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Walk or Bike for Good Health



A view of the El Segundo Beach bike path, facing north. The right-side retaining wall was built to protect the NRG plant from large ocean swells. Photo by Peter Thornton. ♦

Council Looks to Get Tougher on RVs, Oversized Vehicles Parked in Town

By Brian Simon

With direction from the El Segundo City Council during Tuesday night's meeting, staff will come back to the group with options to impose further code restrictions on recreational vehicles and oversized vehicles parked on public streets. With Councilmember Carol Pirsztuk absent and Mayor Pro Tem Drew Boyles recusing himself due to potential business interests in impacted areas of town, the remaining three on the dais opted to hold off on any action on Tuesday.

Continued citizen complaints about people living in these vehicles and taking up spaces prompted the Council in early June to authorize a field survey/head count to determine how rampant the problem is and which sections of town are most impacted. Among the stated concerns were issues with fire and emergency access especially on narrow streets, obstruction of sight lines, potential safety hazards due to unhitched trailers that may have no braking systems, and illegal waste/garbage dumping.

Conducting her field survey over a two-week period in late June/early July covering Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, Administrative Intern Daisy Sanchez found the highest concentration of vehicles parked in Smoky Hollow (40%) particularly along Franklin Avenue, with 15% on Imperial Avenue and the remainder spread out through residential neighborhoods. Further research revealed that 60% of the vehicles showed registrations to addresses outside of El Segundo.

Police Lieutenant Jeff Leyman admitted that local enforcement is difficult, stating that

El Segundo is the "only city without some kind of regulation for this." While current municipal code limits standards cars and trucks to a maximum 72 consecutive hours in one parking spot and recreational/oversized vehicles to 48 hours, various people have found a way to abuse the system. Leyman explained that if officers knock on the door of an RV and no one answers, their only recourse is to chalk the tires and start the 48-hour countdown. But if the driver moves the vehicle even just a couple of inches, that's enough to restart the 48 hours. "There's not much we can do about it right now," Leyman said.

Meanwhile, Fuentes also revealed the results of a public opinion survey in which 828 people responded. Among the findings, almost 75% saw vehicle habitation (persons living in RVs) as a problem—with 60% saying that oversized vehicles (over 20 feet in length, seven feet in width or eight feet in height) parked on the street block their line of sight while driving. About 58% thought City restrictions should be more stringent. A little more than half felt a permit system was a good idea.

Leyman provided examples of enforcement in a few neighboring cities. Redondo Beach
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Roadwork Makes Driving No Day at the Beach

By Rob McCarthy

Lane closed ahead. Grrr!

Those dreaded words are all too familiar this summer for South Bay drivers as city, county and Caltrans crews resurface cracked pavement and, in some cases, excavate roads to make underground repairs. The bright-orange lane closure signs during the peak driving season have added to traffic congestion and commute times, and in the case of Century Boulevard a month-long overnight shutdown of the gateway to Los Angeles International Airport.

The bright-orange construction signs dotting the roads and freeways follow

the summer sun, according to the experts at the Automobile Club of Southern California. Road crews get busy when the days run longer, and so do the intersections and freeway ramps near the construction zones.

"Traditionally, summer is a busier construction season due to the better weather and longer daylight hours," AAA spokesman Jeffrey Spring said. "Rest assured your area isn't the only area with road construction going on."

Lane closures are a regular event in a metro area the size of Greater Los Angeles, but does there have to be so
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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
72°/63°



Saturday

Sunny
73°/64°



Sunday

Sunny
75°/65°



Calendar

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

SchoolSpotlight

El Segundo Middle School Introduces “Where Everybody Belongs” a Middle School Transition Program

By Cece Jane Stewart, a senior at El Segundo High School

In sixth grade I moved to El Segundo, having left the school that I had been at from Pre-school to fifth grade. I left all of my friends, and the only home I had ever known. My school was small, and each grade had only 27 students (13 girls and 14 boys). It was a very safe world, and it was my world.

I arrived at El Segundo Middle School knowing no one. There was no Facebook

Ali Rabiei tells me that for this year’s launch “they have 24 eighth grade students leaders for WEB, who applied, were screened, and accepted. They were fully trained on July 21.”

WEB is more than just a one-day event. It is a structured middle school transition program, which provides mentoring and enhances character development efforts that span an entire year at your middle school.

WEB is a yearlong transition program with four components that contribute to its success:

“WEB is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes sixth and seventh graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year as they adjust to El Segundo Middle School.”

El Segundo Parent’s Network back then, and my mom tried desperately in the summer to meet people with kids my age so I would know someone, anyone, when I came to school the first day. She did connect with one mom, who said “her daughter was too busy with Junior guards to meet.”

At my old school when a new student arrived they were assigned a buddy to help shepherd them into the new school so their transition would be less intimidating, but there seemed not to be a similar program at El Segundo Middle School (ESMS). So, day one of ESMS, we walked to school and as we both began to tear up, my mom quickly kissed me and left. I stood there terrified. I was a shy and awkward child, not outgoing or vivacious. Mrs. Beachly was kind to me, my mom had talked with her the week before school and so she aware of my transition. At snack I felt shell shocked. There were 900 kids running around, not 27 like I was used to. I saw a girl sitting alone, and I timidly approached her. Her name was Meghan, and she was new too. I had a friend. I had one friend for a very long time.

And so I am delighted to be writing this story about a new program at El Segundo Middle School (ESMS) called WEB “Where Everybody Belongs.” WEB is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes sixth and seventh graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year as they adjust to El Segundo Middle School. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success.

Research show that if students have a positive experience their first year in middle school, their chances for success increase dramatically. Thus, WEB provides the structure for sixth and seventh graders to receive support and guidance from eighth graders who have been through the challenges that middle school poses and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from the eighth grade class to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the students to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate sixth and seventh grade success. ESMS Vice-Principal

- **Middle School Orientation** - WEB Leaders and sixth/seventh graders start building the mentor relationship and receive information about how to be successful in middle school
- **Academic Follow Ups** - WEB Leaders support sixth/seventh grade academic success and character development through classroom visits
- **Social Follow Ups** - WEB Leaders and sixth/seventh graders connect outside the classroom at social events to increase student engagement and promote positive school climate
- **Leader Initiated Contacts** - WEB Leaders connect with their sixth graders on a more individual basis
- **Anti bullying:** WEB also acts as an anti-bullying program by training a cadre of student leaders who look for bullying behavior and help stop it.

Thus the WEB leaders not only help organize and guide the sixth graders through orientation day, but they also help to facilitate a smooth transition both socially and academically throughout the year. Specifically, at ESMS Mr. Rabiei advises that “the student leaders have already been assigned their group of sixth grade students, to which they will serve as a buddy” for the year. With WEB, sixth graders experience at least eight positive contacts with WEB Leaders during the first six weeks of school and this both contributes to overall school safety as well as helps them create a sense of connection to their new school.

