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Local Family Believes in a True Sense of Community Support



Marisa Janicek and Family [Allie, Marisa, Libor, and Max.] Photo courtesy of the Janicek family. See Marisa Janicek's story below.

Marisa Janicek's Star Continues to Rise in the ES School District

By Duane Plank

When I caught up with Marisa Janicek, she said she was "honored and embarrassed" to be selected for our weekly profile. She definitely deserves the "honor."

Janicek, the El Segundo Unified School District's [ESUSD] Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, has been a top player in the District since she was selected by El Segundo's "Mr. Education," Bill Watkins, among others, in the summer of 2005 to take over as principal at Center Street School, after serving the District in assistant principal roles.

What did the veteran educator Watkins see in Janicek that made him feel comfortable turning over the principal's office to her and putting her at the forefront of educating and impacting some of El Segundo's youngest learners?

"She is an outstanding educator and leader," he emailed. "Her focus is on how to improve the quality of education for the children of El Segundo. And she successfully did this, meeting our students' needs as Principal at Center Street School [CSS] and overseeing Arena High School. While I was on the Board of Education," Watkins said, "I had the opportunity to see her accomplishments, and they always were for the improvement of our curriculum and the education of all our students."

Janicek served as principal at CSS until the summer of 2013, when the District needed her expertise at Arena Alternative High and the Eagles' Nest preschool. She took on the Director of Educational Services position, serving as the principal at Arena High and the Director of the Eagles' Nest.

In 2016, Janicek continued her ascent in the ESUSD, taking the position of Executive Director of Educational Services, a post she held for two years before being promoted to Assistant Superintendent.

She writes on her resume that she strives to "continue to lead by transforming education for a changing world." She constantly touts the collaboration and caring of all the people who make the District so successful; families have relocated to El Segundo specifically because of the quality of the school system.

As Janicek, who is working to secure her educational doctorate, continues to rise the

See Marisa Janicek, page 6



Marisa Janicek. Photo courtesy of the Janicek family.

Field Fight: City Council Discusses Raytheon Situation

By Liz Spear

Micro unit housing, a potential two-acre land gift, the Downtown Specific Plan, and a mid-year budget report with requested amendments were all part of the regularly scheduled El Segundo City Council meeting last Tuesday evening. In addition, El Segundo youth continue to appear to be without a Raytheon softball diamond to play baseball on this Little League season due to a decision by Raytheon to hold that field for use by its employees and not El Segundo Little League. Last year, shortly after the city negotiated land swaps and amendments to previous deals to accommodate the new Los Angeles Chargers football team's headquarters, Raytheon

allowed Little League to use its softball and baseball fields. This season, Raytheon is exercising the agreement (which states they only need to let the city have access to two of their three fields—one is a baseball field, one a softball field, and one a soccer field) and retaining the use of its softball field for employees, leaving Little League without a field it relies on to accommodate the number of teams and youths who've signed up to play.

In response was a public comment from Greg Maechlin, a board member of the El Segundo Little League, who asked the city to follow up with Raytheon to help them regain the use of a field for the 400

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Rain/Wind
55°/48°



Saturday
Rain
51°/43°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
56°/47°




Entertainment

Check It Out

Noodle and the No Bones Day by Jonathan Graziano

**By Kristen Morell, Librarian,
El Segundo Public Library**

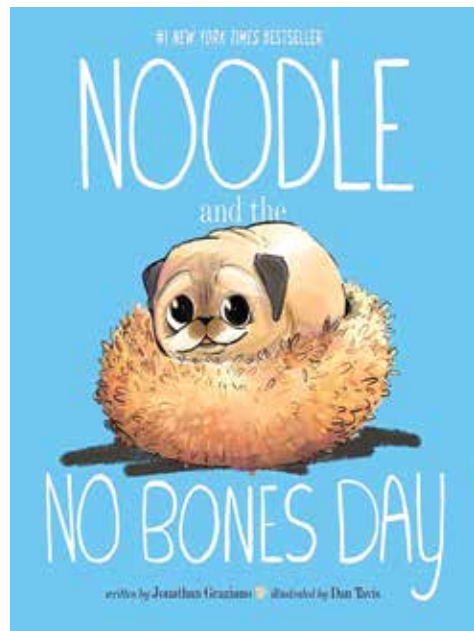
Noodle is a silly, stubborn, and sweet senior pug who lives with his human Jonathan. They are best friends and live a busy life together. Some of Noodle's favorite things include going on walks, sitting outside to watch people, and eating snacks of course. Jonathan of course enjoys doing these activities with Noodle and enjoying his company.

One day Jonathan went to take Noodle on his usual walk and Noodle did not want to go. Jonathan tried to see if Noodle might

his snacks. Jonathan became worried when Noodle still would not get out of bed and then fell fast asleep.

When Jonathan asks Noodle if he'd like some snacks or a snuggle he didn't just reply with a yes, he replied with a great, big, achoo! If you don't know already, achoo is how you say yes in pug! No matter what Jonathan would do, Noodle would not get out of bed! Noodle got belly rubs and happily ate his dinner from bed. Since none of Jonathan's usual bag of tricks got Noodle out of bed, he tried one last question, and this one seemed to be what Noodle truly wanted. To find out what Noodle and Jonathan enjoyed at last, check out the book, *Noodle and the No Bones Day* by Jonathan Graziano from the El Segundo Public Library.

