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(I-r) Chairman and CEO, Henrik Fisker and President of Continental Development Corporation, Richard Lundquist stand in front of a prototype of the Fisker Ocean all-electric SUV, a vehicle planned for production in Q4, 2022. Fisker, Inc, is a new tenant of Continental Development Corporation has moved to the South Bay. Their offices are located on 1888 Rosecrans facing Aviation Blvd. Photo courtesy Continental Development Corporation has moved to the South Bay.

Shopping Centers Want Broader Mix of Tenants to Fill Vacancies

By Rob McCarthy

The property owners of The Point and Plaza El Segundo have lost several high-profile retailers to bankruptcies and store closures this year, forcing the retail and dining complex to consider leasing space to businesses that don't generate sales taxes for the city. To adapt to how people shop and their changing lifestyles, representatives for the centers proposed Tuesday, allowing an even greater mix of services at the two properties.

Before the start of the pandemic in late February, Plaza El Segundo had a vacancy lifestyles, the decline of traditional shopping complexes will accelerate.

"It's not lost of me that three years ago we had this conversation before COVID hit. This is inevitable, "said Mayor Drew Boyles, adding he's willing to accommodate the developer's request. "I just want to see them succeed." A study prepared ahead of Tuesday's presentation estimates that by converting retail space into offices, sales at the two commercial centers could increase by \$2 million. A grim statistic included in the report: up to 40 percent of U.S. malls could shut down over the next five years.

Building housing along the shopping centers' perimeter might be a long-term solution for the retailers and food establishments. However, there are environmental obstacles that would take years of testing, study and regulatory hearings to obtain the approval to build residences within walking distance of The Point and Plaza, the developers told the council. When they built the shopping plazas, online retail was 1-2 percent of retail sales, compared to almost 10 percent now. The

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rate of almost 7 percent, and several empty stores and pads at The Point hovered at just above 4 percent, according to representatives of Federal Realty Investment Trust. The company owns and operates 100 shopping centers in the country and wants to remake the El Segundo retail centers into a lifestyle-friendly hub for shopping, dining, and personal services. According to a staff report, the concept of bringing health and beauty professionals into the mix is taking hold in other areas, including The Westside Pavilion in Los Angeles and the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.

A report prepared for city officials predicted more store closures as online retailers capture a greater share of sales. The stay-at-home orders and limitations on stores during the current COVID-19 health emergency have cut even deeper into foot traffic at the brickand-mortar stores at The Plaza and The Point, according to the analysis of the retail industry. The fear is that unless shopping centers evolve into destinations that fit consumers'

ESFD Fire Marshall Carver Hits the Retirement Home Stretch

By Duane Plank

According to the arduous, painstaking research that I embarked upon (ten-second Google search), the first fire engine company appeared on the scene, somewhere, in 1678. Fairly sure that that fire company did not involve a cadre of firetrucks. Or engines. Benjamin Franklin, in his spare time, is credited with rallying the first volunteer fire company in America's Philadelphia in 1736. Apparently, the volunteer firefighters spent a lot of time socializing when they were not quelling blazes for insurance companies, waiting around for fires to occur that they could douse. Cannot blame them for loafing around; they were volunteers, after all.

You get what you pay for, right? Well, today's firefighters and fire preventers do not spend their time loafing around, and, yes, they do draw a paycheck. One of the El Segundo Fire Department's (ESFD) finest, James Carver, a fire prevention icon, who has been with the department since 1991, is an integral player in the ESFD and has his retirement day is in sight. If all goes according to plan, Carver, 57, will officially retire on Dec. 30, though he does intend to keep his firehose in the game and do some consulting work post-retirement.

As a fire-preventionist, Carver and his charges are tasked with preventing the See Fire Marshall Carver, page 12

Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist:

The holidays are coming up. We've just been through an election. Half my family is thrilled, and the other half is devastated. I actually do have that crazy uncle who I know is going to want to talk about it over Thanksgiving dinner and I know myself well enough to know that I am not going to back down if he says something offensive. I don't mind disagreeing, but I don't want it to get ugly. Should I even go? Are there ways of "turning down the volume" so that we don't all end up shouting at each other?

Outspoken but Speaking Up, El Segundo

Dear Outspoken but Speaking Up,

The Great Thanksgiving Argument is one of those times when we shake our heads and drop our jaws at the things our loved ones say. At the same time, if done properly there's a chance it just might serve as a welcome reminder that it is possible to both love and strongly disagree with someone. I won't say productive engagement is always possible, but if you proceed with caution it can even be rewarding. Here are some ideas.

