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Local Business Shows Support for the Pink Patch Project



Thank you Smoky Hollow Baking Co. for donating to the Pink Patch Project and providing amazing pink cupcakes. You sure know the way to our police officer's hearts. The Pink Patch Project was started as a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association and several public safety agencies throughout the nation. These agencies have partnered together to combat breast cancer by raising public awareness and to raise funds for breast cancer research and treatment. Photo courtesy El Segundo Police Department.

ESPD to Try Hawthorne Jail as Cost-Cutting Measure

By Rob McCarthy

People arrested in El Segundo will be booked in Hawthorne jail starting next month as part of a cost-cutting trial, Police Chief Bill Whalen said Tuesday. The exclusive use of the neighboring city's jail and staff expands on an arrangement the cities struck a year ago, mostly for weekend jail coverage. The limited, full-time use of Hawthorne's jail will last for five months, and it could become long term if both cities like the results.

That jail contract for El Segundo Police originated because of vacant positions within the department. Unfilled jail positions at ESPD will cover the additional cost to use Hawthorne's facility, under a modified contract the City Council approved Tuesday. El Segundo will pay \$12,000 for the Hawthorne Police Department to process, hold and feed an estimated 40 people per month who are transported to jail by El Segundo officers.

Chief Whalen said while it might seem out of the way, the Hawthorne holding facility is closer to Nash Street on the east side for his officers who detain and arrest suspects. Hawthorne charges El Segundo \$300 for every person booked and held.

Councilman Scot Nicol wondered if the expanded use of Hawthorne jail signaled a step by the El Segundo Police Department to close its jail and "get that off our budget."

Whalen replied that using the Hawthorne jail full time is a possibility. However, other options could be presented to the council when the issue is revisited in spring.

Once upon a time, celebrity Zsa Zsa Gabor spent a memorable weekend in the El Segundo Police Department jail, serving a short sentence for slapping a Beverly Hills police officer during a traffic stop. The former Hungarian beauty queen in 1990 chose El Segundo instead of allowing Los Angeles County officials to pick a jail for her minimum stay. Upon leaving, Gabor told reporters the staff

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El Segundo Rotary President Smith Guides the Nonprofit Through COVID-19

By Duane Plank

El Segundo resident Valerie Smith, mother of the current mayor of our fine city, Drew Boyles, and the El Segundo Rotary Club president has led an eclectic life. Raised in Winnetka, Illinois, just north of Chicago, she had worked for the Brunswick Bowling Corporation for more than a quarter-century, as well as selling real estate in Atlanta, Georgia, for nearly two decades.

She is a little more than three months into her tenure as the Rotary Club president. The Rotary International franchise, which has been around for longer than a century, and boasts more than 1.2 million members and 35,000+ clubs, is currently focusing on fundraising efforts to help eradicate

the scourge of polio, with October 24th christened as "World Polio Day."

Smith moved to El Segundo in 2014 and currently lives in the affordable confines of Park Vista, which is a stone's throw from the Little League baseball diamond at Rec Park.

After growing up in Winnetka, she eventually garnered a Liberal Arts degree from Chicago's DePaul University. "Winnetka was a great place to grow up," she said. "I went to a fabulous high school. I was very involved in musical productions, opera productions, singing with groups in the school, dancing, and won the election for President of the Girl's Club," which foreshadowed her leadership

