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## Mychal's Learning Place Supports Frontline Workers



Michael's Learning Place has given away over 6,000 cookies to frontline responders. El Segundo Police Department enjoys the treats. For story see page 3. Photo courtesy Michael's Learning Place.

## Retail, Dining May Move Outside

By Rob McCarthy

Merchants and restaurants bursting at the seams to reopen after a 65-day shutdown received a promise Tuesday night that El Segundo is willing to relax longstanding rules against conducting business outdoors. As proof that no suggestion is off the table, city officials said they could close downtown streets to allow open-air dining if that's what restaurants need to stay in business and meet strict new occupancy limits.

The City Council is open to suggestions from owners of shops, salons and eateries, who have been confined inside four walls in the past. The extraordinary circumstances created by the coronavirus pandemic convinced El Segundo officials to go outside the norm and allow sidewalk signs and browsing, parking-lot sales and even outdoor dining in public right-of-ways, including Main Street and parking lots. The messages that came through Tuesday were that businesses could expect new freedoms to operate as they see fit to rebound from widespread closures. And, while the city can block downtown streets for restaurants and bar seating, the business recovery plan is all about removing the barriers once the order comes that it's safe to go out in public again.

Each council member and the city manager gave full-throated promises on Tuesday night that the business community can expect flexibility and support when the lockdown order is lifted. That could come as early as July 4, though El Segundo will lobby county and state officials to allow South Bay cities some latitude for an early start date. El Segundo currently has three positive COVID-19 cases and could reach zero by June 1.

Restaurants expect Los Angeles County

to limit indoor occupancy by 75 percent when table service is allowed again. Salons and retail stores will also be forced to limit the number of customers who can be inside at one time. The social-distancing rules for businesses will be part of the Phase 3 reopening, as new cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations steadily decline and don't return to the alarming levels the county saw starting in early March. It now appears Phase 3 and dine-in restaurant service could return by July 4, and an Independence Day reopening could come with new freedoms.

Restaurants, which run on tight profit margins, will be hard pressed to survive the current pandemic, Councilman Scott Nicol said Tuesday. He, along with the rest of the

council members, favored a plan to close streets, alleyways and parking lots so food establishments and service businesses can expand outdoors where more people can shop and congregate safely. A business won't look the same when the all-clear order comes down from Los Angeles County to reopen.

Councilman Lance Giroux said, "we are not sitting idly by" waiting for the county. "We are coming up with as many contingencies and options as we can to help businesses," he said Tuesday. When the governor's requirements for shifting into Phase 3 have been met, El Segundo wants the pump primed and all businesses throughout the city ready to turn the key and reopen the next day.

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## El Segundo Entrepreneurs Simplify Baby-Feeding

El Segundo residents Brandon and Lauren Stuart are co-founders of the innovative bokee bottle-feeding accessory product, which allows a parent to hold a young child or multi-task while quickly filling a bottle or sippy cup. Not quite hands-free bottle prep, but a definite, innovative step in the right direction.

The Stuart's are proud parents of 3 1/2-year-old twins, Owen and Elodie, who were born prematurely, at 32 months. After the birth of the children, the family decided that what was best for the Stuart family was for Lauren to not return to her job at Google, where she presided over sales strategies and did research on

the "entertainment side of things," and become a stay-at-home Mom.

Brandon, who has a background working as a creative director and marketer, said he is always brainstorming ideas to make an existing product or idea better. Said Lauren: "Ever since I have known him (they started dating in 2007), he almost has... too many ideas."

Brandon said that, while participating in the bottle-prep and feeding process for his young twins, he thought that "there has to be a better way to facilitate a process that young parents might be doing ten times a day."

**See Stuarts, page 5**

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly  
Sunny  
74°/61°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
71°/59°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
73°/61°





# Obituaries

## James Edward Whitney

James Edward Whitney, age 76, passed away May 7, 2020 at his home in Orem, Utah. He married Nancy Wilburn December 4, 1964.