So thank you to the Ed! Foundation and Kiwanis, and ESMS Principal Plotkin and ESMS Vice-Principal Mr. Rabiei for bringing *Where Everybody Belongs*, to ESMS to help incoming sixth graders and new students adjust to middle school life. It is an excellent adjunct to the warm inclusive atmosphere that Dr. Plotkin and Mr. Rabiei have been fostering, or as Mr. Rabiei states “this new program already enforces and encourages what already happens here at El Segundo Middle School--namely, everybody already belongs--but, thanks to Ed! and El Segundo Kiwanis, we will be able to deliver this philosophy to not just sixth grade and new students, but to all of our students, in a structured manner.”

As a rising senior at El Segundo High School, reading about the WEB program, I harken back to that first day and picture that shy little me being greeted by friendly eighth graders. •

Roadwork

from front page

many from June to September when out-of-towners headed for the beach and theme parks merge into the gridlock of airport traffic and daily commuters? Experts with the Automobile Club say there’s nothing new under the sun about how roadway improvements get the green light to start. Construction follows the sun and the availability of public money.

“Decisions about construction projects schedule are affected by many things,” Spring said. “Season is one of them. However, it also depends on the funding cycles, project development schedule, etc. I am sure they do their best to start as early as possible, and they always try to stay off the busy holiday season traffic.”

That’s what Los Angeles’ Metro agency is attempting to do this week along Century Boulevard, the heavily traveled connector from the 405 freeway to LAX, the nation’s third-busiest airport. Metro will detour airport-area traffic around a scaffolding-removal project for the rest of August, and it promises to announce when the eastbound lane closures switch to the westbound lanes.

Metro planned to close all eastbound lanes and the left-most westbound lane of Century Boulevard starting Aug. 15 between Aviation Boulevard and Bellanca Avenue. The eastbound lanes have been closed overnight this week for several days. The removal work was expected to switch to all westbound lanes from 11 a.m. to 6 a.m. for the remainder of the work week.

Drivers trying to reach LAX from the north can use four of the six shortcuts found on the airport’s “LAX is Happening” website.

An additional round of eastbound closures is expected the week of August 22-27, Metro said. The city agency has made contingency plans to detour airport-area traffic around the bottleneck for the next two weeks. When westbound Century Boulevard is closed,

Metro will detour drivers north of on Aviation Boulevard, west on West Arbor Vitae Street, south on Airport Boulevard, then west on Century Boulevard.

Trucks will be sent north on La Cienega Boulevard, west on West Arbor Vitae Street, south on Airport Boulevard, and then west on Century Boulevard, according to a Metro statement.

When all eastbound Century Boulevard lanes are closed, vehicles will be north on Airport Boulevard, east onto West Arbor Vitae Street before heading south on Aviation Boulevard to rejoin Century Boulevard.

Drivers can download the AAA’s free travel app on their phones or mobile devices to get real-time traffic reports and find nearby parking. Other sites such as INRIX Traffic, Waze, and Google Maps, display highway construction projects where slowdowns are occurring, the automobile club spokesman said. Radio traffic reports are a hands-free way to monitor road conditions and find alternate routes around traffic tie-ups, the experts at AAA say.

Summer traffic is inevitable with the influx of visitors to Southern California’s beaches and sightseeing spots, so AAA advises avoiding the 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. drive time, and the 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. evening commute to ease congestion and avoid sitting in stopped traffic for long periods.

A list of the 10 most-congested Southland freeway corridors released in the spring thankfully bypassed the South Bay. A 13-mile stretch of the 405 freeway from Century to Getty Center Drive ranked 17th, where it took 39 minutes to make that trip at an average speed of 20 miles per hour, according to a widely published analysis of L.A.’s freeways. Wednesday is the slowest travel day on the 405 headed north from the airport area.

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- Across**
1. Defective
4. Line on a spreadsheet
8. Shrub
12. Ways out
15. Runner's assignment
16. Till
17. Red flag
18. Movable covers
19. Watch face
20. Place to go to take it easy
22. Discounted by
24. Formula ____, car race
25. Equipment for the boat
27. Have faith or confidence in
29. Cutting
33. "My dear man"
34. Extremities
35. Hearing organs
37. Small bite
41. Anchor
42. Places of interest, with hot
44. Dowel
45. Remains
48. Heart, for one
49. Hierarchy level
50. Santa's little helper
52. Gifts
54. Part of a conference
- Down**
1. Yogi or Booboo
2. Bar connecting wheels
3. Fizzles out
4. Trouble
5. Peacock's pride
6. Resolved
7. Interferes
8. Pal
9. Workers' organization
10. Roadside vegetable stall
11. Fox dwellings
13. Military personnel
14. Watch part
21. Attempts
- Across**
58. Stitches
59. Cap, for example
60. Let go of
62. Pinpoint
66. Vicinity
68. Hockey score
70. Pastoral
71. Raced
72. Not taken in by
73. Distributes at a card game
74. Phoenician trading center
75. Check out
76. Stinger
- Down**
23. Show disgust
26. Pix
28. Time span
29. Tennis units
30. Pull together
31. Think tank nugget
32. Band
36. Moves a muscle
38. Formed yarn
39. It may be pitched
40. Roe
43. It is best stainless
46. "Of course"
47. Glided
49. Deliver
51. Left behind unintentionally
53. Cutlass
54. Ray
55. Way back when
56. Navigate
57. Alicia Keys hit
61. Strokes a pet, for example
63. Egyptian, for example
64. Story
65. Alternatively
67. Amaze
69. Land area

Last Week's Answers

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SUDOKU Medium

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

Sports

Is it Time for Football Yet

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The NFL has started and it won't be long before college football has their opener. It means high school football isn't far behind as the El Segundo Eagle's football teams prepare for their schedule with two-a-days practices. It should be another successful season for head coach Steve Shevlin's squad, which returns a plethora of talent on both offense and defense. The official opener for the Eagles isn't for two more weeks but there's a lot of anticipation for the 2016 team that went 8-2 a season ago and returns the bulk of their offense and defense. Sure there will be some holes to fill but the incoming players coupled with the promotion of some prized athletes from the lower levels makes this team a contender.

El Segundo football, once an average program, has been one of the sleeping giants for years and can no longer sneak up on their opposition.



#5 Taj Balogun has all the tools to be one of the top secondary players in the South Bay.

Their high-energy offense coupled with a stingy defense has helped the Eagles to a winning record for ten consecutive seasons. Though they won eight games last year they were not involved in the CIF playoffs for the first time in seven consecutive seasons, a school record.

