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El Segundo Girls Are Champions



The El Segundo Eagles, the CIF Southern Section Division 3 champions, pose after their 2-0 win over top-seeded West Torrance. For story see Sports on page 3.

Trevor Elder Brings His Passion for Skateboarding to El Segundo

By Kiersten Vannest

“High fives and good vibes” is the motto you may hear around the El Segundo skate park. Every summer and often after school, a group meets to skate, socialize, and learn. This group is called Champ Camp! It was started by South Bay local Trevor Elder and his love for skateboarding.

As a child, Elder couldn’t get enough of skateboarding. “[I skated] all through high school and college, and I was a sponsored skater when I was in eighth grade,” he says, noting that after he began skating around fifth grade, it became his passion. Going on to work in a local skate shop in Hermosa Beach, Elder was constantly determined to learn a new trick or try a new ramp. “What drew me to [skating] was the freedom and the creativity it offers... If you were to ask me when I started skateboarding in fifth grade, I would have said, ‘because I want to do tricks,’” he laughs. Wanting to do tricks led him down a path of a skateboarding lifestyle, where he met new people, made lifelong friends, and challenged himself.

Later on, Elder got a job working with the city of Torrance and coaching kids through skateboarding. Through this experience, he realized he had a passion for teaching. “I wanted to pursue this kind of longer-term, and also by chance, the skate park that we ran the program out of sort of fell apart and was eventually removed,” he says. After the skate park was removed in 2010, Elder set out to keep the activity camps going.

It started with a few summer beach camps, learning activities in the water, and doing exercises like dodgeball with other kids on the sand. These got so popular that in 2012, Elder

founded his current company Champ Camp! with his wife and kicked off a program that has flourished and grown exponentially over the years.

For the next few years, Elder took his time learning the best ways to run these camps and figuring out best practices and processes. With the closure of the skate park in Torrance, Elder sought to bring skating back into his camps. Remembering where he used to skate as a kid, he reached out cold to the city of El Segundo. Quickly and without question, the parks and recreation department and the city officials granted him permission to use the skate park

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Trevor Elder, founder of and skateboarding coach for Champ Camp!

Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM
Showers
61°/50°



Saturday
Partly Cloudy/
Wind
58°/46°



Sunday
Sunny
60°/46°



Orly Israel: El Segundo’s Listener and Connector

By Duane Plank

Most of us tend to talk, some of us incessantly, about ourselves. But we typically spend much less time emphatically listening and comprehending what the other person might be sharing, right?

El Segundo’s Orly Israel, who was raised in Pacific Palisades, attended Pali High School, and matriculated to Syracuse University to study Communications, is flipping the script on that. The 27-year-old Israel has embarked upon a program to listen and explore the thoughts of others, withholding judgment and allowing those so inclined to freely riff their thoughts to him.

Israel has set-up up his “listening table” in available spaces in swaths of

El Segundo, in other South Bay cities, and the Westside. His table is draped with a banner that trumpets: “Here to listen. No judgment, no advice, no charge.”

Now I have never been to a psychiatrist myself (some may say I should immediately sign-up for sessions). Still, I am guessing that the professional psychiatrists out there may charge a pretty penny for allowing one to spill their innermost thoughts to them? No charge is incurred from the time spent with Israel, though.

In our phone interview, Israel mentions classes that he has taken that have sharpened his listening skills, citing courses from communication instructors whose

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Council Lashes Out at Hyperion; Grapples with Retail Cannabis Stores and Outdoor Dining

By Liz Spear

Hyperion, cannabis, and outdoor dining were three of the top topics during Tuesday night's regularly scheduled El Segundo City Council meeting, which lasted just one minute or two over five hours. Now that the official report on what transpired at the City of Los Angeles-owned and operated Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant has been released, council members had much to say in the aftermath of the plant's massive failure and emergency situation that arose last July. In addition, a cannabis initiative that has qualified for the November 8th election ballot sparked heated conversation amongst council members now that the city is closer to having to allow retail marijuana shops into the city. Council members also grappled with the timing of dismantling the city's current outdoor dining areas that use roadway travel lanes and/or public-right-of-way areas, including curbside parking spaces, now that previous COVID-19 restrictions are diminishing and California state and L.A. County residents move closer to returning to pre-pandemic conditions.

With a now publicly released report on what caused the Hyperion emergency July 11-12, council members were given two presentations, one on the report released February 11 by the ad hoc committee formed last year to investigate and produce a report detailing the causes of the plant failure; the other on air quality issues related to the plant. Michael Stenstrom, who holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Systems Engineering and is a Distinguished Professor in the UCLA Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, delivered the first presentation. Stenstrom, who told the council he has visited more than 230 wastewater plants and first visited the Hyperion plant in 1968,

gave an abbreviated version of the full report, noting that three specific failures caused the near-catastrophic flooding of the plant and subsequent release of 17 million gallons of raw sewage into the ocean off of Dockweiler and El Segundo beaches. He noted that the initially proposed cause of the plant emergency — that "a large dump of material" had blocked the screens in the Headwaters building, which then caused flooding of plant buildings and roadways, was proven to be incorrect. Instead, he said that the Grit Chambers where water and waste flow after it goes through the Bar Screens failed, with two of its three chopper pumps failing. He said that two properly functioning chopper pumps should have been enough to avoid the emergency but that the one functioning pump was not sufficient. He also said that a "high-level alarm" was missed by operational staff, noting that the alarm was included in a printout and not registered as a siren or horn. The third error came after a potential bypass; the "stop locks" were no longer operable due to the high level of water accumulated. The stop locks could not be raised, and as the emergency grew and the water levels rose, the water then "followed a gravity flow path to emergency storage," which housed electrical equipment that then shorted out, causing an even greater emergency. He also noted that the Headwaters building staff is "consistently understaffed" and the least desirable position in the plant and that swimmers in ocean waters can be exposed due to the fact that it takes 24 hours to get lab results on contaminated ocean water. He suggested a mechanism be in place to alert ocean water users immediately when a Hyperion release into the ocean has been triggered.

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The Thing About Istanbul

Article and photos by Ben & Glinda Shipley

It's New Year's Eve on Pera peak, the one-time Venetian quarter of Istanbul, and two beautiful Turkish girls in miniskirts, gaudy blouses, and five-inch heels race awkwardly down a steep street, yelling for a taxi. A group of old codgers barely glances up from their card game, but two young, male loiterers rouse from their torpor to hurl indignant insults at the scantily clad girls. The girls jeer and return the abuse, as they climb into their cab and speed away.

This is something you think about when you visit Istanbul. Pera and Galata; the business district and the university quarter; the famous old palaces and mosques; all sit in

Europe. The Greeks settled Constantinople, the Romans civilized it, and for much of its history, liberal Europeans sporadically dominated its public affairs. After 1453, when the great Ottoman Sultans took over, they might have preached Islam, the Caliphate, and a weak Europhobia, but for the most part, they were the most tolerant and internationalist rulers of their age. And when Kemal Atatürk became the father of modern Turkey, his determined secularism set the tone for eighty years of religious and cultural tolerance.

But times do change, and in the last seventy-odd years, the lure of jobs and the big city has emptied the Anatolian countryside of millions of its underemployed youth. Today,

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Galata — Fishing family-style from Leonardo da Vinci's favorite bridge.



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Sports

Lady Eagles Repeat CIF Soccer Title

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo high school girls' soccer team finished in third place in the Pioneer League then went on to win the 2021 CIF Southern Section Division 4 championship. The Eagles went on the road and defeated top-seeded San Dimas 2-1 in the finals. After finishing second in the Pioneer League this season, the Eagles went on the road to face top-seeded West Torrance in the CIF-SS Division 3 finals. They came away with an emotionally charged and physically draining 2-0 win over the top-seeded Warriors.

The Eagles defeated Yucaipa in the first overtime period 2-1 on Bella Munoz's goal to get to the finals. The Eagles scored a

first-half goal against Murrieta Mesa in the second round and hung on for a 1-0 victory. The Eagles advanced to the semi-finals with their 3-0 win over second-seeded Flintridge Prep. Michaela Turner scored within the game's first minute, and Chelsie Charles and Bella Munoz added second-half goals to propel the Eagles.