Jim worked in the field of finance for 45 years. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His testimony of the gospel sustained him through the difficult time of his extended illness. Private family service was held



May 16 in Moapa Valley, Nevada. Jim was interred at St. Thomas Pioneer Cemetery.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy, sons Mike (Karen) of El Segundo, CA, Matt (Karren) Layton, UT, John (Heather) Lomita, CA, and daughter Chrisi Hammer (Matt) Provo, UT, 16 grandchildren who called him P-Pa, his brother Mike (Mary Lou) Overton, NV, and sister Mary Beth Leavitt (Terry) Cedar, City, UT. •

# Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

My son is “graduating” from high school this year and I’m still not sure what his college is going to do. He seems to be taking it in stride, but I fear he is missing out on one of the best times in life, and it makes me very sad. We’ve tried celebrating in other ways, but it’s not the same. Is there any bright side to this?

– Disappointed, El Segundo

Dear Disappointed,

I’m not one of those people who believe that everything happens for a reason, that there is always a silver lining, or that thinking positively will get you through anything. You’re talking about a sweet spot that only comes around once in a lifetime. For many, the last few weeks of school are a golden age when plans are discussed with a sense of optimism that a bright future lies ahead. The cap and gown, the proud walk across the stage, the joyful gathering with loved ones. It’s a ritual that marks the transition from childhood to something more (I’m not going to say “adulthood” because I’m not sure any of us ever actually get there. Take note, kids.).

You know, of course, that not everything turns out as planned. You know, of course, that life isn’t always fair. That game you practiced so hard for might have been lost on last minute bad luck. Most of us have grown up thinking that life is a story with a Mad-Libian arc: Go to college at \_\_\_\_\_. Get a job at \_\_\_\_\_. Get a promotion. Buy a home in \_\_\_\_\_. Have \_\_\_\_\_ kids. Setbacks happen, sure, but we just dust ourselves off and get back on track.

What if what is happening now is cold

hard evidence that in fact life is not a story at all? What if there is no “track” to get on, or if the track is really just a fast-moving treadmill we’re all terrified to jump off?

What if it becomes socially acceptable to have a day where you don’t “produce” or “accomplish” anything at all? What if you could truly live your life one day at a time? What if this is a freedom from expectations that was unavailable to previous generations? What if instead of getting a quizzical look when you say you’re rethinking everything, people say, “Yeah, I get it”?

If you don’t buy this view, don’t try to sell it to your son. But if you think that maybe he might benefit from an opportunity to set aside certain expectations in exchange for increased freedom, then maybe that’s worth a conversation.

The underside of great uncertainty is great possibility. I wouldn’t call that a bright side or a silver lining. But it ain’t nothin’.

*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, May 11th

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1445 hours from the 800 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Taken was a 2019 Mercedes GLC.

One male adult was arrested at 1642 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for grand theft auto.

One male adult was arrested at 1642 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for possession of a controlled substance

A grand theft report was taken at 1946 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s dog.

An online identity theft report was taken at 0335 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) fraudulently filed a tax return in the victim’s name.

A grand theft report was taken at 0350 hours from the 1200 block of East Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s catalytic converter from his vehicle.

## Tuesday, May 12th

A stolen vehicle was recovered at 0925 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Recovered was a 1995 Honda Civic stolen out of Gardena PD on 05/09/20.

A petty theft report was taken at 1006 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole four propane tanks from the victim’s property.

A grand theft report was taken at 1846 hours from the 100 block of Whiting Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s catalytic converter from his vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1940 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for possession of a switchblade knife, one RBPB misdemeanor warrant and one LASD misdemeanor warrant.

A felony reckless driving report was taken at 1717 hours from the 100 block of West Imperial Avenue.

A male adult was arrested at 2315 hours from the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue for possession of nitrous oxide.

One male juvenile was detained at 0427 hours from the 600 block of Lomita Street for grand theft auto.