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Cloudy
71°/61°



Saturday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
68°/60°



Sunday
AM Showers
65°/55°





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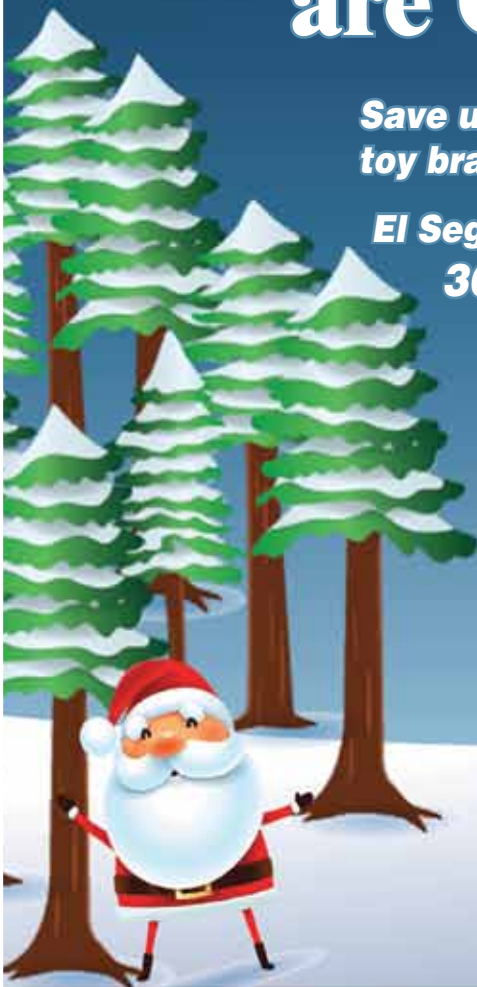
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Entertainment

Film Review

AFI FEST Goes Virtual With Exciting Films That You Can Stream Soon

Morgan and Ryan Rojas for cinemacy.com

Like most things, AFI FEST (presented by Audi) looks a little different this year. Instead of queuing up to see a film at the TCL Chinese Theater on Hollywood Blvd., or having the chance to see a filmmaker Q&A at the Egyptian Theater, Cinemacy and the rest of Los Angeles audience-goers are attending the festival online this year. But AFI FEST is still looking to promise the same cutting-edge festival experience, with world premieres, to video conference conversations with filmmakers and top talent, we're enjoying it all from the comfort of our couches. Below are a few early standouts from the festival, which will be available to stream and on VOD later this year and as films find distribution.

***The Sound of Metal* (130 min.)**

As a musician, the most important instrument you have is your hearing. *The Sound of Metal*, written and directed by Darius Marder and story by Derek Cianfrance (*Blue Valentine*), explores the emotional and physical unraveling of what it's like to lose your identity

beyond all control.

Riz Ahmed plays Ruben, a heavy metal drummer who unexpectedly starts to go deaf before playing a show with his bandmate and partner, Lou (Olivia Cooke).

Terrified and confused, Ruben learns that with only a 20% hearing capacity, his lifestyle as a touring musician is forced to stop. Ruben is stubborn to accept his new reality but throughout the course of the film, he begins to understand the beauty in the unknown.

The way in which director Darius Marder works with sound—the ringing of tinnitus, the strain of trying to understand the muffled conversations, and lead Riz Ahmed gives a phenomenal performance that will certainly be discussed come awards season.

'The Sound of Metal' is being distributed by Amazon Studios, and will be available to stream on Amazon Prime Video on December 4, 2020.

***76 Days* (93 min.)**

A new documentary, *76 Days*, captures the heart-pounding and heartbreaking moments inside the walls of Wuhan's hospitals during

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The Sound of Metal, 76 Days and Nine Days courtesy of AFI FEST.

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Police Reports

Monday, Oct 12th

One male adult was arrested at 0634 hours from Concord Street and Pine Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia

An identity theft report was taken at 1019 hours from the 800 block of Apollo Street. Unknown suspect(s) cashed fraudulent checks in the victim's name

A male juvenile was detained at 1109 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Nash Street and transported to Little Company of Mary Medical Center for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1143 hours from the 100 block of Loma Vista Street. Taken was a 2004 Jeep Wrangler.

An identity theft report was taken at 1226 hours from the 200 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) opened fraudulent accounts in the victim's business name.

An attempted vehicle theft report was taken at 1228 hours from the 700 block of California Street.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1408 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Taken was a 2009 Infiniti G36.

A found property report was taken at 1408 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. Drug paraphernalia was found and booked for destruction.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1749 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Grand Avenue, versus vehicle.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1930 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. A 2000 Honda Accord was taken.

Tuesday, Oct 13th

A grand theft report was taken at 1947 hours from the 200 block of Lomita Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's catalytic converter from his vehicle.

One female adult was arrested at 2153 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for petty theft.

Wednesday, Oct 14th

A petty theft report was taken at 0745 hours from the 1500 block of Elm Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole decorations from the victim's front yard.

