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## Who's Hungry? The Cooking Academy is a Fun Way to Learn Some Culinary Skills



The Ed! Cooking Academy After School at ESMS is off to a great start. We love seeing all the amazing creations that Chef Stacey comes up with. Photo courtesy El Segundo Education Foundation Facebook page.

## Stop Signs, Homelessness Outreach, Hyperion, and a Plunge Construction Update

By Liz Spear

The power of attending an El Segundo City Council meeting to address the five elected members during Public Comment may produce a stop sign at the corner of Loma Vista Street and West Acacia Avenue. During its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday night, the City Council heard from Loma Vista resident Eric Bahor, who asked for the council's "consideration of approving a stop sign" at the intersection after city staff had determined the stop sign was not "warranted." In response, City Manager Darrell George said he would meet with the city's public works director "before anything comes back to council" for consideration. Bahor told the council that visibility was poor at the intersection due to the width of the street and parked cars and that installing a stop sign was a "common sense decision to make."

In other news, George provided an update on activity at the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant run by the City of Los Angeles' sanitation department, noting that the South Coast Air Quality Management District had recently received 19 odor complaints and issued one Notice of Violation halted to odors at the plant on February 14. City residents and officials have been grappling with the ongoing aftermath of an emergency at the plant in July 2021.

On its agenda Tuesday night, council received a quarterly update on the city's new "Proactive Approach to Combatting Homelessness in El Segundo Program" called PATCHES and a mid-year and second quarter

of the fiscal year financial report; approved an additional \$87,479 for a contract with MIG to update the development of the city's General Plan Land Use Element; heard the first reading of an updated/new ordinance for a franchise-based model for commercial solid waste management in the city; heard about new ways the city could set up its Building Permit Fee and Development Impact Fee Deferral Program, and received an update with photos on the renovation of the Urho Saari Swim Stadium, aka The Plunge.

New El Segundo Unified School District Superintendent Jason Johnson was praised for his willingness to bring an already-agreed-upon \$1 million payment (the agreement was made in 2019) from ESUSD to its school board for consideration in November to "expedite" the payment, which initially wasn't due until "completion of construction". In its Plunge presentation, city staff noted several challenges that had been discovered once renovation construction began, including several that were not shown in the "as-built drawings" for the facility. Construction on The Plunge renovation project started on August 12, 2024, and staff presented photos of the demolition phase that included lead and asbestos remediation, the lobby where a wall was removed, the locker rooms, the old filter room and the new ancillary space, the new structural foundation, pool improvements, mechanical room improvements, the terrace area, and other activities that included termite damage repair, structural seismic upgrades, conduit installation, and

spalling repair. City Council approved an additional \$104,000 to cover the additional engineering and architectural design that went into remedying the unforeseen issues and a \$50,000 contingency.

El Segundo Police Department Lt. Luke Muir and Sgt. Anthony Sanchez delivered an update on the city's new PATCHES Program, which is currently in its seventh month and is a cross-departmental collaboration in the city meeting monthly to identify solutions for homelessness-related issues. The duo covered the number of calls for service related to homelessness from October through January. However, Lt. Muir noted the numbers may not be an accurate reflection because how the numbers are determined involves either an officer responding to the call or the dispatcher documenting it. He noted that the PATCHES engagement team arrested a subject with an active warrant of a "violent felony crime" on November 6, 2024, due to new laws that allow police to detain and talk with individuals who are camping or sleeping in public. On January 30, the team also arrested a subject for possession of drugs for sale, which is a felony. Both subjects were in violation of the new El Segundo Municipal Code 7-8-2. PATCHES also works with Harbor Interfaith and reported that the team was able to help 18 individuals get "off the street, with 13 of those people going into a shelter or housing program, three of which were reunited with family members. Two military veterans were moved into "the VA".

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
71°/50°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
71°/52°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
72°/54°



# Obituaries

## Catherine Joanne Keenan

Catherine Joanne Keenan, 75, passed away on January 21, 2025 following a triple bypass surgery and a three month long stay in rehab. She was born in Inglewood and was raised and lived in El Segundo most of her life.



Caracas, Tokyo, Mexico City, and Washington DC. Cathie took a keen interest in politics and love spirited debate! An avid reader she read the Los Angeles Times cover to cover, every day, including a weekly crossword puzzle completion. Her apple pie was award-winning.

A native and long term resident of El Segundo, she attended El Segundo elementary, Junior, and High Schools. The recipient of a California State Scholarship and CIF national merit scholarship, she attended and graduated from UCLA with a degree in history in 1971.

As the middle child in the Keenan family, Cathie was 'the smart one' and always kept in touch in all manner of communication but her forte was what is now referred to as snail mail - letters, postcards, notes; all handwritten and personal - and meaningful to all of her family. Never forgetting a birthday or special occasion she used them to promote El Segundo in all ways and inquire about her 'people' in a loving way.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Keenan, nephews Ed, Thad, Chance, and Corey Keenan, niece, Emmy Keenan as well as her sisters-in-laws Debbie Keenan and Rebecca Bauman. She was preceded in death by parents Margaret Speed and James Alexander Keenan and sister Helen Jeanne Keenan - all long time residents of El Segundo.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the El Segundo Women's Club (where Cathie was the Treasurer) on Sunday, March 23, 2025 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Debbie.Andrade1@yahoo.com by March 10, 2025 if you can attend. •

Cathie's career began with the IRS and she traveled the world as a field examiner working with Americans living abroad in

# Police Reports

### Monday, Feb 10th

A property report was taken at 0816 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Rosecrans Avenue. BB guns were turned in and booked for destruction.