## Wednesday, May 13th

One male adult was arrested at 0609 hours from Imperial Avenue and McCarthy Court for driving a stolen vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 0711 hours from the 100 block of East Grand Avenue for felony vandalism and possession of vandalism tools.

A grand theft report was taken at 0835 hours from the 600 block of Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from the victim’s vehicle.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0929 hours from the 700 block of Lomita Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim’s locked vehicle and stole miscellaneous property.

An identity theft report was taken at 1219

hours from the 800 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) made fraudulent charges to the victim’s credit card.

One female adult was arrested at 1241 hours from the 200 block of West Grand Avenue for public intoxication.

A burglary report was taken at 1234 hours from the 700 block of Sierra Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim’s unlocked vehicle and stole her property.

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 1258 hours from the 700 block of Sierra Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim’s vehicle and ransacked it.

An identity theft report was taken at 1444 hours from the 700 block of Lomita Street. Unknown suspect(s) fraudulently opened credit card accounts and made purchases in the victim’s name.

One male adult was arrested at 1644 hours from the 500 block of California Street for public intoxication.

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1826 hours from Maple Avenue and Nash Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One female adult was arrested at 1949 hours from Maple Avenue and Nash Street for felony DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 1941 hours from Maple Avenue and Nash Street for felony vandalism and resisting arrest.

An online petty theft report was taken at 2038 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. A package was stolen from the mail room

An online report was taken at 2129 hours from the 700 block of Indiana Court. A package was stolen from the mail room.

One male adult was arrested at 0211 hours from Douglas Street and El Segundo Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI/DRUGS.

## Thursday, May 14th

A grand theft report was taken at 1043 hours from the 500 block of Indiana Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from the victim’s vehicle.

A petty theft report was taken at 1732 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect stole the victim’s bicycle.

One male adult was arrested at 2004 hours from the 100 block of West Imperial Avenue for driving a stolen vehicle and an outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant.

Two male adults were arrested at 0054 hours from Bell Street and Rosecrans Avenue for possession of a stolen vehicle, identity theft, and GTA.

One female adult was arrested at 0054 hours from Bell Street and Rosecrans Avenue for identity theft and possession of a controlled substance.

One male adult was cited and released at 0323 hours from Mariposa Avenue & Loma Vista Street for driving with a suspended driver license and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

One female adult was cited and released at

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## When Community Counts

We want to serve the community the best way we possibly can. As we always do, we want to bring some positivity and light to what we all are going through. You can help.

Please send us photos of what you are doing as individuals, families or businesses, while staying home and sheltering in place. Write a brief paragraph of the strength and pride of your community, a happy memory or of a good deed that you’ve witnessed. I’m sure there are plenty.

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Enjoy the day with your family and friends.



# Mychal’s Learning Place Gives Back to Frontline Workers

Mychal’s Learning Place, a 501(c) 3 non-profit dedicated to optimizing the potential of youth and young adults with developmental disabilities, has been finding ways to give back to our community during these unprecedented times. Emmanuel, one of our part-time bakers, and Jeanne, one of our stellar volunteers, have taken over our Mykie’s kitchen! They, along with several awesome volunteers, have been hard at work to ensure that our frontline workers know that they are appreciated.

Throughout these past few weeks, we have seen how this global epidemic can change daily routines and social norms. The beauty of it is many of us have banded together to make sure that we are still taking care

of each other in the ways that we can. We, at Mychal’s, are making sure that we are thanking, and will continue to thank all of the people who are putting their lives at risk for us every day. To date, we have given away over 6,000 cookies. We are working with the Simms Group through a donation of 500 cookies a week to go with their meals to our frontline workers.

We appreciate all of our essential workers: nurses, doctors, emergency services personnel, and our police officers, just to name a few. If you would like to donate in honor of frontline workers, please email [info@mychals.org](mailto:info@mychals.org) for more information.