To get ready for the upcoming season the Eagles have worked as hard as any high school in Southern California. They have participated in some of the state's top 7-on-7 tournaments and have held their own. They played in the Adidas 7-on-7 tournament at Redondo HS and after struggling in pool play, the team began to gel just in time for the elimination brackets and defeated some very tough teams from larger schools that play in higher divisions. The Eagles upset Colony HS (Ontario) who have several D1 football recruits on their roster. They also defeated powerhouse Los Alamitos in a hard fought contest. Making it to the final eight teams the Eagles lost a close battle to perennial City and Nationally ranked Crenshaw High. Standout performances by running back Taz Tauase, receiver Taj Balogun and quarterback Kobe Lagarde on offense. On defense Haamid Brooks and Tyler Villalobos were outstanding defensive backs while Billy Brasher and Mark Binder shined as linebackers.

With the new CIF rules in place governing practices the Eagles are working hard to get ready for the Friday, September 2nd opener at home against Leuzinger. With that said let's look at what could be potentially one of the school's best defensive units in years.

The defensive line returns four impact players who all have an extra year of experience and who all played a vital role in last year's defensive unit. The defensive ends will be Peter Amara and Dylan Radke. Amara is a quick and physical 6' 200 pound senior who led last year's line in tackles including six sacks. His speed and strength will be an asset. Radke has

improved so much from the start of last season that he has so much upside and potential to be one of the area's best. Gabe Fernan's presence as a defensive tackle will prove to be one of the defensive line's biggest assets because opposing teams will test his side of the line. Fernan was second along with Amara with most sacks with six a year ago. The reason for testing Fernan's resiliency is because of the presence of Duncan Papalii on the other side of the line. Papalii is a force to be sure and at 6'4" 260 he not only has the size and strength but the athleticism that college recruiters could be salivating over. Defensive coordinator Dan Heck says Papalii could be one of the best lineman in the South Bay.

The linebackers could be the key to the defense this season. With Billy Brasher, Mark Binder and Angelo Pacheco all returning this part of the defense is loaded with experience and the

potential to shutdown opposing offenses. "Each guy has the speed and the athleticism that, has a coach, you look for," said coach Heck.

Binder may be one of the smartest football players on the team. His football IQ is over the top and along with his competitive drive he could help lead this part of the defense in tackles like he did last season. Brasher is another high IQ football player who has the quickness and toughness that his older brother, Austin, had. Brasher was in on 59 tackles last season and that number should go up this season. Pacheco's potential surfaced last season when he became eligible after transferring in. In the four games he did play in as a part time player he was in on 23 tackles. This season he looks to be quicker and has grasped the defensive scheme in place.

Others who could see time at the linebacker spot could Aston Saltz and Tim Shartz. Saltz will most likely play on offense too but his size and knack for finding the football when he does play on defense makes him a natural. Shartz got plenty of playing time last season and that will certainly increase this season with his unlimited potential.

The secondary looks to be a prized portion of the defense. Coach Heck says with the size and speed of both second year starters Taj Balogun and Haamid Brooks jr. Balogun is listed at 6'4" 190 and possesses the speed that should give the opposition fits. Though Balogun will play on offense too at wide receiver he could shine as a corner on defense. Brooks is another 6'4" 185 pound athlete that has superior speed and athleticism. Together these two players could be fun to watch as they disrupt opposing offenses' passing game.

In addition to Balogun and Brooks the secondary will have Tyler Villalobos, Kyle Freeman, Taz Tauase and Jake Palmer filtering in and

See Football, page 7

Phelps Ends Rio Splashed in Gold

By Adam Serrao

With all of the time that Michael Phelps spends in the water, it wouldn't be a surprise if breaking news came through suggesting that he is not, in fact, human. If he, indeed, does turn out to be human, though, all of the records that he has set and medals that he has attained are certainly not. Phelps ended his Olympic career last Saturday by, fittingly, winning one last gold medal in the men's 4x100 medley relay. Like the sailfish he is, Phelps leapt into the water and took a U.S. team that was on the verge of falling behind Great Britain well into the lead and to their eventual Olympic gold medal victory. Now, the most decorated athlete in U.S. history leaves the Rio de Janeiro Olympics with a gold medal count of 23, a long list of world records, and as a man who has truly gone down in history.

Way back in 2000, a young, 15-year-old Michael Phelps made his Olympic debut in Sydney, Australia. At that time, Phelps wasn't anything like he'd eventually become, but for a 15-year-old, he had already begun setting records. At his young age at the time, Phelps was the youngest male to make a U.S. Olympic swim team in 68 years. "I guess one of my long-term goals is to win the gold medal in Athens," Phelps said at the time. Funny how he put it so singularly. When Athens finally came in the summer of 2004, Phelps would do more than win just a gold medal. He won six, to pair with two bronze medals, to have the second-best performance ever at a single Olympics, just behind Mark Spitz's seven gold medals in the 1972 Summer Games.

Only four years later, Phelps would break Spitz's record by winning his eighth gold medal of the 2008 Summer Olympics in the 4x100-meter medley relay in Beijing, China. "Epic. It goes to show you that not only is this guy the greatest swimmer of all time and the greatest Olympian of all time, he's maybe the greatest athlete of all time," said Spitz. "He's the greatest racer who ever

walked the planet." Though he had already made a name for himself and received such high praise from such a great Olympian as Spitz, Phelps wasn't close to being done yet. Four more gold medals and two silvers in the 2012 London Summer Olympics led Phelps to where he is now. Five more gold medals and one more silver at Rio de Janeiro round out the epic amount of 23 gold, three silver and two bronze medals, to give the fish a total of 28 Olympic medals; an amount that will most likely never be approached again.

After 16 years, five different Olympic appearances and six world championships to add, the career of Michael Phelps has finally drawn to a close. Or at least, so he says. "I want to be able to look back and say 'I've done everything I can, and I was successful,'" Phelps told ESPN before this year's Olympics even started. "I don't want to look back and say I should have done this or that." Well, to be labeled as unquestionably the greatest swimmer to ever grace the waters of a pool is certainly to acknowledge success. He is now the most decorated Summer Olympics athlete ever. To put things in even more perspective, if Michael Phelps, himself, were a country, he would rank 37th all-time, tied with South Africa with 23 gold medals (at the start of the 2016 Games).