A courtesy robbery report was taken at 0852 hours from the 500 block of North Nash Street.

Two male adults and one female adult were arrested at 1330 hours from the 700

block of West Mariposa Avenue for grand theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, petty theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, and two LASD misdemeanor warrants.

Thursday, Oct 15th

A dead body report was taken at 0715 hours from the 700 block of East Grand Avenue. A female adult passed away from natural causes.

A vandalism report was taken at 0831 hours from the 200 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) threw a bottle at the glass window causing it to shatter.

A courtesy forgery report was received at 1128 hours from the 800 block of North Pacific Coast Highway.

One female adult was arrested at 1213 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was detained at 1650 hours from the 200 block of North Douglas Street and transported to Exodus Westside Recovery Center for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

A petty theft report was taken at 1832 hours from the 100 block of North Pacific Coast Highway.

A traffic collision (with injuries) occurred at 2247 hours on Douglas Street and Mariposa Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

One female adult was arrested at 0027 hours on Aviation Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard for one outstanding probation violation felony warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0027 hours on Aviation Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard for one outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of LASD.

Friday, Oct 16th

A found property was taken at 1021 hours from Douglas Street and Park Place. Found was a black purse.

A male adult was detained at 1133 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway and was transported to Exodus Medical Center for 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

A grand theft report was taken at 1326 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Three suspect(s) took miscellaneous items from the store.

An attempt grand theft report was taken at 1430 hours from the 300 block of Virginia Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to take the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle.

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ABC Doc

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only possibly use this eastern border of El Segundo to store train cars and increase the blight along this stretch of Aviation Blvd.

There is a concerted local community effort to persuade the railroad to cooperate and find a way to transform the current blight and enable the proposed Bikeway/Greenway. Led by local community organizer Jessica Daugherty, to date, the community has held multiple meetings with over 300 people in attendance, gathered the support of local and regional politicians, local school districts, local businesses, and community organizations. Local students have taken on this project and have presented the project via Zoom meetings to the businesses, elected officials, and community organizations.

This project is a clear win for everyone involved. Del Aire residents would get a beautified view and a needed bike and walk path. El Segundo residents would get a City border that they can be proud of. The City of El Segundo will have a useful bike and walk path that adds value to local businesses such as the LA Times, Hackman Capital Partners, Northrop Grumman, and the Air Force Base. It would encourage economic investment. El Segundo businesses will receive increased traffic as families from Del Aire and Hollywood cycle to the Point, Pizza shops, and the beach from their homes. LA County Metro will be able to increase multi-modal transportation routes to its South Bay Metro stations. Cyclists finally get a much-needed

and overdue section of bike path. Students get safe routes to school. And BNSF can dispose of property that it does not use to enhance community relations. All of this at little to no cost to local residents.

This is the kicker- most projects come with a high cost. The federal and state governments value bike accessibility and have multiple funding streams for "Active Transportation" that the City of El Segundo can apply for. LA County Metro has similar funding available and has expressed extreme interest in this project as it can be part of their "First-Last-Mile" initiative that gets Metro riders to and from their stations in active transportation modes that do not involve cars. The County Department of Water and Power often funds the maintenance of such projects which could reduce and/or eliminate maintenance costs. No wonder everyone in Del Aire and Hollywood supports this proposal while the City of El Segundo benefits from the beautification of its eastern border.

The proposed Bikeway/Greenway represents an opportunity to achieve a regional win-win solution that scores in numerous ways. It presents a great way to leverage several outside funding sources – County, Metro, Federal, State – for creation of a beautiful recreational public path that also promises benefits to employees and travelers.