In the semi-finals, El Segundo faced third-seeded Sonora at home. In a seesaw back and forth match, the Eagles defeated the Raiders 3-2. The Eagles had numerous looks at the goal but found their first scoring opportunity after a free-kick. At 25:03 of the first half, Chelsie Charles found a pass after

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Bella Munoz's first-half goal gave the Eagle's a 1-0 lead. She also assisted on the second goal with her corner kick in the CIF Finals.



Charlie Gerson was instrumental on defense in shutting down West Torrance in the CIF-SS Division 3 finals.



Chelsie Charles scored the Eagle's second goal in El Segundo's 2-0 win over West Torrance in the CIF Finals.

A Lovely Day for a Hometown Parade

Photos and captions by Gregg McMullin.

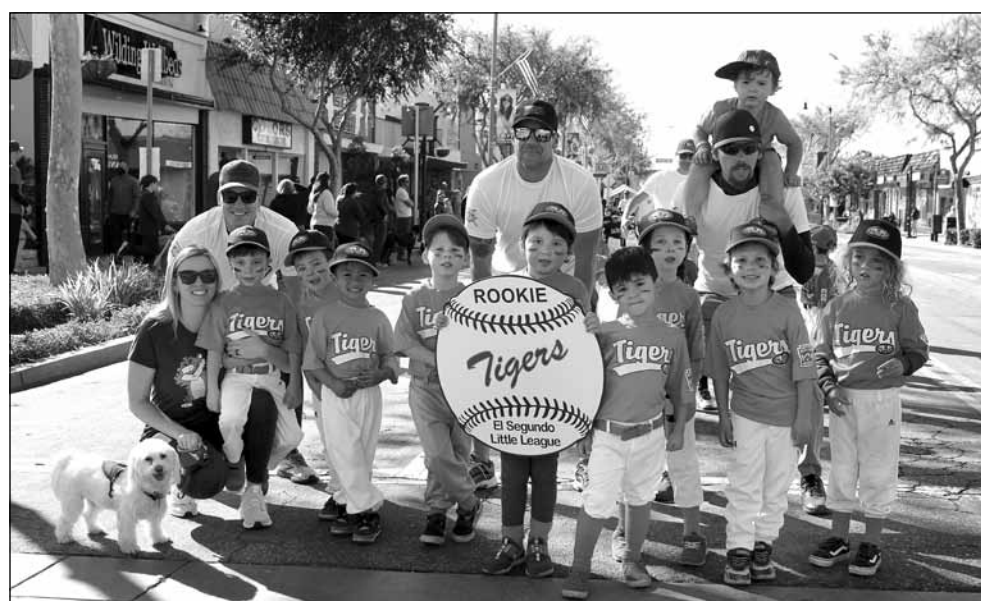
The El Segundo Little League and Girls Softball League held their parade last Saturday.



The Bubble Gum Girls led the ESGS portion of the parade.



The Dodgers Challenger Division leads the sixty-eighth El Segundo Little League Parade down a fully lined Main Street.



The Rookie Division Tigers took time out during the parade to pose for the fans.

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Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

Many members of my extended family do not get along that well, but I get along with everyone. I keep trying to get them together, but every time I try to solve one problem, it seems to create another, and I'm getting really tired of it. It feels like whack-a-mole, and I can't fix it. I feel like it's going to make me resent everyone if I keep doing this. Any tips for getting everyone to get along?

- Frustrated by Family, Manhattan Beach

Dear Frustrated,

There is very little that's as unpopular as a problem we can't seem to fix, in part because unfixable problems are not supposed to exist. Think of all the rallying cries we hear: We got this! We'll get over this! If we try hard enough, nothing can stop us! You can do anything you want to if you put your mind to it!

Our culture cheers the phrase "don't take no for an answer." The idea that something may not be available, or possible, feels like sacrilege. "Of course we can do it." "Of course you can have that."

These are lovely ideas. But sometimes they conflict with the reality of a situation. To take an extreme example, you cannot always solve an illness, or a natural disaster, or a war.

Many Americans have internalized the idea that there is not a single problem that we cannot solve, but running into problems we cannot change or get rid of happens all the time. That disconnect sometimes comes with a healthy dose of shame, thinking we should be better. Or anger, thinking we've been tricked somehow. Some problems are

with us for a long time, or forever.

Your situation sounds tricky, and full of moving parts. I invite you to consider not trying to solve it. Instead, what about trying to live with the problem by trying to gain, at first, just a little bit of distance from it?

Imagine a sheet of paper held right in front of your eyes, blocking your view of everything. Now imagine that this sheet of paper represents the problem. Push the paper back an inch, and then another inch, and another. The world begins to come into view. The problem hasn't changed. It hasn't even gone very far. Being able to see the problem, and to see what surrounds it, is often the difference between feeling terrible and feeling not terrible. And that's a big deal.

Gaining distance from the problem is hard work, and often requires the help of others - therapists, trusted friends, pastors - but it can usually be done.

Is this always the solution? Of course not. But it's worth weighing the costs of trying to solve the problem versus the costs of living with it. What are the additional costs - in frustration and stress - of trying to solve a problem that may not have a solution?

Please write to tom@tomandrecounseling.com or text to 310.776.5299 with questions about handling what is affecting your life, your family, the community or the world. Tom Andre is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT119254). The information in this column is for educational purposes only and nothing herein should be construed as professional advice or the formation of a therapeutic relationship. •

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- MARIO PUZO



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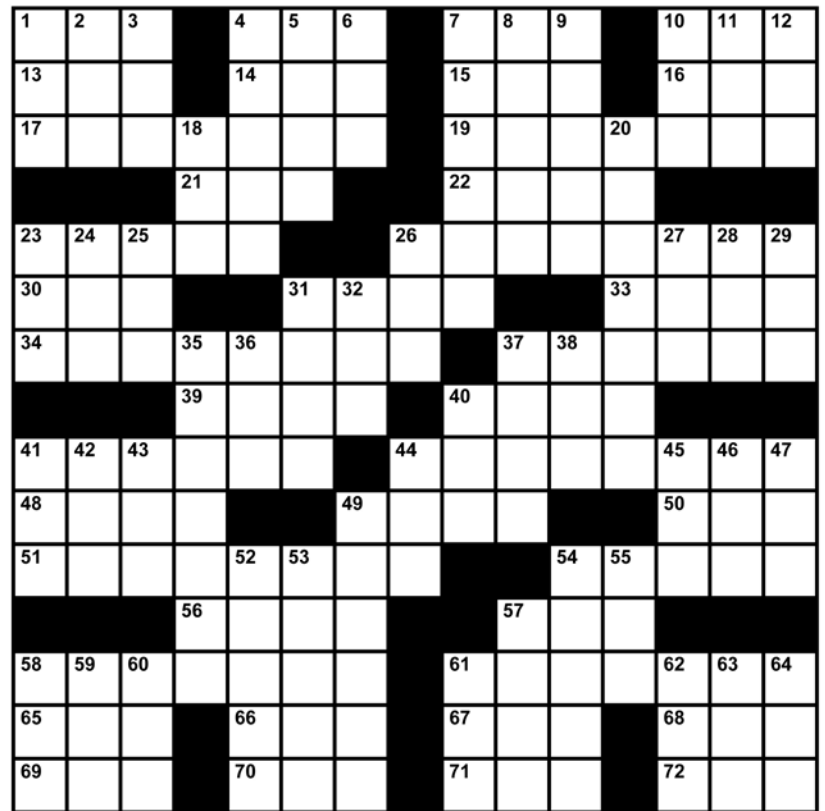
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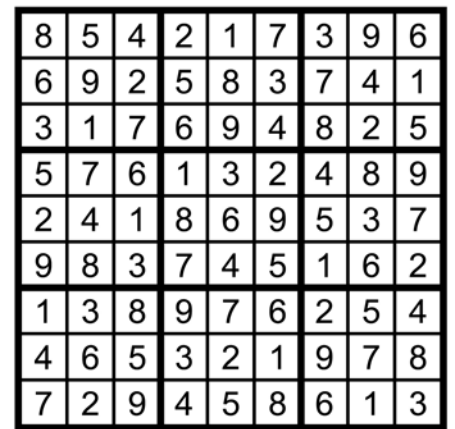
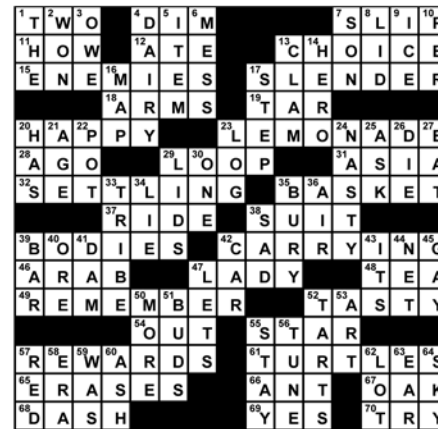
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- Girl's pronoun
- Fashion
- Colour of some diamonds
- Equivocate
- Swine
- "Long ___ and far away ..."
- Manual boat mover
- Ahead
- The wash
- Goal
- Prime-time hour
- Common pants
- It has only one story
- Curve type
- Time lag
- Pink
- Observing
- Peered through a scope
- Monthly check
- Flying mammals
- Facing
- Sci-fi staples
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- Methods and means
- Where small dogs sit, often
- Cleared up
- Half percentage
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- Small British isle

