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## ESUSD's Mandate is to Worry About the Kids and Their Well-being First



Taken just prior to school closure on March 11th at the State of the City. This photos features District administrators and board members. Top Row, from left to right,: Board Members Nancy Cobb and Paulette Caudill, Dylan Farris, Marisa Janicek, Kim Linz and Ali Rabiei. Bottom Row, from left to right: Board Member Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Dr. Melissa Moore, Board Member Emilee Layne, Danny Gauna. To find out more about Dr. Melissa Moore see School Spotlight on page 2.

## Economic Slowdown Upends the City of El Segundo's Budget

By Rob McCarthy

El Segundo expects to lose at least \$14 million in business taxes and revenues because of public-safety restrictions that have emptied the city's hotels, stores and restaurants. Finance Director Joseph Lillio detailed the severe effects of the shutdowns at Tuesday's City Council meeting, where he presented a coronavirus budget-recovery plan. It cuts spending, freezes hiring and delays City Hall and some park construction projects.

A major reason for the downturn is local hotels are empty, according to the finance department. "Both leisure and business travel has come to a complete standstill," Lillio said, describing the sudden and immobilizing effect of COVID-19 on the hospitality industry around the airport. Hotel occupancy before the coronavirus event was at 90 percent. Hotel occupancy dropped 44 percent in the first month of the pandemic and is expected to hover at 5 percent until the economy is going again. The city lost \$6.1 million in bed-tax receipts in the first 60 days.

Sales tax receipts fell off by \$820,000 and the utility users tax fell by \$457,000 in the year's second quarter. With the regional economy sliding toward recession, new business licenses and non-renewals fell by \$200,000 and aren't expected to recover because of the poor economic climate for starting a business. The closure of the city's parks and ballfields contributed to a \$1.5 million drop in service fees. Those pay for recreation programs, zoning and planning, plan checks, energy plan checks, planning services and emergency transport by city paramedics. All Recreation and Parks programming is closed through early June. With

the Police Department issuing few parking tickets because of the stay-at-home order, another \$200,000 has dried up.

No layoffs are planned, though that's a possibility if the coronavirus doesn't reach a peak before August when the City Council goes to work drafting next year's budget. Lillio estimated the economic slowdown - entering its third month - has stripped \$9.6 million from El Segundo's business tax base. The General Fund, which pays for city services, salaries and public safety, has been losing almost \$1 million per week since the coronavirus emergency started. With those revenues gone, El Segundo officials went

to work Tuesday, adjusting their budget and preparing themselves for what may come later.

The City Council accepted Lillio's recommendations Tuesday for an immediate hiring freeze. The city won't fill 33 full-time and 125 part-time positions that are vacant. The unfilled city positions are expected to trim \$3.1 million in costs. Essential positions can still be filled; however, the city manager must approve all hiring during the budget-recovery process. El Segundo does not plan to tap its reserves to close the fiscal gap.

Cuts could go even deeper, depending on the speed of economic recovery. Under the

**See City Council, page 11**

## Weekend Forecast

### Friday

Sunny  
77°/62°



### Saturday

Partly  
Cloudy  
75°/61°



### Sunday

Partly  
Cloudy  
72°/60°



## Community Counts

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation



Reverse Teacher and Staff Car Parade at Richmond Street School. Students and families drove past to tell the teachers and staff how much they are appreciated and missed. Vice Principal Carrie Oulashian is dressed as Princess Leia to greet students on May 4th, Star Wars Day. May the 4th (Force) be with you!

– Rebecca Tompkins (parent at RSS)

*"The job of an educator is to teach students to see vitality in themselves."*

– JOSEPH CAMPBELL



# Obituaries

## Beatrice Pollard March 5, 1923 – May 1, 2020

El Segundo’s longest lived resident “Bea” was gifted with the art of crochet. A busy bee, she crocheted animals, clothes, and so many afghans till her last days. Charismatic she was and so adventurous. Bea loved life! Her younger years on a Oklahoma farm taught her to be grateful. Picking cotton, harvesting watermelons as early as 5 years old. She learned to be frugal.



when she started developing an even finer palate. Her sweet deserts will linger with us forever!

Though predeceased by Juan (1997), she wasn’t alone since she baited the Crannell children with sweets, became the adoptive “Grandma Bea”, and weekly joined the Crannells’ Sunday dinner. A smart, positive & determined woman with a great sense of humor, she never missed a beat!

It was there that she met Juan & together they opted for the California experience. In 1947, they purchased a home at 857 Center Street in El Segundo. Bea waitressed and Juan delivered milk door to door. She had a calling in the food industry, which too became another passion. Bea worked her way to purchasing agent at the ESUSD. Hearing impaired, she eventually lost all her hearing in her early 60s

May 1st, she left us to join Juan & her cat Rocky. Bea is survived by her daughter, Cheryl, husband Gordy, grandsons Eric & Doug, daughter in law Debra, grandson Gavyn and adoptive Crannell family: Jerome, Francoise, Serafina, Coraline, and Lucien-Thomas. What a loss for the Lakers too! She was their biggest fan! Send condolences to [cherylvandebrake900@msn.com](mailto:cherylvandebrake900@msn.com) •

*“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched, but are felt in the heart.”*  
— HELEN KELLER

School

Spotlight

## ESUSD

### ESUSD Superintendent Moore Remains Optimistic During These Trying Times

By Duane Plank

With El Segundo Unified School District (ESUSD) classrooms shuttered since mid-March, Superintendent Dr. Melissa Moore and District staff have had to quickly implement innovative programs to facilitate continued student-learning.