– Provided by Mychal’s Learning Place •



Emmanuel and Jeanne working hard in the kitchen



Torrance Memorial Medical Center



Overlook Hospital in New Jersey

School

Spotlight

## Jonny Felker Reaching His Goals

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo high school class of 2020 is just a few weeks from graduating. I’ve had the opportunity to meet some of the class’ top students and athletes. Jonny Felker is not only one of his class’ top students scholastically but a standout runner on the cross country team and is an Eagle Scout.

Jonny is one of those extraordinary individuals who have leadership qualities to go along with a strong work ethic to achieve his goals. He has had tremendous success in the classroom and is helped motivated by his desire to be the best he can be. During this time of on-line classroom learning he says, “Staying current with all of my classes is really tough. It’s harder to focus at home, so homework takes longer than it should. You just have to force yourself to not be distracted until whatever assignment is finished.”

Naturally Jonny misses his friends as on-line schooling prevails and says, “It’s weird from seeing your friends everyday, then going immediately to not seeing them at all. So, I miss seeing all the people I went to classes with.” He says he stays in touch with social media outlets and the old fashioned way, the telephone.

Jonny’s success in the classroom has translated into one of the tops in his class. He has a 4.5 GPA with three AP classes that has made it a challenge. During the week of finals he found it necessary to block out all distractions to concentrate. He says that his favorite class this year is, “Biomed with Mrs. Tucker. It’s easily my less stressful class. I had a really good table of classmates which makes it that much better.”

With Jonny’s leadership skills, personality

and his high standing in his class he was selected as an OSS cabin leader. He was in charge of 11 sixth graders for a week and admits at times it was a challenge. His brother Mathew was a camp leader as a junior and senior so he wanted to follow in his footsteps. “While we were up there, we were working basically the whole day. It



Jonny Felker heads to the University of Utah in the fall with his 4.5 GPA

was always super rewarding when they’d just say how cool I was out of nowhere.” It was an experience he says he’ll never forget.

With his grades Jonny could attend just about any University in the country. He will attend the University of Utah in the fall majoring in Biology. He says ultimately he’d like to be a doctor and has an interest in Anesthesiology. “I feel like I would be

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Jonny Felker saved his best for his last race. He bettered his 3200 meter time by 23 seconds.

### DEADLINES

**OBITUARIES:** Monday at noon.  
**CALENDAR ITEMS:** Monday at noon.  
**PEOPLE ITEMS:** Monday at noon.  
**CLASSIFIEDS:** Tuesday at noon.  
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## Police Reports

**Friday, May 15th**

0323 hours from Mariposa Avenue & Loma Vista Street for an open container violation.

A lost property report was taken at 0744 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Lost was a wallet.

A vandalism report was taken at 0856 hours from the 800 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle window.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 0904 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole tools from the victim's garage.

A found property report was taken at 1159 hours from the 200 block of Concord Street. Found was miscellaneous property of an unknown female that was sleeping in the laundry room at the location.

One male and one female adults were cited and released on 1647 hours from the 200 block of Main Street for possession of a stolen vehicle.

One female adult was detained at 2001 hours from North Douglas Street and East Mariposa Avenue and transported to Exodus Treatment Center for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

One male adult was arrested at 2203 hours

**Saturday, May 16th**

from North Pacific Coast Highway and East Walnut Avenue for misdemeanor DUI.

A vehicle tampering report was taken at 1829 hours from the 100 block of Lomita Street. Unknown suspect(s) put gum on the backup camera of the victim's vehicle.

One female adult was arrested at 1938 hours from the 100 block of Whiting Street for identity theft, possession of burglary tools, possession of stolen property, and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of LAXPD.

One male adult was arrested at 1938 hours from the 100 block of Whiting Street for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, and possession of stolen property.

An identity theft report was taken at 2127 hours from the 400 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) fraudulently transferred the victim's earnings to their own bank account.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at 0204 hours from the 200 block of Lomita Street. Recovered was a 2004 GMC Yukon stolen out of LASD on 05/09/2020.

