myriad construction issues as the multi-million-dollar project steams ahead.

The Board also heard the news that the new tentative opening day of school at the new building, which will play host to three Da Vinci high schools as well as the District offices, has been delayed and is now penciled in, said WUSD Superintendent Tom Johnstone, for October. It was hoped that the new high school would open its doors to Da Vinci

charter school students on August 22, but inevitable delays have disrupted the start-up date. Da Vinci students will start their school year at their current locations in late August, and then relocate to the new Douglas Street edifice, if all goes well, in October.

Johnstone said that construction delays on the project, which began in August of 2015, are not uncommon on challenges of this magnitude.

Johnstone said that the "delivery date" to occupy the building was initially July 23. That date has obviously come and gone. Johnstone said that there were two main issues causing the delay. Gould Electric, the initial electric company bid-winner

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Vista del Mar to Go Back to Two Lanes in Each Direction

The following is a press release issued late last week by Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin (11th District) on plans to revert Vista del Mar back to its former four-lane configuration, as well as other changes:

“I’m writing with some important news regarding the road safety projects in Playa del Rey. About two months ago, the City [of Los Angeles] launched two different projects, both designed to improve safety in parts of Playa del Rey.

I said at the time that we would evaluate them and make changes based on community feedback -- and I meant it. That’s why earlier this month we added a lane back on eastbound Culver Boulevard. I have continued to listen--and today, I am announcing some big changes in response to what I have heard.

Announcement 1: Vista del Mar
Two months ago, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) narrowed Vista del Mar from two lanes to one in each direction. DOT did so suddenly and without community input because they were told the City faced immediate and serious liability concerns from people who were being killed or seriously injured crossing Vista del Mar, to and from the beach and free parking on the road. DOT was warned it needed to act

before summer, and they also knew they needed to preserve beach parking to make sure everyone, from everywhere and from all walks of life, had access to the coast.

That move was incredibly controversial--let’s be clear, most people hated it--and I said that I would eagerly embrace an alternative solution that met the requirements of improving safety and maintaining coastal access. Today, I am very glad to report we now have that solution thanks to my good friend, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Janice has agreed to create an equivalent number of public parking spaces below Vista del Mar, at the beach itself. That will allow us to address the primary and the largest safety concern, by prohibiting parking entirely on Vista del Mar. And that will allow us to restore the road to two lanes in either direction. We will do it as soon as the County is able to restripe its lots and create the additional public parking. On top of that, LADOT is going to make a change to the signal and the turn at Vista del Mar and Culver Boulevard, and they expect it will have a significant impact on resolving the bottleneck there.

Thank you, Supervisor Hahn and LADOT,
See Vista del Mar, page 4

Community Briefs

Pump Stations #1 and #7 Modification Projects Now to July 2018

The City of El Segundo Public Works Department recently kicked off upgrades of its outdated and less efficient sewer pump/lift stations. The project includes consolidation of sewer pump station 1 (Acacia Avenue at the park) and pump station 7 (Palm Avenue and Virginia Street), addition of sewage storage capacity, installation of new pumps and related equipment, installation of a backup diesel powered generator, installation of new electrical control and telemetry systems, and realignment of sewer force main pipe within the street right-of-way instead of private properties via an easement. The project will also replace the broken emergency generator for pump station #4 at Kansas Street and Holly Avenue.

The upgrade started last month with contractor Steve P. Rados, Inc. and it will take approximately 12 months for crews to complete the work. Construction activities will occur primarily Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Access to homes and businesses will

be maintained, but may be temporarily delayed. Traffic lanes and parking spaces may be temporarily reduced in the immediate construction zone. Public use, including emergency access, of the street will still be available at all times.

A letter went out to impacted residents last month with details on the project as well as a location map. A second letter will be hand-delivered by the contractor closer to the actual construction time for specific street blocks. This second notice will provide more information regarding the specific construction days, times, and any roadway closures. Property owners are asked to inform tenants and other regular users of their buildings of construction activities as well so they may plan accordingly. For any questions or assistance, the contractor will be available to help every day at the job site. For additional information about the projects, please contact Arianne Bola at 310-524-2364 or Lifan Xu at 310-524-2368.

– Source: City of El Segundo

Metro Implements Full and Partial Closures on the I-405 Freeway

Fifteen nights of full and partial closures on the I-405 freeway began on July 31 to accommodate construction of a bridge for the Crenshaw/LAX Line light rail project. The work is being done by Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors, the contractor building the project for Metro.

The lane closures are needed for the safe removal of the wood framing used to build the 800-foot-long bridge, which spans the 405, Hyde Park Avenue and La Cienega Boulevard.

The nightly full and partial directional closures will be from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday to Friday. The freeway will be fully open during the weekends.

Closure Schedule:

- **July 31 to Aug. 4.** The northbound lanes will be completely closed between Century and La Tijera boulevards.
- **Aug. 7 to Aug. 11.** Partial closure of the north and south bound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and the 1 and 2 lanes.
- **Aug. 14 to Aug. 18.** The southbound lanes will be fully closed between the La Cienega off-ramp and La Tijera on-ramp.

Detours:

- If traveling southbound, exit the 405 at the Florence/Manchester off-ramp, proceed south on La Cienega and return to freeway via the Olive Street on-ramp.
- Motorists heading to Los Angeles International Airport can remain on La Cienega to access Century Boulevard or re-enter the 405 and use the westbound 105 and Sepulveda Boulevard to reach LAX.
- If traveling northbound, exit at the La Cienega/Manchester off-ramp, turn left (west) on Manchester, turn right (north) on La Tijera and continue to the northbound 405 on-ramp.

Closure dates are tentative and subject to change based on construction progress and weather conditions. The bridge is expected to be completed in 2018.

LAX encourages passengers to arrive at their terminal two hour before boarding time for domestic flights and three hours before boarding time for international departures.