First, can you establish a shared set of facts, even if you don't agree on their significance? "Can we agree that this is what happened?" If you cannot agree on this point, it's probably best to take the first exit ramp and talk about sports or the weather.

Softball questions are a good start: do we agree that we want a better world for our children? Do we agree that clean air is better than dirty air? Is it crazy that a croissant costs a buck and a quarter on the Champs Elysees but five dollars in El Segundo?

If Uncle insists on launching into a monologue about His Pet Issue, try approaching the situation like an investigative reporter or an anthropologist. Ask him, "When you think about all the problems we are facing, where does Your Pet Issue rank? What in your life experience contributes to it having that ranking for you? If you get everything you want on Your Pet Issue, how will others be affected, and is that cool with you?" And so on.

The best way to "turn it down" is to never let the temperature rise too much. It's easier said than done, of course: try paying close attention not only to the words being said, but also what else is happening. Imagine your discussion is a tennis match with Billie Jean King doing the commentary: is she saying you're engaged in a meeting of two great champions making great shots? Or is she noting that one of you is slamming their racket and yelling at the umpire? Those great matches can be gratifying: good backand-forth expands our minds and sharpens our thinking. But when one player throws a tantrum, sometimes it's best just to wait it out. You've probably already won the match anyway.

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Police Reports

Monday, Oct 9th

A found property report was taken at 0838 hours from Main Street and East Pine Avenue. Found was a bicycle.

One female adult was arrested at 1238 hours from East Sycamore Avenue and Eucalyptus Drive for one outstanding LASD felony warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0156 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Park Place for attempt grand theft, one CHP misdemeanor warrant and one Santa Monica P.D. misdemeanor warrant

Tuesday, Oct 10th

A petty theft report was taken at 0809 hours from the 800 block of Sheldon Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole his property.

A petty theft report was taken at 1250 hours from the 800 block of Penn Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's property from his unlocked vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1038 hours from the 1500 block of East Walnut Avenue for one ESPD misdemeanor warrant and one MBPD misdemeanor warrant

A grand theft report was taken at 1009 hours from the 800 block of Hornet Way. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's property from a construction site.

One female adult was detained at 1414 hours from the 2200 block of East Rosecrans Avenue and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A found property report was taken at 1647 hours from Holly Avenue and Main Street. A wallet was found.

A found property report was taken at 1648 hours from the 2200 block of East Maple

Avenue. A wallet was found.

A found property report was taken at 1648 hours from the 900 block of Main Street. A credit card was found.

Wednesday, Oct 11th

A possession of a controlled substance for sales report was taken at 1205 hours from the 800 block of South Douglas Street.

One female adult was arrested at 0130 hours from the 700 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for identity theft, possession of a loaded gun in a vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving on a suspended license.

Thursday, Oct 12th

A hit and run (no injuries) report was taken at 0944 hours from the 300 block of Main Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1246 hours from the 400 block of Main Street for driving a stolen vehicle.

One male adult was detained at 1324 hours from the 400 block of North Pacific Coast Highway and transported to Exodus Recovery for evaluation and treatment.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1404 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke in to multiple storage units.

A traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 1401 hours from East El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Friday, Oct 13th

A vandalism report was taken at 0838 hours from the 800 block of McCarthy Court. Unknown suspect(s) "egged" the victim's vehicle. See Police Reports, page 7



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By Ryan Rojas for cinemacy.com

I didn't know what type of film I was getting myself into when queueing up *The Climb*, the newest release from Sony Pictures Classics. Judging by the key art, I thought it was going to be a buddy-comedy about cyclist friends who exchange witty, occasionally profound musings about life captured along lovely vistas.

In the best way possible, *The Climb* is not that film. It's arguably the funniest, and one of my very favorite, films of the year.

The title of the film doesn't exactly relay what this movie is about, although it is accurate in what happens: two buddies move through adult life in a Sisyphean manner. It's a deadpan buddy comedy that dips into the surreal and absurd, with real filmmaking finesse. to my friends.

And while *The Climb* stars two dim-witted dudes, it's also a movie made with real cinematic skills, pulled off behind the camera by the very dudes in front of it. Michael Angelo Covino and Kyle Marvin also wrote and produced the film, with the former getting director credit.

While The *Climb* is my exact type of comedy–deadpan and dipping into the surreal–it's also a comedy that has real cinematic skills: most of the film is comprised of incredibly directed single-take sequences of slowly unfolding scenes (that give off a measured pace and sense of calm that runs counter to the unexpected comedy that arises).

