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## Chevron Presents Grant to City at Champions of Business Event



Pictured L-R: Al Keahi, El Segundo Economic Development Advisory Council, Chair; Mayor Pro Tem Drew Boyles; Councilman Dr. Don Brann; Mayor Suzanne Fuentes; Councilman Mike Dugan; Councilwoman Carol Pirsztuk; and Henry Kusch, General Manager Chevron El Segundo Refinery. Kusch presented a grant check for \$125,000 to the El Segundo City Council during last Thursday's Champions of Business Celebration to support furthering economic development. Photo Provided by Phelps. ♦

## City Council Majority Votes Down TopGolf Project

By Brian Simon

After more than five years of discussion, negotiation and timeline extensions, the proposal to build a TopGolf facility on the driving range portion of The Lakes at El Segundo is now apparently dead in the water. On Tuesday night, a majority of the El Segundo City Council opted not to proceed with the long-pending project. Mayor Suzanne Fuentes and Councilmembers Don Brann and Mike Dugan cast the three deciding votes. Mayor Pro Tem Drew Boyles and Councilmember Carol Pirsztuk were in favor of TopGolf.

Tuesday's action came despite a late request by TopGolf and developer CenterCal Properties for the Council to delay the agenda item another two weeks to allow more time to finalize ground lease negotiations. The Council learned early last month that TopGolf entered into an agreement for a venue with the Northern California city of Burlingame on a \$1.5 million annual lease—almost \$1 million more than the \$525,000 yearly amount previously negotiated for El Segundo. The Council formed a subcommittee with Dugan and Pirsztuk in tow to continue talks in hopes of sweetening the pot. They then brought on Continental Development Corporation President (and Economic Development Advisory Council member) Richard Lundquist to help the City get the best deal possible. Lundquist held several meetings with TopGolf/Center-

Cal, but then had to leave the country for two weeks. In a letter to the Council which Pirsztuk read on Tuesday, he wrote that he “wasn’t able to provide the level of service this process deserves” and requested the extra two weeks to allow him to “craft an enhanced agreement” acceptable to the City.

But the Council majority had already heard

enough. “I’m not in favor of continuing it anymore,” Dugan said about the request for the two-week extension... I’ve been chasing it for four years.” Noting that the overall process has taken five and a half years, Fuentes described the situation as “pitiful” and added, “I’m starting to get TopGolf fatigue here.”

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## Wiseburn School Board Sees Math Improvements, Change Orders for New High School

By Duane Plank

Change was in the air at last Thursday evenings meeting of the Wiseburn School Board. Vice President/Clerk JoAnne Kaneda was unable to attend because she was out of town, so Board President Israel Mora and the remaining three members, plus District administrators, hunkered down to tackle the agenda.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASP) edicts--school scorecards released from the state--noted that Wiseburn had the highest rate of growth of any district in the South Bay in Math with nearly nine percent tracking proficient or advanced jumps compared to the year before. “That is huge growth,” said Superintendent

Tom Johnstone, who also noted that Wiseburn “dropped a little bit in English Language Arts,” but saw “awesome growth at the middle school. He added, “As a district, we have been focusing hardcore on Math.”

Deputy Superintendent Chris Jones, who spoke of the upswing in Math scores, emailed, “During the three years of CAASP, Wiseburn has made significant progress in student achievement in both Language Arts (nine percent growth) and Math (16 percent). For 2017 we are pleased with the nine percent overall annual growth in Math, which is the largest single-year growth level for any district in the South Bay. The results, particularly

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## Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny  
76°/64°



Saturday

Sunny  
81°/62°



Sunday

Partly  
Cloudy  
74°/62°





Obituaries

Michael Hare  
1953 - 2017



Michael Hare passed away peacefully in Palm Springs, CA on September 7. He was born in 1953. Michael was a loving husband, father of two, grandfather of three, and brother of two. Mike graduated from El Segundo High School and will be greatly missed. •



Letters

Parking Problems

Been dining in El Segundo since 1977. In the last few months we can't find parking. Trying to park in the lot for the Cuban sandwich place is impossible. Not sure if it's because of Sausal patrons or what but the city lot on Richmond is full, streets are full. The last three times we've visited at about 6:00 p.m., we've left because there's no parking near the entrance.

- Jeff Lowe

Supporting the Children

On behalf of the El Segundo Kiwanis Club I want to thank everyone who came out and supported The Fair on Richmond Street. As you can see from the photos published by the Herald, this is a great family event enjoyed

- George Funk •

Calendar of Events

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. - 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
- El Segundo Historical Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM. - 8:00 PM., El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Avenue, Call: 310-640-8923.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.
  - Free Computer Class: Email Attachments, 8:30 AM., free, seating is limited and registration is required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.
- SATURDAY, OCT. 7**
- Celebrate: A Fireworks Spectacular, 7:30 PM., Library Park, Main Street, For more info: [centennialfireworks.com](http://centennialfireworks.com). (3:00 PM - Concert in the Park)
  - Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. - 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

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

MONDAY, OCT. 9

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

- Pinochle, 11:30 AM. - 3:30 PM., Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM., District Administrative Offices - Board Room, 641 Sheldon St.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. - 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.
- Richmond Street School Fall Festival, 4:00 PM. - 8:00 PM., Richmond Street School, 615 Richmond Street, for more info: [rss-fallfestivalchair@gmail.com](mailto:rss-fallfestivalchair@gmail.com).

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

- West Basin Water Harvest Festival, 10:00 AM. - 2:00 PM., free, Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, 1935 S. Hughes Way.
- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. - 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.
- Free Computer Class: iPhone/iPad Basics, 8:30 AM., free, seating is limited and registration is required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

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

MONDAY, OCT. 16

- Fall Cleanup Week Starts: Oct. 16 - Oct. 20. For questions call Public Works: 310-524-2709.

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Herald in Croatia



Christopher Nosko enjoyed his time sailing in Njivice, a small village in Croatia—and of course, he brought a copy of the Herald along to keep up with El Segundo news.



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# Police Reports

## Thursday, September 21

A lost property report was taken at 0547 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. A cell phone was lost.

-Found property report was taken at 1035 hours from the 100 block of Vista Del Mar. Found was a bag of rugs, a duffle bag, and blankets.

One male adult was arrested at 1557 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for public intoxication.

A felony hit and run report occurred at 1629 hours from Imperial Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus pedestrian.

Grand theft (property) report was taken at 1756 hours from the 400 block of Main Street. Taken was an electric bicycle.