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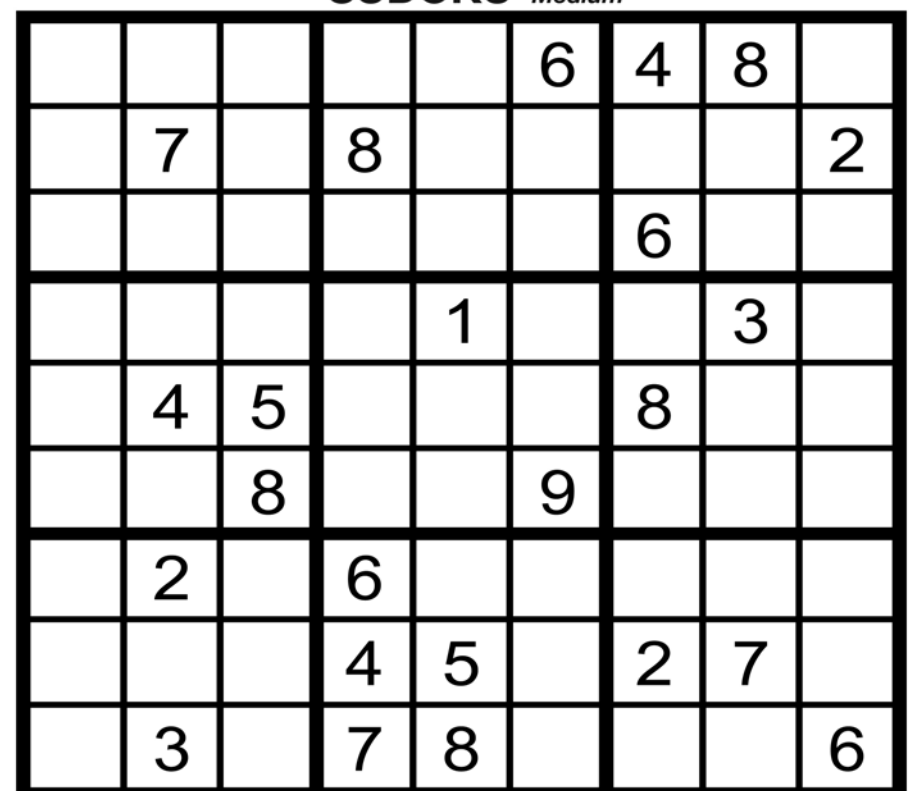
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- Rear
- Oval shaped item
- Reddish brown
- Twice
- Offspring
- Angler's buy
- Ring site
- Juiceless
- Scout group
- Closest
- Gossip
- Vintage
- Function
- Famous
- Ohm created one

- It gets refined
- Tie the knot
- Don't go straight
- Fabled insect
- Colourful boxful
- That girl
- Vehicles
- Contraction
- ___ George
- Black gunk
- Incur
- Performed the role of
- Breathing fire
- Trickster
- Dirtbag
- Keep watch
- "And if that ___ enough ..."
- Ascertain
- Hard to pin down
- Stood up to
- Writing fluid
- Challenge for a barber
- Hand, slangily
- Carolina ___ tree
- Something blue
- Employment agency listing
- Absorb, as a cost
- Maximum number of terms for a U.S. president
- Repair, as a tear

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.



Entertainment



Film Review

The Sweeping Musical 'Cyrano' Aims For The Heart, and Hits

By Ryan Rojas for Cinemacy.com

Where to watch: 'Cyrano' is now playing in theaters.

The new movie *Cyrano* is a heartfelt romantic musical that turned me into putty in its hands. Based on the timeless tale of Cyrano de Bergerac—a man gifted with words yet fated with an unconventional appearance—

based on the most recent stage play adapted and directed by Erica Schmidt (who's married to Dinklage). Previous versions of the story make Cyrano's comically long nose his character's tragic physical feature. Yet the film uses Peter Dinklage's short stature as the attribute that fuels Cyrano's insecurities and society's rebuke.



Haley Bennett stars as Roxanne and Peter Dinklage as Cyrano in Joe Wright's *Cyrano*. Photo courtesy Cinemacy.com.

it's the story of a heartbreaking and tragic love triangle. However, seeing the power of true love on screen also makes for one of the most uplifting movies to see this season.

When he learns that his friend and secret love, Roxanne, has fallen in love with another man, the gifted wordsmith Cyrano agrees to write his love letters to her. Concealing his own feelings, he resigns to living a life where he hides away his love. Directed by Joe Wright (*Atonement*, *Pride & Prejudice*), *Cyrano* stars Peter Dinklage in the title role.

The original story goes back to the classic "Cyrano de Bergerac," written by Edmond Rostand. Director Joe Wright's *Cyrano* is

For such an open-hearted romantic musical to work, the music needs to be truly moving. And this score is. Written by The National (music written by Aaron & Bryce Dessner and lyrics by Matt Berninger & Carin Besser), *Cyrano*'s soundtrack is brooding and moving in ways that fans of the band will recognize. The most sweeping song that is sure to stick with audiences is "Someone to Say." It's a heartwrenching and beautiful song that's buried itself deep in my head since seeing it in the film's trailer.

As the title character, Peter Dinklage captivates and commands the screen. He

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Check It Out

Bright Burning Things by Lisa Harding

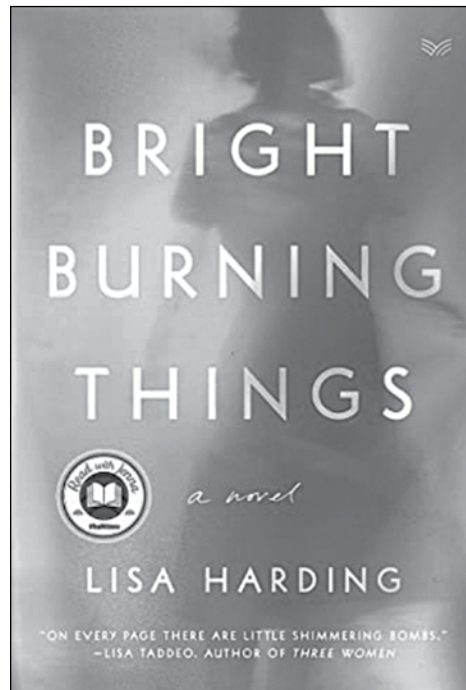
By Library Assistant Mary Martes

Single mother Sonya, once a glittering ingenue and celebrated actress, is now living on the dole with her young son Tommy. Still young and beautiful, her life has narrowed to Tommy, and the wine that eases her confusion and desperation, and wards off the angry swarm of voices in her head. A story of addiction and recovery, this deep dive into Sonya's psychosis

lack of self-esteem, always waiting to be found a fraud, Sonya becomes increasingly unhinged. Her "imp, bad fairy" takes over and she loses control, spewing vitriol to any who dare to question her parenting. She creates a fanciful world with Tommy that they alone inhabit. She fails to see that she is becoming a danger to Tommy. Speeding through traffic for the adrenaline rush, stealing groceries, burning the food she does attempt, failing to feed or bathe him leaves him neglected, starving and dirty. Lost in her fog, she fails to notice she is being monitored and one last careless act finally forces her to confront her demons.