More so than *The Climb* being just a hilarious film and one of my favorite releases of the year, it's also the arrival of a new

El Gringo Treats the South Bay Like Family

Story and Photos by Chase Maser

Over the past few months, restaurants throughout El Segundo have had to make (and are still adjusting to) numerous changes set up by the city of Los Angeles to curb the spread of COVID-19. Sprawling into the road are new outdoor seating arrangements. Orange barriers separate customers from ongoing traffic. New partitions made out of fiberglass offer privacy and protection for parties sitting 6ft apart. No eatery has been able to escape the fray. However, one venue looks oddly familiar despite the changing landscape: El Gringo.

Located at 422 Main St., El Gringo is the newest location of the Mexican restaurant chain spread throughout the South Bay. They have locations in Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Hermosa, but the ES location is only four years old, celebrating their recent anniversary last Nov 2nd.

Something else that's unique about the ES location is its management team—sisters Sadie and Whitney Fraker. Under the leadership of El Gringo owner, Bill Graw, tan location, although every Thursday and Sunday, the sisters get to work together in ES. Right away, you would think that being so close with your sibling 24/7 would get overwhelming, but the Frakers love the time they get to spend with each other—they also love the environment they work in.

"It's rare to be treated so well by an employer," says Whitney. "[Bill] is very attentive and anticipates a lot of changes before they happen. So working for El Gringo has always been comfortable and fun. It's to the point now where Sadie and I love working together more, and having Bill as a mentor makes us feel like we could open up our own restaurant someday."

Weathering the storm of COVID-19 has really been a great example of El Gringo's resiliency. Looking at the ES location from the outside, you would never guess that the business has had to endure any drastic changes. Their sidewalk remains unobstructed with tables and chairs. There are no orange barricades or wooden posts with makeshift decorations strewn about. Even walking by



The Climb, courtesy Sony Pictures Classics

The Climb tells the story of these two friends–Kyle (Kyle Marvin) and Michael (Michael Angelo Covino)–whose relationship can at best be described as toxic. They undermine each other's lives in fully conscious ways. As the film opens, Kyle gets engaged and Michael confesses to having slept with his fianceé. Some time and another engagement later, the friends find themselves in similar territory.

And yet what *The Climb* shows is that they have a bond so unquestioned, like toddlers, that their terrible behavior is seen as earnest and sorrowful. And it's exacted with meta-awareness, adding to their deadpan, dopey charisma, which makes their low-wattage reaction and reconciling of life events hilarious. To make matters funnier, this pares with moments where the film glides into the absurd, where impromptu musical sequences surprised me with such delight. As the film went on (it's broken up into chapters), I continued to enjoy this movie, and couldn't wait to recommend it comedic duo that I can't wait to see what they do next.

98 min. 'The Climb' is rated R for language, sexual content, some nudity, and brief drug use. Now playing in Los Angeles at the Vineland Drive-In. •





The front of El Gringo's El Segundo Location at 422 Main St. the Fraker sisters have been working for El Gringo restaurants over the past ten years, starting in their late teens and rising through the ranks of the different locations.

"We definitely started at the bottom," says Sadie, who is now the manager of the ES location. "I worked my way up from a busser to a window/takeout position, and over the years, I've shifted to a server and then manager."

For Whitney, it was a similar rise, and now, she is the manager of the Manhaton a regular weeknight, you can look inside and see couples sitting in their own booths, cozy and enjoying themselves with a sense of normalcy—it's all thanks to El Gringo's current layout and business model.

"I think one of the reasons why we've been able to remain successful through the pandemic is because we make takeout a priority," says Whitney. "Our Manhattan and Redondo branches are mostly takeout already, so that approach has always been

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Ryan Rojas.







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RAHUL RAMAKRISHNAN The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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director at LL Flooring. Then pick products and furnishings that will both look great and stand the test of time."

(BPT) - Whether you're

dreaming of a complete home remodel or a simple decor update, you may not be factoring your pets in your decision-making and overall design process. But how many times have you regretted a furniture or upholstery choice once Fido or Fluffy got their paws (and fur) on it?

You can make any room look more stylish, even if you have a chronic shedder or scratcher living in your home. All it takes is a little planning and some research on the best products to stand up to your furry family members.