## Friday, September 22

A burglary report was taken at 0649 hours from the 400 block of West Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle and took a baseball bat, baseball gloves and U.S. currency.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0925 hours from the 300 block of Center Street. Taken was a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado.

A burglary report was taken at 1034 hours from the 600 block of Parkview Drive North. Unknown suspects(s) entered a commercial business and removed property.

A battery report was taken at 1341 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard.

An identity theft report was taken at 1357 hours from the 2300 block of East El Segundo Boulevard.

One female adult was arrested at 1510 hours from the 800 block of Parkview Drive North for burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 2216 hours from Imperial Avenue and California Street for one outstanding San Bernardino Sheriff's felony warrant.

An assault with a deadly weapon and criminal threats report was taken at 2243 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue.

## Saturday, September 23

An online lost property was taken at 0645 hours from the 300 block of West Palm Avenue. A wallet was reported missing.

One female adult was detained and transported to HGH for a 72 hour psychological evaluation.

One male adult was arrested at 1619 hours from GPD for two ESPD misdemeanor warrants.

One male adult was arrested at 1626 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for shoplifting, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 1739 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public, one SBSD misdemeanor warrant and one PPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 2057 hours from the 400 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for felony domestic violence.

## Sunday, September 24

A burglary report was taken at 0646 hours from the 900 block of Virginia Street. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle window and took a tool bag.

A grand theft auto report was taken at 0623 hours from the 700 block of Hillcrest Street. A 1993 Honda Civic was taken.

A burglary report was taken at 0807 hours from the 200 block of West Sycamore Avenue.

Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle window and rummaged through the vehicle.

A burglary report was taken at 0825 hours from the 500 block of West Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle window and ransacked the property inside.

A petty theft report was taken at 0831 hours from the 200 block of West Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and took the vehicle registration, owner's manual and other documents.

An online lost property report was taken at 0855 hours from the 400 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. A cell phone was reported missing.

An online identity theft report was taken at 0858 hours from the 300 block of Bungalow Drive. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to make fraudulent charges to the victim's credit card.

An online lost property report was taken at 0903 hours from the 300 block of Bungalow Drive. Prescription medication was reported missing.

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0948 hours from the 500 block of West Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) ransacked the victim's vehicle.

A false report of an emergency report was taken at 0952 hours from the 200 block of Coral Circle.

## Monday, September 25

A vehicle theft report was taken at 0534 hours from the 1200 block of East Acacia Avenue. Taken was a 1996 Honda Accord.

One female adult was detained at 0538 hours in the 700 block of North Nash Street and transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for evaluation and treatment.

One female juvenile was detained at 0818 hours in the 300 block of Concord Street and transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for evaluation and treatment.

A found property report was taken at 1258 hours from 200 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Found was ammunition.

A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1642 hours at Main Street and East Maple Avenue.

## Tuesday, September 26

A petty theft report was taken at 0755 hours from the 600 block of East Imperial Avenue. Taken were US currency and a roll of quarters.

One male adult was arrested at 1239 hours from the 2300 block of East Rosecrans Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing, and one outstanding LASO misdemeanor warrant.

A fraud report was taken at 1633 hours from the 200 block of West Walnut Avenue. A known suspect entered a bank and withdrew money from the victim's bank account.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1934 hours from the 300 block of Virginia Street.

A missing person report was taken at 2049 hours from the 500 block of Illinois Street. A male juvenile was reported missing.

## Wednesday, September 27

One male adult was arrested at 0439 hours from Center Street and Imperial Avenue for conspiracy to commit burglary and possession of burglary tools.

One male adult was arrested at 0439 hours from Center Street and Imperial Avenue for conspiracy to commit burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of drug paraphernalia and one LASD felony warrant. •

# Future-of-Work Report Lends Direction to Local Colleges

By Rob McCarthy

There are more sound engineers than studio jobs available in Los Angeles County's television and recording industries. The same goes for fashion and photography, social media marketing and computer-designed graphics. What the region lacks are people to manage information technology systems, healthcare plans and sales territories.

LinkedIn, sometimes referred to as "Facebook for business professionals," alerted job-seekers recently to several skills gaps in the Los Angeles County workforce. Hollywood, television and the music business have stolen the spotlight from other less-glamorous industries. Those include schools and hospitals, recruiters and human resource departments, and the large number of manufacturers spread throughout the L.A. and South Bay.

The people at LinkedIn say they want to give individuals and working families a heads up to plan career changes and relocations for better opportunities. Meanwhile, a group of jobs economists this week will reveal a long-term forecast for hiring and in-demand skills at "The Future of Work" forum in downtown Los Angeles. Cal State Dominguez Hills is a co-sponsor of the event, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

and other business-minded organizations in the L.A.-Orange County metropolitan area.

A highlight of Tuesday's forum was the report, which pairs data about college grads with data about business needs. Businesses and schools, including local community colleges and four-year universities, have an opportunity to get out ahead of a skills gap that would make the region less competitive in coming years, the event organizers said ahead of its release. The findings by the L.A.-based Center for a Competitive Workforce may "expose opportunities to teach new skills and facilitate more partnerships between business and colleges."

Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, D-Inglewood, was among local leaders who spoke and gave workforce development insights at Tuesday's forum. The future-of-work report was released as part of the forum. Jobs economists gave their predictions on what job skills will be most in demand. Whether young adults will have the talents and skills when they graduate is a question that El Camino College administrators will want to consider.

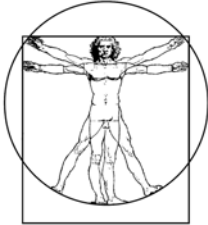
The LinkedIn snapshot of what is happening currently in the job market could hold clues as to what the labor economists will say. The most recent (August) skills snap-

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The study predicts skills El Camino graduates will need to enter the local workforce.

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# Sports

## El Segundo Eagles Rout South Torrance Spartans 49-0

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo Eagles improved to 5-0 after defeating South Torrance 49-0 on a windy fall evening. It was such a lopsided game that a running clock, for the fourth quarter, was implemented. It was the seventh consecutive time the Eagles have defeated a once-proud South Torrance football team. South was one of the South Bay's top football programs, but has fallen on hard times in the past few seasons. With the win the Eagles won their school-record 20th consecutive non-league game, and for the fourth season in a row have run the table on their non-league schedule.