Tommy is taken to live with foster parents while she attends a treatment facility. She may be there under her own volition, but Sonya does not think she really has a problem. In her mind, all she needs is Tommy. As she struggles, she begins to see more clearly and finds a mentor of sorts. Tommy struggles as well. He is angry and confused that Sonya left him without a good bye. Her journey to sobriety and back to Tommy is rendered in heartbreaking reality with a skillful hand. At times difficult and disturbing, this is a novel well worth discovering.

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Bright Burning Things by Lisa Harding.

and alcoholism is harrowing but ultimately a tale of redemption.

Estranged from her father and having lost her mother at a young age, Sonya is struggling to raise Tommy on her own. She has no friends and no other family to help or support her, nor does she want any. Four-year-old Tommy was the result of a love affair with a callow man who had no intention of being a father. The daily demands of motherhood create a separation from reality while she struggles to raise Tommy on her own. Her obsessive, possessive love for him is second only to her love of the bottle. As she sinks deeper into intoxication, her sanity begins to slip. Riddled with profound



Mary Martes

Police Reports

Monday, February 21st

One male adult was arrested at 1154 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for public intoxication.

Five subjects were arrested at 1625 hours from the 800 block of South Douglas Street for identity theft. Additionally, one of the subjects was charged with possession of a controlled substance for sale and forgery.

A petty theft report was taken at 1842 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. A male adult removed merchandise without rendering payment.

Tuesday, February 22nd

A petty theft report was taken at 0746 hours from the 2200 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a purse from an unlocked vehicle.

An identity theft report was taken at 1203 hours from the ESPD lobby. A known suspect opened a credit card account with the victim's information.

A petty theft report was taken at 1606 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. A male and female stole merchandise from the store.

A petty theft report was taken at 2106 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. A male suspect stole a backpack.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0131 hours from the 1700 block

of Imperial Highway, vehicle versus pole.

Wednesday, February 23rd

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0552 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a Hyundai Sonata.

One male adult was arrested at 0945 hours from the 5200 block of West Rosecrans Avenue for possession of a stolen vehicle.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0932 hours from the 200 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took a 2012 Hyundai Sonata.

A vandalism report was taken at 1156 hours from the 2000 block of East Rosecrans. Unknown suspect(s) wrote graffiti on a property.

An attempted stolen vehicle report was taken at 1336 hours from the 400 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into victim's vehicle and ransacked it.

One male adult was arrested at 2050 hours from the 800 block of Apollo Street for felony vandalism and trespassing.

A vandalism report was taken at 1820 hours from the 100 block of Nevada Street. Unknown suspect(s) wrote graffiti on the wall of the victim's property.

A robbery report was taken at 1845 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) took merchandise and threatened to hit the victim with a bottle.

A burglary report was taken at 1845 hours

from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) took over \$1500 worth of alcoholic beverages without paying for them.

Thursday, February 24th

One female adult was detained at 0739 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway and transported to Marina Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A grand theft report was taken at 1055 hours from the 300 block of West Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took the tailgate from a 2018 Toyota Tacoma.

A burglary report (residential) was taken at 1417 hours from the 900 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a green power washer from an apartment complex.

A lost property report was taken at 1800 hours from the 300 block of Main Street.

Lost was a ring.

A battery report was taken at 2202 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Nash Street. The victim was punched in the face during an altercation.

One female adult was arrested at 0342 from Acacia Avenue and Cedar Street for identity theft.

One male adult was arrested at 0342 hours from Acacia Avenue and Cedar Street for identity theft, providing false information and one outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Friday, February 25th

A disturbing the peace report was taken at 0753 hours from the 800 block of Bungalow Drive.

An identity theft report was taken at 1037 hours from the 900 block of Sheldon Street.

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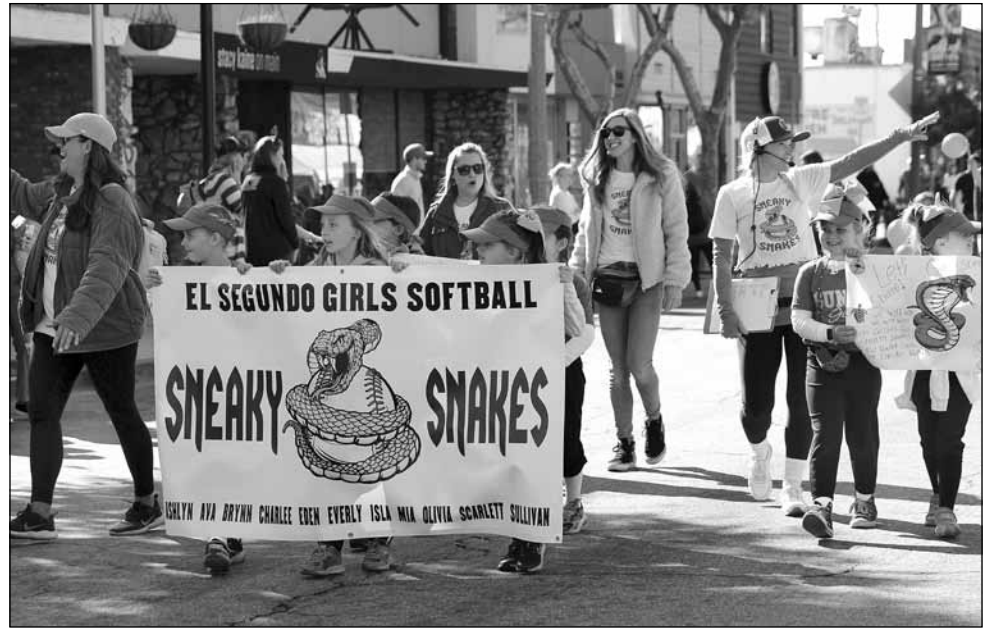
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Eagles

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a free-kick and buried it into the net for a 1-0 El Segundo lead. The Eagles extended their lead when Munoz sent a corner kick towards the scrum of players in front of the goal. Chelsie Charles was in the perfect position to head it in for a 2-0 with 16:19 remaining in the first half.

The Raiders pressured the El Segundo defense, but backline defenders Elizabeth Kapoor, Shelby Lyon, and Ava Adlam filled the passing lanes and helped out Tanner Ijams in goal. At 10:50, Sonora's Danielle Naromi slid a pass into the net to narrow the Eagle's lead to 2-1. In the second half, Sonora's Kristen Smith's goal nailed a tying goal to make it 2-2. But the Eagles responded with a push of their own. Bella Munoz took a pass from Chelsie Charles and hammered one to the back of the net for the eventual game-winning score. Nili Kovacs had three second-half saves to ensure the victory that sent the Eagles to their second consecutive CIF-SS championship appearance.

The Eagles faced their league nemesis in the finals. West Torrance, the top-ranked team, had defeated El Segundo eight consecutive times, including three Pioneer League matchups. Last season they outscored the Eagles 11-0 in two of those wins and outlasted them 2-1 in their recent league game a couple of weeks ago. The Warriors' stranglehold of slicing through the first four playoff games by outscoring their opponents 17-1 came to a crashing end against El Segundo. The Eagles solved the Warriors' mystic of defeating them with a 2-0 win over the Division's top-seeded team.

The game throughout was played at break-neck speed that was paced by West Torrance's assault on El Segundo's goal. They took some 12 shots on goal in the first half, which Tanner Ijams saved six of them. The Warrior's top scoring threat Cherrie Cox, who had come

into the game with 40 goals on the season, was held in check with just two clean shots, one on a penalty kick.

El Segundo played a methodical game and was well planned that allowed the offense to work on their passing lanes. That plan resulted in a well-executed shot attempt, from the top of the box, by Bella Munoz, whose shot attempt sailed high just over Warrior goalie Lucy Hasenmayer and into the back of the goal for a 1-0 El Segundo lead.

In the second half, with 24:19 remaining in the game, the Eagles utilized their favorite play to score once again. El Segundo had a corner kick awarded to them. Bella Munoz sent her pass to El Segundo's leading scorer to the middle. The reigning CIF Player of the Year, Chelsie Charles found her way through the mass of players and booted it into the goal for a 2-0 lead.