A burglary report was taken at 1158 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspects stole merchandise from the business.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1205 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. A Ford Box Truck was stolen.

A felony evading report was taken at 0923 hours from Imperial Avenue and McCarthy Court.

A vandalism report was taken at 1337 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. The victim's vehicle was vandalized.

An annoying/harassing phone calls report was taken at 1337 hours from East El Segundo Boulevard and North Nash Street. A known suspect was making harassing texts to the victim.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at 1334 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle windows and removed personal property.

A identity theft report was taken at 1446

hours from the 300 block of Main Street. An unknown suspect used the victim's credit card to make unauthorized purchases.

A petty theft report was taken at 1737 hours from the 600 block of East Holly Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle.

A burglary report was taken at 1825 hours from the 700 block of Allied Way. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's credit cards from their wallet located in a secured locker.

### Tuesday, Feb 11th

An identity theft report was taken at 1001 hours from the 600 block of West Mariposa Avenue. The victim found fraudulent activity on their bank account.

A false report of an emergency was taken at 1132 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A known suspect used the victim's address to create a false police report.

An incident report was taken at 1246 hours from the 200 block of Main Street to document illegal dumping.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 1601 hours from the 800 block of East Grand Avenue for possession of a dirk / dagger and carrying a concealed firearm.

A found property report was taken at 1915 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A

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# Do You Spoil the Grandchild and the Dog?

By Ron Sokol

Spoiling is defined as pampering. This is not the kind of spoiling when you make something less than it is or act like a killjoy at a party. This form of spoiling is going out of your way to give something to someone or do something for someone, something they may not need, probably do not need or require, but you want to do it because "damn it... I just have to spoil that baby!" Or "I will shower that doggie with all kinds of goodies!"

Spoiled rotten is how you plan to describe the recipient of your great effort, and you are convinced it will be all good. In fact, you are darn proud of it.

Grandparents, for example, are notorious for spoiling their grandchildren. Dog owners, likewise, are often said to go overboard with their pooches, giving them more toys than any dog could possibly need and giving their furry friend far too many treats.

Here, then, this column takes a look into the act of spoiling, focused on the grandchild and the dog. This is not an evaluation of whether you should unabashedly spoil your grandchild and/or your dog. That is up to you (if not others), but let's ruminate a bit about it.

"When she looks at me so adoringly, with those big beautiful eyes, how can I not give

her a treat?" My friend Amy is talking about her golden doodle puppy whose name (which probably will not surprise you) is Angel.

"Have you ever, and I mean this now, have you ever seen a cuter baby? I just want to kiss her on each cheek, take her in my arms and cuddle her and give her whatever she wants!" This is from my friend Vince, talking about his granddaughter. This baby girl's name is Darlene (which probably comes from the word "darling").

Research indicates, however, that overindulging your grandchild, be it excessive gifts, bending the rules, or just plain too much candy, will probably not help the child grow to their best potential. After all, the parents lay down boundaries. Showing respect for the decisions of the mother and father and maintaining a balance for the child is vital to the proper development of the young person. If you give in to the grandchild's demands, if you just let it all go, do anything to shower the little one with your unbridled love, you may well be limiting the child's development. And you may cause a lot of tension between Mom and Dad.

In fact, Vince's son had a serious discussion with him just last night, in which he said how grateful he and his wife are for all of Vince's help. However, they are starting to

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Beloved grandchild. Image provided by Ron Sokol.

# Sports

## Eagles Softball Team Has High Expectations

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

El Segundo High School's softball program has enjoyed plenty of success over the years. The Eagles have won 19 league titles, the last one in 2019. CIF titles have evaded them since 1976, but the league and CIF title drought could end this season. With high expectations and a loaded team, this could be the Eagles' year.

First-year head coach TD Mayer, a former standout baseball and football player for the Eagles, is fortunate to have many of his players playing travel ball, so the talent is already in place. He also reflects on former coaches like Rob Croxall, who left the program in great shape in his two years following Megan McCann's successful leadership.

There are nearly 40 girls in the program, and a lot of prep has been getting everyone acclimated to the changes. The JV team has new coaches led by head coach Jeremy Adler. You can find them preparing the Richmond Street field and getting it ready before each practice. On the varsity side, former alumni standout Jami Escalante has joined the staff, committing her time and experience to assist with the coaching duties. Also, adding a decade of experience in the softball environment is Eric Stevenson, who will invest his time in Varsity practices.

The Eagles lost two key players to graduation, pitchers Maiya Anderson and Hailey Wantz; both are playing collegiately this season. With so many starting returnees, the team's success will lean on the pitching staff, which starts with Jacy Lindsay. According to Coach Mayer, Jacy was one of the most successful pitchers when this senior class started out a decade ago.

The lineup is loaded, and it starts with a four-year starting shortstop, and the captain

is Sienna Mayer, who is coming off a junior year where she was selected All-State, All-CIF, and All-Area. The other four-year starter is Allie Stevenson, and the other captain is coming off an All-Area junior year. Second baseman Jazzy Ramos made first-team All-Pioneer League honors and led the team in hits and OBP (.511) a year ago. Center fielder Charli Pages is a three-year starter and is another D1 colligate signee.