"No matter how you want to update or refresh your home, it's best to be proactive by considering the amount of traffic, the overall purpose the room serves and what kind of wear your room will endure from people and pets," says Katie Allen, design and trend

remodel, ensuring you and your pets will love the new space:

Start with a durable base

Changing up your flooring can completely transform the look of the room, but you have to remember that pets cause more wear and tear on your floors than any other element of your home. So it's best to start by choosing stain-resistant, durable and attractive flooring for a long-lasting room makeover.

For example, LL Flooring, which was previously Lumber Liquidators, offers options that add beauty to your home, no matter how much traffic the rooms get:

* The AquaSeal flooring line features waterresistant locking technology to help protect against accidents and other messes for up to 72 hours. The durable flooring will also stand up to heavy foot traffic, from both pets

PET FRIENDLY DESIGN TIPS

and kids, is easy to clean and offers quick click installation.

* The CoreLuxe flooring options offer an enhanced wear layer that will help defend it against scratches, scuffs and stains. Its no-fuss maintenance is as attractive as its authentic hardwood looks, but unlike wood, this flooring is waterproof - wet-mopping and common household spills won't damage it.

Both types of flooring come in a wide variety of colors and styles that can be seen, along with hundreds of other options, by using the Floor Finder tool on LLFlooring.com.

Out of sight, out of mind

If possible, try to match the color of the room's fabrics (and/or flooring) to your pet's fur color. Doing this will help hide at least some of the hair they leave behind. If you have a black dog and choose a white rug, all your time will be spent vacuuming. Multiple pets? A multi-color pattern for your upholstery or rugs can be your best friend (next to the four-legged one, that is).

Choose the right materials

Stain resistant, smooth-textured upholstery for your couches and chairs - such as leather or synthetic materials - work best, as they are less appealing to scratch and make it easier to deal with any pet-related messes. Slipcovers work well too, since they are machine

washable, and they can cover flaws on any furniture you're not yet ready to upgrade.

Discourage furniture abuse

Avoid wicker and rattan furniture and accent pieces, since it can be used as a chew or scratch toy by your dog or cat. As an alternative, create a designated play area with your animal pal in mind, supplied with all the toys and comforts they need. Offering multiple scratching posts for cats is a great idea, especially if they contain catnip to attract your feline friend. Provide your animal companions with their own special beds, encouraging them to snuggle up with attention and treats.

Pet proof your rooms

Just as you would childproof your home when prepping for a mobile little one, consider each room from your pet's point of view. What is at a level they are likely to bump or whack with their tail? Don't keep breakable items on coffee tables or other low places where they can be bumped into and broken, or up on shelves that kitty can reach easily. Store those items safely away or display them in a closable cabinet.

With these tips in mind, your home or room makeover can be a haven for your entire family, including your pets. *



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A forged check(s) report was taken at 1138 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) manufactured and cashed checks totaling over \$7,000 in the victim's name

One female adult was detained at 1406 hours from the 800 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for one outstanding felony no bail warrant. She was picked up in the field by LAPD. A theft by false pretense report was taken at 1559 hours from the 200 block of Sheldon Street.

One female adult was arrested at 0212 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Imperial Avenue for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above, driving with a suspended license and one outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Long Beach PD.

One male adult was cited and released 0355

hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street for possession of drug paraphernalia. Saturday, Oct 14th

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 0653 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took miscellaneous items from the locked carport.

A found property report was taken at 0929 hours from the 100 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Found was a vehicle front plate.

A vandalism report was taken at 1450 hours from the 100 block of North Douglas Street. Unknown suspect smashed the glass entry door to business.

A disturbing the peace report was taken at 1953 hours from the 200 block of Richmond Street.

An injury report was taken at 2013 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. •

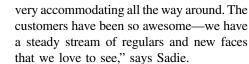
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El Gringo

something we recreate at the others. The sisters also attribute Bill with "having his finger on the pulse of the industry" from the very start. With over 30 years of experience as a restauranteur, Graw has always erred on the side of caution, and the design of the ES location speaks to its fast-casual approach that works well within the scope of social distancing.

For instance, along with takeout options, the architecture of the ES location has an open roof that qualifies their main dining space as "outdoor" seating. Booths were already installed, and to adhere to new COVID-19 measures, the team only had to build new glass partitions between the tables. The front of the restaurant also allows for a wide opening to the street, creating an outdoor concept that helps customers feel the fresh air, but also gives them a sense of security.

"People are so comfortable and quiet that they don't realize they're technically eating outside," Whitney explains. "And it's also



To help people feel even more at ease, El Gringo does temperature checks at every location for customers entering, and they're also collecting customer information for dinein parties to abide by new contact tracing measures set up by the city.