The Eagles started strongly defensively and then the offense took charge to take over a game that wasn't close. El Segundo's defense held the Spartans to 99 yards of total offense and three turnovers that led to touchdowns. Kyle Freeman returned an interception 86 yards for a touchdown. Alex Ron forced a fumble that

On their next possession, Romero guided the Eagle offense 80 yards in seven plays to extend the lead. Romero accounted for 76 of those yards by completing four passes for 61 yards and picking up 15 yards running the ball. Romero found Melton open for a 27-yard touchdown pass and a 14-0 lead.

On the first play of South Torrance's next possession, Villalobos recovered a fumble. Three plays later, the Eagles found the end zone on a three-yard touchdown run to make it 21-0.

Just when it appeared that the Spartans were finding a way to move the ball, the El Segundo defense came up with a big play. Defensive back Kyle Freeman stepped in front of Spartan receiver Javin Fish and intercepted a pass. He returned it down the South Torrance sideline 86 yards for a touchdown and a 28-0 lead before halftime.

El Segundo's total dominance in the first half on both sides of the ball was apparent. The Spartans could muster just 71 yards of total



Colin McEwan was one big reason the Eagles held South Torrance to just 99 yards of total offense.

was recovered by Shawn Lyon and led to El Segundo's first touchdown. James Amerault forced a fumble that was recovered by Tyler Villalobos at the Spartan 30-yard line that also led to a touchdown.

El Segundo's offense wasn't tested much by the South Torrance defense. The Eagles had seven possessions and scored touchdowns on six of them. Romero had another solid game, completing seven of nine passes for 126 yards and two more touchdowns. Though the Eagles combined to rush for 226 yards, it was spread out among seven players. Danny McEntee led the way, rushing six times for 58 yards and a touchdown.

It didn't take long after the Eagles took over deep in Spartan territory after Lyon recovered a fumble. Two plays later, McEntee followed a Jess Caravello block towards the end zone from 12 yards out. McEntee fumbled the ball in the end zone, but it was recovered by Scott Melton for an El Segundo score.

offense. Of their six first downs, three were a result of penalties by the Eagles.

To start the second half, the Eagles needed just three plays to stretch their lead. Romero scrambled for 20 yards. McEntee picked up another 11 yards rushing the ball and then caught a 39-yard pass for a touchdown to make it 35-0.

South's first possession of the second half looked promising after a 41-yard pass play. But a running play that went nowhere and consecutive incomplete passes turned the ball back over to the El Segundo offense.

El Segundo took over at its own 12-yard line and went the distance in seven plays. Jorge Montani had three rushes for 20 yards, Romero picked up a first down with another 13-yard gain, and Joey Gorte rushed twice for 45 yards including a 39-yard touchdown run. Once Gorte got past the line of scrimmage, he easily outran the Spartan secondary for the score.

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Kyle Freeman on his way to an 86-yard interception return for a touchdown.

## The Magic Runs out for Sam Darnold, USC Trojans

By Adam Serrao

The projected number one quarterback in next year's NFL Draft finally had his (and his team's) magic run out last Friday night in Pullman when the fifth-ranked USC Trojans took on the number 26 Washington State Cougars. Though the game was close and particularly exciting in the final quarter of play, Sam Darnold was outplayed by his Washington State counterpart, Luke Falk. There is absolutely no doubting the fact that this year's Trojan team is exciting, to say the least, but their 30-27 loss on the road may just have proven that they are vulnerable as well.

Darnold is the engine that makes the USC Trojans Mack Truck run. Despite being the heart of the team, however, the quarterback was extremely inconsistent in last week's loss to the Cougars. While Darnold watched Falk complete 34 of 51 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns, he struggled mightily--completing just 15 of 29 passes through the air for 164 yards and an interception. Multiple injuries along the Trojans offensive line certainly didn't help Darnold and his team's cause either, but there is now reason to believe that the sophomore quarterback might need a bit more experience before he's ready to be called one of the best quarterbacks in all of college football.

Despite not throwing for a touchdown, Darnold was able to run it in not once, but twice for touchdowns on the ground. Even still, it was the first time in 15 career starts that he failed to throw for more than 200 yards as his passes were inconsistent and his decisions remained questionable at best. It was even Darnold who gave away the ball on the final possession of the game as he tried to lead his team from behind to victory, fumbling the ball directly into the arms of the waiting Washington State defense.

"I thought Sam made some really good plays and there wasn't good plays," said Trojans quarterbacks coach Tyson Helton. "That's playing quarterback, though. You're going to have some good plays and you're not going to have good plays." Darnold's struggles may be more telling of one bad night on the job as opposed to a quarterback who's simply not ready yet, though. His inconsistency is certainly hurting the Trojans, but a subpar offensive line may have more to do with bad play coming from the quarterback position than anything else. USC lost three starters on the O-line to the NFL this offseason and another three to injury this year already. A team that gave up a total of 12 sacks all of last season has already given up nine through five games of the regular season.

Despite injuries mounting up, neither Washington State nor any other opponent will feel

bad for USC or give the Trojans any breaks. Even Darnold acknowledged that as a quarterback and leader on the team, he needs to play better. "I think I didn't play my best, for sure," he explained. "There's a lot to learn from there." Darnold was thrust into his first role as starting quarterback of the USC Trojans almost exactly one year ago to the week. To say that he is not necessarily the best quarterback in all of college football is less of a crucifixion of the sophomore and more of an admission that no matter how talented you are, there is much to learn going forward about a position as complex and important as the quarterback position is.

The Trojans' winning streak has officially ended at 13 games and has dropped the team out of the number five seed in the rankings. USC had previously looked vulnerable in its last two games against Texas and Cal, respectively. Those vulnerabilities finally caught up with them all at once in the loss to the Cougars. It wasn't just Darnold's fumble that lost the team the game. It was the lack of execution on both sides of the ball that allowed Washington State to hang around all night before it finally pulled the rug out from underneath the Trojans.

As good as Darnold has the potential to be, it is perhaps his aggressiveness that leads to mistakes and eventually puts stress on the defense and the team as a whole. While he has thrown nine touchdown passes this season, he has also thrown eight interceptions through just the first five games in what can be seen as a clear attempt to simply try to do too much for his team. Darnold threw nine interceptions all of last season through 10 total starts. While USC's starting quarterback remains one of the top prospects in all of college football, it may be his inconsistent play that has led the team to risky performances and the first loss of the regular season rather than becoming the top team in the nation.

The Trojans and Darnold still have the opportunity to turn things around following their loss and drop in the rankings. This week's date against the Oregon State Beavers should be the perfect get-right game before USC takes on the currently 20th-ranked Utah Utes. Matchups against Notre Dame and UCLA will round out the schedule for the Trojans as they look to rebound and make it into this year's Pac-12 championship game. While USC and Darnold are fully expected to shake off the rust and win every game remaining on their schedule, there is no doubting the fact that a bit of the magic surrounding the team and their quarterback has now been lost.