Several other players have the potential to make big contributions. Taryn Walker is a D1 college commit, and Kacy Ekstrom is another collegiate signee who had some big hits last season. Other returning contributors who could have their moments are seniors Maggie Green, Jameson Gertsch, Ace Anderson, and junior Ava King. The Eagles are lucky to have two of the top sophomore catchers in the area. They could see time in the outfield this year as well. Marilyn McCaverty and Sullivan McLaughlin can both hit and will see a lot of playing time behind the plate or somewhere else on the field.

This season's team has four new faces, including three sophomores each who will add depth. Pitching phenom Molly McAndrews looks to make some significant contributions this season as the number two pitcher. Cat Reed is another daughter of an Eagle former baseball standout David Reed. She has a lot of high-level skills, is versatile in the field with some speed, and will get some opportunities this season as she tries to crack the lineup. Elissa Campos hit over .500 the past two years on JV and will have some moments this season coming off the bench. The final addition is sophomore power hitter Carter Cswaykus. She is another high-character kid who just smashes the ball.

Coach Mayer is preparing his team like each game is a playoff game. "I like to play the best competition. I realized we need to temper that a bit to ensure we aren't limping into what is consistently one of the deepest leagues in SoCal." The Eagles did schedule some games against many top-ranked teams in the state this season. "We play 15 of the first 17 games on the road against traditional powers like Los Alamitos, La Mirada, Huntington Beach, Mater Dei, etc., and even scheduled a few games against recent CIF champions.

To win the program's first league title in six years, the Eagles will be challenged by the four Torrance schools. Only three get an automatic bid into the CIF playoffs, so it will be a battle every single game. "While I am confident in us being the team to beat - the reality is you must beat West Torrance and their talented ace if you want to win the league. Either we will be battle-tested come playoff time or worn out," said Coach Mayer

What are the expectations of Coach Mayer in his first season? He asked the girls to write down their season and team goals before the start of the season. On the list is to win a CIF championship. "We have not accomplished that since the mid-1970s, so why not now - we are due."

Coach Mayer says this team has so much talent. "We have kids who will play at the next level but won't be full-time starters this season. We have a dozen girls on varsity who could play colligate ball and more than a handful at the D1 level. We have a JV team that has a wealth of talent and many who would start at the varsity level at many other schools in the area right now."

Coach Mayer expects his team to be tough despite the demanding schedule. He expects

his team to get into the final four of the Torrance tournaments for the fourth consecutive season. "Win a league title, make a deep run into the CIF playoffs, and have fun this year!"

Coach Mayer says he is fortunate to have been put in this situation. The support from the school, and in particular, Athletic Director Fotis Davlantis, has been invaluable. He says it was a perfect storm, from having a team of nine talented seniors returning to having Jami Escalante return as an assistant coach. He says the last time he ran a program, he saw several kids on this roster hoist a trophy, making it to the final four in nationals for ESGS. I want to see them finish it off now."

The Eagles have begun their season but will not play their home opener until Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m., when they host Agoura.

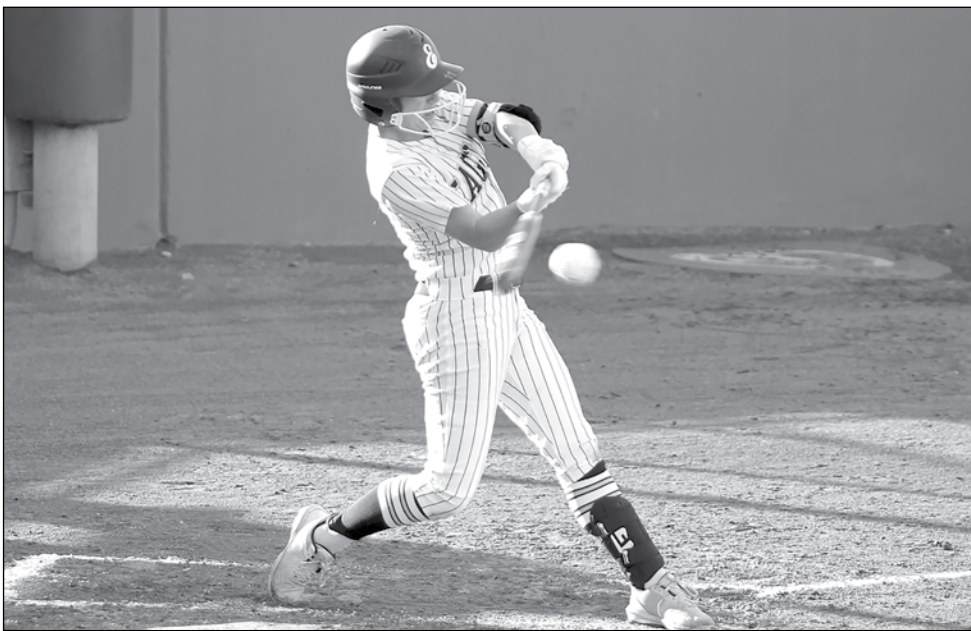
### Eagles in the CIF Playoffs

Several teams have played or are playing in the CIF post-season playoffs. The girls' water polo team, the boys' soccer team, and the girls' basketball team each won their respective playoff games, while the girls' soccer team lost a heartbreaker.

### Water Polo Team Reaches CIF Semi-Final

The Eagles traveled to Corona to take on the second-seeded Santiago Sharks and came away with a tense 7-5 CIF Division 2 quarter-final win. Ava Albertson paced the Eagles with three goals, while freshman sensation Camila Martinez scored two goals and had a key assist. Kendall Donahue had another outstanding game with five blocks, an assist, and two steals. The Eagles advanced to the semi-finals this past Tuesday, with the winner advancing to the Division 2 CIF finals on

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Four-year starting shortstop Sienna Mayer has been one of the Eagle's top hitters.