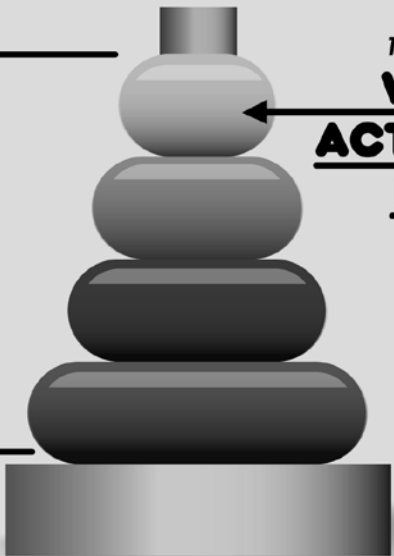
With the last race of the aquatics schedule in Rio, also came the last race of the great career of Michael Phelps. A gold medal victory alongside his American teammates in the 4x100 medley relay sent Phelps out just as he should be sent out: on top. "This was the cherry on top that I wanted," Phelps explained after the race. "I couldn't be any happier with the end of my career." Phelps announced his retirement once before, after the London games, but this time, he sounds serious. After likely winning more medals than any other Olympian at Rio for what will be his fourth Olympics in a row accomplishing such a feat, there isn't much more to prove for Phelps. Now, he has a fiancée who has

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First, the picture book *How to Train with a T. Rex and Win 8 Gold Medals* by Olympic champion Michael Phelps provides readers with an animated account of what it takes to win not only one but eight Gold medals in the Olympics. This is the perfect book to get your child excited about the Olympics. Phelps jumps from one analogy to another in order to ensure that young readers can better visualize how much hard work, training and dedication it takes to compete at the Olympic level. For instance, when explaining the amount of practice swimming he did, he says “Over six years I racked up 12,480 miles. That’s like swimming the full length of the Great Wall of China three times”!. The book is full of statistics presented in silly analogies with are bound to amuse and impress readers. Jenkins does a fantastic job illustrating this book with colorful caricature style artwork

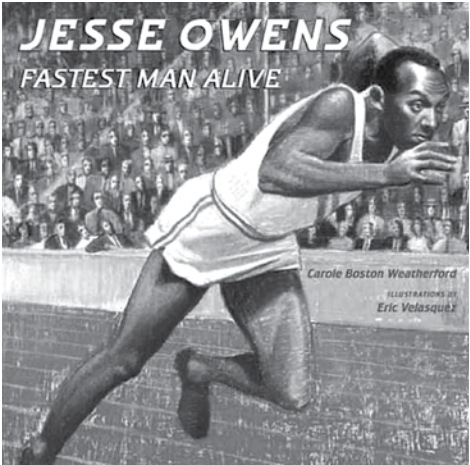


How to Train with a T-Rex and Win 8 Gold Medals by Michael Phelps. that is sure to catch your eye. This book is sure to be an instant winner with sports fans from age 4-10.

Second, Weatherford wrote the picture book *Jesse Owens Fastest Man Alive*, as a poetic tribute to Jesse Owens’ extraordinary performance at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The narrative flows smoothly and allows readers to tag along with Owens on his journey from America to Berlin, Germany in the hopes of winning an Olympic medal. This is a time when racial tension was high in Germany due to the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party. The text emphasizes this tension with lines such as “Hitler does not want your kind here” giving readers a look into the past and the extra troubles Jesse had to face. The artwork appears slightly grainy and is reminiscent of old-time photographs. The illustrations capture the feelings of movement, speed and determination. At its heart though, this is an uplifting story of triumph and a phenomenal

retelling of the most memorable and historic Olympic tales. Suitable for children ages 6-12.

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Jesse Owens Fastest Man Alive by Carole Boston Weatherford.

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Film Review

“Pete’s Dragon” is What a Family Movie Should Be– Magical

By H. Nelson Tracey
for www.cinemacy.com

It’s a travesty that the description ‘family movie’ has become categorically marooned by studios and the public alike as a juvenile and tasteless affair. Animated movies aside, the subgenre is no longer seen for its potential: to enrich the lives of all those who watch it, provide a nourishing dose of spectacle to the wide-eyed young audiences and sincere delight to the parents and older folks who accompany them.

“Pete’s Dragon,” now playing in theaters and the latest of Disney’s live-action remakes, has exactly the type of magic that’s been missing from the big screen. Admittedly, I haven’t seen the original version, one of Disney’s less-branded properties, so I can only speak to how the current film stands up. The title is a reference to our protagonist, Pete (Oakes Fegley), an orphaned boy who lives deep in the woods, alone with the green dragon, and for years has avoided human companionship. I expected the film to wait a long time to reveal the titular dragon as most movies would,

these characters make the story come alive without lowering the bar. Time and time again the film respects our intelligence as viewers and develops with a certain grace that never takes us out of the story. It’s amazing that something simple and well-executed feels like a marvelous revelation in this case and I’m happy to have experienced it.

Impressively, the film avoids being easily diverted into overused tropes. From the moment the protagonists are established as loggers and rangers, I was waiting for the inevitable heavy-handed environmental message that always feels hypocritical coming from a major studio. As we learn more about Pete, I was ready for a certain orphan backstory that you’ll think has to be employed. But the film is above all that, it never succumbs to the on-the-nose mentality. Instead, these themes of wilderness/nature and mankind’s interference stay subdued knowing that within the context, all audiences are mature enough to understand what’s at stake.

Most of all, this is a beautiful story about what it means to grow up, perhaps the perfect



Oakes Fegley is Pete in ‘Pete’s Dragon.’ Courtesy of Disney PetesDragon ESH.

but instead he’s introduced and shown right from the get-go, a nice device that reminds us this is their story, not the story of the outsider townspeople we will soon meet. Yes, the dragon is shown early on, but its enchantment continually grows as stakes are raised. This introduction works as a way to immediately put us on our protagonist’s side: while the outsiders nearby don’t believe in such creatures, we as an audience do.

These outsiders are a well-cast ensemble of familiar actors, all living in small town U.S.A. Bryce Dallas Howard is Grace, the no-nonsense forest ranger who’s never seen a dragon. Her fiancé Jack (Wes Bentley) and brother-in-law Gavin (Karl Urban) are loggers encroaching upon the forest. Oona Laurence plays Jack’s daughter, Natalie, and continues to prove herself as one of the greatest child actors currently working, in this touching supporting performance. Lastly, the legendary Robert Redford plays Grace’s wise father, Meacham, who reflects the movies wisdom with a reverence that can only come from cinema’s finest, in a role that likely was tailor-made to fit to him.

Aside from Bentley’s character, who we don’t get too much exposure to, this entire ensemble shines in their respective roles, and each one is given the opportunity to grow as a character thanks to the adventure they experience. There’s no need for crude humor or pandering kid jokes, but instead

theme for the genre. There’s even a feeling reminiscent of Room, one of last year’s finest entries, in the protagonist who similarly enters society for the first time, and while the rest of us can relate to the emotion of holding onto the past while life changes so fast, rarely can a movie so smoothly depict this. It offers an easily comprehensible storyline while also layering in meaningful themes to be understood differently by the many age groups who may all relate to varied experiences.