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Across

1. Baseball bat wood
4. Head of the manor
8. Bounce back
12. Takes off
14. In charge of
15. Spider's web e.g.
16. Some continental currency
18. Colorful festival
19. Rubic is one
20. They can be hot, cold or dry
22. Branch
24. Loud noise
25. Wolves down
27. Floor coverings
29. Originating
33. Date
34. Comparison word
35. Very unusual
37. Stinging insects
41. It has a canal
42. Head bone
44. "Nice!"
45. Plane controller
48. Deadly sin
49. Bud holder
50. Craps cube
52. Rendered less intense
54. File-drawer contents

58. Washer cycle
59. Amstel, e.g.
60. Bucks' mates
62. Bushes between yards
66. Half gainer, e.g.
68. Doodled, e.g.
70. Reef material
71. Flat
72. Penultimate word in fairy tales
73. Wipe out
74. Gardener's spring purchase
75. Refuse to accept
76. Sleeping need

Down

1. Many moons
2. Chicken noodle, for one
3. Roll call response
4. Star Trek captain's book
5. Horse course
6. Artifact
7. Serious stories
8. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
9. Unrefined
10. Sister's outfit
11. Starts
13. Glum
17. Bridge feat
21. Moves a muscle

23. Cold one
26. Wind
28. Princess' annoyance, in fable
29. Dance bit
30. Pad ____ (noodle dish)
31. English noble
32. Grumble like a hog
36. Santa's people
38. Go parasailing
39. Feign
40. Where you put your lawn-mower
43. Bloodstream fluid
46. Unmatching
47. Bound
49. Merchant
51. Undermined
53. Fragment
54. Grows faint
55. Martini fruit
56. Flood wall
57. Deliver, as a summons
61. Called, in poker
63. Catch
64. Calmness
65. Slider
67. Kind of user
69. Dryly amusing

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Police Reports

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A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1752 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

A found property report was taken at 2058 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Found was a pipe.

A vandalism report was taken at 2114 hours from the 300 block of Maryland Street.

One male adult was arrested at 2208 hours from the 600 block of East Imperial Avenue for suspicion of burglary.

A missing person report was taken at 0043 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. One female adult was reported missing.

Three male adults were arrested at 0500 hours from Grand Avenue and Main Street for suspicion of grand theft and conspiracy to commit crime.

Saturday, Oct 17th

A petty theft report was taken at 0811 hours from the 800 block of Douglas Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole a purse.

A petty theft report was taken at 1002 hours from the 600 block of Penn Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole miscellaneous items from the victim's unlocked vehicle.

An attempt burglary (auto) report was taken at 1117 hours from the 300 block of Bungalow Drive. Unknown suspect(s) ransacked three vehicles located in an attached carport.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1329 hours from the 900 block of Main Street. Taken was massage table from the victim's parking garage.

A petty theft report was taken at 1915 hours from the 2200 block of East Maple Avenue.

Sunday, Oct 18th

A found property report was taken at 0824 hours on Pacific Coast Highway and Palm Avenue. Found was a cell phone.

One male adult was arrested at 1018 hours from the 800 block of South Douglas Street for petty theft and giving false information to a peace officer.

One male adult was detained at 1343 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway and transported to MLK Exodus for a 72-hour psychological evaluation

One male adult was cited and released at 0107 hours from Loma Vista Street and Palm Avenue for one outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of TPD.

One male adult was arrested at 0325 from Holly Avenue and Main Street for one outstanding felony Probation warrant. •

Last Week's Answers

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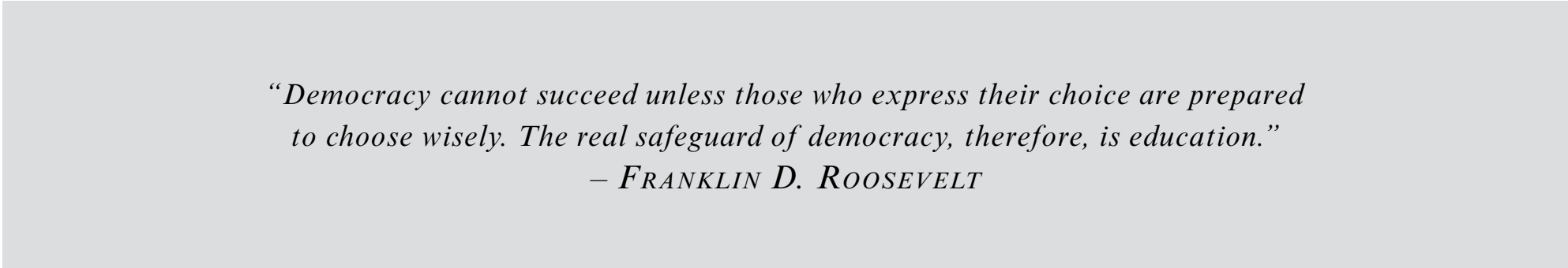
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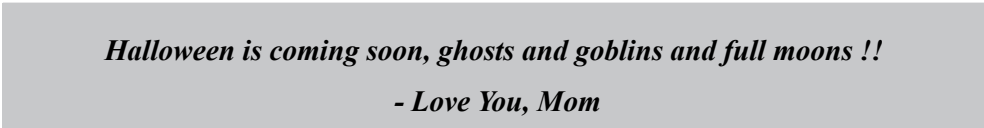
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: THERESA MARIE ALTENES AKA TERI M. ALTENES CASE NO. 20STPB08470
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANTONIO JUAN MENDEZ CASE NO. 20STPB07999
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANTONIO JUAN MENDEZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDREA C. BESTOW in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA C. BESTOW be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/17/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of