For more pug-tastic books, stop by the youth section on the lower level. We've got titles on Pugicorn, Pig the Pug, a Cowboy Pug and a Captain Pug. Happy Reading! •



Noodle and the No Bones Day by Jonathan Graziano

want to do one of his other favorite activities including going seeing sights, sitting outside or his most favorite, enjoying some snacks. Noodle wasn't interested in going outside or seeing sights, but he was interested in



Kristen Morell

Film Review

The Story of Film: A New Generation Is a Must-Watch For Any Movie Lover

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Jordan Peele's *Nope* packed a lot of themes into its 2-hour 10-minute runtime. Some themes were more obvious (human attempts to control uncontrollable forces), while others were more subtextual (filmmaking as a tool to shape our understanding of cultures). Like any good film, different themes will resonate with different people for different reasons. Various perspectives and takeaways further fuel the post-screening conversation, which can lead to a broadening of world views or

how cinema is continuing to innovate year after year.

The film pays homage to legends of the past by opening with a beautiful monologue praising *Singin' in the Rain's* Stanley Donen, *The Piano's* Jane Campion, Varda par Agnès' Agnès Varda, and other auteurs we cinephiles hold in high regard. "Who are their equivalents in the 21st Century?", Cousins asks somewhat rhetorically, as we revisit clips and scenes from some of the most revered classic and contemporary films of all time.

Cousins' main thesis statement is expressed by showing how different film genres have evolved over time. The structure of modern Musicals, Slow Cinema, and Action films are compared to films of the past, proving that filmmakers are not reinventing the wheel as much as they are building upon it. It can be argued that George Miller's *Mad Max* took inspiration from Buster Keaton's *The General*. Todd Phillips' *Joker* is more similar to Disney's *Frozen* than ever imagined. Apichatpong Weerasethakul's *Cemetery of Splendor* and Kelly Reichardt's *Certain Women* tell the same tale, through different lenses.

Cinema is always finding new ways of reinventing itself. Whether it be visually with the integration of sophisticated AI as seen in Martin Scorsese's *The Irishman*, or thematically by breaking the rules of genre like Jonathan Glazer's *Under the Skin* – which blended the boundaries between documentary and narrative – *The Story of Film: A New Generation* proves that film is not dead.

The Story of Film: A New Generation is now available on VOD. •



The Story of Film: A New Generation, courtesy Music Box Films.

start a fiery discourse on #FilmTwitter. Either way, there is a passion that lingers with the audience because, in one way or another, they have been affected by what they saw on screen. That's the power that Jordan Peele and countless other filmmakers harness when they make a movie.

This effect that cinema has on us is at the heart of filmmaker and critic Mark Cousins' epic documentary, *The Story of Film: A New Generation*. With a runtime of just under 3 hours, Cousins follows up his previously released miniseries *The Story of Film: An Odyssey* (2011) by compiling some of the best moments in film history to prove



Morgan Rojas

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Police Reports

Monday, February 13th

A grand theft report was taken at 1326 hours from the 800 block of North Douglas Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole the victim's purse and keys.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1519 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole miscellaneous watches and fled the location without rendering payment.

A grand theft report was taken at 1543 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet and other items.

A grand theft report was taken at 1730 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole miscellaneous sporting equipment without rendering payment.

A grand theft report was taken at 1930 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole miscellaneous clothing without rendering payment.

A petty theft report was taken at 1730 hours from the 400 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a package from the victim's porch.

A hit and run (non-injury) report was taken at 2044 hours from Grand Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 0037 hours from the 100 block of West Mariposa Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0238 hours from Nash Street and Mariposa Avenue for one Long Beach PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0539 hours from the 200 block of South Aviation Boulevard for driving under the influence.

Tuesday, February 14th

A petty theft report was taken at 0934 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's cell phone on 02/13/2023 from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 1835 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Highway for petty theft.

Wednesday, February 15th

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0556 hours from the 2300 block of Alaska Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a construction site and stole miscellaneous tools and items.

A grand theft (vehicle) report was taken at 1113 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) stole a catalytic converter from a 1998 GMC.

A grand theft (vehicle) report was taken at 1310 hours from the 800 block of Maryland Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole a catalytic converter from a 2006 Toyota Highlander.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 1507 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for commercial burglary.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1723 hours from the 500 block of Illinois Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole items from an attached carport.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 2225 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for shoplifting.

Thursday, February 16th

A vandalism (vehicle) report was taken at 0846 hours from the 400 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s)

threw a brick at a vehicle.

A vandalism (commercial) report was taken at 1029 hours from the 800 block of South Aviation Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) cut through the fence to gain access into the business.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1215 hours from the 500 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle valued at \$350 from a shared garage.

A grand theft report was taken at 1313 hours from the 200 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole \$10,000 of U.S. currency from the victim.

A brandishing a weapon report was taken at 1415 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) brandished a firearm at the victim.

A found property report was taken at 1543 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Found was a bracelet.

An identity theft report was taken at 1607 hours from 700 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's identity to make fraudulent transactions.

One male adult was detained at 1823 hours from the 700 block of South Aviation Boulevard and transported Exodus-MLK for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

An attempted robbery report was taken at 1842 hours from Grand Avenue and Loma Vista Street. A known suspect attempted to rob the victim.

A recovered stolen vehicle report was taken at 2009 hours from the 200 block of Kansas Street. A 1999 Chevy S10 was recovered.

One male adult was arrested at 2102 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue for defrauding an innkeeper and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Friday, February 17th

A grand theft report was taken at 0924 hours from the 200 block of Whiting Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle.

A grand theft report was taken at 1001 hours from the 800 block of Penn Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle.