And on another note, only because I can speak about it, the 3D in this movie provides to noticeable enhancement, so it isn’t worth the extra upcharge. The movie works great by itself, and I invite moviegoers of all ages and interests to experience this treat; check your cynicism at the door and let the wonder and magic take you as it did for me.

At a time when it feels like compassion is being shortchanged in both the world at large as well as my own personal experience, “Pete’s Dragon” is an adventurous and triumphant return to those joyous feelings that make the world feel like a better place. Let this film serve as a benchmark for what a family movie can and should be: an emotional embrace of heartwarming adventure from start to finish.

“Pete’s Dragon” is rated PG for action, peril, and brief language. 102 minutes. Now playing in theaters nationwide. •

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Football

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out of the game. Villalobos is another one with a high football IQ. Besides being one of the top kickers and punters around he'll see time in the secondary because of his speed. Freeman's exposure on defense was limited because he played mostly on offense last season. He has a lot of speed and with his growth spurt he could see more time on defense this season. Tauaese is the team's top running back and could be one of the top running backs in the CIF Southern Section. But his competitive drive and his willingness to be an every play player could give him plenty of defensive time as well. Finally Jake Palmer ended last season as the team's quarterback when Jason Kehl went down. Yes, Palmer could see most of his playing time at quarterback this season but he was a starter on defense last season and shined in the secondary.

The defensive unit is primed and ready to be one of the best in the South Bay. They will however be challenged with a tough non-league schedule that includes Oak Park and Mira Costa and on the road and Torrance and South Torrance at home. You can see how good the Eagles' defense can potentially be at home next Friday, August 26, in a scrimmage against West Torrance.♦



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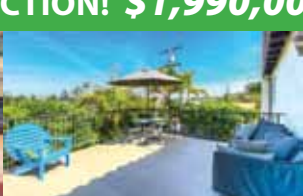
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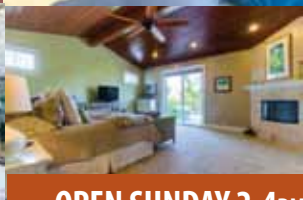












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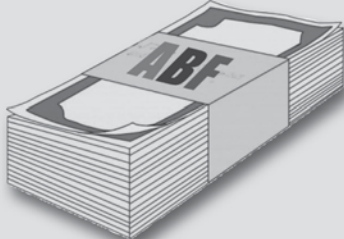
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Looking Up

Curiosity Rover Celebrates Four Years on Mars



By Bob Eklund

As NASA’s Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) celebrates four years on the Red Planet, University of Leicester planetary scientist Professor John Bridges recounts the mission’s success and explains what is next for the one-ton nuclear-powered science robot.

The Curiosity rover (with MSL aboard) hit the dusty Martian surface on Aug. 6, 2012, and began its mission of finding evidence about whether ancient Mars offered environmental conditions conducive to microbial life.

By March 2013, NASA reported that MSL had achieved its primary objective after scientists found evidence of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, sulfur, phosphorous and carbon—all essential chemical elements for supporting living organisms.

Now the mission, which was scheduled to end this year, has recently been given a two-year extension.

Bridges said, “It’s been a great four years—from the excitement of landing we have now had 1,421 Martian days of operations and driven 13.6 km. We have learned an enormous amount about Mars.”

“The old idea of Mars as a simple basaltic planet that experienced a few catastrophic floods has been disproved. We have encountered ancient lakes and a silica-rich crust.

“Our laser—ChemCam—has made over 350,000 shots on Mars and we are busily interpreting the data.”

Bridges added that the Mars Science Lab’s plutonium power source can keep it going for years to come. “For the next few years,” he says, we will gradually climb further up Mount Sharp; at the moment we are in foothills called Murray Buttes.”

As part of the fourth-year celebration, NASA has released a smartphone game, which lets users control their own MSL across the rugged terrain of Mars searching for water.

On their mobile devices, players drive a rover through rough Martian terrain,

challenging themselves to navigate and balance the rover while earning points along the way. The game also illustrates how NASA’s next Mars rover, in development for launch in 2020, will use radar to search for underground water.

“We’re excited about a new way for people on the go to engage with Curiosity’s current adventures on Mars and future exploration by NASA’s Mars 2020 rover too,” says Michelle Viotti, manager of Mars public engagement initiatives at JPL. “Using social networks, the user can share the fun with friends. The interest that is shared through gameplay also helps us open a door to deeper literacy in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.” JPL collaborated with GAMEE, a network for game-players, for development of the game, called Mars Rover.

For more information about how the Mars Rover game relates to exploration by NASA’s Mars rovers, visit: mars.nasa.gov/gamee-rover

Meanwhile, on Mars, the real rover has driven to position for drilling into a rock target called “Marimba,” to acquire rock powder for onboard laboratory analysis. The rover has begun a multi-month ascent of a mudstone geological unit as it heads toward higher and progressively younger geological evidence on Mount Sharp.

During the rover’s first Earth year on Mars, the mission accomplished its main goal when it found and examined an ancient habitable environment. No signs of life have yet been found, but researchers determined that a freshwater lake at the Yellowknife Bay site billions of years ago offered the chemical ingredients and energy favorable for supporting microbial life. Stay tuned!

Here at home, we have good views of Mars in our southern sky, along with four other bright planets. Venus, now appearing as the “evening star,” is just above the southwest horizon after sunset. To the upper left of Venus, look for Mercury, Jupiter, orange Mars, and golden Saturn (in that order). •

Finance

Top 5 Ways You Could Have Your Own Personal “Brexit Boom”



(BPT) - By now, we’ve all heard about Brexit - the term used to describe Britain’s exit from the European Union - and a serious decision that will play a crucial role in the overall health of the global economy for months and possibly years to come. On the flip side, there are some immediate affects that could be great for your personal economic situation.

As the dust settles, consumers are set to experience a unique economic landscape. Most consumers, in one way or another, should understand the impact Brexit is having on their finances and assets. It isn’t all doom and gloom - understanding how Brexit affects the average consumer can give you an advantage.

Here are five areas you should pay attention to following the Brexit.

Housing

U.S. mortgages rates are expected to remain low, if not decrease slightly due to Brexit. Uncertainty will drive lower rates with less variance, creating a buyer’s market.

“Mortgage rates are likely to soon fall close to the all-time lows that prevailed in late 2012,” says Alan MacEachin, Navy Federal Credit Union corporate economist. “Homeowners should assess whether refinancing would make sense for them.”

What’s more, prospective home buyers should be aware of the lower costs for financing their purchase. Since the housing crisis, rates have been extremely low.