Allie Stevenson will help anchor a talented infield and is expected to be one of the team's top hitters.

## Love Thy Neighbor

Dear El Segundoans,

We love the profiles we've done, and we've learned so much about El Segundo's residents. We want to do more, so please keep the suggestions coming. With over 16,000 residents, we're sure there are some gems we may have overlooked or not been aware of them. Do you have a unique and interesting friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague or student? All you have to do is ask their permission and send us their contact information. Of course, if you find yourself fascinating, you are welcome to send us your information too. 😊

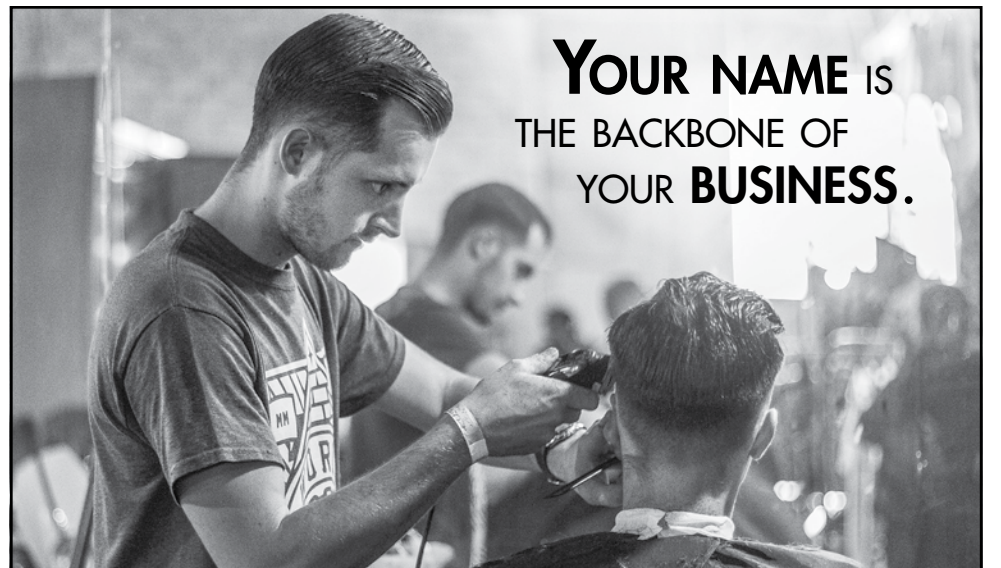
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### Across

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5. Resistance to motion
9. Seasons
13. Ballet move
14. Partner of void
15. Get in shape
17. Crumpled
18. \_\_\_-bodied
19. Maxim to live by
20. Sporting circle
22. Pollen robbers
24. Not mint
25. The last word, often
26. He and she
28. Kitchen meas.
30. Frog kin
31. Tuned in
32. What you don't ask a woman
35. Blustery
38. Charismatic trait
39. Opener
40. Small liqueur glass
41. Bat wood
42. Ponderosa or Scotch
43. Pendulum's path
44. Birds in barns
46. Buzzed
48. Driver's aid
49. Potential caviar
50. Landscaper supply
51. Unagi, at a sushi bar

### Down

1. Water slime
2. Discover
3. Kept in the computer files
4. Accessible
5. Strands in a lab
6. Massaged
7. Kirstie of "Cheers"
8. Elation
9. Cash provider
10. Get together
11. Puts away
12. Location
16. Approve
21. Minute particle
23. Commotion

27. Bale in a barn
29. Resort with mineral springs
30. Give it a go
31. "What's that?"
32. Of a similar nature
33. Tierney or Hackman
34. Green \_\_\_ monster
35. Little row
36. Raced
37. Second word of many limericks
38. The law, per Dickens
41. It might be pale or brown
42. It carries peas
44. It's found in banks
45. Pack animal
46. Spherical food
47. Peppermint, for one
50. David, e.g.
51. Scout
52. Mink, for one
53. Line on a repair bill
54. Thunderstorm product
55. Graylags
56. Body builder's muscles
57. "Damn!"
58. Rephrase
60. Holiday findings
62. Found's partner
64. Furniture wood
66. Egg protector

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### SUDOKU Medium

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# Snow Day at St. John's Toddler and Preschool

In the Fall of 2022 Director Josie Meade and our teachers were talking about their lesson plans that are created each month. Fall includes Back to School, cooler weather, leaves changing colors, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the even colder Winter weather in December and Christmas. Josie is so creative to not only read seasonal story books and making art projects, but to include perception and sensory activities. An example is when she spent a weekend raking huge trash bags full of dried leaves so that the children could experience what jumping in huge piles of dried leaves feels and smells like. The

teachers too, had sensory activities to show the children the taste and smell of baked apples with cinnamon, making snowmen out of play dough, using ice to paint. They learned that most of the children had never seen snow. This is when the inception of bringing in the snow to them began. Ms. Harvey, who has been with us for 33 years said it had never happened before.