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### DEADLINES

**OBITUARIES:** Monday at noon.  
**CALENDAR ITEMS:** Monday at noon.  
**PEOPLE ITEMS:** Monday at noon.  
**CLASSIFIEDS:** Tuesday at noon.  
**LEGAL NOTICES:** Wednesday at 11:00 am.  
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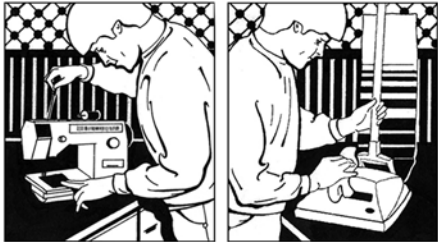
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The primary difference between a credit union and a bank is that a credit union is a not-for-profit cooperative, meaning it’s owned by its members or customers. Profits made by credit unions are returned back to members in the form of reduced fees, higher savings rates and lower loan rates. A bank, on the other hand, is for-profit, owned by shareholders and focused on its stock value.

Joining a credit union is fairly simple, and membership is inexpensive - typically a one-time fee of between \$5 and \$25. Depending on where you live, many credit unions serve a geographic area, such as a state or metropolitan area, and are open to anyone who lives in that area.

There is no membership fee to “join” a bank. All you need to provide is some money to open a checking or savings account, a government-issued ID card, and some personal information (address, Social Security number, etc.).

Credit unions, by and large, are able to provide better rates to their members. Unlike a for-profit bank, credit unions return their “profits” to members in the form of lower rates on loans, higher interest on deposits and more personalized services. Other advantages of a credit union are that they tend to have lower fees on checks, withdrawals and electronic transactions, and many offer checking accounts with no minimum balance and without a monthly service charge. Finally, because credit unions are smaller and have a focus on member service, they may be more flexible when it comes to working with someone with financial challenges.

Banks, because of their size and scale, tend to offer more financial products than credit unions. For example, a credit union may have two or three different types of checking and savings accounts, whereas a bank may have dozens to choose from.

Depending on where you live, you may have numerous options for selecting a credit union. Some credit unions may have only one location and offer basic financial services like auto loans, checking and savings accounts. Most offer free, nationwide ATM access, and since many credit unions belong to cooperatives, members can access accounts across the country through other credit union branches. Belco, for example, offers a full range of financial products and services, including mortgages, auto loans and checking accounts. Today, Belco has more than 300,000 members who benefit from the advantages of a credit union, including lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings and access to thousands of ATMs nationwide.

Services: Compare the basic banking services and access to specialized financial products, including advanced online services and mobile banking.

Rates and incentives: Look at the current rates, fees, and incentives - as well as overall benefits to being a customer or a member of the bank or credit union.

Finally, it’s important to note that both banks and credit unions insure your money up to \$250,000 per person, across a group of accounts (checking, savings, and CDs would be considered one group). The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures banks, and credit unions are backed by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). •

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(BPT) - Smartphone technology may seem complicated and flashy, but don’t believe anyone who says it’s only for the young. In fact, 73 percent of those 50 to 59 years old now own a smartphone, according to a 2016 survey from AARP. Going one step further, a recent study of smartphone user habits by the Pew Research Center concludes that 92 percent of those aged 50 and above now use text messaging, 80 percent use their phones to access the internet and 87 percent use them to send and receive email.

Still, a significant smartphone generation gap exists within the baby boomer set. While smartphone owners 50 to 59 regularly perform common daily tasks and even occasionally play a game on their smartphones, AARP’s study noted adults 60 to 69 are far more likely to rely on a laptop or desktop computer for email or internet use, and tend to avoid apps and games altogether.

It’s no great mystery why certain baby boomers have been hesitant to fully embrace smartphone technology. Traditionally, mobile phones have simply not been designed with seniors in mind. Rather, they are designed for the larger share of the market represented by younger users, who grew up playing high-tech games, surfing the web and using touchscreens.

Software interfaces are often not particularly senior friendly. Small content size and busy screens can be difficult to read and comprehend. The challenge of navigating multiple menu levels is simply not intuitive for many older users.

The small physical size of many devices, and the even smaller size of things like number keys and icons, present challenges that can make smartphones frustrating for seniors to use, and sometimes even seem a little intimidating.

Fortunately, the wireless industry has responded, and the gap is quickly being filled. Savvy manufacturers and specialized carriers have recognized the potential of the senior market, resulting in more and better choices than ever. Samsung’s Android smartphones, for instance, include a simplified version of its operating software designed to make navigation more convenient. Called “Easy Mode,” this optional setting is found in nearly every modern Samsung device.

Most Android and iPhone models also offer options within the Settings menu that allow users to adjust things like font size and screen brightness to tailor the user experience to their specific needs. With any Android smartphone, users also have the option of downloading a third-party launcher from the Google Play Store, which provides big pictures and text to simplify navigation.

There’s even a growing segment of the carrier market focusing on seniors. Known for its affordable rates and excellent customer service, Consumer Cellular is a full-service, no-contract carrier that offers a range of specifically senior-friendly smartphones for any skill level. Other carriers have gained popularity among older users by offering simplified smartphones with convenient emergency calling features.

Beyond a slight learning curve, there’s no longer any reason for seniors to feel left out, or even limited, by smartphone technology. By integrating new, senior-oriented designs and features, today’s smartphone experience can be as simple and user-friendly as they need it to be.

The Pew study reveals just how integral smartphones have become to the lives of users over 50. Going beyond standard uses, 39 percent in this age bracket also use their phones to access information about health conditions; 34 percent use them to do online banking. Fifty-five percent use smartphones for social networking, and another 55 percent use their phone’s features for entertainment.

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# Entertainment



## Film Review

### Bittersweet Drama *Lucky* is Harry Dean Stanton's Swan Song

**By Morgan Rojas**  
**for [www.cinemacy.com](http://www.cinemacy.com)**

On September 15, the film industry lost one of its shining stars. Harry Dean Stanton, best known for his roles in *Paris, Texas* and *Alien*, had passed away at the age of 91. The news shook everyone who admired the character actor's impressive repertoire and many talents (he was also a reputable musician and singer). His final starring role in a film, *Lucky*, is appropriately titled as we

ing lonely and being alone. Paulie talks about his special relationship with Elaine. Howard imparts wisdom after the disappearance of his tortoise, President Roosevelt: "Think of the burden a tortoise carries on his back. Yes, [his shell] is for protection, but ultimately it's the coffin he's going to get buried in. And he has to drag it around his entire life."