What this means for you: Own a home? See if you can refinance your mortgage to a lower rate. This could save you money over time.

Still renting but in the market for a new home? Partner with a trusted lender to check the rates. If you don’t have enough money for a down payment, look into 100 percent financing options, like the HomeBuyers Choice mortgage from Navy Federal Credit Union. You could get into your new home with no money out of pocket.

Use Your Plastics

Make the most of Brexit-influenced pricing by using your credit card as your primary form of payment. When traveling, your card will offer a better exchange rate than banks or exchange kiosks.

However, “Make sure you’re using a credit card that waives foreign transaction fees,” says Randy Hopper, vice president of credit cards at Navy Federal. “Otherwise, the advantages of the exchange rate could be lost entirely.”

Hopper added that U.S. interest rates are likely to stay lower for longer as a result of Brexit, “meaning there’s a reduced likelihood that the interest rate on most credit cards will increase anytime soon.”

What this means for you: Use your credit card when traveling overseas. To avoid foreign transaction fees, choose a card from a financial institution that doesn’t charge them, like Navy Federal.

Ripe For Auto Loans

Consumers have something to celebrate when it comes to auto loans. Considering the average age of a used car is now at 11.4 years,

a new car that requires little maintenance, combined with the low rate environment, may prompt you to take a test drive on that car you’ve been eyeing.

“The key factor here is that rates will remain lower for longer. I expect auto sales to remain high this year, considering rates consumers are getting,” MacEachin said.

What this means for you: Do your research. It may be time to upgrade your car, and there has never been a better time to do it. Run the numbers with a Car Affordability Calculator, so you can see what impact rates have on your monthly payments. Many financial institutions also offer auto loan pre-approvals, so you can shop with confidence.

Saving For Retirement

Consumers years away from retirement have plenty of time to recover from any losses Brexit may cause.

For those closer to retirement, it may be a good time to check on your investments and overall retirement plan. Form a solid plan of action with your financial planner to safeguard your investments from any market volatility.

What this means for you: This is a good reminder for those saving for retirement to check up on your investments. Your financial planner will be able to provide advice that matches your retirement plan and help guide you through these times of economic uncertainty.

Got The Travelbug? This One’s For You!

Have you ever had the desire to visit the UK? Now might be the time. The exchange rate will decrease the cost of vacationing in the UK, as everything from meals to hotels to clothing will become more affordable. British airline fares may also decline relative to American carriers.

“The value of the British pound has dropped sharply as a result of the Brexit vote, which means the cost of a vacation in Britain would be about ten percent cheaper than it would have been just a few weeks ago,” MacEachin says.

If you are flying a British or European carrier, be sure to check in with your airline before flying. Following Brexit, there is some uncertainty on how UK carriers will adjust.

What this means for you: London may be calling, so check out your travel budget and compare the pound to the U.S. dollar. Search for hotels, airfare, and entertainment at lower costs. Due to the low credit card rates, it may also be a good time to check around for any travel rewards cards.

Bottom line: The Brexit affect is only just beginning and the long-term view is that it could create some market volatility. But for the immediate future, you can take advantage of low rates on consumer loans, in addition to credit card exchange rate, and travel prices.

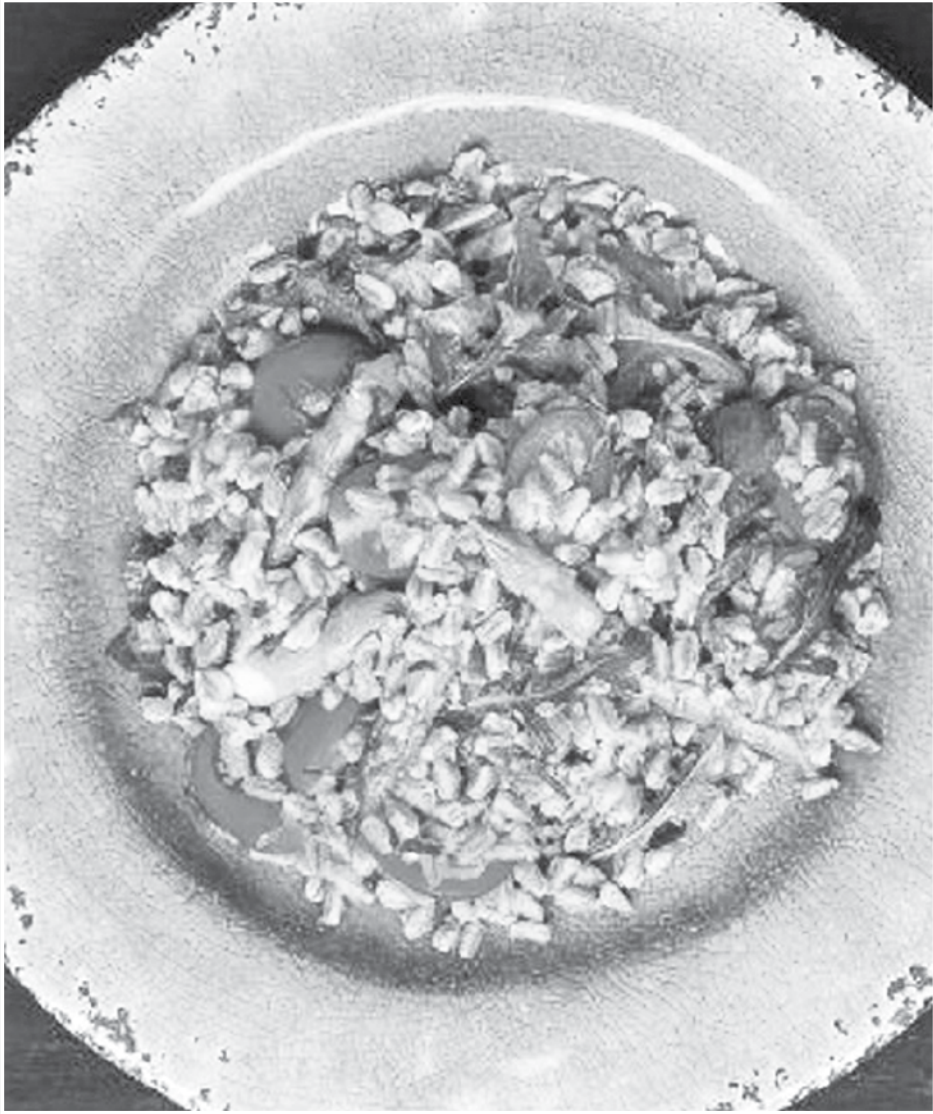
The time is ripe for making moves, especially if you’re buying or refinancing a home, in the market for a new car, moving to using credit cards, especially overseas, or more specifically in the U.K. Cheers mate! •