Metro apologize for the inconvenience that these nightly closures may cause and urge motorists to plan ahead and to expect some delays.
– Source: LAWA/Metro •

Calendar of Events

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- El Segundo Farmers’ Market: Close Encounters, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., Battle flying saucers with Nerf guns and make moon rocks, located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
- El Segundo Historical Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call Sue Carter: 310-640-8923.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.
- Movie in the Park: Moana (Sponsored by El Segundo Rotary), Gates Open at 4:00 PM., Movie Starts at Dusk.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- Centennial Summer Concert Series #4, Era: The 80’s, Centerfold, 4:00 PM., Library Park, Food Trucks, Music and Activities.
- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- Pinochle, 11:30 AM. – 3:30 PM., Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- Bowling, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.
- Drop-In Lobby Events: Japanese Woodblock Printing, 12:00 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- El Segundo Farmers’ Market: Aloha El Segundo, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., Battle flying saucers with Nerf guns and make moon rocks, located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.
- Free Computer Class: iPhone / iPad Basics, 10:30 AM. – 12:00 PM., free – registration is required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.
- Family Campout at Stevenson Field, Pre-sale wristbands on sale July 5 – August 9, Entry at 4:00 PM Saturday. For more info: 310-524-2362.
- Free Computer Class: El Segundo Herald Database Search Basics, 10:30 AM. – 12:00 PM., free – registration is required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- Pinochle, 11:30 AM. – 3:30 PM., Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- El Segundo Kiwanis Club Meeting, 12:10 PM., The Lakes at El Segundo, 400 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Contact: elsegundokiwanis.org.
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 350 Main Street, Call: 310-524-2306.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- Bowling, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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Wiseburn High School Delays Opening

The following is a letter last week from Wiseburn Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone with an update on construction of the new high school facility:

Dear Wiseburn School District Community,

As a result of construction delays stemming from the bankruptcy of the main electrical contractor and some setbacks on the soil condition in the new parking lot, the opening of the main academic building (Phase 1) of Wiseburn High School - home of the Da Vinci high schools, will be delayed by approximately six to eight weeks. The three high schools (Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design and Da Vinci Science), which had been scheduled to occupy the building at 201 N. Douglas Street in El Segundo, will instead start their school year on August 22 at their previous locations. The tentative timeline for moving into the new building is in October, however a specific move-in date has not yet been finalized.

At the construction site, crews have been diligently working six-day weeks to make up the lost time from the change in electrical contractors that occurred in April. Significant progress was made in May and June, bringing most of the project back onto the timeline for a successful August opening. Unfortunately, significant setbacks related to the guidelines of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for Fire/Life/Safety and soil complications in the main parking lot have resulted in delays that require a change in the projected date of occupancy. In the parking lot, several soil issues have been uncovered related to old pipes that need a mitigated removal process, resulting in delays. For Fire/Life/Safety, the

design of the smoke filtration system, alarm systems and fire door protections are extremely complex in this large four-story building. The delays in the electrical set-up have resulted in a domino-effect and unforeseen complications that have not allowed enough time for the required testing of these systems in advance of occupancy. Needless to say, the Wiseburn Unified School District and the Da Vinci Schools will not put students or school staff into the building until all systems have been thoroughly tested and cleared by the building commissioning agents. We are committed to opening the building and moving in all three schools as soon as it is certified as safe for occupancy.

Starting out the school year for several weeks at the high schools' current campuses is clearly not ideal. School principals have been developing contingency plans for reopening the Del Aire and Aviation campuses that had already been packed up in preparation for the move to the new campus. We are asking for the cooperation and patience of our students, staff, families and the community to work through this short-term setback as we continue toward our long-term commitment to opening a beautiful, world-class new high school campus. A Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting celebration will take place in the fall after we move into the new building. Phase 2 construction that includes a pool, gym and playing field is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2018. For questions about construction, please contact Tom Johnstone, Wiseburn Superintendent at (310) 643-3025. •

– Dr. Tom Johnstone, Superintendent
Wiseburn Unified School District

Vista del Mar

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for helping us find a workable solution.

Announcement 2: Playa del Rey Road Safety Task Force

Now, for the second announcement, regarding the other streets, the ones that are part of the Safe Streets for Playa del Rey project. That project made changes to Culver, Jefferson and Pershing in an effort to make the community safer and more walkable. For those areas, I am forming a 'Playa del Rey Road Safety Task Force' to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the project and its impact on those streets and on the surrounding neighborhood. The task force will be composed of neighbors who have supported the project and were engaged from the start, neighbors who have criticized the project and were unaware of it before, local small business people, and safe streets advocates. It will also welcome the input of other residents, of commuters, and agencies or entities that can bring expertise or financial resources to the table--such as the County or some of the South Bay cities. I will ask the task force to make short-term and long-term recommendations, based on data, community feedback, and available financial resources. I will ask them to make a report 90 days after we make the changes on Vista del Mar.

The primary metric for the task force needs to be the most important one -- safety. Our neighborhoods in Los Angeles are suffering from an epidemic of traffic collisions. In April, Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck told us more people had been killed this year by automobile collisions than by gang violence. The number one cause of death for children under the age of 14 in Los Angeles County is automobile collisions.

This status quo is absolutely unacceptable, and slowing speeds through our residential and commercial neighborhoods is the most important and significant thing we can do to address that. The City absolutely must take the steps necessary to implement Mayor Garcetti's executive order and eliminate traffic fatalities by 2025.

There is no precise science or single toolkit to guide how we make our neighborhoods safe. It means trying things, taking risks, and often making tough decisions. I've never been afraid to do that--and I wouldn't be much of a public servant if I were.

But I also wouldn't be much of a public servant if I did not listen to the people I represent, if I were unable to admit a mistake, or if I didn't try to fix those mistakes. And that's what I am doing now. If you are one of the many people who were inconvenienced, who were late to work, or who missed a bedtime story with your toddler, I am truly sorry. We are doing our best to make this right.

I cannot promise that the City's efforts to improve road safety won't have any impacts on commutes--speed kills, and we need to slow down in certain areas to save lives--but the level of gridlock created by Vista del Mar was unacceptable--and now, thanks to Supervisor Hahn, we have an alternative.

I hope to have an update in the next week on the timing of the lane restoration on Vista del Mar, and of the formation of the task force. I look forward to sharing that information with you. In the meantime, thank you for voicing for opinions and sharing your feedback. I hear you, and I am proud to represent you."