Moore said that the ESUSD had accomplished a lot in a short period of time. “I am extremely proud of what we have been able to do,” Moore said while noting that not all school districts in the country were up-and-running on day one that online learning was implemented. She touted a “high degree of collaboration” among teachers, administrators, parents and students. She went on to say, “while we were well equipped to take on this challenge,” there is always room for improvement, continuing to guide teachers who are at “different points on the spectrum, with different levels of comfort” in implementing current teaching practices.

“Our goal is to work with our teachers to increase levels of student achievement,” she said.

Moore said the District’s mandate is to “worry about the kids and their well-being first. It is a big shock to any child to be in school on Friday, and be home on Monday, learning remotely.” She said that ESUSD administrators and teachers are toiling under the premise that competing for online assignments “can’t outweigh a student’s anxiety or individual needs.”

The District is adhering to an educational “do no harm” policy for student grading, which means that a student will not be issued a grade lower than what they had achieved prior to the March 13 closure of the classrooms. Grading structures have been adjusted, with the elementary schools adopting a ready/approaching/could not assess rubric; the middle school sticking with assigning the standard grades, and the high school pivoting to an A/B/credit/ no credit format.



Dr. Melissa Moore

The goal, Moore said, is to ensure “every opportunity” for all students, including those who may not have optimum at-home learning capabilities. “Our kids are resilient,” Moore said, “but we must think of them first, realizing that this is not business as usual.”

Moore and her administration team are looking at innovative ways to virtually celebrate graduation and promotion ceremonies during the second week of June. Yard signs have started sprouting in El Segundo, congratulating soon-to-be high school graduates on their accomplishments. In a recent update from high school Principal Dr. Melissa Gooden to the class of 2020, Gooden wrote that the District was working with a production company to produce a video tribute to the graduates, and welcomed submissions from all seniors to be included in the movie.

Moore marvels at El Segundo residents and District alumni who have offered to help in any way possible. “This community is very generous,” she said, noting how she has received multiple inquiries asking how people can help, whether it be a donation or offering a skill or ability so that the upcoming grads get their well-earned kudos.

“We are trying to applaud and make our students feel special,” Moore said.

Moore, who began her tenure in the District after the unexpected departure of Dr. Geoff Yantz, and the brief interim tenure of Alan Rasmussen, came to the ESUSD in July of 2014. Under her leadership, the ESUSD was able to sell their excess Imperial Street School property in 2017 for more than \$22-million, which led to an ongoing \$16-million endowment fund from the proceeds of the sale, which provide ongoing annual revenue

See Dr. Melissa Moore, page 5

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# Letters

## More Prevention II

To continue on a related topic: Before the current crisis, we were familiar with bicycles and skate-boards blasting down the busy Main Street sidewalks beneath the permanent signs prohibiting their activity. That practice continues, with less danger of collision with a pedestrian who steps sideways but with the likelihood of sudden unexpected contact in violation of social distance practice. While I have lived most of my life in El Segundo I have never seen or heard of any enforcement of the posted ordinance.

In more residential parts of town, children are still seen, apparently with their parents’

encouragement, speeding their small bikes down the sidewalks where they cannot avoid encountering pedestrians. The youngsters, we are told, may be the most likely to carry the virus unknowingly, of course without any malicious intent of their own. Folks, I love your kids, but I don’t love them to (my) death. With the death toll now at over 60,000 Americans, I recommend that the city enforce its existing laws, and that bicycle traffic should be kept off the sidewalks. Yes, it means punishing all because of the irresponsible behavior of some, but that’s hardly a new concept.

– Edward Ryan •

# Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

I have been retired for ten years and I live alone, and it has been wonderful until now. I have a lot of friends. I have two wonderful children and three grandchildren. Physically, I am fine, but I don’t want to risk my health or that of others. I did not expect loneliness to be quite like this. I have never been shy, but now I feel like I’m bothering my friends and my children. They are trying, but they are busy working from home and teaching their own kids. I have tried reading to my grandchildren, and teaching them, but one can only Zoom so much before they lose interest. I can talk to my friends, but we run out of things to say. I have always seemed to find plenty to do, but I feel like there is nothing right now in life other than to wait. This is so frustrating, but I don’t think it’s healthy to keep thinking about this so much, right?

- Lonely and Waiting

Dear Lonely and Waiting,

The standard therapist-y thing to do here would be a slow nod, perhaps take a sip of tea or a puff of a pipe, and say, “Mmmmmm, yes. It’s okay to feel what you’re feeling. Many people in your position might feel the same way. This is totally normal in this situation. How does it make you feel to know that you are normal in this regard?”

While well-intentioned, that’s really just another way of saying, “You’re actually not special, your experience is not unique, and in fact you do not handle this as well as most other people.” Then you’ll get some techniques intended to help you trick your brain into thinking about

something peaceful like a warm breeze or ripples on a lake. As if your brain is somehow doing something wrong. As if the rest of the world is just fine right now. As if the therapist were arbiter of what feelings are healthy or not.

Of course, you might be able to stop thinking about things you don’t want to. But the minute you let up, it’s back to a reality that - if I may paraphrase your letter - stinks. So when reality stinks, are the only options either loneliness or tricking yourself into not feeling? Of course not. What about anger? What about frustration? None of these feelings are going to solve the problem, but neither will happiness, positive thinking or sunshine. If anger, or fear, or cynicism feels right and gets you through the day, then go for it. For you and your loved ones right now, whatever is “healthiest” is whatever hurts least.