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City Council

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was nice, but she didn't like the food.

After the five-month trial period ends, Whalen and the city manager will evaluate any financial or staffing benefits to the city. The two leaders could recommend making the Hawthorne jail switch a long-term deal. Whalen said Tuesday city officials tasked him to find efficiencies - including cost savings - within the police department budget when he was hired in October 2017.

Because of bail reforms and COVID-19 precautions, fewer people are staying in California jails. Instead, people arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor crimes are being released on their promise to appear for trial. Defendants arrested for more serious crimes - including domestic violence or sex offenses - can be detained until their arraignment and trial under the new bail-reform system. "Very few people remain in jail. They are processed out," Whalen explained.

Voters will decide in the November 3 general election whether to uphold the state's bail reform law or replace it with something else. Proposition 25 is a referendum on Senate Bill 10, which the Legislature approved, but the law never took effect because the referendum qualified for the ballot. A "yes" vote upholds the current cashless bail reform, while a "no" would overturn the lawmakers and replace their bail reforms with another formula for deciding who is released from jail and who stays until they can post bond.

The fatigue felt by residents dealing with COVID-19 and 2020's new "normal" is real, Fire Chief Chris Donovan acknowledged during his regular report to the council. The epidemic has stretched to seven months. While he understands the frustration and impatience for the virus to be over, Donovan cautioned El Segundo residents not to let those emotions override good judgment. The city continues to make progress in slowing the spread of the novel virus, as evidenced by the latest Los Angeles County health department figures.

As of October 20, El Segundo has seven active cases of COVID-19, meaning people had tested positive and remained under a 14-day quarantine. The city has registered 139 confirmed cases and one death since the health emergency began in March. The city's case-positivity rate rose slightly since October 6, while actual case rates fell again.

El Segundo city officials learned Tuesday their request to Sacramento for a waiver to lift the city from the purple tier, where all of Los Angeles County is stuck, is being considered. The state's Department of Public Health is working on a response. However, a representative who spoke October 14 with the city's communications manager, Martha Guzman-Hurtado, didn't specify when an answer to El Segundo's request might come.

The City Council on September 10 sent a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom asking for some leniency from his guidelines for a safe reopening across California's counties. The governor chose a methodology that treats all cities and unincorporated areas within a county as a single group, making it impossible for El Segundo to be evaluated independently. El Segundo would move up two tiers, and the South Bay would jump one tier if their lower case numbers and test-positivity rates were taken into consideration.

City Attorney Mark Hensley reported that other cities and counties - including Torrance - are pushing the Newsom administration to rethink its one-size-fits-all test for measuring the risk of spreading the virus within communities. Cities and counties want Sacramento leaders to revise the rules for dealing with the extraordinary public crisis, which has closed public schools, spiked unemployment, and put the brakes on the economy. The recession forced El Segundo to trim nearly \$15 million from its budget.

In another COVID-19 development, the City Council endorsed Superintendent Melissa Moore and the school district as they try to reopen some lower grades for partial in-class school days. The school district plans to ask Los Angeles public health officials to allow kindergarten through second grades at Richmond and Center Street elementary schools to come back to campus on a limited basis. The district expects to file its petition by Monday and must wait three weeks for county officials to decide.