Regards,
Mike [Bonin] •

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– CHRISTIE BRINKLEY

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5. Organization for health issues
8. Japanese wine
12. Sumptuous
13. Untidy one
14. BMW Series
15. Like gliders
16. Glazier’s item
17. Clean feathers
18. Design
20. Woodworking tool
21. Cause time to pass pleasantly
22. Square ___ in a round hole
23. Give recognition
26. Recite volubly or extravagantly
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31. Sandy soil plant
34. Pagan symbol
35. Central point
37. Grazing spot
38. Silk variety
39. Desktop feature
40. Tristan’s bride
42. Pick-up truck short form
43. A person of Mexican descent
45. Knight’s need

47. Shoot the breeze
48. Animals, plants of a region
50. Mascara receiver
52. Big white lie
56. Undue speed
57. Accomplished
58. Niagara River source
59. Having creepers
60. Little deers
61. Added something
62. Honey drink
63. Common conjunction
64. Boo-Boo buddy

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1. Hunk
2. Husk of a seed
3. Genesis twin
4. Slick
5. Grain thresher
6. “Death, Be Not Proud” poet
7. Assist, in a way
8. Arab household
9. Ancient greetings
10. Maintain
11. B & B
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14. Shopping binge

19. Ampoule
22. Vegetable
23. Pessimist, basically
24. Come to
25. A short stanza
26. Down-to-earth
27. Hatred
28. Specialty
29. Swift
32. Additionally
33. “The Departed” star, first name
36. Enclosed in a sac
38. Swim competitions
40. Bic filler
41. Wild Asian dogs
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46. Recently
48. Hindi courtesy title
49. German river
50. Cleanse
51. Bangladesh continent
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Sports

Clayton Kershaw May Be Down, but Dodgers Not Out

By Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Dodgers are off to the best regular season start by any team in Major League Baseball since the 2001 Seattle Mariners. That start presumably took a blow when the team's ace and the best pitcher in all of baseball, Clayton Kershaw, left the game after two innings approximately two weeks ago with what was diagnosed to be a lower back strain. Kershaw's absence from the starting rotation has become somewhat commonplace over the past couple of years. The future Hall of Famer missed two and a half months last season with a disc injury in the very same back that is troubling him currently. Despite the team's best player being sidelined to injury, the Dodgers shouldn't panic. There is already a certain amount of magic surrounding a ball club that finds it very difficult to lose a series to another team, let alone a game.

The most disappointing thing about Kershaw's injury isn't what will inevitably be a longer recovery time than the left-hander would naturally want. The displeasing thing for Kershaw--and all of his fans alike--is what it does to his statistical season. Before Kershaw's slight setback, he led baseball in wins (15), ERA (2.04) and innings pitched (141 1/3). He was also second in WHIP (0.88) and third in strikeouts (168). Without the injury, Kershaw was on pace to enjoy yet another Cy Young Award-winning season and had the opportunity to maneuver his way into accomplishing another pitching triple crown as well. Those goals haven't been lost just yet, but his absence from the rotation will certainly make them harder to achieve.

The severity of Kershaw's injury was not immediately known and likely won't be addressed by manager Dave Roberts. One thing that is for sure, though, is that Roberts and the team will certainly not rush their ace back into action. "Over the course of the next week we'll see how he feels and how the body reacts to medication," Roberts said a few days after the injury. "As everything takes, we'll know more. Right now, he's on a slow program." That slow program originally projected Kershaw to be out from four to six weeks. Kershaw is known for his dislike of time frames, though, and had already begun playing catch again as early as last week. "A timetable has kind of been put out there, but we don't know," Roberts explained of the original projection. "With Clayton and his desire and medicine, anything can happen. We're very reluctant to put any type of timetable on it. It's unfair to Clayton as far as speculating and trying to project."

Fans of the “Boys in Blue” may be a bit nervous about the Kershaw news, but the optimistic part of his most recent injury lies in the fact that the scans revealed that the problem was simply a strain and not a recurrence of the disc issue that sidelined him for so long one season ago. More optimism arose last week, when despite not traveling with the team on their recent road trip, Kershaw threw three straight days of catch with no setbacks.

Justin Turner put it perfectly when explaining how the entire team has learned from Kershaw's injury last season and is now ready to move forward in his absence once again this year. "Knowing the way we responded and the way we played in his absence makes it a little bit easier pill to swallow, I guess, but you don't want him not taking the ball every fifth day," Turner explained. "But we've talked about the depth the front office has created and how guys step up. That's what we expect to do."

Last season, the Dodgers stepped up in Kershaw's absence by remarkably going 38-24

and in the process, overcame an eight-game deficit to the much hated San Francisco Giants in the standings to overtake first place in the NL West. When Kershaw returned to the team, he seemed well-rested, posting a 1.29 ERA in the month of September while also giving the team every last ounce of energy that he had--whether it was in a starting role or from out of the bullpen in October. Last year following the injury, Kershaw had the first impressive postseason of his entire career.

The Dodgers have already responded once again this season, too. After Kershaw exited the game against the Atlanta Braves on July 23, Los Angeles went on to win eight games in a row dating back to last Sunday to finish out the month of July, before the month of August even had the chance to get itself started. Like the Dodgers have typically done all season long, there has been a new hero every single night. Whether it's Justin Turner, Corey Seager, Cody Bellinger or even Logan Forsythe, the Dodgers have simply become a team that finds it very, very difficult to lose baseball games whether Kershaw is on the mound or not. As Orel Hershiser put it on a recent telecast, "There's just no place [in the batting order] to breathe if you're an opposing pitcher." Ask the San Francisco Giants who looked like they were in position to win last Sunday's game on two separate occasions. That was before the Dodgers came back from behind yet again and won on a two-run walk-off double by Kyle Farmer in the rookie's MLB debut and first career at-bat.

Almost every single player on the team has taken a turn being the hero. Last Sunday marked the team's 31st come-from-behind victory of the season. It's almost as if they encourage the opposition to take the lead so that they can come back and completely demoralize their opponents. That comeback win was the team's 14th in the seventh inning or later. That same victory put the Dodgers 43 games over .500 for the first time since 1974 and put the club more games over .500 than the Giants (40-66 at the time) had won all season long.