Recent events certainly may have affected John Carroll Lynch's directorial debut. While it may be a bit morbid to admit, the death



Harry Dean Stanton in *Lucky*. Courtesy of Magnolia Pictures.

truly are lucky to see Stanton in a role as a man who, ironically, questions permanence and the mystery of death.

Stanton plays Lucky, a retired Navy veteran, atheist and all-around crabby senior citizen. He lives alone in an unspecified pioneer-like desert town, passing his days by sticking to a routine of light exercise, trying his hand at a crossword puzzle at the local diner, and watching game shows. Everyone in the town is on a first-name basis with Lucky, whose cranky demeanor doesn't stop them from initiating conversations like how his morning is going or how he should quit his pack-a-day smoking habit.

A health scare draws Lucky into an even more introspective state when he is forced to face his impending mortality. He is getting older, his gaunt face and fragile bones showing a life slowing down but well-lived. His conversations with friends Paulie (James Darren), Elaine (Beth Grant) and Howard (David Lynch) become more philosophical. Lucky talks about the difference between be-

of Stanton makes the film feel even more special. It is such a poignant piece of work that embodies spiritualism and realism with great empathy. The cast, which includes Ron Livingston as Bobby Lawrence, is phenomenal. They might as well be directly talking to the audience when they give life advice to Lucky--sharing wisdom that offers a sense of security and trust.

The film may take place in a stuffy desert town, but the vibe is far from suffocating. Actor/turned director John Carroll Lynch gives the characters room to breathe with fluid dialogue and subtle movements that complement the environment. There are things in this universe that are bigger than us, Lucky so calmly recites, and this film is a gentle reminder of this. Meditative and self-reflective, *Lucky* is a touching posthumous tribute to Stanton. In the film, he says he smiles at the impermanence of life. Wherever he is now, I hope he is still smiling.

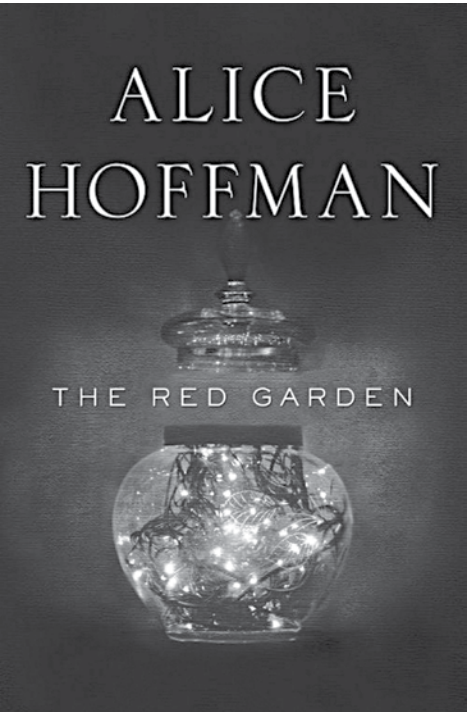
*Lucky* is not rated. 88 minutes. Now playing at The Landmark. •

## Check It Out

### Author Spotlight: Fiction Novelist Alice Hoffman

**Reviewed by Kristina Kora-Beckman,**  
**Librarian I, El Segundo Public Library**

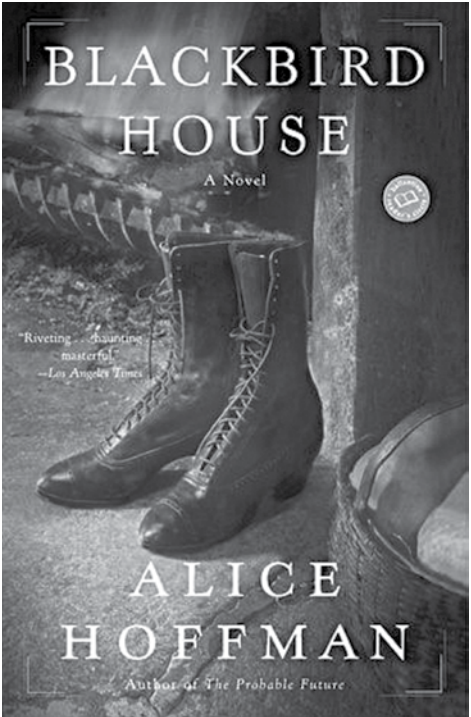
Fiction novelist Alice Hoffman is known for her works that immerse readers into a different world, be it 70 CE Judea, 1800s St. Thomas or 1960s New York City. Magical realism is another hallmark of many of her books, such as *Practical Magic*, and the upcoming prequel, *Rules of Magic*, where the supernatural is woven into the stories



*The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman.

and characters' lives.

My favorite of Hoffman's titles are *The Red Garden* and *Blackbird House*. Both novels are structured as interconnected narratives centered in a physical place--a garden in small town Blackwell, Massachusetts where only red plants grow...and a small farmhouse on the outer reaches of Cape Cod. The web of tales traces the lives of various occupants throughout hundreds of years, chronicling relationships, dramas, secrets and betrayals. This format lends a gravity to the places, which have greater permanence, than the comparatively short human lives that intersect the place over time. But Hoffman's characters are what really shine. They are multifaceted and memorable, and their struggles and triumphs leave a lasting impression.



*Blackbird House* by Alice Hoffman.

To check out or browse Hoffman's fiction titles, please visit the library to apply for your free library card. For more information about library events, including author talks, stop by the Reference Desk or check out our Facebook page for more details (<https://www.facebook.com/El-Segundo-Public-Library-165445079598>). •



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1. Sprinkle both sides of the pork chops with salt and pepper and place in a large resealable food storage bag.
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3. Heat charcoal or gas grill to medium. Remove pork chops from marinade (discard marinade) grill for three minutes or until the pork chop easily releases from the grill.
4. Flip chops and continue to cook for three more minutes until internal temperature reaches 145°F to 160°F. Baste each pork chop with Korean BBQ Sauce, grill one minute on each side. Let chops stand for three minutes before serving. •

*Makes: Six to eight servings*  
*Prep Time: 10 minutes plus one hour marinade time. Cook Time: 18 minutes.*

# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### Hefner Wasn't a Hero or Villain: Just a Businessman

By Cristian Vasquez

It's easy to have an opinion of a person, especially a vile one, when we disagree with their views or actions. The death of *Playboy* magazine founder Hugh Hefner was not immune to the waves of praise and criticism, both of which make for a good chuckle. When a person isn't well-liked in life, I don't expect death to change those feelings. If anything, I find it hypocritical when a person changes their tone about someone simply because their time on this earth was to change. At this point it's no surprise to read the vile opinion pieces on Hefner, as well as the endless praise, but I can't help but laugh at both.