One female adult was detained at 1026 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway and transporter to MLK Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1053 hours from the 1000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) broke into two safety deposit boxes.

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 1105 hours from Douglas Street and El Segundo Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 1154 hours from Alaska Avenue and Hawaii Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1403 hours from the 800 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole his property.

A grand theft report was taken at 1514 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole her property.

A burglary report (commercial) report was taken at 1609 hours from the 1000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's storage unit and stole his property.

One male adult was arrested at 1854 hours

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Sports

ES Eagles Preparing for the Spring Season

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The high school spring sports calendar is full and in full swing now. The girls' lacrosse team started last Wednesday, the softball team last Thursday, and the baseball team's 30-game schedule began last Friday. If you're a sports fan, you can attend sporting events virtually every day of the week. Since we looked at a preview of the baseball, softball, boys' golf, and volleyball teams already, let's look at the boys' tennis, girls' lacrosse, beach volleyball and track teams.

Tennis Team

The ESHS Boys' Tennis team has been revamping the whole program in the off-season with an incredible turnout of players for 2023. They have added some impressive incoming freshmen, including Arush Antil and Shane Hines, who look to be part of the singles crew. Other newcomers Luke Martinez, Andrew Clouse, Connor Frascisco, Aden Calof, Camden Chen, Chase Lai-Yates, Bennett Fisher, Jacob Rodriguez, Thomas Taja, round out an impressive list of newcomers to the program.

With the loss of the tennis courts at the high school to make room for a new building, this year's team will be the first to call Rec Park it's permanent home for practice and matches. Several returning players bring valuable CIF experience to the team. First-team selection Caleb Tsai, who is also one of the team's captains, along with Dorde Glisovic, Nic Rayburn, Dylan Evers, Kai Clifton, Thomas Cuzzocrea, and senior veteran, Hirohito Yamashita, give the Eagles depth, as well as experience.

Second-year coach Bonnie Maye is optimistic about this season's team. "This year's team has committed itself to continuous improvement, focus whenever on the court, camaraderie, and changing the culture of the boys' tennis program at ESHS, explained coach Maye. She will be joined by assistant coach Paul Rayburn, who has generously taken time to help build the skills of the newcomers and returning members alike.

Coach Maye concluded, "It's going to be an exciting year for El Segundo Tennis, and

we are looking forward to our matches," The Eagles hold their matches on Tuesdays (away) and Thursdays (at home). The Pioneer League is always a challenge, and the team looks forward to seeing the returns of their off-season program preparation.

Girl's Lacrosse Team Heading in the Right Direction

The Eagles welcome three new coaches to the program but not to lacrosse since each played in college and is optimistic about the team's future. Requesting that they all go by nicknames, the coaches are Coach Fish, who played at Penn; Coach Mac played at Vanderbilt; and Coach Nikki played at the University of Mount Union. Each has been involved in coaching youth lacrosse in El Segundo or for club teams in the greater LA area.

The coaching staff has prepared their team by having them lift once a week with a strength and conditioning coach and practicing up to four times a week. And with a new staff in place, they'll lean on one of the team's strengths, the senior leadership and the three captains, Maya Jaeger, Teagan Meyer and Sophia Newton. The coaching staff is highly praised for the leadership and the returning players and how hard they push each other to succeed. It has profoundly affected the program, especially the newcomers to the team.

The Eagles have a number of returning players that will give them plenty of talent and experience Teagan Meyer, Maya Jaegar, Sophia Newton, Sof Wright, Kajsa McDonald, Arrow Koester, Kayden Kobzina, Julia Perfetti and Jessica Roundy. With the program's growing interest Coach Mac is excited about the addition of some talented newcomers to the program, including Grace Beetner, Kaitlyn Black, Kalista McMillion, Kyra Snell, and Lia Giroux.

Coach Mac says the schedule will be challenging, but she likes the idea that the team is anxious to play some of the top programs around. "The team is eager to take on Santa Monica, Culver City, and Redondo."

Coach Mac summed it up by saying, "We've

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Marly Smith, a two-time All-CIF selection on the indoor volleyball team, will help lead the Eagles' Beach Volleyball team.



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Police Reports

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from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A burglary report was taken at 1922 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. The suspect gained entry into the victim's room.

A grand theft report was taken at 2241 hours from the 200 block of Standard Street. The three suspects stole the victim's purse, but the victim was able to retrieve it back.

One female adult was arrested at 2314 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 2314 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle and carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 2314 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle and identity theft.

One male juvenile was detained at 2314 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle and a juvenile in possession of a firearm. He was issued a citation out in the field.

A female adult was arrested at 0042 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street for one Beverly Hills PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0056 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street for drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 0216 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Douglas Street for one LAPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0506 hours from the 300 block of West El Segundo

Boulevard for drunk in public.

Saturday, February 18th

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 0924 hours from Pacific Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1047 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1059 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's locker and stole his watch.

A burglary (commercial) and identity theft report was taken at 1153 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's locker, stole his credit cards and used his credit cards to make fraudulent purchases.

A burglary (commercial) and identity theft report was taken at 1159 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's locker, stole his credit cards and used his credit cards to make fraudulent purchases.

A dog bite report was taken at 1346 hours from Dune Street and Sycamore Avenue.