We made calls to get pricing and it was very expensive. We made the decision to place the order and started brainstorming on how to raise the money for this. We decided to fund raise ourselves. Our church,

St. John's Lutheran Church helped also to make this possible. Bake sales, Silent auctions, sewing and selling cloth grocery bags and Trick or Treat bags, calling friends and family for financial help - you name it, we asked and "We accomplished our goal!" It was such a joy watching the children step into snow for the first time! Our youngest toddlers (18 months of age) came in into the snow yard first with their parents to make sure their child would be safe, warm enough and to capture some absolutely precious photos. Both the toddlers and their parents slid down the man-made slope on the saucers first! All day the

children would rotate going out with their class, as we had to keep same aged children together to ensure the safety of all. The parents brought in Snow Day Food along with three changes of clothes. The last two hours of the day, parents and their children played together in the snow. It was a wonderful experience for everyone and we intend to have a "Snow Day" every year. It was exhausting for all the teachers, Director Josie and the Preschool Chairman. I know we all fell asleep that night with smiles on our faces.

- Submitted by Karina Walsh, Chairman of the School Board •



So much snow!! What do I do first?



I wish we had snow every day at St. John's Preschool!



I'm not quite sure about all this wet snow.... I'll wait a little longer to see if I like it!



This is so much fun and I could do this all day long.



I can go down that slope all day long!



This is the best day ever at St. John's Preschool!!

## Spoil

have rough patches when they say "no" to their beautiful baby girl, who then throws a fit. "She thinks she can get whatever she wants, whenever she wants! That is not helping..."

And Amy... well, her dog is now overweight. The Vet told her it is not healthy, and some of Amy's friends have been complaining that her wonderful dog (the sweet Angel) barks incessantly at any given time, which can be very irritating. Even Amy lately has started to acknowledge that her pooch "is getting lazy" and said to me, "You know, I may have to rethink this a bit, this fawning over Angel all the time... He seems to believe he controls me!"

Dogs, too, need behavior limits to flourish. You do not want to create or encourage "a

beggar." You do not want to spend money needlessly. I mean, Amy dressed up Angel at Halloween in a costume that cost more than you would believe!

Here, however, is the challenge: If you are fortunate enough to have a grandchild, you no doubt have lived awhile, perhaps quite a while. And you have probably paid at least some real dues. Now, with this grandkid, you get to absolutely adore a part of your legacy. Isn't it human nature to want to let go of any constraints and just give love and more love?

As to a dog, man's (and woman's) best friend: Granted, a dog is not human, but they are family. A dog, they say, is the only being on earth who loves you more than you love

yourself. A dog is a trusty companion who gets overly excited just because you came home from a ten-minute visit to the market. It is difficult not to pamper a dog. But, the consequences can be not-so-good. Like a weight problem, like a behavior problem, like a fretting problem.

If only we could do things in moderation, and be perfectly happy. Oh, if only we could love the grandchild unconditionally and then some, and do anything and everything to make that grandchild the happiest kid on earth without wreaking havoc. And, if only we could ensure our dog knows he (or she) is the bestest doggie who ever put paws on earth without going way overboard.

In conclusion, the answer to the question

posed: Should you spoil the grandchild and the dog? The answer is... (drum roll)... you decide. I know that's kind of a letdown, but you have to make up your own mind and heart.

Moderation is important in both instances. With the grandchild, respecting mom and dad's interests is critical. With the doggie, over-indulging can come back to haunt you.

All right then, now that we have thrashed this out, we have done our due diligence and given serious consideration to the issues. I will wink at you, and you will wink at me.

Note, I did not say I practice what I preach or, in this instance, write. Look at this cute outfit I bought for my grandkid! Did I show you the dog bed I just bought my pooch? •

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Spoiled doggy.



Pampered grandchild. Images provided by Ron Sokol.



Dog Toys Galore.


Entertainment

## Check It Out

### *Pony Confidential: One Small Pony, One Big Mystery* by Christina Lynch

**By Roz Templin, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library**

You'll laugh, you'll cry --- you'll gasp, then sigh! Read all about the crime-solving pony! In *Pony Confidential*, author Christina Lynch succeeds in persuading the reader that animals can indeed communicate --- with other animals, certainly, but also with some "sensitive" humans. Though he has had many names throughout his years and from different owners, he is "Pony" in this, the story of his complicated relationships with fellow animals and especially, with people. In an interview for a website called Crimereads, author Lynch describes her protagonist as "a cranky pony that had been passed around too many times and was fed up with humans."

Told from two different viewpoints, *Pony Confidential* makes us believe that animals might be higher on the scale of empathy, when compared with people. But we also get confirmation that some people are worthy of an animal's devotion. But there's a sinister side too: those evil folks who hurt animals, what happens to them?

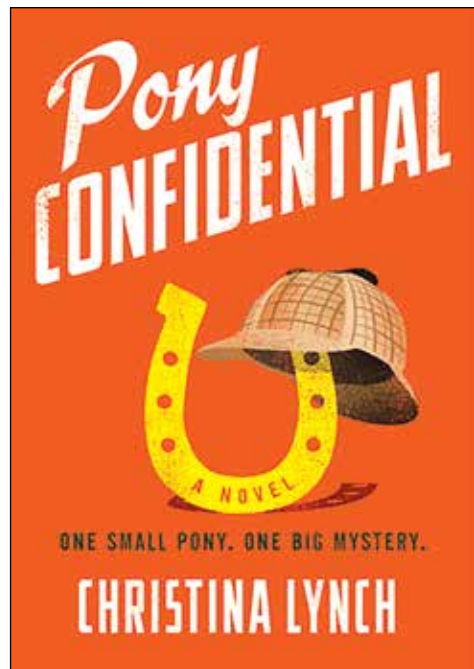
Pony still remembers his former owner Penny, 25 years after they were separated, and he seeks to find closure by traveling across the country to find her. Pony alternately feels anger, shock, bewilderment, sympathy and

shame during his eventful journey, while Penny tells her side from a jail cell. She has been arrested on a murder charge and taken from her home in California back to her childhood home in Ithaca, New York to stand trial. She is innocent, but no one believes her story. Her estranged husband is ineffective in her defense and her court-appointed legal duo are stumped as well. Things are looking bleak for Penny.