A missing vehicle plates recovery report was taken at 0204 hours from 200 block of Lomita Street. •

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*See Answers Next Week*

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**Across**

1. Rocket launch area  
4. That too  
8. Sedan e.g.  
12. Most Egyptians  
15. Visited  
16. Think about  
17. Piece of paper  
18. Tortoise racer  
19. Better safe \_\_\_ sorry  
20. Natural necklace components  
22. Emotionless  
24. Practice  
25. Speech organs  
27. Walked in a regiment  
29. When said three times, a real estate mantra  
33. Slangy refusal  
34. Enthusiastic  
35. 20-20, e.g.  
37. Family girl  
41. Old soldier  
42. Santa's people  
44. Caterwaul  
45. Spots  
48. Small group of believers  
49. Brogue, e.g.  
50. Watery film  
52. Highest points of buildings  
54. Depicts

58. Duty  
59. Geological time span  
60. Illicit stimulant, for short  
62. \_\_\_ than life  
66. A handful  
68. Province  
70. Bob and \_\_\_ (boxing technique)  
71. Result of a brainstorming session  
72. High  
73. Parts of shoes  
74. Parrot's pad  
75. Ballyhoo  
76. "A Bug's Life" character

**Down**

1. Quarterback's option  
2. Part of the foot  
3. Summon the courage  
4. It may be volcanic  
5. Part of the meat  
6. Red Cross supply  
7. Kind of army or show, 2 words  
8. Appear  
9. "Yeah"  
10. Taunt  
11. Confessed, with "up"  
13. Romantic song  
14. Share equally

21. Resentment  
23. Fiber health food  
26. Agronomists' study  
28. Taoist energy  
29. Hot rock  
30. Concluded  
31. Quote a source  
32. "Well, I \_\_\_!"  
36. Interior design  
38. Sound rebound  
39. Soybeans or sorghum  
40. Holes in needles  
43. Happy hour perch  
46. Go on to say  
47. Appear to be  
49. Old record player  
51. Christmas decoration  
53. Imperfections  
54. Amber, essentially  
55. Gradually break down  
56. Nominates  
57. Leave the straight and narrow  
61. Give assistance to  
63. Big bash  
64. 20-20, e.g.  
65. What's left  
67. Polish off  
69. Abbey beer

**Last Week's Answers**

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	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
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**SUDOKU Medium**

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			1	7	8	3		

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.



Stuarts

from front page

So, he and friend Andrew Doan, who were, said Lauren, attending a bachelor party at the time, powwowed. Sure, why not, what else would you do at a bachelor party other than to brainstorm ideas about seamlessly securing baby bottles?

Doan, works in the tech industry, in Northern California with wife Nicole and children, said teaming with the Stuarts to develop the bokee has been a process he relishes, citing a “fantastic collaboration. My relationship with the Stuart’s has been an incredible journey of playing-up our strengths,” he said. “My family’s technical depth married with the Stuart’s brand and storytelling.”

Doan’s second child was born on the same August day that the Stuart twins arrived, and he was going through many of the same child-rearing tribulations as Stuart was. Doan’s background is in engineering and

the unique charms of El Segundo. Asked what brought them to settle in El Segundo, Brandon said that, other than the family connection, he had lived in different locales in the Los Angeles area, and that “this is the only place that feels like a community, and is a great place to raise a family.”

Brandon, who is from Santa Clarita, currently works as an executive creative director for a San Diego company, mostly telecommuting from home or working at the local Uinta office-sharing building. He has also had stints working for DreamWorks and E! Entertainment.

A couple of his other brainstorms have recently become a reality. He has launched two ventures, including a tech reservation platform that is relevant now with the advent of necessary social-distancing, and a dog-food subscription service.