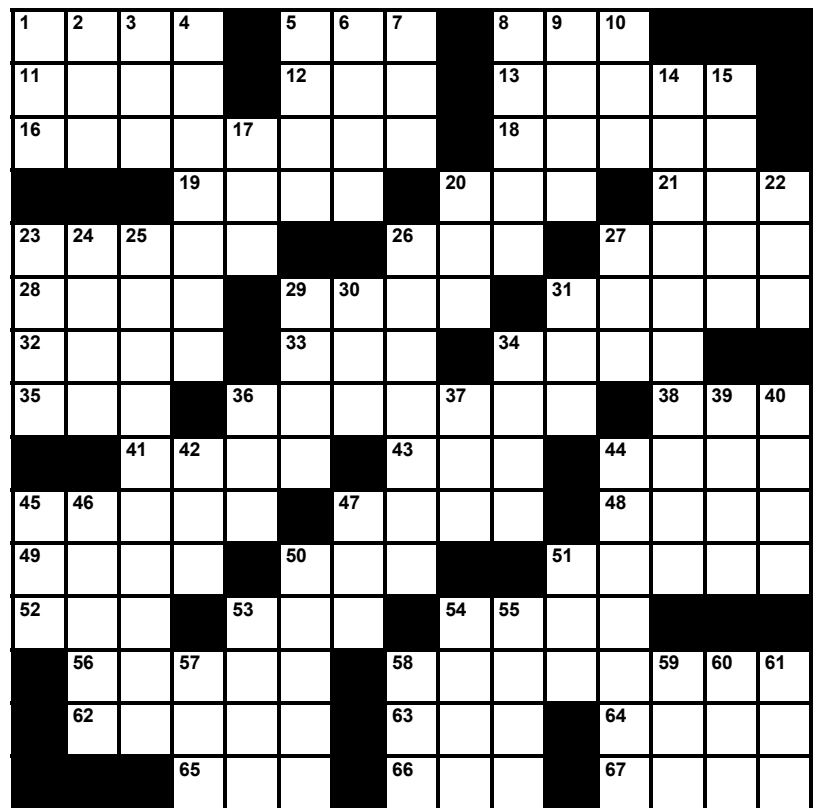
A burglary (commercial) and identity theft report was taken at 1732 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's locker, stole his credit cards and used his credit cards to make fraudulent purchases.

One male adult was arrested at 1943 hours from the 700 block of California Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

A traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 1943 hours from Maple Avenue and Penn Street, vehicle versus several vehicles.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



Across

1. Aardvark's lunch
5. Limited number
8. Overweight
11. Source
12. Pupil's place
13. Etcher's medium
16. Bothered
18. Move stealthily
19. Partner of starts
20. Call in poker
21. Distant
23. Sketch
26. Single guy's home
27. Digital promotion center
28. Scattered
29. Fraction
31. Narrow country roads
32. Like Death Valley
33. Of yore
34. Ride
35. Pick up
36. Stage set
38. Money cup
41. Catch
43. It's next to nothing
44. Entree add on
45. Times ____, font type
47. Hardly genteel
48. North or South
49. Once more

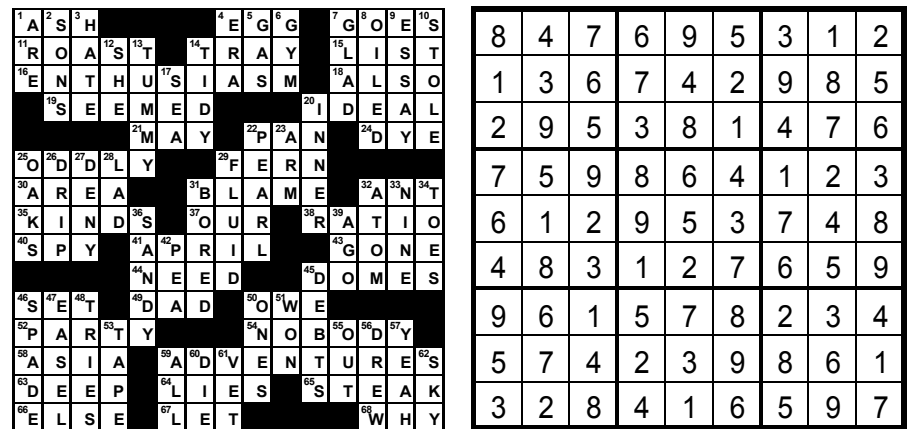
Down

1. Fauvism, Surrealism, etc
2. Choice word
3. As well
4. Gorged
5. Fedora fabric
6. Scrutinizes
7. Married
8. Fronted
9. Israeli city
10. Father's Day gift
14. Meaning
15. Rash
17. Took the bait
20. He __ for the bar exam
22. Thing, legally
23. Use a trawl