From the critics of the entrepreneur have come some of the most exaggerated attacks. One columnist from the NYT described Hefner as "pornographer and chauvinist," among other things and attributed the man's fortune to "consumerism and the exploitation of women." Personally I never met Hefner, so I can't confirm or deny if he was a chauvinist. As for the pornographer claim, fair point—but nobody is forced to purchase said materials. *Forbes* magazine reported that said industry earns billions each year, proving that high demand exists. Which leads me to the columnist's consumerism and exploitation claim...

In all honesty, I can't remember the last time I bought a magazine. In high school there were two magazines my group of friends always passed around: *Lowrider* and *Rolling Stone*. Neither seemed interesting then, or today,

so I remember the covers but never their content. Much like my friends never forced me to read these publications, Hefner never forced millions of Americans to purchase his magazine. Hefner created such an appealing product that people either wanted to read the magazine, publish their articles or pose for the centerfold. Emphasis on *wanted*. Hefner didn't force anyone to do either of the three.

Exploitation is a go-to word for any sensationalist trying to sell their point of view. Do images of beautiful people influence a person's self-esteem? Does it affect one's perception of their self-worth? Of course they do. It'd be absurd to say there was absolutely no impact. However, it's not a magazine's responsibility to raise people to understand the difference between real life and entertainment. Hefner never forced the thousands of women in his magazine to pose. If anything, the magazine had to turn people away because the desire to grace the cover was *that* popular among aspiring models, actresses and overall good-looking women.

Maybe it's because I'm not ultra-conservative, or a prude, or simply because I believe people are responsible for themselves and their kids, but I've never seen Hugh Hefner for anything other than a magazine owner. Hefner's business began under the perfect circumstances to eventually grow into the empire that it became. Rather than trying to make Hefner a villain and condemn his business, we should take responsibility for our personal choices and accept that as a society we appreciate attractive people. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Price Shown the Door after Cheating Taxpayers

By Duane Plank

Sometimes it is difficult, or darn near impossible, to build a rationale case for some of the mechanizations of President Trump and his administration.

Tom Price, richer than all of us together, was scamming us after hitching rides at our expense, while he completely failed at his job as Health and Human Services Secretary. Trump showed him the door last weekend, giving him that little box to remove his privates and get the hell out of Washington.

But, on second thought, isn't that how well-run businesses are administered? You bring someone in and if they aren't a good fit, or don't tow the line, you either coach them into line or show them the door. Toss them into the raging waters.

So, Trump was going to "drain the swamp." Right. One of his campaign pledges. Well, who knew that a bunch of the alligators and vermin in the swamp were pampered Republicans? Well, anyone paying attention (sorry, nodding off Hillary)? So last Saturday, Trump accepted the "resignation" of Price, who apparently cheated us taxpayers out of about a million bucks to make some fly-arounds.

Once the scoundrel was caught, he made the standard mea culpa, feeling very badly, went to a yoga class and said he was going to pay back the money he stole. Trump accepted his "resignation paperwork" the next day.

Damn deep swamp that President Trump is attempting to drain from his weekend golf course getaway

So last week, early in the week, the folks in Puerto Rico, pummeled by another hurricane, seemed

grateful for the Trump administration support, with a horrific third hurricane hitting landfall after the devastation that nailed Texas and Florida,

Chris "Crybaby" Cuomo, CNN morning anchor--and I am not sure what he is anchoring, so help me Anderson Cooper--lost his mind, went unhinged the other early morning, yelling at some gentleman on the screen, screeding Trump wasn't helping the troubled Puerto Ricans. Which, shockingly, was right in step with the DNC-CNN blame Trump playbook.

Incredibly, the gal down there who was griping about the Trump's administration, some mayor from San Juan, was all on board for the great response from Trump and company until late last week, when, apparently, the Dems or the little pathos Cuomo sent her a stupid, ill-fitting t-Shirt, scripted "Help Us, we are Dying!"

Spoiler alert. Yes, people have died. One death is one to many, obviously. But this was another natural disaster. Another horrific weather event. Right after God, who hopefully is sending down an ark to pick me up, my family, my chosen friends (you know who you are) to move us the heck out of here.

So the CNN'rs are bloviating, blaming Trump for (in their opinion) a slow response to the devastation in Puerto Rico. Typical blowhard morons on the left, hiding behind the cloak of racism (Cuomo), said Trump and his administration were dragging their feet on the PR recovery for racist reasons. Even *The Biggest Loser*, wasn't that a weight loss scam show? Hillary chimed in as she did her loser lap pimping her pathetic, ghost-written book.

And the beat goes on. •



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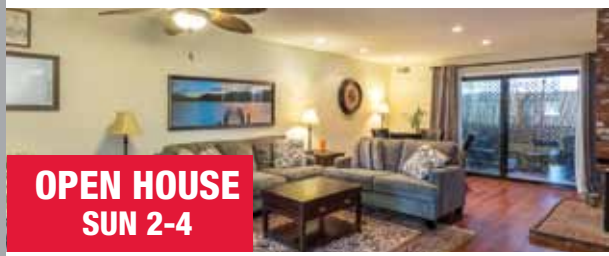


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## Simple Steps to Create the Perfect Outdoor Oasis

(BPT) - Summer is home to many of the year's most beautiful days, so who can blame you for wanting to spend them all outside? Your yard becomes your living room and your patio the kitchen. It's your home away from home, which begs the question - do you like your current digs?

If your home's outdoor space lacks the comfort and appeal you are longing for, don't worry. Now is the perfect time to transform your backyard into the perfect outdoor oasis you can enjoy all summer long.

To get started upgrading your backyard without breaking the bank - follow these tips from the experts at Lowe's.

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Looking Up

Mapping Black Hole Collisions Gives Astronomers a New Guide

Press Release from Rochester Institute of Technology, Provided by Bob Eklund

Rochester Institute of Technology researchers helped pinpoint the precise location of a gravitational wave signal—and the black hole merger that produced it—detected by gravitational wave observatories in the United States and in Europe.

For the first time, the LIGO and the French-Italian Virgo were used to triangulate the position in the universe where the binary black hole merger occurred 1.8 billion years ago. The black holes are 25 and 31 times the mass of the Sun before the collision and 53 times the Sun mass after, when a merged black hole formed.