Pony decides to leave his current home (a sad backyard consisting of a dilapidated house inhabited by an equally sad semi-invalid, a tired dog named Caya and a sarcastic goat, Circe) and track down Penny. Through many adventures, including stunts in horse shows, being "pony-napped," winding up in a desolate petting zoo, "rescued" by animal activists, etc., etc., Pony learns that Penny is in trouble. He must save her!

Penny, given time to ponder her choices in life in her solitary cell, seems to always return to her nostalgic memories of her Pony and the love she had for him. This love is key to the story and is told with as much humor as there is in sentimentality. There is a deeper subtext to Pony and Penny's individual recountings, "... where the plight of animals was mirrored by those wrongly imprisoned in our problematic justice system," as the author points out in Crimereads.

Will Pony ever find Penny? Can he gather evidence to set her free? Will Penny ever see her husband and teenage daughter again? These questions and more will be answered if you take a chance on *Pony Confidential*.



*Pony Confidential: One Small Pony One Big Mystery* by Christina Lynch.



Roz Templin

## Film Review

### *I Love You Forever* Review: Heartbreak at the Hands of a Narcissist

**By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy**

Prince Charming quickly turns into Prince Creepy in the indie romantic drama *I Love You Forever*. Co-written and co-directed by Cazzie David and Elisa Kalani, *I Love You Forever* shows how one millennial meet-cute went from giddy heart-eye emoji to toxic heartbreak. This film is not the first to shed light on the modern dating experience, however, its portrayal of an increasingly frightening dynamic between a young woman and her overly obsessive boyfriend offers a fresh and authentic perspective on

Mackenzie (Sofia Black-D'Elia) is in a dating rut. Her hook-up buddy continues to be ambivalent about their relationship, and her patience is running low. A stressed-out law student, Mackenzie doesn't have time to waste on boys who won't commit. But her pessimistic outlook on love changes the night of her best friend's (Cazzie David) birthday party. This is where she meets Finn (Ray Nicholson), a devastatingly handsome man who seems immediately smitten with her. Their chemistry is undeniable from the beginning. For their first date, Finn rents out an entire restaurant for just the two of them. They end the night with a kiss, and it can easily be described as the best date ever.

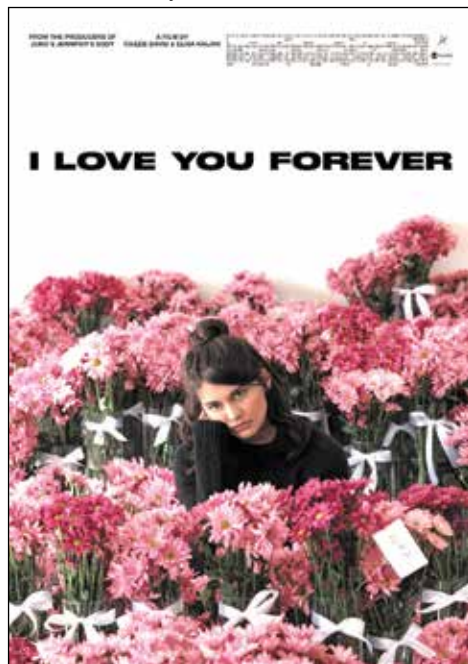
Finn's thoughtfulness and attentive communication style seem like considerate

personality traits. At last, Mackenzie believes she has found the one. Early on, Finn shares his early childhood trauma and fear of abandonment, and Mackenzie sees this confession as being vulnerable, open, and honest. Little does she know that his relationship anxiety and insecurity will be the very things that ruin her life.

*I Love You Forever* is a painfully authentic embodiment of heartbreak at the hands of a narcissist. Those who have experienced a relationship like this may feel as if your diary entries are being read aloud. The film depicts outrageous, yet very real manipulation tactics, like being pressured into changing your phone number, and the stress of having to de-escalate a situation after threats of suicide.

Crafting the tone of a tragic rom-com is no easy task, but Cazzie David and Elisa Kalani make it seem effortless. The script's zingy one-liners add much-needed lightheartedness, as does Cazzie David's dry comedic relief. Ray Nicholson puts on a stunning performance as the endearing-turned-creepy Finn. His ability to switch between sweet and psychotic is impressive. For her role as the tortured girlfriend, Sofia Black-D'Elia gives a heartfelt performance that many women may, unfortunately, relate to.

Emotionally abusive relationships are no laughing matter, and *I Love You Forever* handles this delicate subject matter with the right amount of empathy and dark humor. Produced in part by Diablo Cody, the film made its World Premiere at the 2024 SXSW Film Festival.




*I Love You Forever*, courtesy Utopia.