Elodie, Lauren, Brandon and Owen Stuart

was a childhood friend of Stuart’s youngest brother Brady, who lives in El Segundo and works as an assistant equipment manager for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The two fathers pooled their collective entrepreneurial thoughts, and the bokee prototype was developed, with Lauren being chief prototype tester.

Here is how the product works: First, push the bokee down on a smooth and dry countertop. It then suctions to the tabletop surface. Then, you place the bottle or sippy cup into the bokee, and apply gentle pressure as you loosen or tighten the bottle as needed. A substantial upgrade tool in the way youngsters have been fed since the first baby bottle was invented in 1841. And if you do not happen to have children who necessitate bottle-feeding or sippy cups, Lauren said the bokee makes a perfect beer can or beer bottle holder. So, there is that option.

The bokee hit the market in late September of 2019 and was recently recognized by the Junior Products Membership Association (JPMA), which touts innovative baby and children’s products, as the 2020 “best product under \$25.” Brandon said he was overwhelmed by the JPMA selection, saying that it was “one of the top-three moments for us, because we are such a small team.” He said the co-founders “raised a celebratory glass,” though it has not been discerned if they secured the glass in a bokee prior to the start of the celebration.

The Stuart’s have lived in El Segundo for eight years. Brandon’s sister Taryn has been a resident of Candy Cane Lane for more than a decade, which is how he came to know

Lauren, a University of Texas graduate, moved to the Los Angeles area near her brother, who had suffered the loss of his best friend who had suddenly died. Brandon and Lauren were married in 2012.

Lauren wears many hats in the business as the brand gets established in the marketplace. She works on brand partnerships, manages social media engagement sites, handles advertising, customer service, and even ships the product out to customers.

She said that while she “always wanted to be a stay-at-home Mom,” returning to the workforce has been “refreshing,” allowing her to utilize her sales and marketing skills without leaving the house. Working on the product launch, “reminded me that I was smart,” she said.

“I am so thankful,” she said, noting how she can utilize her entrepreneurial skills while being constantly present for her children during their formative years.

The Stuarts have invested their own money in the product and may look down the road at expanding the potential uses of the bokee. Lauren said that she had been contacted by people in the occupational therapy field who see applications for the bokee for stroke victims, people with arthritis, and those living with impacted motor functions. She said that the first production run of the product contained some flaws which did not allow them to go straight to the marketplace, so the Stuart’s donated more than 500 units to the Amputee Coalition.

Said Lauren of the bokee venture, “If we make money, great, but we want to (just) help people, help parents.” •

Entertainment

Film Review

Like Unexpected Plot Twists? Then You’ll Love *The Painter and the Thief*

**Morgan Rojas for cinemacy.com**

Czech naturalist painter Barbora Kysilkova has a distinct circle tattoo between her shoulder blades; it’s a foreshadowing that shows that the truth is oftentimes much stranger than fiction.

Executive produced by famed documentarian Morgan Neville (*Won’t You Be My Neighbor*, *20 Feet From Stardom*) and released by NEON (*Parasite*, *Portrait of a Lady on Fire*), *The Painter and the Thief*



*The Painter and the Thief*, courtesy of NEON.

After tracking down Karl-Bertil Nordland—the man who stole two beloved oil paintings from her exhibition in an Oslo art gallery—Barbora asks if she can paint his portrait. Troubled, yet determined to make amends, Karl-Bertil agrees and becomes Barbora’s muse, sparking a platonic love no one expected.

Directed by Benjamin Ree, *The Painter and the Thief* is a humble documentary that tells a story of not just solving a mystery, but the evolution of compassion and humankind. There is no reliance on a show-stopping score or narration; Ree and his camera act as a fly on the wall, intimately capturing these moments in a charming, home video-like fashion. By shifting perspectives throughout the film, the painter—Kysilkova—and the thief—Nordland—each have an equal opportunity to share their story from their point

of view.

already sits at 100% on Rotten Tomatoes at the time of this review.