The signal was detected on August 14 by the LIGO detectors in Louisiana and Washington and the Virgo detector near Pisa, Italy. The findings were announced recently in a news conference in Turin, Italy, and will appear in Physics Review Letters.

The addition of the third observatory has widened the window on the universe, said RIT professor Carlos Lousto. “We now can pinpoint where those black holes collided in the universe with 10 times higher precision than we had with only two detectors,” Lousto said. “Astronomers can look more accurately toward this direction in sky with

conventional telescopes to see if there is an electromagnetic counterpart to such cosmic collisions.”

John Whelan, RIT associate professor and the principal investigator of RIT’s LIGO group, said, “Our Virgo colleagues, who

have been collaborating on the analysis since our first joint initial detector runs 10 years ago, have now joined the advanced detector network. We now have, for the first time, three advanced gravitational wave detectors observing together.”

Richard O’Shaughnessy, RIT assistant professor, adds that “with Virgo, we can now reliably point to where a gravitational wave signal came from. We can tell astronomers when and where to point their telescopes.”

Scientists will gain a deeper understanding of astrophysical phenomena by combining gravitational wave astronomy with traditional methods using the electromagnetic spectrum.

“Precision pointing makes multi-messenger astronomy possible,” O’Shaughnessy said.

The current study cites 2005 breakthrough research by Lousto, Manuela Campanelli, RIT professor and director of the Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, and Yosef Zlochower, RIT associate professor, which solved Albert Einstein’s strong field equations. The group was one of the first to simulate a black hole on a supercomputer. Their “moving puncture approach” has been adopted by other research groups and helped lay the foundation for gravitational wave astronomy.

“Our supercomputer simulations of black-hole collisions continue to be crucial to determine the astrophysical parameters of those extreme objects and they provide important information for modeling their history, from the death of their progenitor stars to their final merger into a larger black hole,” Lousto said. •



A simulation of gravitational waves produced by the collision of binary black holes. Courtesy of Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, Nicole Rosato.

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Future-of-Work

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shot from LinkedIn noted the Los Angeles’ workforce looks lopsided with creative and technical talents sought by the entertainment and media arts businesses. LinkedIn did not disclose how many of its members live and work in the region, or why it concluded that L.A. has a glut of creative talent--both in front of the cameras and behind the scenes. It found an abundance of members listed on their profiles:

- TV and video production; theater and drama, music production and radio broadcasting.
- Fashion clothing, social media marketing, graphics computer design, and photography.
- The lone non-entertainment field listed was real estate and home buying, which include flipping houses.

The social media site is used by 138 million people and 20,000 companies that recruit and hire LinkedIn members. “This gives us unique and valuable insights into the U.S. workplace trend,” according to LinkedIn that analyzes 20 metro markets each month to identify skills gaps, migration of workers to different cities, and who’s hiring. The company says its reports offer snapshots that can be valuable when considering a career move. “Whether you’re employed and wondering if hiring is improving in your industry, exploring new skills to learn to make yourself more attractive to employers, or considering a move and curious which cities your skills

most,” according to LinkedIn.

Based on LinkedIn member profiles and job listings on the site, skills missing in the local workforce are:

- IT Infrastructure and management, and Microsoft Windows systems.
- Healthcare management and nursing.
- Education and teaching.
- Human resources and HR benefits and compensation.
- Sales, business development and relationship management.
- Lean manufacturing and quality management.

The bright lights of the local entertainment and media arts industries are attracting job-seekers from New York, Chicago and Boston and adding to the oversupply of creative talent here, LinkedIn found. People leaving the Los Angeles area to look for work elsewhere most often head for San Francisco, Las Vegas or Seattle.

JP Morgan Chase sounded the alarm, too, about a middle-skill talent gap in greater Los Angeles. The financial service company predicted the L.A. County economy will grow by 12 percent in the next decade. That expansion is expected to create one million middle-skill jobs paying close to \$30 per hour. Healthcare is expected to be the top job creator, along with global trade and logistics being so close to the Port of Los Angeles and LAX. •

Wiseburn

from front page

at the middle school level, have been off the charts. Our goal is to have continuous improvement at all levels and in all curricular areas; these results indicate that we are on the right track!”

Next on the agenda were what is termed “general items,” including the agreement to move forward with “Talking Teaching,” a deal with a group from UCLA to increase District educators’ professional development; an MOU with the Da Vinci campuses to button-down cross-district programs; and an update to approve the contract with Leadership Associates--the firm selected to perform the search for the new superintendent with Johnstone retiring at the end of the school year. Leadership Associates is slated to make a presentation on October 12 to take direction from the Board and establish a firm timeline. Johnstone said that a tentative timeline has a selection going up for consideration “the second Board meeting in March.” The new Superintendent would start somewhere around May 15 and have about a six-week overlap period with the retiring Johnstone, who will show the ropes to the new hire before riding off into the retirement sunset.

Next up were more than 35 change orders as the new edifice on Douglas Street nears completion. The thought now is that students will be moved into the new high school sometime in early November. Johnstone said that there “probably” would be firm move-in dates unveiled at the second Board meeting in October.

Change orders for Phase II, which includes the new pool, the gym and the athletic field, were next on the agenda. Most of the new changes revolve around the fickle soil in the Sunshine State. “All of this has to do with soils,” Johnstone said. “Soils are a big issue [in California].”

Vince Madsen, the District Director, Facility Planning, is usually in the Board member crosshairs as the countdown begins for the first day of school on Douglas Street in hopes of hitting the Board’s first day of instruction date in the new facility. President Mora, who appeared to be a little exasperated about the

current timeline for the completion of the work of Douglas Street, said, “You have to find a way to get this done. I don’t like the math. Even a blind squirrel finds a nut occasionally.”

Madsen noted that he and his crew have been working tirelessly on completing the high school building project. “We are in the final stages of working through the fire alarm testing, smoke evacuation system testing, final air balancing, and the building control programming through-out the building and hope to be complete these tests by the end of the month so final decisions can be made on when to schedule the big move and get to occupying the new state-of-the-art high school building,” he said. “Along with moving into the new high school building, the District is considering some potential traffic studies to see if there may be a need for some new traffic lights around the new high school to help with the flow of students, staff and community members traveling to our new high school and other campuses in the District.”