Sadie recommends their tasty Xcholti soup—a hearty Mexican soup with chicken,

rice, avocado, tomato and cilantro. Whitney also loves the carnitas tacos with rice and beans. For kids, there are some other American classics like French fries and hamburgers. It's also worth noting that El Gringo can do several vegan variations of their meals to satisfy anyone with certain dietary restrictions.

El Gringo is open 11 AM to 9 PM daily at all locations. Their patio is also open to full-service dining Thursday to Sunday from 4 PM to 9 PM. Visit elgringo.com for more information. •



Sister-managers Sadie (left) and Whitney (right) Fraker at El Gringo's in El Segundo.



Patrons socially distanced at El Gringo's El Segundo location.

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City Council

changes in consumer behavior that evolved in the new millennium caught retailers and developers off guard.

The current development agreement is tied to vehicle limits, which any high-density housing quickly threatens to exceed, the developer representatives said Tuesday. El Segundo officials acknowledge both the retail slump at stores and the industry's move toward "lifestyle centers" that better meet the expectations of consumers who have more choices than 15 years ago when the El Segundo retail center anchored by Whole Foods, Dick's Sporting Goods and Best Buy first opened.

Even after city officials agreed three years ago to loosen the restrictions on the two centers, the property managers continue to have difficulty finding new tenants to replace those who have left or gone out of business, according to information from city staff. Opening up the two shopping centers to more diverse uses likely would result in some loss of sales taxes, but it comes with a tradeoff. Business-tax collections could increase as new service-oriented tenants and professionals set up shop, city planners believe. Plus, employees at those non-retail establishments can be expected to shop and eat where they work, pumping some sales taxes back into the city's coffers. The developers are asking the City Council to raise the allowable use of non-traditional businesses at the two properties to a 60-40 mix of retail and restaurants compared to other types of businesses that don't collect sales tax, such as real estate brokerages, financial services and health care providers. The Planning Commission favors making the change, and council members expressed no objections during Tuesday's night presentation and public hearing. Because the agreement between the developer and the city is written into an ordinance, the council must approve the request.

the proposed change and found it complies with El Segundo's General Plan goals for land use and economic development. Attracting other employers to the Pacific Coast Highway property would help maintain a high-quality retail center near where people work and also create new office space within El Segundo. The change also should diversity the city's tax base, along with its retail and commercial sectors, and help the center to succeed.

Stuart MacDonald, Vice President for regional development with Federal Realty, described the 38.5-acre Plaza as a stable roster of tenants. The center managed to replace one retailer with a more robust one, Nordstrom Rack. And a bank location, which is a non-sales tax business, was converted into a store occupied by the cosmetics retailer Ulta.

When COVID-19 came along in late February, it acted like "a can of gasoline on top of an already burning fire," said Jeff Kreshek, who oversees West Coast leasing for Federal Realty Investment Trust. It's not all doom and gloom, he explained, as consumers seek out shopping experiences that The Plaza and The Point can deliver as they reinvent themselves. Bankruptcies by high-profile retailers with stores in El Segundo - including J. Crew - coupled with chain-wide store closures planned by Anthpologie and others add to the challenges of shopping centers. The silver lining in all of this is that retail spaces taken over by personal services - health, beauty and financial - continue to be "Amazon proof," Kreshek told the council. Another commercial property occupied the council's attention on Tuesday. El Segundo is the only city opposed to the airport expansion at Los Angeles International, and Councilman Lance Giroux reported that while the airport public-relations staff is informing the public about the benefits of the project, there are downsides for the residents of El Segundo. LAX officials want to add two concourses by 2029 that will increase air traffic and passengers using the nearby airport, he said. Los Angeles World Airport officials last

week briefed local leaders on the scope and benefits of enlarging the nation's secondbusiest airport. The construction, estimated to cost \$6 billion and take seven years to complete, will have a huge impact on El Segundo, Giroux learned. "Just from the construction piece alone," he added.

El Segundo officials are drafting a response and listing concerns about the airport expansion and have until mid-February to enter them into public comments. One of those concerns is that larger planes will service the new concourses, which could add as many as a dozen gates for arrivals and departures. The passenger capacity at LAX could grow by 50 percent over the next two-and-a-half decades. "All of this is going to have a profound effect on us," said Giroux, who sits on the 19-member Los Angeles Area Advisory Committee representing South Bay cities.