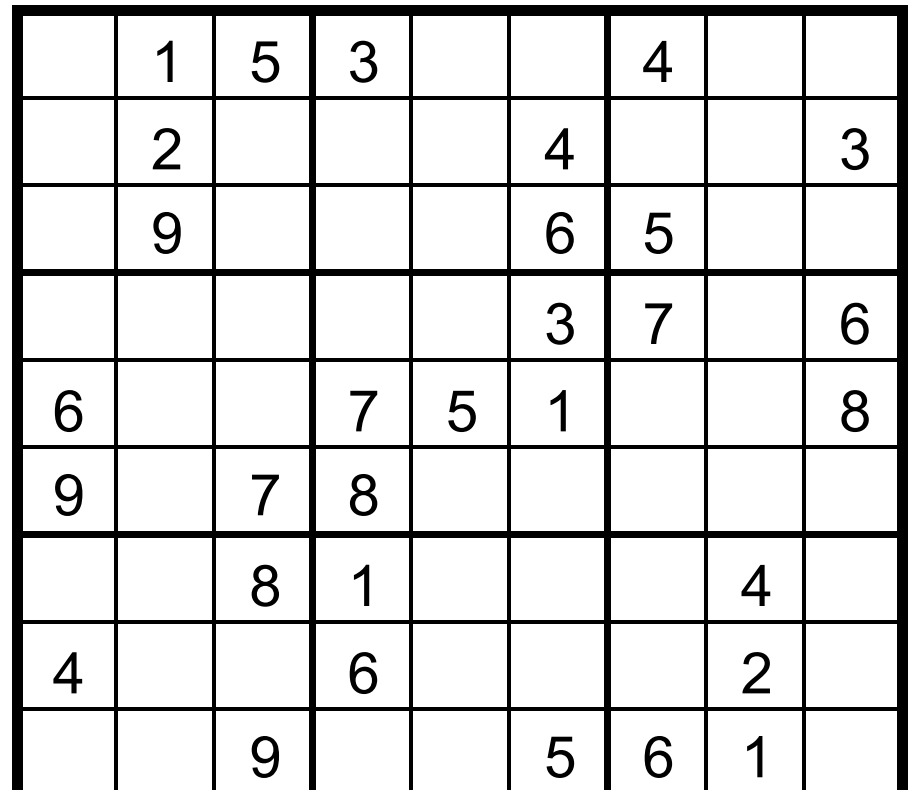
Across

24. Priceless
25. Grade school subject
26. She, in grammar
27. Part of a jazz combo
29. Get ready for a trip
30. Paleontologist's estimate
31. Nonprofessional person
34. Redwood, for one
36. George Jr. to George Sr.
37. Termination
39. Engine purr
40. Must have
42. Propel, in a way
44. Hard drink
45. Steal from
46. Brick kilns
47. Edge of the universe
50. In a rut
51. Freshness
53. Nothing more than
54. Minute opening
55. Questions
57. Transport
58. It's cut and dried
59. Water tester
60. "The best things in life __ free"
61. Was out in front

Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU Medium



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.



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Marisa Janicek

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administrative-educational ladder, one would not be at all surprised to see her, in the not-so-distant future, add "Dr." to her title and end up being a school Superintendent.

One person who is not surprised to see Janicek continue excelling is Jessica Lubs, a vice principal at Mira Costa High School. Here is what Lubs adds to the story: "Marisa and I became fast friends around 16 years ago," she emailed. "Initially, she and I met at the [ESUSD] where we were serving in different capacities; she as an Assistant Principal at [CSS] and I as a Teacher on Special Assignment.

"Marisa is a person of impeccable integrity who works tirelessly to be of service to the families of El Segundo," Lubs continued. "Whether she is collaborating with teachers, researching best instructional practices, or partnering with families, Marisa is sincerely invested in bettering ESUSD schools. She is involved in the community in myriad capacities, always ready to help with a spirit of generosity and warmth. The fact that Marisa has such a breadth and depth of knowledge of the community really sets her apart because she has a perspective like none other.

"Marisa is a dedicated family woman with an incredible work ethic, a compassionate heart, and an exceptional sense of humor. She is one of my closest and most trusted confidantes, and I am proud to be able to

call her my friend."

Kara Baldino also ardently supports Janicek: "I have known Marisa for 19 years. Initially, Marisa and I were colleagues at Richmond Street School in 2004. I was the music teacher, and she was the Assistant Principal," Baldino emailed. "Then we both got pregnant at the same time [our babies were born only three days apart], and we became friends. I eventually decided to stay home full-time, and we just always remained friends.

"I think one of Marisa's biggest strengths is she genuinely has an appreciation for every single person who plays a role in the school community," Baldino said. "The students, the parents, the teachers, certificated staff, classified staff, admin, etc. – she sees the value each individual adds to the process and treats everyone with respect. She has always maintained a very simple, positive approach to working hard, listening well, and caring about others. Every year she works here, she just brings more to the table. Marisa is a huge asset to ESUSD, and I am proud to have her represent our schools."

Kara's husband, Ryan, adds: "We've been lucky enough to have known the Janicek family for 19 years. She is unbelievably kind, smart, and always generous with her time. Her dedication to our schools cannot be overstated. She is a true asset to our school district, not just because of her years of experience and

knowledge about our schools, but because Marisa truly cares and is passionate about doing what is best for our kids. We are very lucky to have Marisa working on behalf of our schools."

Here is a slice of the Janicek backstory. She was born and raised in Northern California, in Sunnysvale. She said, "education was always a main focus," with her mother being an English teacher. Her father, a marine biologist, also toiled as an adjunct professor in Northern California.

"Education in my family was non-negotiable," Janicek said, noting that her parents were "fully supportive" of the academic strides being made by her and her brother. Janicek said she knew she wanted to be a teacher as early as the third grade.

She started teaching after she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Chico State University in 1996 while finding time to receive a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from San Jose State University five years later.

When her husband, Libor was transferred by his job to Southern California, the Janicek family, Marisa, Libor, and one-year-old Alexandria ended up in El Segundo in 2004. Her husband had a sister living in Manhattan Beach then, and the athletic Janicek said she remembers going for a run there one day and "getting a little lost," ending up in nearby El Segundo. She loved the town, and her family soon rented a house.

Janicek applied for a teaching position in the District. Still, her resume was earmarked for a non-teaching position, as an assistant elementary school assistant principal, before becoming the principal at CSS.