West Torrance ramped up their offense with another barrage of shots at goal, including back-to-back point-blank attempts that Tanner Ijams blocked and saved. Ijams said afterward that she had had a lot of help from the backline all game long. "On that play, everyone collapsed and helped out on helping to interfere with those attempts." Ijams also credited the teamwork it took to stop the Warriors shot attempts. "We did a good job of holding the center and forcing wide attempts."

Ijams, just a sophomore, had been splitting her time with Nili Kovacs all season long. Ijams would play the first half and Kovacs the second half, but during the playoffs, Ijams had settled in full time. Kovacs, who was in goal during the Eagle's title run a season ago, was asked to replace Ijams in the second half of this year's title game. In one of the most unselfish acts, Kovacs told head coach Skip Jones that it was best, for

the team to win, to leave Ijams in goal. Jones said afterward, "It was one of the classiest and selfless acts I've seen."

With time running down, the Eagles held on to shutout one of the top teams in the South Bay and claimed their second consecutive CIF title. It marks the first time in memory that the school has won two CIF championships within a week of each other; the girls' water polo team won one the week before.

With the celebrating players mobbing each other, Coach Jones was all smiles. He said the team knew what it would take to be a champion. "Last season, we had no idea what to expect. This season they knew what it would take, and they played up to their strengths and capabilities it was a total team win."

The Eagles will now set their sights on the CIF Southern California Regional that started Tuesday. They had a bye in the first round and played the San Pasqual (Escondido)/Portola (Irvine) winner today. Should the Eagles win, they would host the final on Saturday.

Water Polo Girls Lose in Southern California Regional Final

The CIF Southern Section Division 4 Champion El Segundo Eagles were seeded seventh in the CIF Southern California Regional. They hosted and defeated second-seeded La Costa Canyon (Carlsbad) Mavericks 11-7 in a tight first-round game against the top-ranked Division 2 San Diego Section team. The Mavericks took a 2-0 lead before El Segundo found their rhythm and took a brief 3-2 lead. The game was close into the fourth quarter when Emmie Ramirez scored three goals to put the game away.

El Segundo caught a break when they faced the Carlsbad Lancers in the semi-final round. The Lancer's pool was not playable and

therefore was forced to make the trip here to face an Eagles team that was 13-1 at home. In a low-scoring game, the Eagles outlasted the Lancers 8-5. It was the lowest-scoring game of the year for the Eagles. In the first period Alyssa Mullane, Emmie Ramirez, and Avary Torres scored to give the Eagles a 3-1 lead after one period of play.



Emmie Ramirez helped lead the Eagles to wins over La Costa Canyon and Carlsbad in the CIF Southern California Regional Tournament.

The Eagles looked tired against a physically draining Carlsbad team that shut out the Eagles in the second period. It was the first time they had been shut out all season long in a quarter. Head coach Nila Ward gave her team an insightful and encouraging message at halftime. "I told them to play as they have all year long and reach down and find the energy to compete."

The Eagles came up with big stops and turnovers. Stephanie Rodriguez gave the Eagles a 4-2 advantage with 1:42 remaining in the third quarter, and Ramirez's goal with 18 seconds gave El Segundo a 5-3 lead. Carlsbad's Kendra Ammon scored early in a frantic fourth period to cut the lead to 5-4. Ramirez's backhand gave the Eagles a 6-4 advantage. After the Lancers cut the lead to 6-5, Rodriguez scored with 2:17 remaining. Emmie Ramirez, who scored a game-high four goals, iced the game with her fourth goal with 1:09 left in the game.

El Segundo advanced to play the second-ranked San Diego Section Division I team La Jolla Vikings on the road in the final. The Eagles ran into a team on a mission, and the Eagles were never in this one falling 16-7.

Still, the Eagles had a remarkable season setting a program record with 28 wins and advancing to the CIF Southern California Regional final. With just one starting senior in the lineup, the Eagles should be in a position to repeat a league title and possibly another CIF title. •



The Eagles had a rainbow of a season finishing with 28 wins, a league title, a CIF title, and finishing second in the CIF SoCal Regional Tournament.

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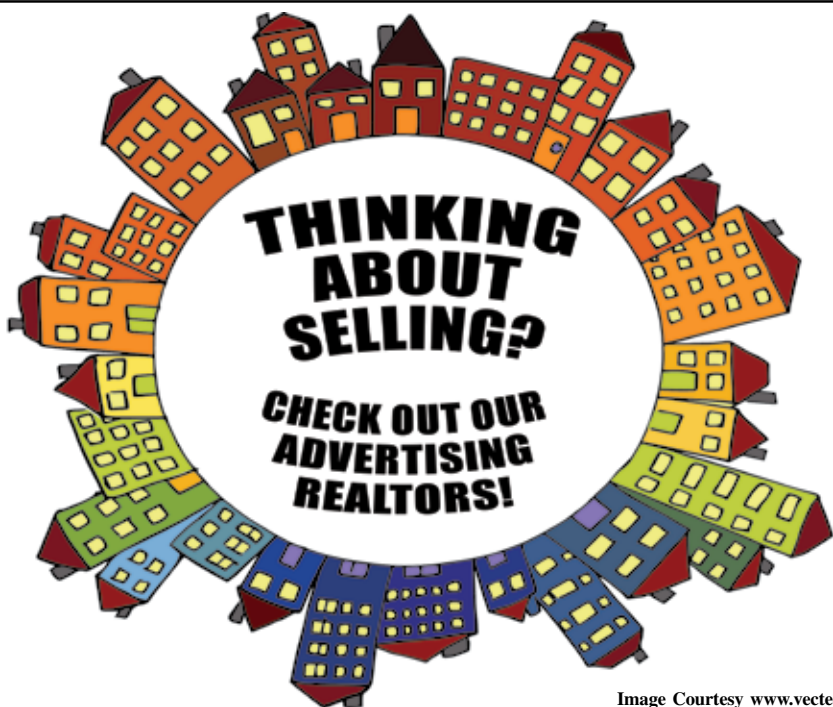


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Orly Israel

from front page

credo is “first you have to listen, then you do something.”

He has spit-balled different ideas to help people communicate and connect, ideas that would also help Israel develop his skills and “get out of my comfort zone.” He settled on his “listening table” gambit.

Israel thinks that his family upbringing may have spurred his interest in taking a deep dive into the field of communications. His Dad, David Israel, is an award-winning television producer and writer and spent a stint writing for the New York Mets, before heading west to California some 30-years ago to start a career in Tinseltown.

Israel mentioned that he and his siblings, like most if not all families had their share of tiffs that escalated, noting that “there is a certain part of a conversation that (then) becomes an argument, then a certain part of the argument becomes a fight.”

Why does Israel spend his free time trying to help and connect with others? “Because some people don’t have anyone to talk to who will really listen to them without trying to fix their problems or tell them to get over it,” he writes. “And some people don’t have anyone to talk to at all. And I have also got my own listening skills to work on. I am trying to make people feel good by listening to them, and if they feel good, they might want to share that feeling of being listened to with their loved ones, friends, and family. And there will be a domino effect of sorts, and people will start communicating with each other better. That is my big goal, to raise communication skills across the board.”

Israel’s friend Tiffany Van Goey, who resides in the Cincinnati area, has joined Israel for “two or three” sessions at his table. Israel said that Van Goey participates as a neutral observer, “effectively a listener in training.”

A mutual friend introduced Israel and Van Goey. She soon discovered that she

and Israel had a similar interest in growing communication skills. Of her participation as a neutral observer, Van Goey said that she gained great insight in just listening and restraining herself from the very human trait of wanting to “chime in” to the conversation, calling the sessions spent with Israel and the folks who stopped by the table “very interesting and transformative.”

El Segundo School Board member Dieema Wheaton is an Israel neighbor. She shared



Orly Israel and his Trusty Listening Table. Photo’s courtesy of Orly Israel.

about the time she was returning from a Starbucks run and noticed Israel and his table. She decided to stop and chat (she did all the chatting) and does not regret taking a little time out of her day.

“It was so beautiful,” Wheaton said of the experience, “because he just listened. I opened up about all kinds of stuff that I was not expecting to. It was so organic and easy to speak with him. It was a blessing that I was not anticipating.”