The cities of Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Westchester have indicated they don't oppose the airport expansion plan, leaving El Segundo to fend off the negative environmental impacts. Increases in jet noise, traffic, and airborne emissions from airport operations are among the consequences that El Segundo officials will protest in their comments for the public record. The city already won a concession from the airport authority, which gave El Segundo an additional two months to file its objections. El Segundo residents are encouraged to learn about the planned expansion of the airport and to contact the City Manager's Office for assistance registering their concerns about how the lengthy construction project and higher passenger volumes will affect the quality of life for people living on the southern perimeter. LAWA's public-relations staff has posted fact sheets and answers to frequently asked questions on their website. The link is found on the El Segundo city news announcements, posted on November 10.

United Against Hate Week, taking place November 30 through December 6. The observance recognizes Los Angeles County's diversity and celebrates the differences within individual communities. El Segundo officials embrace the event's goals to promote social justice, inclusion and safety for all.

• Councilwoman Carol Pirsztuk revealed plans in the works for an alternative annual Christmas Parade. The parade will be reimagined, not canceled in 2020, to be safe and still comply with emergency orders from Gov. Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles County's health officer, she said. The Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary, the Kiwanis and the Parks and Recreation Department will partner to create a parade experience.

Floats will be decorated and set up at the Rec Park, where the trunk-or-treat was staged for Halloween. The plan is to create a drivethrough holiday parade experience, according to the councilwoman. Instead of the floats moving down Main Street, spectators will be the ones moving through the exhibit area in their vehicles. Schools, churches and local clubs are invited to enter a float and make 2020 an uplifting community celebration for this holiday season. • Shad McFadden was chosen as chair of the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. According to Deputy City Manager Barbara Voss, he is the current AYSO commissioner for the El Segundo region and a leader in the community. McFadden said the nine-member DEI panel has held two meetings and looks forward to gathering input from the community and pushing forward with its task from the City Council to identify and recommend changes that will make El Segundo an even better place to live and work. • The council ratified changes to the city's internal organization, which combines existing departments, including Library Services and Parks and Recreation. While department names have changed, the services they provide the public remain the same. •

That vote could come at the next council meeting on December 1. City staff studied

Other items discussed at Tuesday's council meeting included:

• Mayor Boyles read a proclamation for

Finance **Areas To Get Your Finances Back On Track**

(BPT) - The COVID-19 pandemic has hit many people hard financially. From furloughs to job loss and from strict budgets to depleted savings and much more, people are making adjustments as needed. It's important to stay focused on your financial well-being and take simple steps so you can recover and thrive in the future.

"Many people who have experienced financial disruption need some help to get their savings back on track," says Andy Harmening, Consumer and Business Banking director at Huntington. "Even in a strong economy, managing everyday finances can be stressful. Fortunately, with a little diligence and some digital tools that make it easier to save, people can find the financial peace of mind they're looking for."

Harmening says it is possible to improve your finances in a post-COVID world by focusing on three key areas:

Create An Updated, Agile Budget

Your income may change, so it's important to understand your spending habits and create a realistic budget. Track all your spending for a month and separate out necessities versus nice-to-have items. You can also input your income and expenses and let an online budget calculator do the math.

Keep in mind variables due to the pandemic that may impact your budget. For example, a shorter work week, lower gas prices, more money on groceries and perhaps less money eating out. You'll want to incorporate these positive and negative changes, and if possible, leave some wiggle room for future changes. Additionally, some things like gym memberships and parking passes may have paused when the pandemic started but are now being charged again. Sophisticated online banking solutions, such as a spend analysis tool, can give you an eye-opening look into how your spending adds up so you can make smart adjustments.

Replenish Emergency Funds With Smart Tools

Many people have tapped or even drained their savings to make ends meet as the pandemic hit. By updating your budget and getting ahead of spending, you can start to replenish emergency funds. Saving even a small amount regularly can help create an emergency fund that will put you in a better position to handle the potential of future financial challenges.

Small amounts over time - even just \$5 can add up to a robust emergency fund that provides peace of mind. Money Scout by Huntington is a new tool customers can enroll in that analyzes spending habits, income, and upcoming expenses and finds money you're not using in your checking account. Then, it moves that money, from \$5 to \$50, automatically to your savings, up to three times a week. Bit by bit, it will help you build savings.

Automate Bills and Pay Down Debt

To keep your credit healthy, take steps to pay your bills on time and start reducing debt. A good first step is to automate wherever possible. Direct deposits and automatic bill payments ensure nothing gets overlooked or falls through the cracks in spending and saving.