Under the school-reopening guidelines issued on September 29, Los Angeles County Public Health Department can issue 30 waivers per week to individual campuses for transitional kindergarten through second grade only. The earliest Richmond and Center Street students could return to campus is November 30, though it's possible the district will be waitlisted because the reopening rules favor schools with higher numbers of children receiving free lunches.

The superintendent expressed confidence the district can maintain a safe, healthy en-

vironment for everyone in the classroom, the office, and support staff. "We have successfully offered three weeks of summer day camp and six weeks of The Learning Connection (TLC) full daycare and distance learning support without a single case of COVID-19,"

Film Review

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their nation's response to the COVID-19 outbreak (the film's title accounts for the number of days when Wuhan first began lockdown in January to when the country re-opened seventy-six days later).

76 Days is mostly devoid of a formal narrative, instead following the many different moments that happen within the two hospitals during this chaotic time. From seeing the respiratory health scares, the medical team's exhausted states, and the inevitable deaths that begin to rise, *76 Days* captures the full spectrum of how the devastating virus actually cripples a country.

What makes *76 Days* so impactful is that there are no politics or punditry injected into the film, instead, only choosing to show incredibly-captured footage of Wuhan's medical teams working at breakneck speeds on the frontlines to treat at-risk patients and contain the virus.

Director Hao Wu, along with Weixi Chen and director left as anonymous, captures the relationships and heartfelt moments between the medical team and their patients, showing the best in humanity and what we're all collectively fighting for.

Nine Days (124 min.)

A highly conceptual film that's both spiritual and sci-fi, *Nine Days* is ultimately more

rewarding for the cerebrally-stirring questions that it asks the audience to think about after it's done rather than being an exciting watch in the moment.

The film begins ambiguously, with a mysteriously quiet and bespectacled man, Will (Winston Duke), observing a wall of old televisions—one stacked on top of the other—each playing through life moments from first-person POVs.

We learn as to why he pores over these life moments: (somehow) Will is directly responsible for choosing the souls that will begin a life on Earth, a gatekeeper or god-figure, however you choose to see it. And so, over nine days time, we see Will interview a collection of characters, asking them all a variety of life-affirming questions with searing intensity that give the film its conceptual identity.

Nine Days has a very interesting premise, but the film—directed by Edson Oda—doesn't give Will anything for him to grow or for us to invest in. Zazie Beetz is underutilized as Emma, a character interviewing for life on Earth, whose countered-openness and positivity challenges the cynically over-stoic Will into rethinking who should be granted life.

While the film is too slow-paced and loose for a great watching experience, *Nine Days* should be rewarded for being a daring and original film. •



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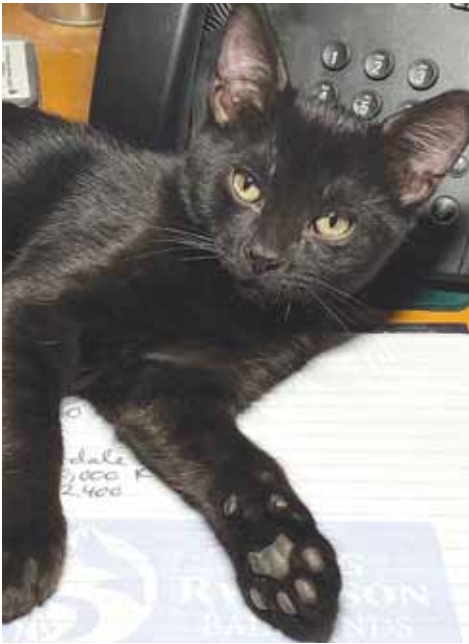
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Harry
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Harry is a black beauty with short length silky shiny fur. Smaller than his siblings, Harry may not grow into a large cat. He is happy sleeping next to you, in office chairs and on the cat tree. This terrific little guy purrs almost every time you pet him. When it's playtime, he will do this little attack and jump three times backwards. He is just a silly kitten. Harry needs a home with another kitten or cat to play with. His brother, Ron, and sister, Hermione, are up for adoption as well. The Cat Dancer toy is their absolute favorite toy, straws are second, followed by the laser pointer.