*If you need help, or have the ability to help others, please reach out and I will coordinate. If you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, please reach out and I will take as many people as I can during this crisis, regardless of ability to pay.*

*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 an Associate Marriage & Family Therapist (AMFT96089) supervised by Chris Thomas (MFT78020). 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. •*

# Police Reports

## Monday, April 27th

One male adult was detained at 0735 hours from the 700 block of North Nash Street and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0831 hours from the 100 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. The suspect entered the facility and stole the victim’s keys.

A grand theft auto report was taken at 0816 hours from the 300 block of West Mariposa Avenue. Taken was a 2010 Chrysler van

An attempt burglary (auto) report was taken at 1202 hours the 300 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to break into the victim’s vehicle

A burglary report was taken at 1211 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim’s storage unit and stole his property

An online grand theft report was taken at

0900 hours from the 2000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s laptop computer.

A found property report was taken at 1606 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. A gun was found and booked for safekeeping.

A grand theft auto report was taken at 1840 hours from the 300 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Taken was a 1997 Nissan Maxima.

One female adult was arrested at 2150 hours from the LBPd for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant.

A petty theft report was taken at 0426 hours from the 700 block of California Street. The suspect stole three packages from the victim’s porch.

**Tuesday, April 28th**

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0948 hours from the 100 block of

**See Police Reports, page 4**

# Town Hall: City Awaits the Signal So Recovery Can Begin

By Rob McCarthy

El Segundo officials say they’ll be ready when Los Angeles County’s health officer in charge of the coronavirus response gives the signal to resume some business and public activities. The city remains under a stay-at-home order until May 15, and Fire Chief Bill Donovan revealed department heads have begun drawing up plans on how to reopen after two months of closures of businesses, restaurants, bars and public events.

Fire Chief Bill Donovan discussed the development during a COVID-19 town hall public meeting on April 30, which was broadcast live on El Segundo TV. With the county’s stay-at-home order ending next week, city management has shifted from an emergency response to the next phase of recovery for businesses and residents alike. Once the county’s order is lifted or modified, department heads should have recovery plans to guide the reopening of workplaces, parks, retailers and the hospitality industry.

El Segundo’s number of confirmed cases held steady at 27 over eight days, ending on Sunday. Del Aire had eight confirmed cases this week, the same number as Wiseburn. Donovan said wider testing to account for people carrying the virus but not showing any symptoms was important to the recovery and keeping businesses, workplaces and public spaces from having to close again for a second wave of the virus. Health officials expect cases to start increasing again later in the year, or a second wave.

Information about free local testing is available on the El Segundo city web site. A second test for antibodies to determine if someone contracted the virus and has immunity is available, too. Still, residents must call their health care provider or the county health care system, according to Donovan. Testing is going to be essential to provide local and state governments with data about the number of actual cases that have occurred. Between 60 and 70 percent of the population must develop a resistance to this coronavirus for “herd immunity” to take place. People who contract the virus or are vaccinated against it develop a defense against becoming a carrier of the coronavirus.

The fire chief offered a few tips for wearing and removing cloth face coverings after going out in public. Wash hands and use sanitizer before placing a mask or cloth face covering on the face, or taking it off. Wash face coverings once a day, if possible, in hot water and using a hot cycle in the dryer. The person wearing a surgical mask or bandana over the nose and mouth won’t spread the virus to others through coughing, sneezing or loud talking, Donovan explained.

Councilman Lance Giroux, who took office in the middle of the pandemic, said he looks forward to El Segundo “making the pivot from response to recovery to reopening of

the city and the economy.” Downtown business owners will have a chance to learn more about the city’s plans for them at a town hall virtual session at 3 p.m. May 6. Giroux and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Pimentel participated in the virtual question-and-answer session to clarify the city’s obligations to follow state and county guidelines, including the use of El Segundo’s beach. The county has the authority over access and recreational uses of the beach, Pimentel explained in response to a question about the continued closure of the sand and ocean for recreational use.

“We fall under the county’s jurisdiction,” and the city going to follow the orders, Pimentel said. The city’s Parks and Recreation Department is deciding about the hometown Fourth of July festivities at the park, the mayor pro tem said. No decision has made about whether the traditional hometown Fourth and fireworks show will be held. Pimentel pointed out that the county’s stay-at-home order expires on May 15, creating a small window for the city to make plans to go ahead with the celebration. “It’ll be close,” Pimentel said, adding, “we’re never happy to cancel things the community values.”

The Lakes Golf Course remains closed because it’s considered a non-essential activity by the county, too. Pimentel took a question about a possible reopening date for the golf course and driving range and said the decision is more complicated than reopening parks and ballfields. El Segundo has a long-term contract with TopGolf to improve and manage The Lakes property. It’s unknown when the county will relax restrictions on the golf course. Information about golf course closures is available at the L.A. County parks website.

Giroux, who began his four-term year in April and had two weeks on the job, said as a parent of a water polo player, he also wondered when the El Segundo Aquatics Center could reopen. Like the local beaches, the county order is keeping the pool closed and halts all polo practices and swim sessions. With no hint of what the county may do on May 15, Giroux said that he hopes the reopening of El Segundo’s public pool comes soon.

Police Chief Bill Whalen said that reports about so-called coronavirus parties are reaching the police department and that it’s reckless behavior that will bring a knock on the door from El Segundo officers. The same applies to the rules against playing in playgrounds and invading public property that’s been locked and posted with no trespassing signs. “We need people to adhere to the rules,” Whalen said, adding “pay attention to closure signs.” Parties, except those involving family or roommates who live together, are not allowed for the time being.

“If we find out about it on social media,

**See Town Hall, page 5**



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## Police Reports

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Main Street, truck versus parked vehicle.

An identity theft report was taken at 1012 hours from the 700 block of West Oak Avenue. The suspect fraudulently cashed checks in the victim's name.