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Farro Salad with Veggies in Basil-Grapefruit Dressing



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Serving size: 1 cup • Servings per recipe: 6

Ingredients

- 1 cup/6 ounces farro
- 2 cups/8 ounces asparagus, cut into 1-inch lengths
- 4 ounces ruby red grapefruit juice
- 1 teaspoon grated garlic
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup/1/2 ounce basil, sliced or very roughly chopped
- 2 cups/8 ounces cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 cups/2 ounces arugula, roughly chopped

Preparation

1. Place farro in a large pot with plenty of salted water. Bring to a boil and cook until al dente, about 40 minutes. One minute (depending on the size of the asparagus) before the farro is done, add the asparagus to the pot. Drain.
2. While the farro is cooking, make the dressing. Whisk together the grapefruit juice, garlic, mustard and olive oil. Stir in the basil. When the farro is done and while it's still hot, toss half the dressing with the farro. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Let sit for 10 minutes to allow the flavors of the dressing to absorb. Stir in the cherry tomatoes and arugula along with the remaining dressing. Taste once more and serve.

Nutrition Information: Makes 6 (1-cup) servings. Per serving: 200 calories, 8 g total fat, 1 g saturated fat, 27 g carbohydrate, 6 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 4 gm sugar, 243 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol. •



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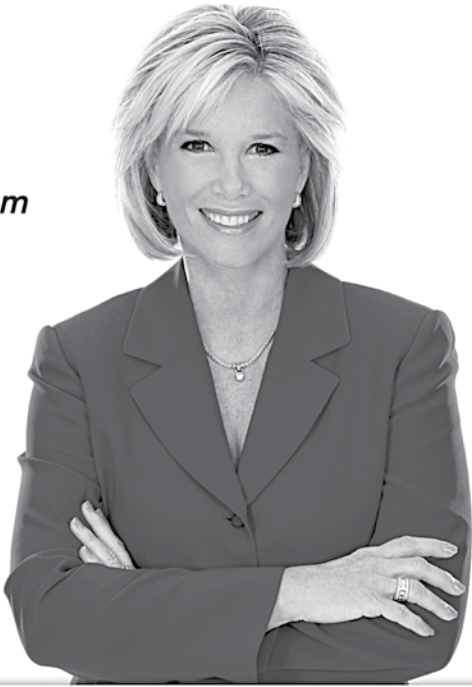
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Phelps

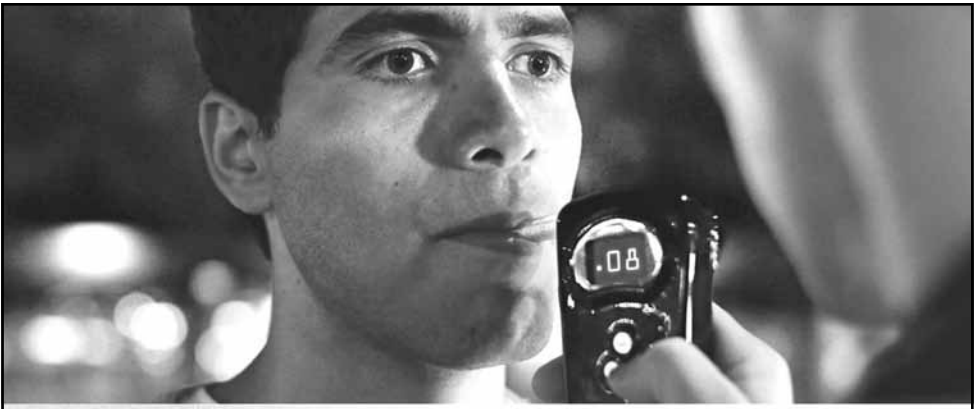
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stuck by his side and a baby son who may one day walk in his footsteps. For the first time in the relatively short life of Michael Phelps, there is more to live for than just being the fastest swimmer in the world.

Michael Phelps began his journey to becoming one of the greatest athletes that this world has ever seen not by trying to be the next Mark Spitz, or even by trying to emulate anyone else for that matter, but trying to become the first Michael Phelps. He’s been young, he’s been inexperienced, he’s gotten

into trouble and veered off course, but all the while, he’s been himself. Michael Phelps is unlike anyone we’ve ever seen before, and though his career as an Olympic swimmer may now be over, we can all say that we’re better off for having witnessed the greatness that he’s presented to us, 28 Olympic medals later. “I wouldn’t change anything that got me here,” Phelps explained following the final race of his career. “I can honestly say this is the best place I’ve ever been in my life.”

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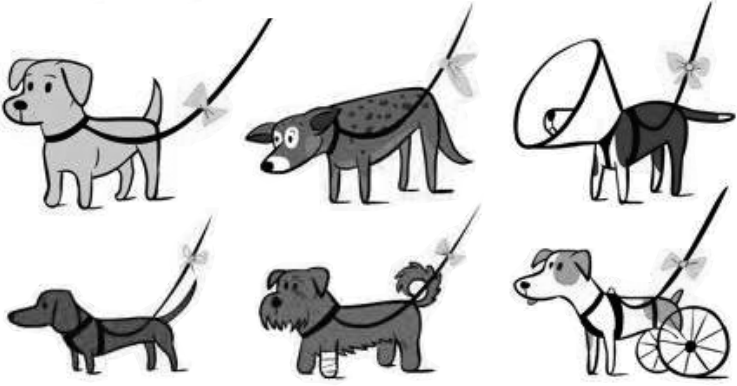
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Ways Americans Unite To Help One Another

(BPT) - It seems as though there's a lot of disagreement in our country these days. Political parties not only argue with each other, but they also fight within their ranks. Turn on the news and bickering is everywhere. Click on any internet story and you'll read through pages of angry comments.

Despite all the noise, however, Americans truly are more united than divided. And one of the issues that unites all kinds of Americans is supporting our veterans. In fact, it's part of a long tradition that goes back to the founding fathers, and there are plenty of ways you can reach out and show your appreciation as well.

A tradition of honoring heroism. In 1782, George Washington issued orders to honor soldiers who showed exceptional distinction by awarding them the Badge of Military Merit. Now called the Purple Heart, it's given to men and women in uniform who have been injured or killed in combat or captivity. As the oldest medal currently in use, over 1.7 million have received the honor. Ordinary people giving. Millions of Americans have shown their support for veterans by donating their time and financial support to organizations such as the Purple Heart Foundation. This organization supports veterans and their families with many nationwide programs. They rely on ordinary Americans to volunteer and provide financial assistance to continue these important services.



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Investing in veterans. After the unemployment rate for veterans peaked at over 15 percent in 2011, Americans responded. Major companies like Walmart, Amazon and Uber have all pledged to hire thousands of veterans. Voters put pressure on their

representatives to enact The Returning Hero's Tax Credit, which gives companies incentives to hire vets. As a result, the unemployment rate among veterans has been halved.