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### City Council

*from front page*

PATCHES has also partnered with the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, using its weekend team. Harbor Interfaith operates Monday-Friday. Lt. Muir also noted that lahop.org is a website anyone can use to connect homeless individuals with resources. He also presented a success story in which an individual was living in an inoperable vehicle in a hotel parking lot in the city. He hailed the effort to assist the individual, noting the many entities and individuals involved for its successful outcome. The individual had been fairly uncooperative but let city mechanic Gilbert Rivera diagnose the problem with the vehicle, at which point the city's towing company, Van Lingen, provided a courtesy tow to a mechanic, who fixed the starter and South Bay Cities Council of Governments reimbursed the shop that repaired the vehicle. Valerie Campos of Harbor Interfaith was also heralded for her efforts. Lt. Muir also pointed out that a grant-funded area in Torrance called Safe Parking is available for homeless individuals. He praised Jose Calderon for his team's "El Segundo Connect" (<https://elsegundoca.qscend.com/311>), an app people can use to notify the city of concerns, including homeless individuals.



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**Sports**

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**Boys Soccer Victorious in Playoff Opener by Andre Sugden**

El Segundo began its CIF-SS Division 1 playoff campaign this past Friday. After finishing fourth in the Bay League, the Eagles were given the 11 seed in Division 1, the highest at-large bid in the Southern Section. In their first-round matchup, El Segundo faced off against the Brea Olinda Wildcats at home and came away with a thrilling 3-2 win.

Despite Brea Olinda's impressive 12-3 record, the Eagles' greatest challenge would be environmental. The game kicked off at 5:00 Friday night in the midst of a ferocious atmospheric river. The torrential downpour lasted the entire first half, with brutal winds and sheets of rain pounding the pitch. Even so, the Eagles got off to a fast start.

Within the first five minutes, junior Pierce Moore nodded in a cross from midfielder Ethan Walker to open the scoring. With the weather intensifying, the Eagles' momentum was halted. Brea Olinda caught El Segundo on the break with two goals against the run of play. Neither team would muster up any

offense for the remainder of the first half and the Eagles headed into halftime down 2-1.

The second half began, and miraculously, the fierce weather finally subsided. El Segundo, determined to even the score, had their chance when junior Micah Matthews drew a penalty, which defender Max Abrams slotted. With the game all square at 2-2, the Eagles looked sure to find a winner, and with 6 minutes remaining, forward Brad Haug

received a cutback pass from Matthews and fired it home, 3-2.

El Segundo needed to hold on for the final minutes, and with stout defending, and a goal-line clearance by senior Erik Fallon, the Eagles were able to see out their 3-2 victory. On Monday, the Eagles faced off against Redondo for the fourth time this season, looking to continue their CIF playoff run.

**Girls Basketball Advances**

The Eagles advanced to last night's CIF-SS Division 3AA quarter-final round after wins over the South Hills Huskies 68-44 and the Huntington Beach Oilers 63-51 in the first two rounds. In both games, the second-seeded Eagles were in total control of offense and defense.

The defensive effort in each game took their opponents out of their game. Myleah Cooley, Symai Jones, Kalista McMillon and Ella Sabosky were instrumental in forcing turnovers while stopping the penetration by their inside game.

The Eagles' offense runs through guard Sofia Rozell and forward Avery Pintens. Together, the two freshman standouts led the Eagles in scoring. Rozell scored 20 points against South Hills, and against Huntington Beach, she had 26 points, six rebounds, six assists, and seven steals. Pintens led the Eagles against South Hills with 25 points and had 18 points, nine rebounds, and four steals against Huntington Beach.

The Eagles faced the Culver City Centaurs, the Ocean League champions, last night. The winner advanced to Saturday night's CIF-SS Division 3AA semi-finals. •



Eagle goalie Andre Sugden makes a save of Brea Olinda's Christian Duran's shot attempt in the first round of the CIF playoffs.



Bryant Waites battles for a loose ball in wet conditions. The Eagles overcame weather conditions to defeat Brea Olinda 3-2.



Sofia Rozell gets a screen from Symai Jones on her way to scoring against South Hills.



Avery Pintens hits from long range and scored 25 points against South Hills.



Sophomore guard Ella Sabosky used her speed to drive past the South Hills defense.

**Police Reports**

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Samsung cell phone was found and booked for safekeeping.

A found property report was taken at 0003 hours from Main Street and West Pine Avenue. Apple air pods were found and booked for safekeeping.

**Wednesday, Feb 12th**

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0701 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) broke the window to the business and stole merchandise.

One male adult was arrested at 1516 hours from Western Avenue and 139th Street in the City of Gardena for grand theft of a vehicle, grand theft of a firearm, and felon in possession of a firearm.

A stolen license plate report was taken at 1929 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A rear license plate was stolen from a 2023 Mustang.

**Thursday, Feb 13th**

A dog bite report was taken at 0731 hours from the 600 block of Lomita Street.

One male adult was arrested at 1022 hours from the 800 block of Main Street for possession of a controlled substance.

A grand theft report was taken at 1215 hours from the 100 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Unknown suspect(s) stole a laptop from the victim's office.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1346 hours from the 500 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Unknown suspect(s) stole merchandise from the store.

A missing person report was taken at 1420 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A 34-year-old female was reported missing.

An online petty theft report was taken at 1703 hours from the 200 block of Virginia Street. A package was stolen.

An incident report was taken at 1732 hours

from the 300 block of Main Street to document suspicious activity.

**Friday, Feb 14th**

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0636 hours from the 1000 block of East Imperial Avenue. Taken was a 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0931 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained access to the victim's parked vehicle by tampering with the door and stole miscellaneous items.

A mail theft report was taken at 0944 hours from the 300 block of Virginia Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into multiple mailboxes and stole miscellaneous mail.