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- 1/2 cup Italian seasoned panko bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves

Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat the oven to 400°F. Spread 1/2 cup sauce on the crust to within 1/4 inch of the edge. Arrange the chicken over the sauce. Drizzle with the remaining sauce. Arrange the mozzarella cheese over the chicken.
- **Step 2:** Stir the panko, Parmesan cheese and olive oil in a small bowl. Sprinkle the panko mixture on the pizza.
- **Step 3:** Place the pizza directly on the oven rack and bake for 12 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Sprinkle with the basil.

Recipe Tips

- **Tip 1:** Grilling your pizza is a great option when it's hot outside, and you can grill the chicken, too! Season and grill about 1 pound skinless boneless chicken breasts to make 2 cups sliced. Assemble the pizza as shown above. Heat the grill to medium. Place the pizza on the grill rack and close the lid. Grill for 10 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Sprinkle with the basil.
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**Beauty**



**Ebony**  
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home, they eat well, like attention and enjoy having you wave the string on a stick around. Woody and Buzzie’s ideal home would be a quieter one with someone who is patient and is ready to make a commitment to them, so they don’t lose their home again.  
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**Lola**

## City Council

Councilwoman Carol Pirsztuk said, “we want it to happen right away,” echoing the united response by all council members.  
Residents and the 60,000-plus people who work, dine and shop in the city during business hours can expect to see more outdoor tables for eating, clothing racks on sidewalks, parking-lot sales, and even commerce out the back doors and in alleyways. City Manager Mitnick can’t promise every business request for a variance will receive a yes. Still, he promised Tuesday that City Hall staff would make as many concessions as possible to remove the already tall climb ahead for El Segundo’s business recovery.  
“We’re going to creative, innovative and flexible,” Mitnick pledged as the council agreed to set aside longstanding rules against blocking pedestrian right-of-ways along Main Street with cafe tables, chairs, signboards and exterior displays. “We’ll see what we can do to make it happen for each owner,” he said, indicating that the variances and exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. The city promises to be lenient about special-use requests, fee and permit waivers, directional signs to sales and events, and putting out the welcome mat for ideas about bringing back the local economy.  
Open-air dining on the street won’t be without wine and alcohol service either. The

state Alcohol and Beverage Control agency is relaxing its rule about customers waiting for a table drinking outside the business to accommodate the type of changes El Segundo envisions as the first coronavirus wave begins to wane. The state and county closure orders made a distinction between essential businesses that have remained open and non-essential activities that had to shut down since mid-March. El Segundo considers every enterprise important and essential to its future well-being. “The city’s ability to survive right now is directly linked to the private sector’s ability to survive,” the city manager said, briefly touching on the tough budget, staffing, and service decisions that lie ahead for city leaders. Nearly \$14 million in business-related revenue the city had expected to collect in the second quarter of 2020 dried up because of the countywide shutdown orders. El Segundo was forced to revise its budget and freeze hiring to close the gap.  
As a cost-saving measure, the city will defer planned capital improvement projects except for the Acacia Park remodel. The new neighborhood playground is expected to cost \$800,000 to finish and should be completed by December. The council gave Acacia Park the green light after City Finance Director Joe Lillio reassured members that \$300,000 could be transferred from the city’s equipment-replacement fund to pay for construction. This

way, the city won’t dip into cash reserves, which may be needed for next year’s budget.  
The finance department’s original plan was to delay the park construction for another year. Councilman Giroux pushed back on deferring all capital improvements, saying that construction costs are lower because of the economic slowdown and that bringing crews into town would create a much-needed economic stimulus for local restaurants, retailers and building suppliers. Councilman Nicol abstained from voting because he recently sold a home near the park.  
Restrooms and the pool will be removed in the reconstruction, according to the plans approved last year. The recommendation to remove the kiddie pool dates back to April 2019, when the council asked city staff whether funding could be found to upgrade and keep the pool. The cost and upkeep convinced the council that it was feasible.  
The City Council closed the meeting with a moment of silence for fallen peace officers. Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed on May 15 each year. Other noteworthy actions and discussions at Tuesday’s meeting included:  
• Mayor Drew Boyles said he’s in favor of the county opening the beach bike path because cyclists already are using it. He and other South Bay mayors are asking Supervisor Janice Hahn’s office to get the bike-path