This Dodgers team that is slowly breaking the record books is obviously bigger than just one player. Kershaw, however, is the one player that everyone seems to be counting on come October. His absence from the starting rotation may not be ideal, but the ace of the club will undoubtedly be back, rested and ready to go sooner rather than later. Until then, it looked like this Dodgers team will continue being absolutely unbelievable and filled with magic without him.

– *Asixlion@earthlink.net*

Former El Segundo High School Athletes in the News

By Gregg McMullin

With the summer winding down, before school starts back up in a mere 26 days, there are a few former El Segundo High School athletes who are in the news. Allison Reaser, Ryan Pordes, Nigel Nootbaar and Lars Nootbaar continue to make our community, and in Allison's case our country, proud with their continued successes.

Allison Reaser was one of El Segundo High's top athletes when she graduated in 2010 competing in several sports including track. After high school she decided to take on the heptathlon, which features the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200, long jump, javelin and 800. She was the Junior Olympics National Heptathlon Champion in 2010 before going on to college.

The best track and field athletes and moreover the world's top athletes have been widely regarded as the decathlon (men) and heptathlon



Ryan Pordes led his Suffolk Rams to an NCAA D3 regional final.

(women) participants competing in combined events over a short period of time.

Reaser chose to attend San Diego State, following in the footsteps of her club coach Lori Smith-Thompson. She went on to shatter Smith-Thompson's record at San Diego State and then broke the school record at the NCAA Championships with 5,773 points in 2012. She enjoyed a very successful collegiate career when she was a five-time All-American and the 2014 NCAA Division 1 Heptathlon runner-up in her senior year.

Reaser competed for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team in 2012 and 2016 and has competed in events around the world. She trains at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista and recorded 5,830 points at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Sacramento recently. She ran a personal

best in the 200-meter dash while doing well enough in the 100-meter hurdles, 800-meter, high jump, long jump, javelin and shot put to place sixth overall.

Reaser's efforts earned her a place on the National team that competed in the Thorpe Cup in Düsseldorf, Germany this past week. This will be Reaser's third time representing the United States at the Thorpe Cup and she was hoping to break the 6,000 point barrier.

Reaser helped her team and the United States win this year's team title. On the first day, she amassed 3,356 points by taking second in the 100 high hurdles in 13.57 and winning the 200-meter in 23.96. On the second day, she won the 800-meter event in 2:13.49 and placed second overall with 5,782 points.

If you're not familiar with the Thorpe Cup, it began in 1993 with the two strongest nations in the decathlon meeting head-to-head--the

heptathlon was added in 2006. The Thorpe Cup is an international track and field competition between USA and Germany. Teams are comprised of up to seven men and seven women who compete in the decathlon and heptathlon. Athletes receive a predetermined number of points based upon their performances in each of the events in the decathlon and heptathlon. The top five men's and top three women's scores are added together to determine the overall men's and women's team winners.

Ryan Pordes Leads Suffolk

Ryan Pordes, who was a former El Segundo Eagle standout pitcher, led his Suffolk College (Boston, Massachusetts) team to a 25-17 overall record and a conference championship. Pordes was 7-1 with one save and led the staff with three complete games. His 3.20

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Film Review

To the Bone is a Worthy Debut from One of TV’s Fiercest, Funniest Female Writers

By Kailee Andrews for Cinemacy

Marti Noxon is a television visionary, but you probably haven’t heard of her. As a screenwriter and producer, she shaped two of television’s modern classics, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Mad Men*, and even stepped in as show-runner for *Buffy*’s controversial, ambitious

final seasons. Clearly a force to be recognized, Noxon’s debut feature film, *To The Bone*, resembles television in the best possible ways. It’s character-driven, limber in its movement between comedy and tragedy, and extends the character’s life well beyond the moment. **See Film Review, page 14**



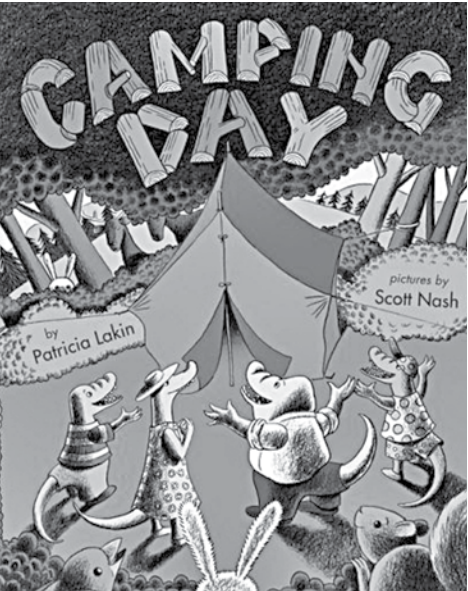
Lily Collins in *To the Bone*. Courtesy of Sundance Institute.

Check It Out

Camping Day
By Patricia Lakin;
Good Night, Animals
By Lena Arro; and
Froggy Goes to Camp
By Jonathan London

Reviewed by Katrena Woodson, Teen and Young Reader Librarian, El Segundo Public Library

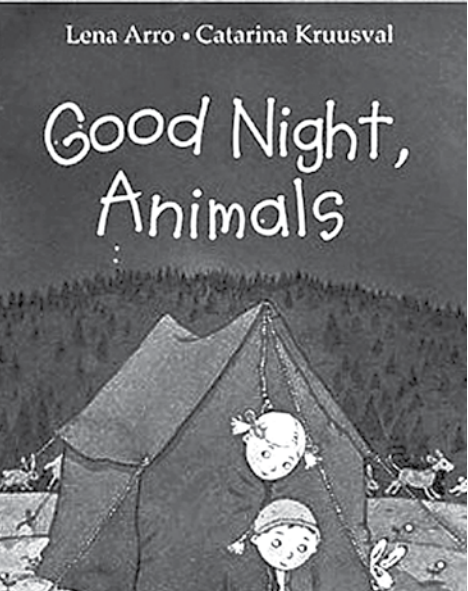
This week, I am reviewing a few picture books on the topic of camping. The first is



Camping Day by Patricia Lakin.

called *Camping Day* by Patricia Nash. The story is centered on a family of crocodiles as they experience all of the joys and troubles that can come from camping, packing, hiking, pitching the tent and telling stories around the campfire, as well as being afraid of the dark and dealing with the noises of nature. Lakin’s story is cute and the text will engage young readers. The book is wonderfully illustrated by Scott Nash. Nash’s minimalist style and use of vibrant colors are sure to hold the reader’s interest. This picture book is a fun read aloud that would be best enjoyed by readers ages three to seven.