Israel also volunteers at a Freedom to

Choose program, where he ventures into prisons and attempts to connect. He said that he is also training to be a volunteer for a suicide hotline.

“I felt like communication skills are only really brought in where there are crises involved,” he writes, “and not really held in high regard for the regular everyday person with a family.”

Israel started setting up his listening table in mid-November, trying to be available to

passers-by at least once a weekend. “I’ve set up my table 30-or-so times. I’ve had deep conversations with somewhere around seventy people and chatted briefly with at least a hundred more,” he said. After the listening sessions conclude, Israel said that he “writes about each one of them so that I can reflect on what I learned, how I felt, and maybe some lesson I took away.”

He has also started a blog where he has been posting his thoughts on the conversations – “keeping them anonymous, of course.”

Checking the social media boxes, Israel also posts on Instagram.

He said he is “interested in becoming a writer,” noting that he hones his writing skills “taking any opportunity to write anything,” including forays into music blogs and making magazine submissions.

“I am passionate about communication,” Israel said. “I have always been interested in why people say what they say.”

He also created a comic called Space Whale. It is about two brothers who struggle to get along and are “lost in space.” Israel draws on his trials and tribulations growing up as the oldest of three brothers to develop the characters, noting it is “a struggle that I’ve been through, which gave me a lot of reason to start learning about communication skills.”

Israel moved to El Segundo in November of 2020. Why? “I surf El Porto,” he said, noting that he has friends from college who also favor riding the waves in North Manhattan. He and his friends found a nice house in El Segundo, with a backyard pickle-ball court.

Growing up in the Palisades, Israel said he was unaware of our small town. But he is more than satisfied with his current residence. “The people who are here want to be here,” he said. “This really works for me.”

He is still refining his approach to his nascent program. He said he is still seeking “a call to action” to expand his efforts. He said that at this point, he “does not have any magic answers...but I do have some questions...Listening is not everything, but it is the first thing.”

Israel knows that, at 27, he does not have all the answers. But he decided to dive into his listening tour, anyway. “A wise man told me,” he said, “if I wait until I’m ready, I’ll never start.” I cannot say that I am ready, but there is the beginning of a story here.”

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Film Review

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showcases his trademark charm and wit. But seeing him long for Roxanne as a sort of doomed “Phantom of the Opera” shows even more range than what we’ve seen from him before. His chemistry with Roxanne—the centerpiece romance of the film—is also uplifting and heart-aching. As Roxanne, Haley Bennett is wonderful. Her singing voice is beautiful, her character desirable, and her character so pure-hearted.

Rounding out the cast is Kelvin Harrison Jr. as the young Christian. As the one who Roxanne falls in love with, at first sight, his role is tricky. Christian needs to play the “dumb hunk” who needs Cyrano’s words, but also someone with who we connect to

and sympathize with. And Harrison Jr. plays both sides well, with a great singing voice too. The real villain role is saved for Ben Mendelsohn. As the powerful De Guiche, Mendelsohn snarls his way into banishing both Cyrano and Christian away from Roxanne—who De Guiche himself is set to marry—by sending them into a war that looms large over the country.

If there’s anyone who knows how to make an impassioned romantic period piece film, it’s Joe Wright. His most recent sweeping love stories *Pride & Prejudice* (2005) and *Atonement* (2007) are among the more recent classic love stories in modern cinema. Although *Cyrano* is his first musical, Wright

knows how to craft a heart-aching love story and make it resonate with audiences. With exceptional performances from Dinklage and Bennett, as well as The National’s moving score, *Cyrano* moved me in all the right ways.

Ultimately, I absolutely recommend *Cyrano* to fans of musicals, period piece films, or fans of sweeping romantic dramas. Fans of Joe Wright, Peter Dinklage, or The National will also find plenty to love about *Cyrano*. It’s an accomplished film and respectable musical. And it is sure to resonate in your head and heart long after watching.

2h 4m. ‘Cyrano’ is rated PG-13 for some strong violence, thematic and suggestive material, and brief language. •



Ryan Rojas

from front page

Trevor Elder

here in town to hold sessions.

Through his work with this new generation of young skaters, Elder began to see the bigger picture of skateboarding in general and the value it adds to a kid’s life. For example, he says, he often sees kids on day one who have never stepped foot on a skateboard, or even ones who are ready to advance to the next stage but aren’t sure yet how to do that, and by the end of camp, he gets to watch those same kids confidently skate on a ramp they wouldn’t touch the first day. In a huge way, Elder believes that skating teaches children to overcome obstacles and challenge themselves for the sake of doing more and doing better.

“You’re not on a team,” he says, “You’re a skateboarder with friends or with other skateboarders, and you can learn at your own pace. It’s just you versus yourself.” In this way, he gets to see kids overcome their fears, let go of inhibitions, and learn what they can do when they let themselves try it. It’s a never-ending journey of perseverance that lets you see progress forever.

Besides the personal physical abilities gained, Elder also stresses the importance of the community surrounding skateboarding. “All

my best friends that I grew up skateboarding with are still my best friends. There’s such a camaraderie around doing something for the fun of it in a positive environment,” he says. That’s where his “high fives and good vibes” motto comes in. Every session he holds, he prioritizes creating an environment that is safe,



Coaches are trained on the curriculum and help skaters of all levels work, not their skills. Photo Credit: Salty Boy Productions.

fun, and positive, with the hope that participants feel comfortable learning and making friends

“Being a company that can shed light for kids on their potential is just meaningful to me,” he says. This fulfillment that the coaches at Champ Camp! get drove them to continue sessions over the pandemic, when kids were

seeking out outdoor adventures and safe activities. Elder says he saw a huge influx of requests at the peaks of the pandemic, as parents sought things for their kids to do that complied with mandates but still got them moving and socializing.

Today, Champ Camp! still features summer camps and programs dedicated to the beach or to skating, as well as after-school camps during the school year. As the company grows, Elder plans to add some more advanced courses for skaters who want to take the next step and hone in on their skills. He’s also begun developing an online curriculum for coaches so that mini online classes can be offered in addition to the in-person camps.

All of this, the company, the skating, the teaching, it all boils down to Elder’s family values. Having a son of his own now, who is too young yet to skate but attends the camps with him, Elder says that teaching kids have taken on a whole new meaning. As a family-run business, Elder says his energies have become even more focused on the kids and ensuring their enrichment and safety as they learn an activity that has carried him through his own life. •

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PUBLIC NOTICES



City of El Segundo
Notice of Public Hearing



The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:

SMOKY HOLLOW SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN FOR THE STANDARD WORKS PROJECT

Project Location: 1320-1330 E. Franklin Avenue and 1475 E. El Segundo Boulevard.

Project Description: The proposed project includes the following applications:

- Environmental Assessment EA-1281 and EA-1282
- Community Benefit Plan No. 19-02 and 19-03
- Site Plan Review Nos. SPR 21-02 and SPR 21-03
- Specific Plan Amendment No. 21-01
- Master Sign Program No. 21-01

The proposed Specific Plan Amendment (SPA) would modify the Height Development Standards for Community Benefit Plan (CBP) Tier II applicable projects in a designated 30-acre subarea of the Smoky Hollow Specific Plan (SHSP) with a max. building height deviation up to 60 feet.

The proposed development involves redeveloping two adjacent sites. At 1475 East El Segundo Boulevard, a 44,604 square foot two-story addition is proposed to an existing one-story brick building, resulting in a 63,915 square foot (FAR = 1.45) three-story building with an overall height of 59'-6". On a 1.07-acre portion of a 4.34-acre property at 1320-1330 East Franklin Avenue, a 44,802 square foot two-story addition is proposed to an existing one-story brick building, resulting in a 65,061 square foot (FAR = 0.95) three-story building with an overall height of 59'-6"; a new 766 square foot coffee pavilion with a maximum height of 23'-8"; and, a new 5,000-square foot public outdoor park with park seating, picnic tables, shade trees and landscaping.

To address environmental impacts of all Project components, an initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15063 ("CEQA Guidelines"), and a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA § 15070.

Applicant: Mark Telesz, representing Smoky Hollow Industries.