A petty theft report was taken at 1100 hours from the 1400 block of East Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole property from the victim's unlocked vehicle

A vandalism report was taken at 1937 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a window.

One male adult was arrested at 2250 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Hughes Way for one outstanding LASD felony warrant.

An online petty theft report was taken at 1200 hours on 04/26/20 from the 400 block of Sierra Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's mail.

### Wednesday, April 29th

A grand theft (auto) report was taken at 0749 hours from the 300 block of Virginia Street. Taken was a 2005 Chevrolet 2500 van.

One male adult was detained at 2123 hours from the 500 block of California Street and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

An online lost property report was taken at 0053 hours from the 800 block of Loma Vista Street. A set of keys was lost.

### Thursday, April 30th

An attempted burglary (commercial) and vandalism report was taken at 1103 hours from the 2200 block of East Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke the ground level glass window in an attempt to make entry.

A hit and run (no injuries) report was taken online at 1416 hours from West Imperial Avenue and Virginia Street, vehicle versus parked vehicle.

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred

at 1500 hours on El Segundo Boulevard and Douglas Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 0352 hours from the 500 block of West Imperial Highway for suspicion of burglary, possession of a stolen vehicle without owner's consent, giving false information to a peace officer and possession of a drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0352 hours from the 500 block of West Imperial Highway for suspicion of burglary.

**Friday, May 1st**

One male adult was arrested at 2137 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue for public intoxication.

An attempt grand theft (auto) report was taken at 2317 hours from the 300 block of Kansas Street.

One male adult was arrested at 0103 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue for carjacking.

### Saturday, May 2nd

One female adult was detained at 1443 hours in the 400 block of Main Street and transported to MLK Community Hospital for evaluation and treatment.

### Sunday, May 3rd

One female adult was cited and released at 0845 hours from the 200 block of Sierra Street for trespassing.

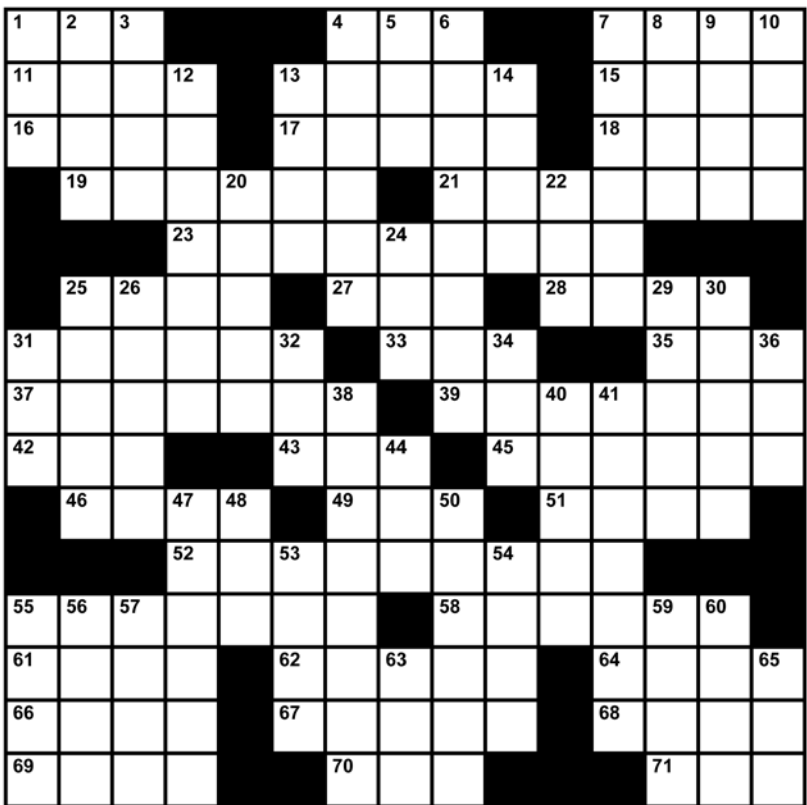
One male adult was detained at 1004 hours from the 1100 block of East Grand Avenue and transported to MLK Exodus for evaluation and treatment.

A petty theft report was taken at 1534 hours from the 1100 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole \$20.00 US currency from the victim's vehicle.

A petty theft report was taken 1557 hours from the 300 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. •

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



### Across

- Angry Birds was a famous one
- Kind of cabinet
- "Wheel of Fortune" choice
- Coin receiver
- Had a bawl
- Alternative
- Rush \_\_\_\_
- Boundary bush
- Preside over
- Crossword specialty
- Maintained
- 19th century era
- Heating device
- Concealed oneself
- Balance sheet item
- Neighborhood residents
- Journey segment
- Big Band \_\_\_\_
- Praise
- Restitution
- Last word of the golden rule
- Energy
- Monet flowers
- Classy entranceway
- Article in constant use
- Pink-slips
- Storekeepers

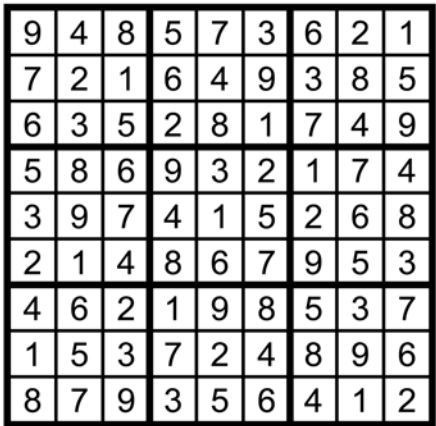
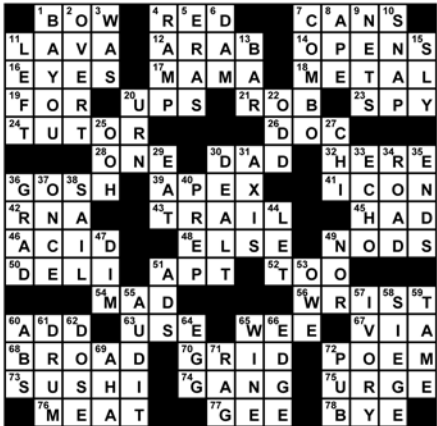
### Down