"Definitely a highlight of my career," she said of her years as the leader at CSS. Then Superintendent Geoff Yantz promoted her to a spot at the District office, with Janicek learning about the intricacies of her new duties on the fly.

One of the nice things about working in the same, small community for nearly two decades, Janicek said, is that she can see some of her past students mature into adults and become productive members of society.

While Janicek said she cherished her years at CSS, she was ready to tackle new challenges revolving around her "personal and professional growth." She seeks to utilize her talents in new ways, "the way we ask our kids to."

As Janicek was climbing the administrative ladder in the District, the scourge of COVID hit with a fury. She said she struggled to put into words the devastating effects of the virus, especially for students, families, and educators tasked with mitigating student learning loss when remote learning became the new normal.

"It was really a challenging and trying time," she said, "but I feel like our District grew really close together. Or teachers did not skip a beat; they were incredible. Online learning is hard."

Janicek points to the sense of community of El Segundoans, tucked away in our somewhat tiny corner of the sprawling county of Los Angeles, touting the feeling of safety, support, and love that is prevalent in town.

And she also noted how important it has been to her to have the full support of her husband and family as she rises in the ESUSD. "I could not do what I do without them."

Of course, there are "moments" when the educational car can go a bit off the rails. Still, Janicek said that she loves her El Segundo life, also noting the willingness of some Fortune 500 local companies to support the ESUSD when the need arises.

"Everybody is in it to help kids," she said.

Recreationally, Janicek likes to run, hike, bike, and spend quality time with her family, including her children, Allie and Max. She also likes to "give back" to her adopted hometown, citing her volunteer work for the Kiwanis Club, the National Charity League, and the various local youth sports teams.

And she likes to read, which comes in handy as she tackles the rigors of entering a doctoral program. It would not be a surprise if, in the not-too-distant future, the title "Dr. Marisa Janicek" was imprinted on her business cards.

So, who better to comment on Janicek's career path than Dr. Melissa Moore, the Superintendent of the ESUSD? "I would like to think that Marisa considers me a mentor. I believe she hopes to be a Superintendent in the future.

"Her institutional knowledge," Moore continued, "understanding of the El Segundo community, empathy, compassion, and kindness are strengths. Marisa is always willing to lend a helping hand to all members of our leadership team. She consistently has a smile on her face and a positive mindset in approaching all her duties with joy."

Marisa Janicek: A shining, rising star in the El Segundo Unified School District. •

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Eagles

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truly got a great group of student-athletes and hope to make big strides both on the off the field, individually and as a team. And we plan to have a lot of fun while we're at it!"

Beach Volleyball Team Looks Promising

With the growing interest in beach volleyball, the sport became a high school-sanctioned sport six years ago. This season will be the second year a CIF Southern Section playoff tournament will be played. Head coach Tori Grafeman is no stranger to beach volleyball since she played on the AVP circuit. She says the team technically placed third in the Pioneer League standings a season ago. Coach Grafeman believes this season will be a turning point in the program's development. "With this squad, I think that we can compete to be first in our league and make a playoff run for the first CIF playoff in Beach volleyball!"

Some familiar volleyball faces will lead the Eagles. Marly Smith, a two-time All-CIF selection, and Lauren Neely helped lead their indoor team to consecutive CIF Southern Section playoff appearances in the past two years. The Eagles will also lean on seniors Kira Cullinan, Lily Tun-Brown, Summer Breneman, Sarah Allen, and Ima Enosin for their experience and leadership. Juniors who will be counted on are Riley McAndrews, Emma Vitale, Alexis Marrero, Rhea Bickerstaff, Molly McNeil and Chantel Walker. Newcomers who could make an



Lauren Neely, a standout on the Eagles indoor team, will be a threat to the Beach Volleyball team too.

will pick up on that vibe." The team has faithfully prepared for the season with their dedication in the weight room and individual workouts. The team has plenty of returning athletes who should make the Eagles competitive. Iliana Montenegro (distance), Saydee Garcia and Robbie Mitchell (jumps), California Dahlstrom (throws), Ben Ali-Watkins (jumps and sprints), Vaughn Huey

Track Team One Big Happy Family

The El Segundo high school track team has seen the number of athletes swell in the program. It can be attributed to the dedication of the coaching staff's passion and willingness



Sammie Kleiger slides into third base on a triple to left field in the Eagle's 6-0 win over Norwalk.

impact are sophomore Arianna James and freshman Macy Ludwig.

The Eagles have been preparing for their first match with a solid few weeks of practice before their first competition on February 28 against Windward. The Eagles will play their home matches at Grand Beach. Coach Grafeman was optimistic about the season, saying, "We are just excited to have a format where the girls get to work towards a post-

to see each athlete preserver in their event while having fun. Jessica Davis, who had been an assistant coach in the program with the sprinters, is in her second year as head coach.

Coach Davis stresses a family atmosphere, "The strength of this team is our bond and commitment to being a family. I always stress to my kids that if one person loses, 'We all lose.' This is a family dynamic, and anyone who comes to see us practice or compete



Luca Romero, who shattered just about every cross-country record, will run distance for the track team.

compete against Da Vinci and Torrance. Other key meets on the schedule are the Nike Track Festival at Redondo on March 11, Laguna Trophy Invitational on March 18, the prestigious Arcadia Invitational on April 7-8, and the Pioneer League Prelims and Finals in late April at South Torrance high school.