Helping vets tell their story. A highly effective way to help vets reconnect with people and get a hold of the confusing emotions they experience when coming home is to allow them to tell their story. Many organizations, colleges and community groups have set up programs that teach veterans the skills they need to find their voice and tell their story.

Professionals volunteering their time. All wondering how they can help, thousands of professionals such as lawyers, accountants and career coaches have reached out to volunteer their time. Because free legal and financial advice is invaluable to help veterans navigate the world they return to, this kind of assistance is incredibly important. Inspired by the outpouring of support, many Americans wonder what they can do to help. Veterans organizations like the Purple Heart Foundation provide emotional, physical, educational and financial support for veterans and their families. In addition, the Purple Heart Foundation gives people the opportunity to volunteer, donate their vehicles or household items, or make cash contributions as a way of thanking veterans for the sacrifice they made. To learn more, visit purpleheartfoundation.org. •

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Edith

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Get ready for the 8th Annual "FurBall, at the Skirball" on Sept. 10! This fabulous evening includes an elegant plant-based dinner, open bar, celebrity guests, entertainment, silent auction, awards, and lots of fun surprises! For more information on tickets or to donate auction items, please visit our website www.kittenrescue.org.

Lucy is a super sweet, adorable kitten. She loves to sit next to you and purr. Lucy enjoys playing with all sorts of toys including feathers, balls and track balls. Wrestling and running around with other cats is one of her favorite activities. After Lucy is worn out, she'll come sleep with you and show off her belly so that you will rub it. With her energetic personality, she definitely needs to be in a home with other kitties.

Lorelai was discovered on the loading dock of a grocery store with her mother and four siblings when she was four weeks old. She is a lovely tortie kitten with a strikingly beautiful face, and is sweet and playful too! Lorelai would love to be adopted with one of her siblings; a brown tabby brother, a black brother, an orange tabby sister or a buff tabby sister. Lorelai is a mini version of their tortie mom who is very sweet and also available for adoption. There is a mellow dog and other cats in her foster household and Lorelai co-exists nicely with everyone.

Piper is about as sweet and petite as they come. She is super friendly and affectionate, and gets along great with other cats and children. Her previous owner never took great care of her, and she got pregnant at

just four months old. He got divorced and decided he didn't want poor Piper anymore, so he kicked her out onto the street (where lots of coyotes live)! Piper is a tiny girl weighing only 7 pounds full grown. People say she looks like a cute little kitten and we expect she will look like a little kitten for the rest of her life.

Gabriel was found as a stray on the street when he followed neighborhood children home. He is a very sweet, friendly, affectionate young cat. At some point, Gabriel must have been part of someone's family because he loves the comfort and security of the indoors and affection of humans. He is very clean, uses the little box always and is respectful of house rules. Gabe is a couch potato most of the day, but has a playful and curious side to him. He wants to socialize with other cats and needs practice doing so with a confident cat friend.

Yes, **Edith** and her five siblings were named after the Downtown Abbey characters. Edith is puzzled why she was named after the loser sister. Edith is the bomb. She is sassy, independent and outgoing, and also a big love. Edith especially loves men that wear Aramis; she could nuzzle in their arms for hours. She can be a bit of a flirt and just really loves people and enjoys being held and loved. Edith is the only one of her siblings that fell in love with the dog in their foster home. She is still learning and growing, so if you want a lot of love and adventure, check her out.

Cora is a tiny girl with a big heart. She was a bottle fed “Kitten Rescue Nursery” baby along with her five amazing siblings. Her foster mom says that made them extra special and lovey. Cora is very curious and loves to play with her brothers and sisters.

Her favorite playtime activity is chasing a ball through the great box tunnel that came in the mail from Amazon. Of course this activity is most fun when her brother and sister play with her. She also likes climbing to the highest safe spot she can find to rest, so Cora likes to imagine she is a tree dweller. At her age, Cora needs to be adopted with her brother Matthew or sister Edith or into a home with another young cat.

Matthew love, love, loves people and has been told that he is the most lovey of his siblings. He likes to play, run, jump and do all the normal things a little boy does,



Gabriel



Cora

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Lucy

but his favorite thing to do is to climb up in your arms and be held. Please stroke his cheeks, the top of his head, ears and nose, Matthew will then love you forever. This also usually makes him fall asleep, where he will be happy to stay for quite a while. He also enjoys when you play together with toys...feathers, balls, and any other toys you want to buy him. So if you want a lover boy kitty, he's your man (or for now your boy).

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.



Matthew

Roadwork

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Los Angeles is the worst U.S. city for rush-hour traffic, based on the Tom Tom Traffic Index for 2016. San Jose and San Francisco also made the list. Tom Tom makes and sells global positioning system, or GPS, devices that display maps and guide drivers to their destinations.

Another source for expected delays because of highway and freeway construction projects is the Caltrans web site. The department of transportation keeps the listing of all planned lane closures updated as a public service. A check of freeway projects for the week of Aug. 15 through Aug. 20 in the local District 7 area found minor work planned on the 105 and 110 freeways.

Century Freeway: Electrical work is planned Friday for the both the eastbound and westbound connectors with the 110. Project and delays are scheduled to last one day.

Harbor/Pasadena Freeways: Electrical work is planned along six ramps and sections of the 110. All will take place on Friday, starting with the El Segundo Boulevard onramp, offramp and main line. All lanes will be closed for the one-day project. Work is also scheduled on lanes 4 and 5 between El Segundo Boulevard and Rosecrans and a similar lane closure along a one-mile stretch between the Century Freeway and El Segundo Boulevard, according to Caltrans.

Lane closure information for the South Bay region 7 and elsewhere in California is available on a weekly basis from Caltrans www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/lcswebreports/.

Even when the two-week project affecting Century Boulevard is completed, Los Angeles city leaders have bigger plans for that area with traffic consequences lasting several years. The city and airport authority want to build an elevated People Mover that connects the Metro station along Aviation Boulevard and 96th Street with LAX. The project, expected to cost \$5.5 billion represents the single largest building project in city history.

The project’s environmental impact report was released in June, and copies were available for review at public libraries in El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Lennox. The 45-day public comment period on the project’s EIR closed on Aug. 6, and groundbreaking for the transit station could occur in 2018 if the EIR receives a favorable review from neighboring cities and citizens.

Once the rail station is completed, work on an automated people mover, or APM, would begin. Airports around the nation, including San Francisco, Oakland and Phoenix, use people movers to ferry airline passengers to and from transportation centers. The LAX-Metro joint project calls for development of a car-rental center and additional parking along the transit corridor. •





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