If you've leaned on your credit cards during the pandemic, pay down the debt with the larger interest rate first to avoid wasting dollars on paying interest, even if that means paying smaller debts first. This will help you save money in the long run.

Keep in mind, it can be tempting to tap into money set aside in a retirement plan to cover expenses, but even if that can be done without a penalty, it can rob you of potential financial security down the road. If you need to pause contributing to a retirement plan temporarily to get finances back on track, that's OK. But avoid borrowing from these accounts and start contributing to them as soon as you're able to set yourself up for a bright financial future. •



<u>Seniors</u> 65 Or Older? How You Can **Protect Your Health This Season**

(BPT) - If you're a baby boomer, you've heard about the importance of getting your flu vaccine every year. However, you may be less familiar with how you can help protect yourself against other vaccine-preventable respiratory diseases like pneumococcal pneumonia.

"Pneumococcal pneumonia is the most common bacterial pneumonia occurring in adults. It is a serious disease, which can take you out of your routine for weeks and or winter?

Dr. Snow: Pneumococcal pneumonia is spread through coughing or close contact and can be contracted at any time of the year.

Q: I'm healthy. Do I need vaccination against pneumococcal pneumonia?

Dr. Snow: As we age, our immune systems naturally weaken, making us more susceptible to disease. That's true even for those who are young at heart, live active lifestyles, and take excellent care of themselves. That's



in serious cases, lead to hospitalization," said Dr. Vincenza Snow, Senior Medical Director for Vaccines, US Medical Affairs Lead at Pfizer. "In fact, those 65 and older are over 10 times more likely than individuals aged 18 to 49 to be hospitalized for this potentially life-threatening illness."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that adults 65 or older talk to their healthcare provider about whether vaccination against pneumococcal pneumonia is right for them. Dr. Snow addressed some common questions about the disease and vaccination:

Q: Is pneumococcal pneumonia the same as the flu?

Dr. Snow: The flu is caused by a virus, while pneumococcal pneumonia is a bacterial lung infection. They can have similar symptoms, but the most common ones associated with pneumococcal pneumonia are coughing, difficulty breathing, excessive sweating, shaking chills, high fever, and/or chest pain. Even after symptoms subside, fatigue and other physical effects can be felt for weeks afterward.

Q: Can it only be caught during the fall

partly why adults 65 and older are more likely to be hospitalized from pneumococcal pneumonia than younger adults. Further, the risk of pneumococcal pneumonia is greater if you smoke or suffer from chronic conditions like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, heart disease, or diabetes.

Q: Can pneumococcal pneumonia be contracted from pneumococcal vaccination?

Dr. Snow: You cannot catch pneumococcal pneumonia from vaccination, as it contains no live bacteria. The CDC recommends vaccination as the most effective way to protect yourself against the disease.

Q: Should I get vaccinated?

Dr. Snow: Flu season is a good time to talk to your healthcare provider about recommended adult vaccinations, including those that help protect against pneumococcal pneumonia. There are states that do allow you to receive pneumococcal vaccination without a prescription at your local pharmacy or public health center.

For more information about immunization and vaccination options for adults 65 and older, talk to your doctor or go to www.cdc. gov or www.KnowPneumonia.com. •

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Chicken Pozole Soup

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Originally developed with Mexican Tortilla Flavor Infused Broth, we've updated this recipe to use Swanson® Chicken Broth, cumin and lime juice to give it the same fabulous flavor. Pozole is a traditional soup or stew of Mexico, from pre-Columbian days. It's basically a soup flavored with green chilies, cumin, garlic and lime. It's typically made with either chicken or pork and hominy. We've topped this dish with cabbage and radish, but you can also try topping with diced avocado, chopped onion or crumbled queso fresco.



Ingredients

- 11/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped (about 1 tablespoon)
 2 cloves garlie, mincod
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 carton (32 ounces) Swanson[®] Chicken Broth or Swanson[®] Natural Goodness[®] Chicken
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- 2 cans (about 4 ounces each) green chiles, drained
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- leaves
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) white hominy, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 cup shredded green cabbage
- 6 large radish, thinly sliced (about 1/2 cup)

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Directions

- Step 1: Season the chicken as desired. Sprinkle the chicken with the oregano and paprika.
- Step 2: Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook until browned, stirring occasionally. Remove the chicken from the skillet.
- **Step 3:** Reduce the heat to medium. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in the skillet. Add the onion and jalapeño pepper and cook for 5 minutes or until the onion is tender, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic and cook and stir for 30 seconds. Spoon the onion mixture into a blender. Add 1/2 cup broth, the green chiles and cilantro. Cover and blend until the mixture is smooth.
- **Step 4:** Cook the blended onion mixture and 1/2 teaspoon cumin in a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat for 5 minutes or until thickened, stirring often. Stir in the remaining broth, remaining 1 teaspoon cumin, the hominy and beans and heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Add the chicken and cook for 5 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally. Stir in the lime juice. Season to taste. Top with the cabbage and radishes before serving. Serve with hot pepper sauce.