Ron is an adorable orange tabby kitten with medium length fluffy fur. With his big feet and long tail, he most likely will grow into a large cat. Ron is happy sleeping just about anywhere, including in your bed. He likes to be picked up and held as long as you are petting him. You can drape Ron around your neck and walk around with him. Ron is a vocal boy and needs a home with another kitten or cat to play with.

Lovely **Hermione** is a tortoiseshell kitten with short to medium length fluffy fur. She has a bit of pink in the middle of her black nose and tiny white bit at the end of her tail. Her



Hermione

tortie spunk and attitude (tortietude) make her independent most of the time. But at playtime, Hermione plays hard with her siblings, followed by a snuggle up to the humans on the couch. She needs a home with another kitten or young cat to play with. One of her brothers, Ron or Harry, would be an ideal match.

Tommy is an amazing, especially sweet, friendly, affectionate cat in the prime of life. He is curious yet calm, and very smart. Sadly, Tommy was orphaned when his owner passed away. Anyone lucky enough to make Tommy part of their family will be blessed with a loving and devoted companion. To Tommy, there is nothing better than following you from room to room. He is also quick to play, snuggle and purr when you pet him, chase toy mice, and sleep near his family. Occasionally, Tommy will even engage you in a good conversation, especially when it is time to get a treat. Tommy has beautiful markings with a unique black spot around his right eye. His right hip has two black spots in the shape of hearts. He is a lover! And then, there are his expressive, green eyes. They are gorgeous and shine with all the great warmth and love Tommy has to give.



Carly
Carly is sweetness personified. She is lovely and kind, soft and gentle. Carly is a doll anyway you look at it. She is also playful and spunky. Carly loves other cats, and she will need a kitty companion in her new home. No worries if you do not already have a young playful cat to be her bud, you can always adopt her with one of her friends or siblings. Carly will make a great addition to your loving home.



Tommy



Ron
All cats are unique, and **Izzy** is certainly his own cat. He loves pets and belly rubs and can be an engaging fellow. He enjoys playing with toys but is not overly active. Izzy will make a chirping sound when he purrs that lets you know that he is super content with the pets. Izzy has been known to have problems with using the litter box. This behavior is on and off, and we think that being in a home where he is an only cat might abate the behavior. We know it is a loooooong shot, but we hope someone will give this boy who loves the belly rubs, a chance. Izzy would love a home of this own.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. Temporarily, adoption events are suspended. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

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Ron

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Izzy
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Happy Tails

Our sweet almond-eyed Paige went to home to her forever family last week! She is as spunky as she is sweet, and we could not be happier for her.

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Congratulations to Paige and her new family.

President Smith

from front page

talents. Her road to receiving a college degree was circuitous, though. Initially, she attended DePauw University in Indiana. She said that it was “kind of my father’s choice, not mine. I didn’t fit in.” She bailed after a year-and-a-half and traveled to Spain, where she met her boyfriend at the time. Smith finally received her college degree in 1987 at the age of 41.

Although she was working her way up the corporate ranks at the iconic bowling business Brunswick Corporation, she had not been interested in pursuing a business degree. She said she found the Liberal Arts curriculum offered “so much more fun,” noting that she



Valerie Smith had “promised my Dad before he died, that I would finish college.”

The Brunswick Corporation has been around for more than a century and is based out of the Chicago area. Smith worked in multiple areas of the corporation, finally landing in the bowling center division, helping to operate about 250 bowling centers across the country. She called Brunswick “a second family to me.” Smith said that she was “never much into sports,” but was assigned to run a bowling center in Denton, Texas. “It was the toughest job that I ever had,” she said. She said she had not really bowled much but was told that, as a Midwestern gal, the Texas pin-busters would have little respect for her business decisions unless she upped her bowling game. So, she joined a local women’s league, a mixed league, and “actually got pretty good.”

Next on her travails was a move to Georgia. Moved there for “a man,” she said. While working for Brunswick as a purchasing agent, she was sent by her boss to Dalton, Georgia, “the carpet capital of the world,” to design carpet for company bowling centers. As luck would have it, she met a gentleman while she was in Georgia and decided to stay, garnering her real estate license, which she utilized for nearly two decades.