Date, Time, and Location of the Public Hearing:

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 6:00 pm
City Council Chambers
350 Main Street
El Segundo, CA 90245

Members of the public may also view the meeting and participate remotely via Zoom using the information set forth below:

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing at the following URL:

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Environmental Determination: Mitigated Negative Declaration. An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15063 ("CEQA Guidelines"). A Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA § 15070. The proposed environmental documents are available on the City's website at: <https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/development-services/planning-division/active-projects>.

Planning Commission Action: The proposed Project was reviewed by the Planning Commission on February 10, 2022 at which time the Planning Commission adopted resolutions recommending that the City Council approve the proposed amendment and approve the development projects. The City Council is the final decision-making body.

Further Information: The file for the above-mentioned proposal, including the Mitigated Negative Declaration, is available for public review, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the City of El Segundo Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo CA, 90245. Any person may give testimony at the hearing at the time and place indicated above. Alternatively, please submit written communication regarding this project to ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org by 3:00 PM on March 15, 2022, to be uploaded to the City's website. Emails received after 3:00 PM will be posted the next day.

El Segundo Unified School District Provides Free Meals to All Students through Federal Funding

The El Segundo Unified School District amended its policy for serving meals to students under the USDA Summer Seamless Option (SSO) for the 2021-2022 school year. All students are being served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following school sites: Center Street Elementary School, Richmond Street Elementary School, El Segundo Middle School, and El Segundo High School.

Based on the exceptional circumstances of the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) established a waiver in April 2021 to allow the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option to operate when school is open during the regular school year, through June 30, 2022. The waiver is pursuant to the authority in Section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the FFCRA), as extended

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City of El Segundo
Notice of Public Hearing



The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:

PACIFIC COAST COMMONS SPECIFIC PLAN (PCCSP) PROJECT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

Address: 475-629 North Pacific Coast Highway

Project Description (EA-1248): The proposed Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan (Project) includes approximately 6.38 gross acres (6.23 acres post street dedication) of developed property along Pacific Coast Highway. The entire area would receive a new General Plan Land Use Designation and zoning of Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan. The Project would demolish an existing 41,660 square-foot food & beverage building and the existing surface parking lots of the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott and A lot Hotel properties, and it would allow for the development of up to 263 new housing units and approximately 11,252 square feet of new commercial/retail uses, and three associated parking garages. The following applications/approvals are being requested:

- A new Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan (SP No. 19-01) for the Project site.
- An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project (Environmental Assessment No. EA-1248)
- General Plan Amendment (No. GPA 19-01) to change the Land Use Designations of the Project site from "General Commercial" and "Parking" to "Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan (PCCSP)."
- Zone Text Amendment (No. ZTA 19-08) to add a new El Segundo Municipal Code (ESMC) Section 15-3-2(A)(12) "Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan (PCCSP)."
- Zone Change (No. ZC 19-01) to rezone the Project property from "General Commercial (C-3)" and "Parking (P)" to "Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan (PCCSP)."
- Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM 82806) SUB 19-03 for merger, subdivision and residential/commercial condominium purposes
- Site Plan Review (No. 19-01) for the Project site plan and architectural design.
- Development Agreement (No. DA 19-02) between the City of El Segundo and the project owner.
- Affordable Housing Agreement requiring 32 units of affordable housing for 55 years
- Modification of Resolution Nos. 2759 and 2760 to rescind the previous approvals and leave in place CUP No. 14-01 and CUP No. 14-02 for the existing hotels onsite, including alcohol service at both hotels and modifications to the conditions of approval.
- Parking Demand Study and Shared Parking Analysis to establish the parking requirements for the proposed commercial and residential development combined with the existing hotel development.
- Shared Parking Agreement in conjunction with the Parking Demand Study and Shared Parking Analysis, to replace the previous approval of Off-Site Parking Covenant Nos. MISC 14-03 and MISC 14-06.
- Reciprocal Access Agreements for driveways and drive aisles accessing multiple parcels.
- Street dedication waiver requests for a portion of the required dedications for Mariposa Ave. and Indiana St.

Planning Commission action. The proposed Project was reviewed by the Planning Commission on February 10, 2022 at which time the Planning Commission adopted resolutions recommending that the City Council approve the Project. The City Council is the final decision-making body.

Applicant: Nick Browne, representing BRE EL SEGUNDO HOLDCO LLC

Hearing: Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 6:00pm

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Environmental Determination: Environmental Impact Report. Pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, has prepared and completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan project (SCH # 2020050508). A Draft EIR is an informational document that evaluates a proposed project's potential to result in significant impacts on the environment, while also identifying ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts through mitigation measures and identifying and evaluating alternatives to the project. and is available on the City's website at: <https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/development-services/planning-division/active-projects>.

Further Information: • For public communications, members of the public may provide comments in the Council Chamber or via Zoom. For in person comments, please fill out a speaker card located in the chamber lobby and for Zoom comments, notify meeting host by raising your virtual hand (see hand icon at bottom of screen) and you will be invited to speak. (If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, then use the drop-down menu and click on "rename" to rename yourself "anonymous") Please note that you will be placed in a "listen only" mode and your video feed will not be shared with City Council or members of the public. • For written communication, submit to ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org by 3:00 PM to be uploaded to the Website. Emails received after 3:00 PM will be posted the next day.

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Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

Hunter, a six year old male Husky mix, is doing great with his training skills, like find it, recall, sit, and down. He's happiest outside of the kennel having his ears rubbed. He's a great companion for an active and engaged owner. Hunter is a cool dude, but please, not cats. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-1573>

Meet **Dora**, who is quite the explorer. She is a seven year old female domestic short hair who likes to lay under the covers and inside boxes. She enjoys wand toys, balls that rattle or jingle, and cardboard cat scratchers. She likes having her pretty Torti coat brushed and being pet, but dislikes being held. She's

playful, high energy, loves to chat and be a part of the group. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-2807>

It's **Pisces** season and Pisces' time to shine. She's a spunky and cute seven year old domestic short hair, and ready to be the sun to your moon. Pisces is a rare beauty; an elusive female orange Tabby! She's your cosmic match - it's written in the stars. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-2807>

Wally is a five year old male pit bull mix who thinks maybe he's a lap dog. He's bursting with love and wants attention and affection more than anything, except coming out of his kennel to explore and play. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-2642> •



Wally



Pisces



Hunter



Dora

City Council

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Council members were very upset with Hyperion plant management and expressed their outrage and concern immediately after the presentation by Stenstrum. Councilmember Lance Giroux had his own presentation in which he outlined what he called the facts of the July 2021 Spill. He noted how the plant has been out of compliance with Air Quality Management District standards since 2015 and that the City of Los Angeles Sanitation Department, which oversees the Hyperion plant, is "required to perform a Test of Hyperion's Flare system at LEAST once every five years. Hyperion last tested the Flare system in 2015." He also noted that during the test in 2015, "The Flare system exceeded the permitted level of digester gas by 515 Standard cube feet per minute. Two of Hyperion's six Flare Stations exceeded levels of Nitrogen Oxide." He noted that "Hyperion has had 48 AQMD Violations since 1985," with 42 of those happening after the July 2021 emergency spill and plant flooding. His report also noted that "Hyperion has had 178 State Water Board Violations since 2000."

During his report on air quality issues related to Hyperion, the city's Public Works Directors Elias Sassoon, who was one of the 14 members

of the ad hoc committee that produced the February 11 report on the July emergency, told the council that while Hyperion plant officials had agreed to install two temporary mobile trailers to house air quality monitoring systems, they had been delayed to be fully operational until the end of April. Those two units will transfer into three permanent stationary units by the end of 2022. The public will be able to access the air quality monitoring systems' information and data online. Still, only Hydrogen Sulfide will be detected, and not NOx, which are nitrogen oxides that are relevant to air pollution and "are usually produced from the reaction among nitrogen and oxygen during combustion of fuels, such as hydrocarbons, in air," according to Wikipedia. NOx also "has direct and indirect effects on human health. It can cause breathing problems, headaches, chronically reduced lung function, eye irritation, loss of appetite, and corroded teeth. Indirectly, it can affect humans by damaging the ecosystems they rely on in water and on land—harming animals and plants," according to a September 23, 2015 article on phys.org.