The next camping book is *Good Night, Animals* by Lena Arro and illustrated by Catarina Kruusval. This is the story of a brother, Bubble, and a sister, Pearl, who are planning to go camping and spend the night in a tent. Pearl is very uncertain and a bit afraid of what the night will hold for them, but Bubble is there with his flashlight and a reassuring smile to tell her that everything will be all right. Pearl keeps hearing strange noises that scare her only to discover that the noises are coming from friendly animals that Bubble invites into the tent to join them. By the end of the book, the tent is jam-packed with animals and Pearl is no longer afraid. This is a charming tale perfect for young readers between the ages of three and five.



Good Night, Animals by Lena Arro.

For the last book, I chose to review *Froggy Goes to Camp* by Jonathan London. Fans of Froggy will especially love to follow their beloved Froggy on yet another journey. In this story, Froggy is out of school for the summer and his parents are sending him to a summer camp called Camp Run-a-muck. Froggy is nervous and uncomfortable at the beginning of the story because he is a long way from home and doesn’t know anyone at camp--feelings all kids who have gone away for camp are sure to relate with from past experience. As the book goes on and Froggy becomes more at ease, he starts to make friends and have a great time. London’s text is full of silly sound effects, and the illustrations are humorous as well as action-packed. This book is perfect for children who might be nervous about going away to camp for the first time.

The El Segundo Public Library offers access to its collection of titles in a variety of formats, including traditional hardback, e-books and books on CD. To check out *Camping Day* by Patricia Lakin; *Good Night, Animals* by Lena Arro and Catarina Kruusval;



Froggy Goes to Camp by Jonathan London.

and *Froggy Goes to Camp* by Jonathan London, or any other title on your to-read list, please visit the library to apply for your library card, or please contact the reference staff for further assistance. •



Katrena Woodson.

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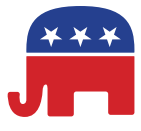
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Revoking Jared Kushner’s Security Clearance Is Long Overdue

By Cristian Vasquez

President Donald Trump’s senior advisor should step down from his position and face prosecution for lying on his security clearance. Aside from the fact that Jared Kushner has no legitimate political experience to serve as a senior advisor to any politician, let alone the president, let us not forget that he committed perjury on his security clearance form. Back in May it was reported that Kushner failed to mention that he had contact with Russian envoys in the United States in the months leading up to, and following, the election. Furthermore, recent information provided by Donald Trump, Jr. himself confirms that he, along with Kushner and President Trump’s campaign chairman Paul J. Manafort had a meeting with a Russian lawyer prior to the election.

While Kushner’s lawyer Jamie Gorelick called the omissions an honest mistake, that does not make Kushner’s actions any less illegal. The SF86 Form states that “intentionally withholding, misinterpreting, or falsifying information” may result in denial or revocation of a security. Kushner and his lawyer are going to use “intentionally” as the key word in their defense, but it is insulting that these two expect anyone to believe that these gatherings with foreign powers, during and after a presidential election, would simply slip Kushner’s mind. Yes, Kushner fixed his “mistake” which up until last June could have been chalked up to a simple omission due to a hectic schedule. However, given the information obtained through the emails Donald Trump, Jr. provided regarding said meetings, Kushner should be prosecuted.

The president’s son-in-law was required to disclose information regarding all meetings during the past seven years with any foreign government, and he failed to do so. As Donald Trump, Jr.’s emails would reveal, Kushner had contact with Russia as far back as June of 2016. Meaning, he met with these people in the heat of the election. Now believing that Kushner has any credibility left, or that he ever had any integrity...maybe, just maybe, he was lured to the meetings through non-political context. Perhaps Kushner’s willingness to attend was because it would have nothing to do with the election and his father-in-law’s opponent. Then he should just have mentioned the meetings on his security clearance form.

The fact is that Kushner lied. He committed perjury and should not only be removed from his position, but should be prosecuted. It does not matter why the senior advisor left that information out, but there is enough evidence provided by Trump’s son to tell us why Kushner committed perjury. Trump supporters can lie to themselves and justify the lies and crimes of this unqualified advisor. People lie to themselves all the time. However, Kushner lied on a federal form, making it a federal crime, which disqualifies him his current position. And yes, we know, Kushner’s not the only one who has lied, and crooked Hillary this, and Obama that. But Kushner has been caught in the lie through information provided by his own brother-in-law. Kushner might be willing to commit a federal crime for his in-laws, but it seems the in-laws don’t feel the same. •

Another Man’s Opinion

Trump Turmoil and the Shuffling of the Roster in the West Wing

By Duane Plank

Kelly in as chief of staff. Priebus kicked to the curb. Scaramucci unleashes a profanity-laden tirade against members of his own White House team.

Just another amusing week on the national political canvas. It appears that that the repeal and replace of Obamacare is dead. Senator John McCain, a great American patriot, made a dramatic appearance on the floor of the Senate last week to initially support the plan Republicans had crafted after seven years of griping about Obamacare. Guess that is what happens when you, as a privileged Senator, “work” a short week and then have a “recess” like we did as children when we attended elementary school. You craft a paltry healthcare plan. When the do-nothing Senate breaks in August, they are allegedly returning to their homebases to “spend time with their family, meet with their constituents, and catch up on their summer reading.” Really? And then the 80-year-old McCain, ravaged by just diagnosed stage-bad cancer thumbed the “skinny plan” down late in the early hours of Friday morning, sending the CNN folks into ecstasy. McCain then hightailed it back to Arizona to seek treatment for his very aggressive cancer.

McCain has Chutzpah and is at the point in his life when he probably posits the attitude of “what the...heck” when he votes his conscience, letting the chips fall.

Back to square one in replacing Obamacare. Have any of you benefited from OB Care? Keep your own doctor, affordable coverage for all. At least that is what Obama promised.

Didn’t seem to work out that way for most. All prevarications.