Business tailed-off real estate wise, so she explored an opportunity with the tax-filers H&R Block. “I am not a numbers person,” she said, “but I am a good interviewer and good asker of questions.” She has worked for H&R for two decades, calling it a “great part-time job, great for my mind,” she said, noting the continuing education classes that are required for a tax preparer to complete prior to each tax season.

A grandmother of five, Smith knew that she would be the victim of property-priced sticker shock when she relocated to El Segundo. She said that when she was living in the Peach State, her mortgage for a three-bedroom house was \$900. Good luck finding similarly priced digs here, right? But she had a plan and got on the residency list for the Park Vista senior housing complex and is happy residing there with their affordable rates.

When not Zooming Rotary meetings, Smith said she is looking for a convenient and comfortable venue to partake in ballroom dancing. She also swims regularly and peddles a bicycle.

Smith said that she had planned to get a California real estate license when she moved

here, but her son Drew prevailed upon her to manage, “for a few months,” his 1-800-Got-Junk franchise. Five-plus years later, she is still involved with the business, marketing primarily to Realtors. She is also affiliated with other off-shoot businesses (Hazawaytoday and You Move Me) that the entrepreneurial Boyles has started.

So how did a former bowling center operator and real-estate agent end up as the El Segundo Rotary Club president? Smith said she met a couple of affiliated ladies in Hawthorne and Drew suggested that she “check-out” the El Segundo Rotary Club, and she said it “really clicked for me. Fun people, great projects, I love the idea of the service that we are doing.” She became a Board member, then ascended to the Presidency in July of this year. “It is a great honor,” she said.

Smith said living and toiling in El Segundo reminds her of her Midwest upbringing, noting many move into the area for the high-quality school system. “People here are so willing to participate in things,” she said, noting an earlier Rotary program that was launched in the earliest stage of the pandemic to benefit seniors that garnered 175 volunteers in the community to serve their fellow citizens who were locked-down. “It really blew my mind,” Smith said, “that so many people in the community stepped up and said, “yeah, I want to do this.”

Local realtor Shiela Fowler considers herself a great friend of Smith’s. “Val and I originally met through the El Segundo Auxiliary of Children’s Hospital,” she said. “We quickly developed a friendship. One day while attending my Rotary Club meeting, I surprisingly saw Val. We laughed, and our friendship bond grew even closer. The real coincidence in our relationship is while I was celebrating my birthday on January 17th, she was in the hospital giving birth to her son, Drew! So, you can say, the three of us have a unique relationship.”

“Val and I truly respect each other,” Fowler continued. “We have conversations about our many travels and how we are so enriched by living in so many different states. I truly admire Val for her work ethic, whether it be supplementing her income or volunteering in our community.”

Said Smith’s friend Adele Bouett: “Val is an asset to El Segundo for the numerous philanthropic organizations she belongs to. She does this with a dedication one does not often find. I know that she puts so much thought and care into the meetings and members. Not to forget raising money and making sure the organizations are deserving and represent the consensus of the club.”

“When I first moved to El Segundo, she introduced me to so many people, and I decided there that if this was the quality of people in El Segundo, I want to live here. She is kind and thoughtful and always has a smile on her face. She also listens when you talk, which can be rare in these times. Val says what she means and means what she says. If she says, she will do something she does, not empty sayings in her book. She is a loyal friend. Last year I had some serious back surgery that was only supposed to have me in the hospital for a week. It did not go as planned, and I was there a month. She was there to visit and support my recovery. She would do things for me that I took for granted before, like going to the market, picking up meds, and trying to deal with the plethora of medical folks. She helped me with my dog: all the little and big things. I do not know how I would have come as far as I have without her help. She just showed up and did it.”

Like the rest of us, Smith is looking forward to the time when we can return to a sense of normalcy, have in-person meetings, and nurture social contacts. Until that time comes, Smith will continue fulfilling her Rotary Club duties, stay current on tax laws, and, hopefully, find a venue to indulge her passion for ballroom dancing. •

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