- Burning result
- Story line
- Flood
- Christmas garland
- Helpful device
- Considered
- Untroubled
- Power-cord end
- Archipelago member
- Require
- Far from important
- Hot
- Place for a hero
- Fancy home
- Sonny boy

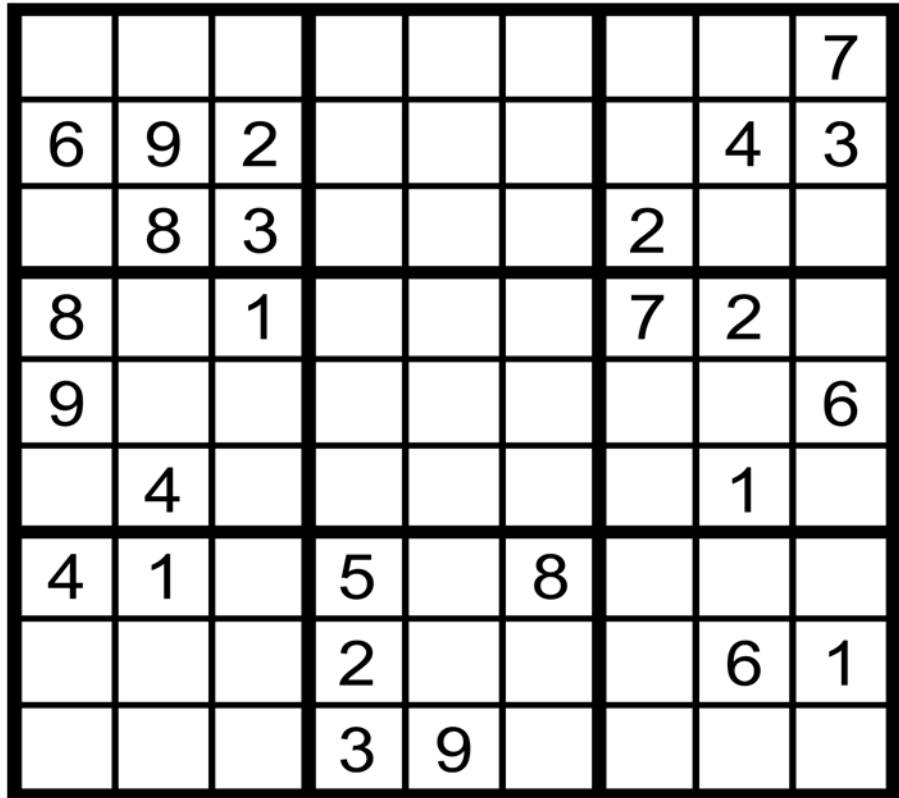
### Across

- Codliver, e.g.
- Après-ski drink
- Happen
- Start
- Catalpas, for example
- Nonprofessional person
- Taste
- Country Western lady
- Obstinate animal
- Lustrous, of color
- Prefix with surgery or transmitter
- Anchorage native
- F in Greek
- Birds who do mating dances
- Marine pronoun
- Number on a football side
- Trial
- "... lived happily \_\_\_\_ after"
- Experienced
- Implore
- Rate
- Baseball stats
- Fall slowly
- Gone by
- Word with "care" or "dream"

### Last Week's Answers



## SUDOKU Medium



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Dr. Melissa Moore

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for technology infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and capital outlay projects.

Under her watch, El Segundo voters, in November of 2018, passed a \$92-million general obligation school bond that provides funding to improve school facilities and ramp-up technology. Moore noted that with construction projects being deemed essential, the District could move forward on projects associated with their Long-Range-Facilities Master Plan.

“One piece of sunshine,” she said of the continuing construction. “With no students

Although California Governor Gavin Newsom has spit-balled the idea that schools could re-open in late July or early August, Moore doesn’t see that as realistic for the ESUSD, saying that there would be definite logistical and calendaring problems to open-up classrooms prior to the scheduled start date of the 2020/21 school year which is set for August 26. She posits that any re-opening of classrooms will be done “in a thoughtful and deliberate manner,” with the “safety of our students and staff” as goal number one.



Family Fun: Dr. Moore with her three sons, two daughters-in-law and grandson! From left to right: Alex Moore, Kim, Anders, and Scott Moore, Dr. Moore, Kelly Moore and Chase Moore

present, this is an opportune time to get work done.”

Moore, who received her doctoral degree in education from USC, came to the ESUSD after serving as the assistant superintendent for the Yucaipa-Calimesa Unified School District. Among her professional accolades, she was selected as the Superintendent of the Year by Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators.

She espouses a “let’s find a way” mantra when dealing with District challenges, and none have been bigger than dealing with the fall-out of the COVID-19 virus.

She is bent on keeping a positive outlook, saying that the ESUSD is “trying to develop a mindset that is nimble and more dynamic.” She said that she is looking at this “as an opportunity” to develop innovative approaches to educating students. “We are all doing the best we can to react and plan for whatever is coming our way.”

With the harsh realities of the pandemic shutdown mounting, which will include a Sacramento budget cut for California school districts, Moore refuses to be negative during this fluid time in history.