I considered signing up for Obamacare. Full disclosure...always trying to figure out a way to spend less, get more, grind, from all my providers. Looming retirement, and less income, is approaching, so I am looking to cut costs. When I called the local ACA representative, she was very gracious. Answered the phone on the second ring. No hard-to-navigate, annoying phone tree.

I said I was considering affordable health-care. I had a quote on a specific coverage and let her know what I was paying. She immediately said that I should take the other coverage--what the “affordable” Obamacare could offer me was at least at double the price. I thanked her for her candor and kept the coverage I have.

Apparently, the Affordable Care Act works best if you are in a specific income group that would be granted government subsidies.

Speaking of health issues, Trump came under scrutiny last week because he nixed transgenders in the military. I believe anyone who wants to serve our country in the military--man, woman, in-between--should be allowed to do so. I respect their service, their protecting our way of life when faced with 21st Century threats, including the latest missile launch instigated by the corpulent lunatic in North Korea.

Everyone should be able to serve, God bless them. But I don’t think we should pay for their transgender sculpting, so help me, Bruce/Caitlin Jenner. •

School Board

for the project, had defaulted earlier in the construction cycle. RDM was selected to replace Gould, and while Johnstone said RDM was “doing a great job, there are little things the contractor found that don’t really affect electricity, but do impact what is termed in the construction trade as “fire/life/ safety.” The fire/ life/safety concerns must meet and adhere to strict guidelines established by the Division of State Architects (DSA). These issues revolve around student and staff safety concerns, and “those construction, protection, and occupancy features necessary to minimize danger to life from the effects of fire, including smoke, heat, and toxic gases created during a fire.”

Johnstone laid out what is a tentative timeline for the occupancy of the building, with the hope being that when all the Is are dotted and Ts crossed, the three Da Vinci campuses would have their classroom materials packed up and be able to vacate their current buildings probably over a weekend. After the physical move has been made, Johnstone foresees allowing the teachers a couple of days to unpack and set up their classrooms before opening the new high school’s doors to incoming students.

“We live in an imperfect world,” Johnstone said. “We have really been blessed on this project. Everything is going to turn out beautifully...it is just five or six weeks later than we wanted it.”

WUSD District Facility planner Vince Madsen, the point man at the high school site, was front and center at the three-hour meeting, which was chaired by Board Vice President JoAnne Kaneda in the absence of President Israel Mora. The meeting predictably focused on the construction project and the implementation of “change orders” for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the multi-million-dollar structure.

Madsen said that the change in electrical contractors was part of the delay, as were what he termed “soil compaction challenges” in the new main parking lot, plus some issues related to the heavier than expected rains that visited the South Bay earlier this year.

All in attendance at the Board meeting agreed that it was well worth taking the extra six weeks or so to ensure student safety and the success of the transition for Da Vinci students to the new facility.

Late last week, the District rolled out a construction update to the Wiseburn and Da Vinci stakeholders and community. It read, in part, “The WUSD and the Da Vinci schools will not put students or school staff into the building until all systems have been thoroughly tested and cleared by the building commissioning agents. We are committed to opening the building in all three schools as soon as it is certified as safe for occupancy.”

So that means that, at least for a short while, the current sites for the Da Vinci schools--the Del Aire and Aviation campuses--will again house the first-part of the 2017/18 school year.

The Phase II construction timeline is not affected. Johnstone said he mandated to the construction company that the Phase II part of the project, which includes the pool, gym and playing field, is going to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 23, 2018. Of course, that could change, according to other “curveballs” that may arise during construction.

“When you look at the magnitude of the project, on any given day you have over 200 people working [onsite] and coordinating that has been a challenge,” Johnson said. He also likened the coordination of the many moving parts at the new school site with the precision needed to send a rocket ship to and from the outer limits.

Board member Neal Goldman thanked

all of those involved in moving the colossal project forward. “We appreciate you guys busting your behinds,” he said. “We really do appreciate it.”

During the action item portion of the meeting, the Board ratified an agreement between Travis Allen, the founder of the iSchool initiative program, for an amount not to exceed \$9,000 to be paid to Allen, who will be the keynote speaker at the State of the District event on August 31. Allen’s proposed topic will be “Becoming a Mobile Learner.” Allen has gained popularity in educational circles, positing his iSchool initiative, which looks at how schools must update their teaching parameters in the 21st Century by “embracing technology and creating a positive culture of life-long learning.”

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Other items passed by the Board included the Dana Middle School’s Writers Workshop program; a partnership agreement with the Wiseburn Education Foundation; an agreement with nearby Loyola Marymount University to provide LMU student-teachers to work in the District; and a slight increase (10 percent) in the fee structure for the upcoming school year for the Dana Extended Day Care program.

Summing up the consensus on the slight delay in occupancy at the Douglas Street facility, Madsen said, “We are building a building that has a 50- to 100-year life span, and these six weeks will make the difference in the final quality.”

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talks is Chevron’s grant deed on the project land, as there are current restrictions on what the property can be used for and the refinery has to clarify in writing that the TopGolf facility falls within acceptable uses. As of the moment, Hensley confirmed, “The language for the entitlement documents I thought would be harmful to the project.” He went on to recommend that until the Chevron document is finalized, the Council should not have a second reading of the ordinance--i.e. officially approve the project. Mayor Pro Tem Drew Boyles, who chaired Tuesday’s meeting in Fuentes’ absence, agreed. “We need the grant deed. If we don’t get that in writing, we don’t move forward with the second reading,” he said before making a motion to that effect (with his colleagues siding with him on the vote). Later during public communications, Planning Commission Chair Ryan Baldino said that Chevron indicated it “will sign” the document once the City approves the project.

Other issues still on the table include particulars on youth camps and other City use of the driving range facility—such as tweaks on morning hours and the total number of available bays. The Council asked staff to come back on August 15 with a list of any remaining unresolved due diligence items. Hensley pointed out that most of these are minor “non-issues.”

Dugan was critical of TopGolf for its role in a process that has now gone on for over five years. “We’re talking about minuscule tweaks to make this a win-win...we’re not far away... [but] I’m not gonna get pushed around by a developer or a golf company,” he said. Dugan later added, “TopGolf is not a partner in this. I’m embarrassed we are talking about one or two mats [driving range bays] for one or two hours a day. We’re not asking for a lot...