As a result of the reports, the city council directed staff to communicate to the South

Coast Air Quality Management District, which is holding a hearing on Hyperion's air quality issues, to "take some action that is meaningful," per City Attorney Mark Hensley's suggestion. He also noted that the city could file a legal action against Hyperion. Councilmember Scot Nicol, who said Hyperion had been "lying to us all along" (ever since the July emergency), should be forced to include NOx in its air quality monitoring system. Council agreed that the city "should start the legal process," as stated by Mayor Drew Boyles. Council also said the city should "Do a full-court press" to get its needs and demands met and "should make our voices heard."

With Mayor Boyles and councilmember Nicol recusing themselves from the outdoor dining discussion, councilmember Pirsztuk was allowed to remain since three council members are needed to vote on an item. All three live close to the downtown outdoor dining areas. The three remaining council members voted to remove dining in the travel lanes on Main Street, calling it "dangerous," while allowing dining on Richmond Street in travel lanes to remain until August 16 unless the council takes action sooner to amend that decision. Council

also voted to study the prospect of a permanent outdoor dining program, which city staff told them would take around 12 months.

In cannabis news, the council asked that the number of valid signatures on the petition requiring the city to put a cannabis ordinance on the November 8 ballot be recounted and examined by the L.A. County Clerk-Registrar. Councilmembers believe many signatures may not be valid based on perceived tactics used by signature gatherers. They passed a motion to bring the agenda item back to the council at its next meeting or before the 30-day deadline to ministerially accept the ordinance has successfully qualified for the ballot and then decide how to approach the proposed ordinance and its authors. The council can decide to let the ordinance go to voters and be on the November 8 ballot, negotiate aspects of the ordinance with its authors to make amendments, or draft a competing ordinance for the November 8 ballot. Amid other options, including a tax initiative for the ballot to ensure a "funding mechanism" for the cannabis retailers in the city. As told by City Attorney Hensley, "The council is under obligation to adopt (the ordinance) as written or put it on the ballot."•

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Police Reports

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Unknown suspect(s) made several unauthorized charges to the victim's bank account.

A lost property report was taken at 1503 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Lost was a social security card, work permit, and COVID-19 card.

Saturday, February 26th

A shoplifting report was taken at 1211 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. The suspect stole several clothing items and left the store without paying for them.

A found property report was taken at 1539 hours from Main Street and Oak Avenue. A wallet was found and booked for safekeeping.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1716 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. The suspect stole merchandise and left the store without paying.

One male adult was arrested at 2254 hours from Imperial Highway and Nash Street for misdemeanor DUI, reckless driving, driving with a suspended license and giving false information to a peace officer.

One female adult was arrested at 2254 hours from Imperial Highway and Nash Street for two LASD misdemeanor warrants.

One female adult was arrested at 0455 hours from Imperial Highway and Selby Street for misdemeanor DUI.

One female adult was arrested at 0455 hours from Imperial Highway and Selby Street for drunk in public.

Sunday, February 27th

One male adult was arrested at 1132 hours from the 100 block of Main Street for

public intoxication.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1312 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Taken was at 2004 GMC Sierra.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1448 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the passenger window and stole a backpack.

An online misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 2118 hours from the 600 block of Vista Del Mar. •

Travel

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Istanbul is a thoroughly Islamized city, with most citizens clad in headscarves, full-length sleeves, pants, and loose robes that reach the floor. But you almost never sense the barely restrained hostility of the "Arab Street" (it would be the "Turkish Street" here anyway, a distinction that westerners would do well to observe). In fact, one of the biggest issues of the last fifty years has been Turkey's desire to join the European Union—and its chances were torpedoed not in an intolerant alley in Istanbul, but in the governing halls of Germany.



Karaköy—Lemon seller on a pomegranate-yogurt break.

Simply put, the "Thing" about Istanbul is that it has been around forever and has seen literally everything in the human experience. Long before Constantinople boasted not one, but two of the most successful empires in history—the Roman-Byzantine Christians followed by the Muslim Ottomans—its position at the junction of the east-west Silk Road and the north-south Eurasian-African travel routes guaranteed that it would dominate the trade and culture of the ancient world. When London was still an Anglo-Saxon village and later, when Manhattan was still valued at \$24 worth of beads, the polyglot city of Constantinople already teemed with travelers from the fabled four corners of the Earth.

So with all that history and the lively, chaotic activity of its modern streets, the only way we can conjure Istanbul is with an equally chaotic and random collection of observations:

The Hills:

When we pulled into Sirkeci Train Station, our first thought was to walk the 3km to our hotel. Little did we know, that the city was as hilly as San Francisco and as complicated as Hong Kong. You can reach anywhere on foot with good shoes and a half-gallon of sweat, but not with roller bags. The city boasts every kind of road and sidewalk surface except pristine.

The Names:

The Golden Horn and the Bosphorus—separated at Seraglio Point across from the Galata Tower—are two of the most fabled waterways in history. The Topkapi Palace housed the Sultans, their Harems, their troops of Janissaries, and the enormous governing retinues led by their Viziers. The Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and the Süleymaniye Mosque were three leading jewels in the life of historical Islam. Legendary names like these alternately terrified and inspired generations of humanity.

The Straits:

At the junction of the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, Istanbul is a seafaring city. For all the prowess of the Ottoman armies, it was the Ottoman Navy that ruled the waves through much of history. For most of the year, the only export routes for the Russian Empire ran through the 3km-wide Bosphorus. With a perfect harbor in the Golden Horn and the ships to defend it, the Ottomans were guaranteed a seat at any gathering of world powers.

The Food:

We expected the cuisine you find all over Europe in Turkish cafés and restaurants—lamb, kebabs, hummus, grape leaves, and so forth. But in an ancient city with a trading history, you find every type of food and every style of preparation on the planet. Seafood takes the prize in the restaurants, especially around the Galata docks. Our favorite local specialty is Meze, similar to Spanish Tapas, only with a much more inventive, international touch. Waiters trawl the restaurant with stacked trays, and you point. Just save room for the

(smallish) main course.

The Crowds:

Turks don't press in crowds. And it's a good thing, because anywhere you want to go, it feels like all 15 million Istanbulites want to join you.

The Bazaars:

The two oldest and most famous covered markets in the world are the Kapalı Çarşı (Grand Bazaar) and the Mısır Çarşısı (Egyptian or Spice Bazaar), both built in the 1660s. With the pressure of tourism, both have given over



Fatih—Holiday shoppers through the Mısır Çarşısı.

too much space to trinkets, but the original tenants are still there—you just have to look for them. We spent a couple of hours in a booth at the Mısır Çarşısı, sipping tea and getting an education in the wonders of Persian saffron. It only cost us a minor fortune, and we've never bought better.

The Metro:

One of our first tasks in any new city is to figure out the Metro. Our first day in Casablanca, for example, we rode the entire network, even out to the beach, and met all kinds of polite citizens determined to give up their seat for Glinda. The Istanbul Metro is far more complicated, but easy to use, and it takes you everywhere, even out to the suburbs.

If you get lost, don't worry—just cross the tracks and go back the other way.

The Languages:

Outside the tackiest tourist traps of Fatih, you won't hear much English. In fact, you won't hear much of anything except Turkish (remember, this is a proud country with an imperial past)—especially in the docklands and working areas where we like to wander. We memorized the phrase, "Do you speak English?" but then realized the futility of the question and switched to a more or less

universal sign language. It didn't seem to inhibit anyone.

A Final Thought:

Go to Istanbul, and go soon while things are still friendly. We wish we'd followed the same advice for Teheran, Beirut, Damascus, or Baghdad—but what can you do? Today, traveling to Istanbul is traveling into the very heart of human civilization.

Next up: Dr. Livingstone, I Presume?

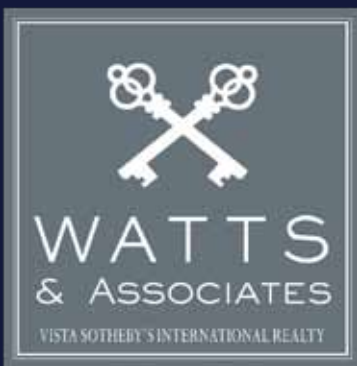
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Fatih—Corn and chestnut roaster by the Sultan Ahmed Blue Mosque.



Fatih—Women's lunch spot near the Hagia Sophia.



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