Outside of her work responsibilities, Moore likes to de-stress by taking Pilates classes, and when possible, going to movies and concerts, networking with El Segundo residents, and doting on her one-year-old grandchild. “

“I feel that I am now a member of a special, elite club of being a Grandma,” she said.

“Every day, every week, I try to find moments of gratitude,” she concluded. She is looking at this crisis through a positive lens, framing it as “an opportunity to re-set, look at the world a little differently, slow down a bit, look at the beautiful sky, smell the flowers, and show each other a little empathy and compassion, and see how we can help our fellow man.”

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we’re going to come and talk to you about it,” the police chief said, repeating an often-overlooked reason for the ban on public gatherings of any size. It puts officers checking on a house party in contact with strangers and their guests - one of whom could be carrying the virus and not show any symptoms.

For the protection of officers and the public, the police department is handling less-urgent

calls differently, Whalen said. Non-priority reports can be taken over the phone or online to minimize face-to-face contact and make everyone safer. Both the police and fire chiefs thanked the men and women in their department for contenting to provide excellent service to the city under trying circumstances since the local coronavirus emergency was declared for El Segundo on March 17. •

Entertainment

Film Review

Queen & Slim is an Emotionally Charged Odyssey

By H. Nelson Tracey for cinemacy.com

Four years ago, Daniel Kaluuya was an unknown British actor whose most substantial credit was a supporting role in the *Johnny English* sequel. Fast forward to today, he’s an Academy Award nominee, and more importantly, a chameleon with something new to say in each role. Perhaps now, he can even be considered a marquee headliner.

*Queen & Slim*, available to rent on VOD, continues Kaluuya’s ascent to stardom. In accompaniment with three talented women, they have created a bold new movie rare to be found from a studio release. Jodie Turner-Smith is the Queen to Kaluuya’s Slim, and a brand new face on the silver screen. Writer Lena Waithe, an established name in young Hollywood, brings us the screenplay. And director Melina Matsoukas, one of the biggest names in the music video scene, makes a grand feature film debut with this

emotionally charged film of the moment.

*Queen & Slim* is an odyssey in the classic sense: our two lead characters take a journey they did not sign up for, and along the way, encounter characters that shape and inform this trip, each with some interpretable subtext. This vignette approach certainly is reminiscent of *Bonnie & Clyde*, but also brings to mind a wide swath of other inspiration, from Homer’s *Odyssey* to *American Honey*.

Queen & Slim start their journey in Southern Ohio and zigzag their way across the United States. Each location is deliberately given a name and place, unlike some road movies which hide where characters are supposed to be. I counted at least five states (or areas within those states) that are given name recognition. Matsoukas has a visual style that makes even simple transition moments, like a car driving across an empty

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Queen and Slim, courtesy of Universal Pictures.

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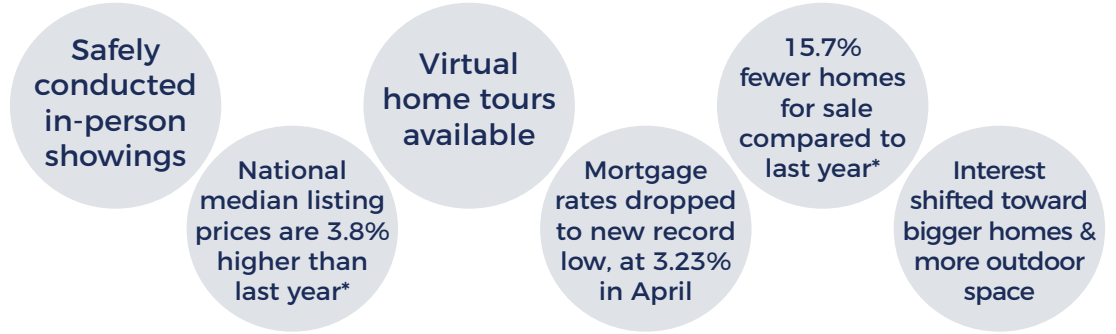
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Film Review

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road, rich with texture and significance. At every step of the journey, Queen & Slim encounter people who have a choice: help these two and break the law, or aid in their arrest, and follow the law. Most characters pick the former, and that’s what allows them to make their passage.

There are times where the film’s pace lacks the sense of urgency established by the premise. The nature of stopping along the way means that at times, the movie’s momentum is slow. However, with each step comes intriguing characters and development of the two leads, so despite an occasionally meandering pace, there is plenty to be captivated by. Overall, it’s a film worth seeing, for both classic movie fans looking for the *Bonnie & Clyde* homages, and also contemporary cinephiles looking for a roster of new talent on the climb to the top. •



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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE  
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO  
ORDINANCE 1615

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 540 EAST IMPERIAL AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN AND A SECOND AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 16-01, TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPER D.R. HORTON CA2, INC. TO PAY A FEE TO THE CITY IN LIEU OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

In 2012, the City Council approved the “540 East Imperial Avenue Specific Plan,” which allowed for the construction of two potential projects with affordable housing components. In 2016, project applicant D.R. Horton CA2, Inc., applied for, and the City approved, the project, which included six affordable units. By approving this ordinance, the City Council approved the project applicant’s request to change the project, allowing the applicant to instead pay an in-lieu fee of \$5.3 million to the City, in lieu of the affordable housing requirement. In addition, because the project applicant

sued the City in 2019, the ordinance makes the project approvals conditioned on the project applicant settling the lawsuit and authorizes the City Manager to sign a settlement agreement with the project applicant.

The whole number of the City Council of said City is four. The foregoing Ordinance No. 1615 was duly introduced by said City Council at a regular meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020, and was duly passed 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 held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Boyles, Mayor Pro Tem Pirsztuk, and Council Member Pimentel  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Council Member Nicol


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.