Councilmember Carol Pirsztuk (who is on the Golf Course Subcommittee with Dugan) felt differently, saying that just like the City, TopGolf has not been provided with key information. She blamed poor communication as the main culprit in the ongoing saga. “Communication is killing this deal,” she said. “If TopGolf were present [at the negotiating table along with CenterCal], we would get it resolved more quickly.” Pirsztuk also expressed concern about the approval

timeline, pointing out that the target opening date of summer 2018 (in time for that busy season’s programs to start) is now in jeopardy. “We need to tighten up our belts and get this executed faster,” she said of the agreement.

During public communications, former Councilmember Dave Atkinson came to TopGolf’s defense, saying that he can’t think of “any business that has bent over backwards more than TopGolf has.” He also reiterated a few benefits of the project, including an increase from 54 to 102 bays, and 450 new employees coming to town (as opposed to 27 currently at The Lakes at El Segundo).

In another links-related agenda item, Golf Course Subcommittee member John Gutt provided the Council with an annual report with the news that uncertainty over the TopGolf negotiations has hurt business at The Lakes and put the current facility in “a holding pattern” with “deferred maintenance” and “declining revenues.” While stating that the greens and grounds remain in good shape, he mentioned that rounds played, driving range cards and buckets sold, and tournaments are all down---though catering is up. Gutt added that the management contract of the golf course (with Lane Donovan) is also under review. City Manager Greg Carpenter spoke of a request for proposal (RFP) for alternative management companies with a restructured deal to include incentives instead of just base pay.

In another annual report, Senior Housing Corporation Board member Martin Stone revealed that the first complete reserve study for Park Vista showed the facility underfunded at roughly \$1.65 million (versus what would be a fully funded reserve of approximately \$2.25 million). Making up the difference would entail kicking in \$27,000 a month, but Park Vista doesn’t generate that level of income, Stone said. He also pointed out that if the City could find a way for needed repairs and improvements to not have to go through the Public Works department, that it would save a great deal of money and approval time. Hensley responded that as an “arm of the City,” Park Vista has to go through Public Works. But if the facility turns into a separate nonprofit, the City would lose control over the property and residents from outside El Segundo could move into the

complex. At Boyles’ request, Hensley said his office would look into the feasibility of converting Park Vista to a non-profit with built-in covenants that still require local residency for tenancy.

Also on Tuesday, the Council approved a contract for The Phelps Group to handle the City’s economic development and hospital-ity/tourism marketing services for the next 14 months (through the end of the 2017/18 fiscal year). Two representatives from the firm made a presentation outlining market-ing goals, target audiences, and plans for outreach/advertising to build awareness of El Segundo to attract new businesses, increase hotel stays (especially to take advantage of current construction on Century Boulevard that makes that area less appealing to travelers) and drive people to local retail, restaurant and other services. The budget commitment will be \$117,000 for the next two months wrapping up the current fiscal year, and then another \$448,000 for 2017/18. The Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) previously recommended approval for the plan’s scope but had concerns about some of the pricing—in particular the cost to build a new City website, so that item was removed from the budget package. Phelps will maintain the current website until it is replaced. City Manager Greg Carpenter noted that the revised package gives the City “more bang for our buck” and later praised the agency for being “very professional and responsive to staff requests.” Councilmember Brann added that he can already see the positive impacts of the work Phelps has done in a short period, such as coverage for El Segundo on “Eye on L.A.” and in

Westways Magazine.

In other action, the Council agreed to form a Downtown Committee to address maintenance and possible beautification/landscaping improvements to the district. The group will include property owners, El Segundo Chamber members, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee members, and City staff led by Economic Development Director Barbara Voss.

Boyles announced appointments to the Environmental Committee (Tracey Miller-Zarneke and Jack Ashworth to full terms expiring June 30, 2021) and Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Board (James Letta and Marjolein Oakley to full terms also through June 30, 2021). The Council also agreed to revise bylaws for the Library Board of Trustees so that members no longer have term limits; and (at Brann’s behest) to increase the number of members in the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee from seven to 11 to ensure a larger and more diverse group.

Finally during reports, Boyles received Council support (with only Brann dissent-ing) for future staff reports to include an assessment of the environmental effects of Council decisions so that those may be kept in mind. The Environmental Committee will weigh in with policy suggestions. Boyles felt it important, especially in making certain purchases (e.g. considering an electric vehicle). “We are a poor example of environmental stewardship,” he said of the City’s track record. Brann was not in favor out of concern that it will bog down staff too much. •

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017
at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a Public Works project ("Project") which consists of PICNIC SHELTER at Recreation Park and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department. The project location is at 348 Main Street. Construction shall include but not be limited to the removal and replacement of tile, countertops, cabinets, and sink as well as prime and repaint the interior walls.
Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. PW 16-15 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on July 18, 2017, which is filed with the Public Works Department. Copies of the Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents and Engineer's estimate are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans and Specifications are alternately available electronically via http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp.
A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM, at the City Hall Council Chambers at 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is mandatory.

Questions regarding the bid shall be submitted by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 to http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp. The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions. This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The Contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir.ca.gov.
The Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375.
Any Contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required.
Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.
The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion

in any consideration leading to the award of Contract.
Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be non-responsive.
Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.
In entering into a Public Works Contract, or a Subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a Public Works Contract, the Contractor, or Subcontractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the Public Works Contract or the Subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final

payment to the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the parties. Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside:
"SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO.: PW 16-15 PICNIC SHELTER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL"
The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base Contract.
No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A" or "B." The successful Contractor and his Subcontractors will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.
The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.
Any Contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written Contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El Segundo.
DATED this 3rd day of August, 2017.
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA
Tracy Weaver, City Clerk
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Eagles

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Film Review

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ERA also was the best on the staff, as were his innings pitched. In his last start against 25th-ranked Arcadia, he threw nine shutout innings and scattered just four hits. Pordes, a finance major, looks to be the ace of the staff next season as a senior.

Nigel Nootbaar

Nigel Nootbaar has been given another opportunity to continue his baseball playing at the professional level. After being waived by the Normal CornBelters of the Frontier League, he has rejoined the Lincoln Saltdogs of the American Association. He got the opportunity when his former coach of the Saltdogs contacted him and wanted to resign him as a player/coach. All Nigel did in his first game was go two for four with a double. It was the first time hitting for the former South Bay Player of the Year in pro ball.