A mail theft report was taken at 1443 hours from the 400 block of Richmond Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's mailbox and stole miscellaneous mail.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1501 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific

Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole miscellaneous items from the store.

A petty theft report was taken at 1711 hours from the 700 block of West Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet from inside her purse.

One male adult was arrested at 2035 hours from Apollo Street and Rosecrans Avenue for one Orange County misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0036 hours from California Street and Imperial Highway for misdemeanor DUI, driving on a suspended license, and one LASD felony warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0104 hours from the 1400 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for unlawfully causing a fire and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Mark Andrew Piranian,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
Stacie Cathleen Piranian,  
Defendant  
**COMPLAINT IN DIVORCE NOTICE  
TO DEFEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to an Order of Court dated August 23, 2024. A Complaint in Divorce under Section 3301 (d) of the Divorce Code and requesting counseling notice have been filed between Mark Andrew Piranian, Plaintiff and Stacie Cathleen Piranian, Defendant on February 15, 2024, in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, PA.  
If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take prompt action. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a decree of divorce or annulment may be entered against you by the Court. A judgment may also be entered against you for any other claim or relief requested in these papers by the Plaintiff. You may

lose money or property or other rights important to you, including custody or visitation of your children.  
When the ground for divorce is indignities or irretrievable breakdown of marriage, you may request marriage counseling. A list of marriage counselors is available in the Office of the Prothonotary, Montgomery County Courthouse, Swede and Airy Streets, Norristown, PA 19401.  
If you do not file a claim for alimony, marital property, counsel fees, or expenses before the final decree of divorce or annulment is entered, you may lose the right to claim any of them. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer, go to or telephone the office set forth below. This office can provide you with information about hiring a lawyer. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, this office may be able to provide you with information about agencies that may offer legal services to eligible persons at a reduced fee or no fee.  
Lawyer Referral Service  
Montgomery Bar Association  
100 W. Airy Street Norristown, PA 19401  
610-279-9660, ext. 201  
[www.montgomerybar.org](http://www.montgomerybar.org)  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 2/20/25  
**H-28871**

**EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' BOND  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Board of Education of the El Segundo Unified School District is seeking qualified, interested individuals to serve on a committee of community leaders which will serve as the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee ("COC") for the implementation of the District's Measure ES school facilities bond program. There are four open positions to replace outgoing members. Applicants must be 18 years of age and a resident of the El Segundo Unified School District.  
**Proposition 39 Bond Election**  
On November 6, 2018, voters residing within the El Segundo Unified School District passed Measure ES. Measure ES is a \$92,000,000 bond measure that authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the district's schools.  
**Establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee**  
After a bond authorized under Proposition 39 is passed, State law requires that the El Segundo Unified School District Board appoint an

Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to work with the district.  
**Committee Responsibilities**  
In accordance with Education Code Section 15278(b), the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall:  
• Inform the public concerning the district's expenditure of Measure ES bond proceeds.  
• Review expenditure reports produced by the district to ensure that Measure ES and bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measures ES; and  
• Present to the Board in public session, an annual written report outlining their activities and conclusions regarding the expenditure of Measure ES bond proceeds.  
If you are interested in applying please visit the district website at <https://www.elsegundo.net/page/citizens-bond-oversight-committee> to access the application or pick up an application from the district office at 614 Sheldon St. El Segundo, CA 90245. Applications are due by 4 p.m. March 14, 2025.  
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**H-28872**

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE  
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO  
ORDINANCE NO. 1666**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL AMENDING EL SEGUNDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3 (CITY SEAL, CITY LOGO) OF TITLE 1 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) TO UPDATE THE CITY LOGO AND ASSOCIATED USE REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.  
**SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE**  
Ordinance No. 1666 will: (i) update the City's official logo and seal to official City business, unless the City Manager or designee approves such use based upon a mandatory written plan outlining the nature and scope of the proposed third-party use; and (iii) establish misdemeanor criminal liability for unauthorized use or reproduction of the City's logo or seal.

The whole number of the City Council of said City is five. The foregoing Ordinance No. 1666 was duly introduced by said City Council at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2025, and was duly passed, approved and adopted by said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor, and attested to by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said Council on the 4th day of February, 2025, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:  
Ayes: Mayor Pimentel, Mayor Pro Tem Baldino, Council Member Giroux, and Council Member Keldorf  
Noes: None  
Absent: Council Member Boyles  
Abstain: None  
A copy of the ordinance is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main St. El Segundo, CA or the City's website at <http://www.elsegundo.org> then go to Government, View, and then Municipal Code.  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 2/20/25  
**H-28873**

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE  
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO  
ORDINANCE NO. 1667**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EL SEGUNDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 1-7 AND 1-7C TO AMEND THE CITY'S PURCHASING CODE TO INCORPORATE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR METHODS OF PROCUREMENT AND UPDATE PUBLIC PROJECT BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND COST THRESHOLDS UNDER THE UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT ACT.  
**SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE**  
Ordinance No. 1667 will add federal procurement requirements to El Segundo Municipal Code Chapter 1-7 and modify Chapter 1-7C to reflect new thresholds to the Uniform Public Construction Account Act to conform with AB 2192.  
The whole number of the City Council of said City is five. The foregoing

Ordinance No. 1666 was duly introduced by said City Council at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2025, and was duly passed, approved and adopted by said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor, and attested to by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said Council on the 4th day of February, 2025, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:  
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*“The people who are crazy enough  
to think they can change the world  
are the ones who do.”*

*—Steve Jobs*