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Public Hearing Notice



The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:

**Regulations for Wireless Communications Facilities in the Public ROW**

**Project Address:** Citywide

**Project Description:** An ordinance amending Title 9 of the El Segundo Municipal Code to add Chapter 9 to establish comprehensive regulations for wireless communication facilities in the public right-of-way. The City Council will consider an ordinance and administrative guidelines for small wireless facilities. The project Applications are: Environmental Assessment No. EA-1189 and Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA 17-03.

**Applicant:** City of El Segundo  
**Hearing:** Tuesday May 19, 2020, 6:00pm  
City Council Chambers  
350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

**Environmental Determination:** The project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, and 15061(b)(3), because it establishes comprehensive regulations for siting wireless communication facilities in the public right-of-way.

**Further Information:** Residents are strongly encouraged to participate remotely via Spectrum Channel 3 and 22, AT&T U-verse Channel 99 and/or El Segundo TV at YouTube.com. Members of the Public may provide comments electronically by sending comments to the following e-mail address, with a limit of 150 words and accepted up until 30 minutes prior to the meeting: [PUBLICCOMMUNICATIONS@elsegundo.org](mailto:PUBLICCOMMUNICATIONS@elsegundo.org), in the subject line please state “Public Hearing for Wireless in PROW.” Depending on the volume of communications, the emails will be read to Council during public communications and are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.

Gregg McClain, Planning Manager

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personification  
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# Play On Words

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with different kinds of word play that we have fun with:

- a \_\_\_\_\_ word shrinks a word making it easier to say; *airplane = plane*
- word that is spelled the same backwards and forwards; *kayak*
- series of words with the same starting sound; *big bad boy*
- words with the same letters, but moved around; *cat - act*
- words that resemble the sound they are talking about; *whiz, bang*
- set of “opposite” words; *jumbo shrimp, small crowd*
- swapping of letters or syllables in words;  
*bunny rabbit = runny babbit*
- a tongue \_\_\_\_\_ puts together words that are hard to say in a row;  
*Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers*
- an exaggerated statement; *I died laughing*
- putting two words together to make a new word; *squeeze + crunch = scrunch*
- words that have the same ending sound; *very cherry*
- a humor-filled story or trick; *knock, knock!*
- giving human-like abilities to something non-human;  
*the wind howled, time marches on*
- a word named after a real person; *teddy bear* (Theodore Roosevelt)
- a clever question that needs thought to be answered; *What loses its head each morning, and gets it back in the evening? A pillow!*

I have a bill in my bill to pay my bill.

ZZZZ BUZZ

rhyme

alliteration

eponym

palindrome

twister

clipped

joke

anagram

portmanteau

riddle

hyperbole

oxymoron

Match each expression to its meaning:

- man of few words
- man of his word
- get the word
- play on words
- mum is the word

A. receive the message  
B. to use words with more than one meaning in a joke  
C. to keep quiet, secret  
D. keeps his promise  
E. doesn't talk very much

Dear Forest,

At the picnic today, a fast *pitch* from the baseball *pitcher* broke a *pitcher*, and the pieces flew into a warm *pitch* patch that sealed a hole in the walkway! A bowl of *squash* skidded off the table and *squashed* tomatoes in a basket. After I clean the mess and the *rest* I will need a *rest*!

And so I *seal* my letter with a *seal* to send to you!  
P.S. Follow the numbers to see it.

Your Pal,  
Squeak

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

## Word Ex-Change!

You can make a play on words just by exchanging letters in words. After you finish the activity below, try to write one of your own and share it with a friend.

- Change the “sn” to “tr” and see the “goo”. snail
- Add an “n” to this word and you’ll know what the cow said and what she jumped over. moo
- Change the first letter to “b” and you’ll know what happened to my car. fender
- Change the “k” to “t” and you’ll see what a dog gave me as I was riding by. bike
- Change the “ch” to “cl” and it will close your snack bag. chip

## Too Hot to Hoot!

A **palindrome** is a word that can be read forward and backward. Sometimes a person thinks up a sentence that can be read forward and backward too! **Read these words and sentences, then find them in the puzzle!**

mom noon  
dad deed level sees  
pop peep racecar kayak  
did toot madam radar  
eve  
dud  
nun  
eye  
bob  
tot

Step on no pets.  
Was it a rat I saw?  
No lemon, no melon.  
Too hot to hoot!

Whew!  
It really is.

T	G	R	M	A	D	A	M	Y	X	U	C	X	W	D	E	E	D	F	I	G	F	P	N	T	S
T	O	O	H	O	T	T	O	H	O	O	T	V	L	J	S	W	K	W	F	H	R	L	O	O	P
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U	K	B	A	B	T	S	I	K	A	Y	A	K	O	N	O	B	W	A	A	D	D	E	N	T	E
P	R	E	O	S	F	W	P	H	Y	E	R	A	C	E	C	A	R	J	N	A	A	V	N	D	P
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**Apple**

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**Apple** is a beautiful calico kitten. At just three weeks old, Apple wound up at a local shelter with her three siblings. A Kitten Rescue foster parent picked them up and brought them



**Coconut**

home. Because Apple was a bottle baby, she loves people. She is fun, outgoing and very social. She plays and wrestles hard but when it is time for a nap, Apple is the first one to curl up into her foster mom’s lap. Apple is very young and will adapt quickly to a new home. She must be adopted with one of her siblings: Coconut, Cherry or Rhubarb. Adoptions are still happening in this time of social distancing! Ask about our no-contact adoption process.