Softball Team Starts Season on Winning Note

The Eagles looked solid with their 6-0 win over Norwalk to start the season. Maiya Anderson was stellar in the circle allowing just one hit while striking out five. The Eagles scored two first-inning runs to take a 2-0 lead. In the third inning, Sammie Kleiger laced a triple to leftfield and scored Charli Pages' RBI single. Miranda Sullivan's RBI double made it 4-0. Sienna Mayer's towering two-run triple in the fourth inning made it 6-0.

The Eagles host Bishop Montgomery on Saturday at 10 a.m. and Mira Costa next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Baseball Team Looks Unbeatable to Start Season

The Eagles have started their season 2-0 with a 2-0 win over Palos Verdes and a 6-1 win over Mira Costa. Brady Engelhardt went the distance against PV, allowing just one hit while striking out eleven. The Eagles stranded eight base runners but scored both runs in the sixth inning when Dylan Immel walked and scored on an RBI single by Hudson Comer. Lucas Bonham scored on an infield error,



Maiya Anderson was stellar in her first outing of the season, limiting Norwalk to one hit while striking out five.

and Tyler Davis (sprints), Max Chiet (pole vault), Jeremy Hoover (throws) and Luca Romero (distance) give the Eagles depth.

Coach Davis is optimistic about the program's future with an influx of freshman athletes who have joined the program, "Our whole group of incoming freshmen across the board will make some noise this season."

The Eagles will host just one tri-meet this season. On March 23, the Eagles will

and the Eagles went on to win their opener.

In their win over Mira Costa, the Eagles got a solid outing from Luke Elward went six innings of a one-hit ball while striking out eight. Anthony Temesvary was 2-for-3 with an RBI and scored two runs to lead the Eagle's offense.

The Eagles host Culver City Friday at 6 p.m. and host Peninsula on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the early rounds of the Stevenson Tournament. •



Brady Engelhardt went the distance against PV, allowing just one hit while striking out eleven.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN B. MARSHALL AKA JOHN BERNARD MARSHALL AKA JOHN MARSHALL CASE NO. 22STPB12107

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN B. MARSHALL AKA JOHN BERNARD MARSHALL AKA JOHN MARSHALL. A SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DAVID BERRENT, CLPF in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE SUCCESSOR PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DAVID BERRENT, CLPF be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE SUCCESSOR PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the

personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/13/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. ST2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the

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2023033464 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File #2021251424 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: JAMISON & ASSOCIATES, 2029 CENTURY PARK E, STE. 2550, LOS ANGELES, CA 90067. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles on November 17, 2021. Registrants: AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, 707 2ND AVE S., MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474. DELAWARE. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signed: AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, MICHELE MILLER, MANAGER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on February 13, 2023. EL SEGUNDO HERALD: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/23 H-2861



Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023023174

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SMOKY HOLLOW MUSIC, 626 EAST GRAND AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PAMELA KARTEN, 626 EAST GRAND AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2023. Signed: PAMELA KARTEN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 31, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 31, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 31, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/23 H-2862

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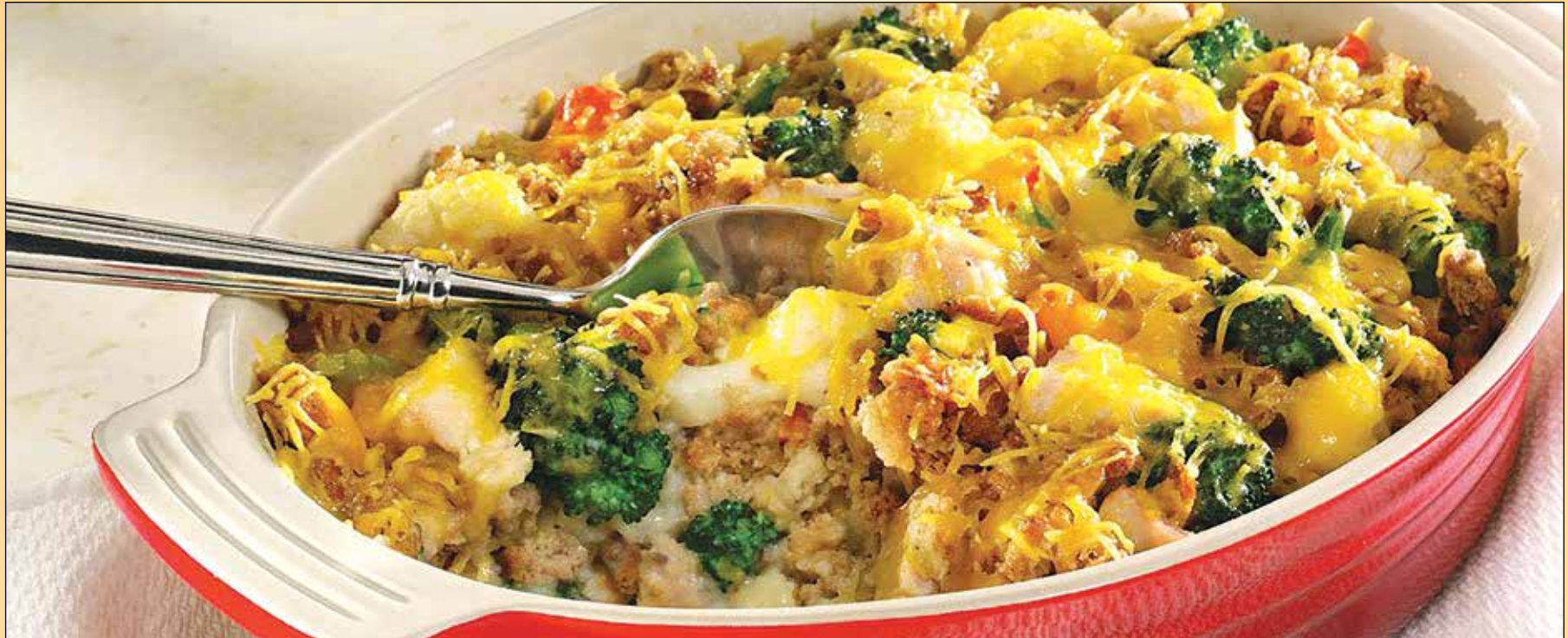
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- 1 cup milk or water
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- 1 cup Swiss cheese or Cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)