closure order lifted before the Memorial Day long weekend.  
• Police Chief Bill Whelan said the El Segundo beach patrol would be on duty starting this weekend. No incidents or violations of the county’s social-distancing order for active users of the beach and water were reported on the opening weekend, the chief said.  
• The dog parks are open again. Dog owners are asked to bring hand wipes and sanitizers. The skate park won’t reopen until Phase 3, which Los Angeles County just announced is set for July 4. There are no plans to issue the summer recreation program guide or offering camps or any summer programming for children. Meredith Petit, the director of the Recreation and Parks Department, estimates it would take 30-45 days to hire staff and ramp up the camps should the county give the order allowing small gatherings and children’s classes.  
• The Lakes golf course and driving range reopened and raised green fees and prices for buckets of driving-range balls. About 160 golfers hit the links per day for the reopening last weekend, and another 150 teed up on the practice range. The pro shop and restaurant remain closed.  
• The restrooms at the check-in building at Rec Park are open now that paddleball, tennis and pickleball courts are open again and taking reservations. •

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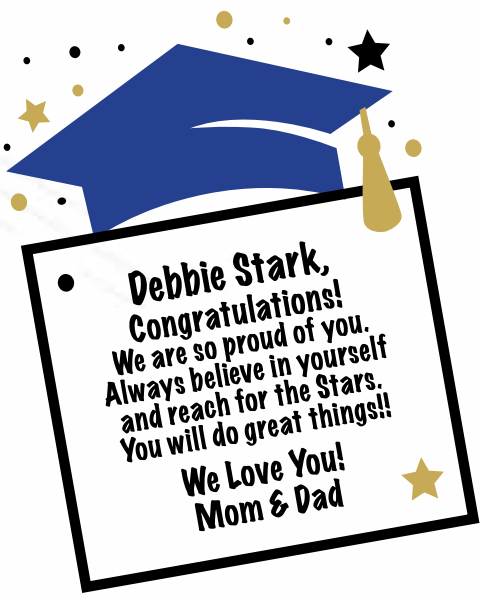
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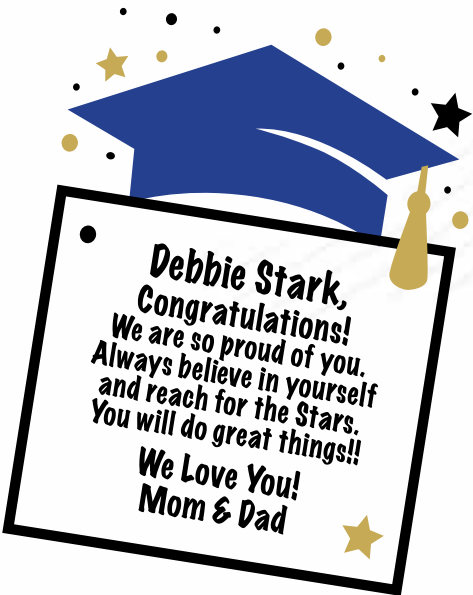
The School District has arranged to have every graduate's name and photo published in our June 11th issue

### FOR PARENTS

Parents can buy graduation caps (up to 30 words) for \$35



Sample ads



Text for caps must be emailed to [class@heraldpublications.com](mailto:class@heraldpublications.com) by May 26th.

### FOR BUSINESSES

Businesses interested in participating & offering congratulations, please email: [web@heraldpublications.com](mailto:web@heraldpublications.com). Space reserved by May 28th. Ad deadline is June 4th.

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