**Coconut** is a sweet boy with loads of personality. As a former bottle baby, Coconut loves people. He is extremely outgoing, playful and silly. He loves to run around and play with his siblings. He is also brave and



**Cherry**

adventurous. At his young age, Coconut will adjust quickly to a new home with one of his siblings: Apple, Cherry or Rhubarb.

**Cherry** is a sweet, silly, fun girl. She has lots of kitten energy and loves to play. As most bottle babies are, Cherry is extremely friendly and outgoing. She will come right up to say hi when you enter the room. She loves to be held, to cuddle in your lap and purr. Cherry is ready to find a new home with one of her siblings: Apple, Coconut or Rhubarb.



**Rhubarb**

**Rhubarb** adores people. This little sweet-heart loves to snuggle and purr. If you are petting him or cuddling him, Rhubarb turns up the purr volume to extra loud! He is very playful, loves to chase and wrestle with his siblings, or run after toys. At just 8 weeks old, Rhubarb will easily adapt to a new home; he must be adopted with one of his siblings: Apple, Cherry or Coconut.

**Bobbie** and **Smudge** are two adorable bachelors looking for love. They are ready to move into your place together to keep you company and entertain you! These boys love to play, but even more they love to get pets and snuggle. Bobbie is a little shy at



**Bobbie**

first but warms up with just a few pets. His brother, Smudge is the super outgoing and brave one. They get along great with other cats and would probably be okay with dogs. Bobbie and Smudge will be a great addition to your family.

**Casey** is an amazing little bundle of joy. He loves to be caressed and kissed. As he prances around, Casey looks at you lovingly, seeking attention and affection. He is looking for parents who can spoil him beyond his wildest dreams. Casey wants a home that will also adopt his sister, Emily, who is very bonded with her brother. They are super special kitties who deserve the best in life.

**Emily** is a dream. A sweet, loving little soul, she relishes in being the center of attention. Emily loves to help you while you are working on the computer. She is a wonderful assistant and provides all the support you will ever need. Emily is looking for a home that is as special as she is, along with her equally special brother, Casey. This adorable charmer will melt your heart.

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Smudge



**Casey**

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Emily

### City Council

best-case scenario, Los Angeles County and the governor would remove some restrictions starting this month. Local commerce and some workplaces could reopen for business by early summer, though Lillio envisions a slow restart. “Very slow, nowhere near normal activity,” the finance director said. Fire Chief Chris Donovan, who gave a COVID-19 update to the council, likened the restart to turning a dimmer switch.

The longer it takes for the virus to peak, the more money El Segundo will lose, the finance director said. El Segundo stands to miss out on \$15 million in business taxes and fees if Los Angeles County extends restrictions on business and travel until October. The economic damage would exceed \$16 million and hurt the General Fund into 2021 if the virus peaks in December and the reopening of the economy is delayed until January. “With each scenario, the level of necessary off-setting budget appropriation reductions, position reductions, and service impacts becomes more pronounced,” Lillio wrote.

The local economy was booming right before the pandemic, and business activity was so strong the General Fund was flush

with an extra \$4 million. The virus began to spread during February, and it interrupted the surge in tax receipts for El Segundo. The downturn was quick, erasing the \$4 million surplus. Coupled with those millions in taxes and fees lost in just two months, Lillio figures the early economic damage to El Segundo city government reached \$14 million.

Cuts could go even deeper, depending on the speed of economic recovery. In the meantime, El Segundo plans to reduce some maintenance and city operations. The city will defer capital-improvement projects at the Teen Center, Acacia Park, and not replace the windows at City Hall for at least another year. The Fitness Trail at Memory Park goes on the back burner, too. The city also plans to transfer \$3.4 million left over from last year’s budget to the General Fund, but it’s a one-time contribution that won’t be available again.

Councilman Lance Giroux suggested the capital-improvement money be spent now when construction costs are lower. That money could be an economic stimulus for local suppliers and businesses, including restaurants and retail stores. The city would save by delaying design work, and construction could

be an economic stimulus for El Segundo. He asked the finance director to reconsider deferring maintenance - which also increases the cost later - and instead, going ahead with the \$300,000 replacement of fiber vault lids.

The planned upgrade at The Plunge isn’t among the deferred projects in the mix, however, as the city has received proposals from several design firms. Interviews will take place in May, and a design team for the Aquatics Center remodel will be announced in June, according to Mark Watkins, the acting public works director. Ken Berkman left in April to work as the public works director for Burbank. His last day was April 8.

Before the coronavirus emergency was declared, El Segundo’s economy was booming and the city’s General Fund was flush. While a midyear budget review is usually a time to make small adjustments to the annual budget, Lillio and City Manager Scott Mitnick delivered to the council a major revision of the city’s balanced budget, which was approved in September. The midyear review kicks on the budget-planning process for 2010-21, which could involve a significant reorganization of the city government.

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The revised budget document hinted that more draconian measures should be necessary later this year if the coronavirus returns as expected for a second wave. Another possibility is the virus continues to spread throughout the summer. The city has contingency plans for dealing with a second wave and a deepening local recession.

A transportation project slated for the Park Vista senior-housing complex also may need to be delayed. Job openings within the city will be reviewed every other week to determine which positions to retain or remove in the budget-recovery process.

The city manager briefed the council about what the finance and human resource departments are doing to get ahead in case the local economy doesn’t restart soon or stalls because people aren’t ready to resume their normal activities. Some options for further cost- and staff reductions could include layoffs and elimination city positions, a two-week holiday staff furloughs during December or voluntary reduced hours if employees request it. Mitnick said that while midyear budget adjustments are routine, cities haven’t been forced to make deep cuts this quickly since the Great Recession during 2007-08. •



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