In other District news, beloved long-time employee Pam Conde, who retired recently from her tenure at Peter Burnett Elementary, was feted by her co-workers, friends and family members at a raucous celebration at a Lennox establishment last Friday. Johnstone delivered a heartfelt farewell for Conde, who has worked for the District for 20 years. Conde, who went through the Manhattan Beach school system in her childhood schooldays, has been a pivotal cog in Wiseburn’s success. Johnstone added that the two-decade veteran will be very difficult to replace. “Pam is one of a kind and a Burnett/Wiseburn treasure. We have been so blessed to have her at the helm of Burnett for 20 years! Congratulations, Pam. You will be greatly missed.”

The next Wiseburn School Board meeting, initially scheduled for October 14, has been moved to Tuesday, October 12 to make sure all the members would be able to attend the meeting where some of the discussion will revolve around the expected presentation by Leadership Associates regarding the superintendent search. •



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While indicating he has the “utmost respect” for Lundquist and spoke of the importance of obtaining a more lucrative deal for the City, Brann said he still had other issues with the project’s fit—and thus did not wish to delay the final vote to October 17.

Seeing the writing on the wall, Boyles and Pirsztuk made final pleas in hopes of swaying at least one of their colleagues. The Mayor Pro Tem said the decision not to extend the vote was “not representative of the people,” and he maintained that the majority of El Segundo residents want TopGolf to happen. Pirsztuk spoke of the opportunity for the project to make much-needed money and also warned that the City doesn’t have an infusion of cash to sustain the golf course over the long haul.

Fuentes suggested a request for proposal (RFP) process to see what other firms might suggest for the golf course (and later in the evening asked staff to agendize it for a future meeting). Pirsztuk responded that no other companies came forward in the past with a viable plan. Speaking of the projected 400 jobs and revenues TopGolf would have brought, Pirsztuk added, “I’m really disappointed that the Council doesn’t see the future.” Boyles went on to call the project a “missed opportunity that the business community strongly wanted in town.”

The Mayor issued a reminder that there were opportunities in the past when TopGolf could have been a done deal—but CenterCal did not choose to execute two prior agreements that the Council approved. Noting the complexity of the ongoing deal, Dugan said that “every

time we turn around, there’s another angle coming in.” He pointed out that regardless of what happens with TopGolf, there is still an outstanding loan for The Lakes. He also emphasized that the existing facility does generate positive cash flow. “I’m done with it [TopGolf],” Dugan ultimately said. “We need to start from scratch to see what to do with that property.... It [lengthy TopGolf process] should never have happened in the first place.”

Despite falling one vote short, Pirsztuk later asked City Attorney Mark Hensley if TopGolf could come back to the Council in May (after the next election when the configuration of the current group could potentially change). He responded to the affirmative--if both parties decide they wish to revisit. “Anything’s possible,” Hensley said.

According to Hensley, TopGolf/CenterCal did respond to the subcommittee last month with a counteroffer upping the annual lease to \$625,000 in exchange for reducing the number of hitting bays available either free or at discounts to youth groups, golf pros and local residents. CenterCal also indicated it would begin sharing a percentage of gross beverage receipts with the City starting the first year of the lease instead of after three years. The subcommittee responded that it would not support a deal reducing the number of hitting bays—and then requested that TopGolf/CenterCal submit a “last, best and final financial offer” for the Council to consider on Tuesday.

Unable to comment during discussion of the item (which was not a public hearing)

and forced to wait until the second public communications when it was too late, TopGolf Chief Development Officer Chris Callaway said that his company’s position was not represented accurately—and that the Council made its decision based on misinformation. He indicated that TopGolf agreed to match the Burlingame proposal of the \$1.5 million annual lease—if the City would then be responsible for paying several million for golf course improvements. Callaway reported that Lundquist felt the previous structure (with TopGolf covering the various improvement costs despite a lower lease total than Burlingame) was a better deal for the City. He went on to explain that the Burlingame deal is simply to rent land, but doesn’t include all the other amenities (e.g. course improvements, free/discounted bays, lighting, food and beverage sale proceeds, business license credit waivers). Adding everything up, Callaway said El Segundo was getting a total package equivalent to \$1.625 million a year. “It’s more than Burlingame—it’s just structured differently,” he said. He eventually concluded, “I feel like we were given a real disservice in this process.” Afterwards, a Manhattan Beach resident questioned Callaway’s math and said the proposed golf course changes were solely caused by TopGolf’s parking requirements.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all on Tuesday was the lack of public comment about TopGolf (only a handful of people addressed the topic) at the beginning of the meeting. Most of those who came to the podium instead talked of the need for an updated

skate park in town. Several of the speakers were boys who use the now-15-year-old park and lamented its poor condition and design limitations. Two skate park industry professionals also offered to provide future input. The Council could not respond to the matter because it wasn’t on the agenda, but staff will bring it back in the future for discussion.

Also during the meeting, the Council had the first reading of a new sign ordinance that will streamline the current process and make future approvals faster and less complicated—with most turnaround times potentially decreasing from several months to as little as a day. The group also approved the addition of one full-time Recreation Supervisor at \$107,175 to oversee operations of the new El Segundo Aquatics Center that is set to open next summer. This after hearing lengthy presentations by Recreation and Parks Director Meredith Petit and consultant Stu Isaac who provided financial and organizational justifications for the hire. After a several-month search, the City hopes to bring in the new person by early January.

Police Chief Bill Whelan reported on the latest updates on the ongoing issues around Clutter’s Park. He said fencing will be installed in late November to try to impede LAX employees from jaywalking across Imperial and leaving their cars on residential streets. Police will also reach out to neighbors to recommend setting up a permit parking district (which will require a petition with at least 55 percent of the residents signing) and to be part of the process when the City works with LAX officials on a parking study. •

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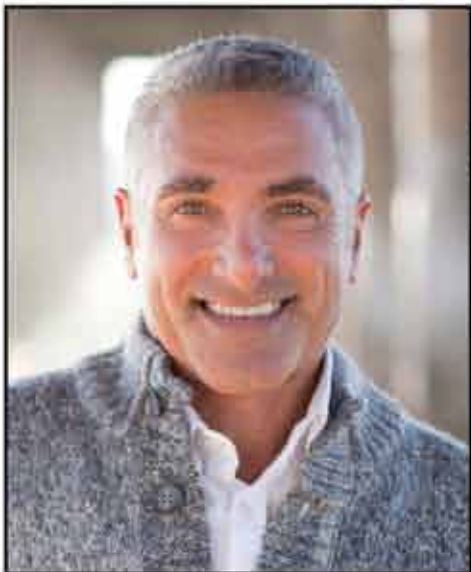


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