Lars Nootbaar

Lars Nootbaar is playing in one of the nation's top summer colligate leagues in the Cape

Cod League. He's a member of the first place Orleans Firebirds and has played in 33 of the team's 41 games.

Nootaar said that facing pitchers who are throwing in the high 90s has been a challenge. However, he has met the challenge and has the least amount of strikeouts among the starters. He has been stinging the ball--but right at the defense, so he hasn't found the gaps.

To keep the atmosphere light Lars has the team playing whiffle ball tournaments between each other after games, so has taken on the role as mood maker. No surprise there, since he has been in that role all of his life. Lars, who is still a teenager for a few more months, is one of the youngest members on the team and in the league.

News and Notes

The El Segundo In-Line Hockey Association's summer champions will be crowned on Saturday with the action starting at 9 a.m. Get out to the In-line rink at Rec Park to enjoy some fast-paced fun and cheer on these athletes. •

We begin with Ellen (Lily Collins), a 20-year-old artist suffering from anorexia. She has dropped out of school and is shuffled between treatment programs. None have worked. So, with exhaustion, Ellen agrees to treatment with an unconventional doctor, played with a stern warmth by Keanu Reeves. You may now feel a building sense of skepticism and comparison to other films where sick, smart-mouthed teens deal with existential questions and benefit from the guidance of a cool mentor. However, Noxon and her team are the perfect, passionate crew for telling this story with authenticity and charm. And that achievement begins with the fully realized protagonist.

We meet Ellen in a stasis. Fearing her past and unwilling to build a future, she worries that she's moved from personhood to burden-hood in the minds of her family, and herself. She is smart and sympathetic, but--and this is key--the film wisely avoids romanticizing her appearance or mindset.

Lily Collins gives a lovely performance, but when the camera is trained on her body it maintains a clinical gaze. In an industry that praises, and often demands, that women make themselves small, Noxon's film employs costumes, lighting and a body double to show us life-threatening weight loss. Likewise, as we enjoy the frequent laugh-out-loud dialogue, Noxon and Collins carefully remind us that same wit can heel-turn into a biting, outward expression of Ellen's own self-hate. For instance, in one excellent bit of physical

humor, a friend of Ellen's performs an inspired *When Harry Met Sally*-style sexual encounter with a chocolate bar. Ellen laughs along before snapping when she realizes that even this moment among friends can't break her compulsive calorie control. This is a very responsible film. It's also a reminder of the necessity of giving artists the freedom to tell their own story.

Marti Noxon and Lily Collins both were once young women with eating disorders, and Noxon's script includes autobiographical details. The material is elevated by the specificity both bring to the table.

To the Bone is a masterclass in taking a deeply felt, personal story and dramatizing it into a stylish, strange and powerful film. It's a moving exploration of a disease that affects millions and is often misjudged as vanity rather than a true illness deserving of treatment. It's unafraid to incorporate weird, specific details that can come with anorexia, such as being bottle-fed as an adult. The characters' problems aren't resolved by speechifying doctors--the film is wise enough to say that professional treatment and community are so, so essential, but one's personal will is the critical leap.

To the Bone is a worthy entrance into film from one of television's fiercest, funniest writers. Marti Noxon's project stands on the vanguard of the fight for women's stories to be seen for what they are, which is as commercial and fully cinematic as anything.

To the Bone is not rated. 107 minutes. Now streaming on Netflix. •



Allison Reaser qualified for her fifth U.S. national team and competed in the Thorpe Cup in Germany where she placed second overall.

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Real Estate

Seven ‘Little’ Upgrades that Mean a Lot to Homebuyers

(BPT) - Anyone who’s ever bought or sold a home knows how even little things can sway a buyer to feel a particular house is “just right.” While major features such as a good location, a big kitchen, and a certain number of bedrooms and bathrooms all drive a home’s price and how attractive it is to buyers, small details like fresh paint and new faucets can also help clinch a sale.

When you’re trying to sell your home, you should be willing to spend some money on repairs and improvements to help boost the sale price. The good news is that you don’t have to spend a lot to make a big impact if you invest in key quality details. Here are seven “little things” you can do to help make your home more appealing to buyers, and possibly get a better price - and you can accomplish them in just a weekend:

Upgrade Your Kitchen Faucet and Sink

The kitchen faucet and sink aren’t just practical tools every kitchen needs - they can also be essential elements of a room’s overall design and appeal. Replacing a dated kitchen faucet is a minor change that can mean a lot to homebuyers.

Install a Programmable Thermostat

If your home’s thermostat predates Facebook, it’s probably time to ditch the dial and install a touchpad programmable thermostat. Not only would a new thermostat help your home look more modern, a programmable thermostat helps with



energy efficiency - something that’s very important to today’s homebuyers.

Replace Incandescent Light Bulbs

If your home still has traditional light-bulbs, replacing them with energy-saving LEDs or CFLs is an easy way to improve your home’s overall energy efficiency.

Upgrade the Front Door

Your home’s entrance is the feature that officially welcomes potential buyers into

your humble abode. Replacing an old, weathered front door with a new one creates a positive first impression.

Put a Water-Efficient Faucet in the Bathroom

A great deal of water can be wasted in the bathroom, and the faucet can be one of the biggest culprits. Replacing an older bathroom faucet with a modern water-conserving option like one from the Townsend bathroom sink faucet collection is not only visually appealing for buyers, it also speaks to their sense of environmental responsibility.

Add a Water Filtration System in the Kitchen

Americans are more aware than ever of the quality of water inside their homes, so adding a filtration system can be an extra feature that appeals to homebuyers.

Install a Sun Tube

Who doesn’t want a home filled with natural light? Not only does sunlight deliver physical and mental health benefits, using natural light can also help reduce dependence on artificial light sources that impact your energy bills. DIYers can install this special reflective tubing for under \$500, while pro installation can run closer to \$1,000.

When you’re selling a house, every little bit helps, and upgrading small details can make a big difference in how potential buyers view your home. Go ahead, make these upgrades now, and see potentially higher gains in the sale of your home. •

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