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Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat the oven to 400°F. Spray a 2-quart casserole with vegetable cooking spray.
- **Step 2:** Stir the soup and milk in a large bowl. Add the vegetables, turkey and stuffing and mix lightly. Spoon the turkey mixture into the casserole.
- **Step 3:** Bake for 20 minutes or until the turkey mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the turkey mixture. Top with the cheese.
- **Step 4:** Bake for 5 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

Tip

- **Serving Suggestion:** Serve with a salad of mixed greens, dried cranberries and walnuts with a Dijon mustard vinaigrette. For dessert serve sliced pears drizzled with chocolate sauce.
- **Easy Substitution:** Substitute 3 cans (4.5 ounces each) Swanson® Premium White Chunk Chicken Breast in Water, drained, for the cubed cooked turkey.

City Council

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Little League families who will be impacted by the loss of its use. The ball field issue was raised at the previous City Council meeting, and city staff provided an update. During this meeting, City Manager Darrell George said the city had been making "valiant attempts to reach out to them, discuss the opportunity with them" (Raytheon). Recreation, Parks, and Library Director Aly Mancini, who has been in talks with a Raytheon representative, said that she and City Attorney Mark Hensley had reviewed the contract and that Raytheon was within their right to exercise the use of one of the three fields. George said he would reach out to Raytheon to make a "last effort here to reach out to them personally."

Council member Lance Giroux, who spoke out on the field use at the last council meeting, once again quickly took to the microphone to voice his distaste for Raytheon's handling of the field usage and the unfolding debacle. "So, just to give another little history lesson on this. We were thrown a couple of little bones, and those bones were thrown at us so that we would forget about the seven acres of green space that was part of their development agreement. And the first bone was we were going to have more use of these fields. So, however it got written or what was said in this chamber is apparently two different things." In answer, Hensley said,

"No, I went back and watched the video. It was very specifically..."

Interrupted by Giroux, Giroux then added, "Mark, I'm not getting on you, Mark, I'm getting on them, OK, because the spirit of that deal was to allow that group (Little League) to use those fields in lieu of the green space that we negotiated years ago. So, that's what was happening. And that's not what happened." He continued, "I absolutely knew this was gonna happen. I knew the timing; it was gonna happen. And it happened right on the spot. And it's terrible that this is what it's come down to because it's affecting 400 kids and 400 families in this city. I'm not putting it on you; I'm putting it on them. They knew what they were saying, and it didn't come through. So, I don't know what else we can do here. But I gotta tell you, from a public relations standpoint... So the largest employer (in El Segundo), um, they don't seem to care too much about that piece of it, though, and that's really sad. So I don't know who else we can talk to or who we're talking to right now, but we need to push a little bit harder on this 'cause this problem's not gonna go away. We have more and more families in this town playing these sports, and we simply do not have the space for it. And we forfeited that space to allow the Chargers to come in here. We gotta do more than what we're doing.

I don't know what we need to do, but we need to do more than what we're doing."

Noted Mayor Pro Tem Chris Pimentel, "I think it's a bit disappointing that at the time their representative was very genial and that if there were issues like this that popped up, we'd be able to work it out. Now he, I think, retired within months of the deal being finalized. And we were very concerned at the time that this might be the likely result, that we were going to be dealing with the rule of man and not the rule of law, or conversely, we'd get the rule of law when we thought we'd deal with the rule of man. So, I think if there's anything we can do to appeal to their good graces and the spirit of the agreement, vice the text of it, I think that would benefit all of us."

In other news, the council heard an update on the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and its ongoing upgrades and construction work due to a July 2021 emergency at the City of Los Angeles-owned-and-operated plant, including the potential of windbreaks being installed, a spreadsheet in the works to monitor and track the plant's progress, the hiring of consultants by the City of LA to assist, the publication of weekly plant reports, city staff meeting with the new representatives for the City of LA's City Attorney's Office and eighty percent completion of the plant's perimeter road project, resulting in less noise

and vibration.

Council also discussed the state's density bonus law, which includes micro units of housing that Mayor Drew Boyles said represented an opportunity for young adult residents who grew up in El Segundo and are being priced out by today's housing market climate and affordability to live in the city; a potential land gift of two acres (council asked city staff to return with more information on the land, its value, potential uses, etc.); the city's mid-year budget and proposed amendments (i.e., business license tax is down due to the loss of Best Buy and decreased employer headcount due to layoffs, closures), legal fees to cover 11 lawsuits against the city from former employees; increases in overtime for police and fire department personnel, and more.

Council also heard a brief presentation on the status of the Downtown Specific Plan, which is moving from six districts to four: Main Street; Richmond Street; Grand Avenue, and Civic Center. And the council also discussed how to record or present committee meetings so the public may watch them later or tune in live. For months, community members have asked the council to record the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee meetings.

The Council closed the meeting in honor of former Mayor William Bue, who passed away in January. •

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Pepperoni

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Tubs

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