Recipe Tips

• Serving Suggestion: Easy Substitution: You can substitute boneless pork chops for the chicken in this recipe.

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Roy is incredibly affectionate and loving, always sleeping on the bed, or climbing on top of other kitties. Roy will start to drool when he's nuzzling his face into another cat and kneading his paws. He loves to squeeze himself between kitties, always wanting to be the center of attention. He loves to roll around on his back and will follow you to every room. He is very easy going and likes to chat with you when he wants attention. Roy is a big boy who loves other cats and must have a feline buddy in his home. He would adore being adopted with his brother Tippy Tail. They are a purr-fect pair, the ultimate dynamic duo! Super playful, Roy loves to romp around playing and will snuggle with you once done. This sweet lanky boy is sure to make someone's home extra special!



Tippy Tail

with you when he wants attention. Tippy Tail is not a huge fan of being hugged, though he will sleep on the bed with you and cuddle on your legs with his fellow cat friends. Tippy Tail needs a feline buddy in his home and would love to be adopted with his brother





pet-owning households in America fostered one pet a year, we could stop euthanizing healthy pets in shelters.

Oregano is a sweet, spicy little tiger, a perfect blend of affectionate and wild. She is a tough little cookie who knows how to



Ember and Frankie

Tippy Tail is a hefty kitty, pushing 12 pounds, but has no idea he has that much weight to throw around. A clumsy goofball, he tends to fling himself on top of his brother or romp around the house with one of the resident cats. He loves to chirp and chatter Roy. They have been two peas in a pod since they were four-week-old kittens. Tippy Tail cannot wait to find his forever family!

Timothy is a rambunctious young kitty. With boundless energy to run around the house, he loves playing with his foster sisters which are two female Maltese pups. Timothy likes hiding and being chased by them. Then he likes to jump on them when they least expect it. He loves to be around people and to cuddle. He is not fond of being picked up suddenly. However, Timothy will jump on your lap if you sit down. This face on you to show her affection. She has such a sweet innocent little baby face; she is truly irresistible! Being so young and full of kitten energy, she needs to go to a home with another kitten. She would *love* to be adopted with one of her siblings, Cider, Raven or Maple. Pumpkin gets along well with other cats and would probably do fine with a kitten-friendly dog.

Ember (green eyes) and **Frankie** (blue eyes) are a sweet brother sister duo. They are equal parts of adventurous and cuddly. They love to test their athletic abilities during playtime, playing with their toy tunnel, and running around from room to room with their favorite toys in their mouths. These two silly playful kitties also love to chase their own tails. Ember and Frankie love to cuddle with each other and their humans! If they spot you in bed or on the couch, they will gladly climb on you and fall right asleep. They are beautiful little souls that will surely bring joy and warmth to their forever home.

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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Pumpkin is an adorably sweet kitten with an easy going, happy personality. She has playful kitten energy and loves to run and play with her siblings and toys. Pumpkin loves curing up and snuggling with her siblings. She also enjoys napping close to her human friends. Pumpkin and her siblings were raised as bottle babies, so they are extremely comfortable and friendly with people and purr easily. Pumpkin likes to be held, loves snuggles and will rub her

Timothy

Happy Tails

With our city and state shut down, we are faced with the delicate balance to protect our fellow humans from the spread of COVID-19, while continuing our mission of saving the most vulnerable victims of the homeless cat crisis. We know that these are hard times for everyone. If you can give a little, it will go a long way. They are still counting on us during these difficult times. Your taxdeductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •

Pumpkin

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Fire Marshall Carver

start-up of fires in business establishments, apartment buildings, and single-family dwellings. Basically, anywhere and everywhere in the City of El Segundo. While the work Carver and his team do is critical to secure fire safety in the city, fire-prevention teams don't typically have big screen mega-movies (think Towering Inferno or Backlash) penned about their exploits and sent to the theatrical Silver Screens. Remember when we could go to a theater and watch a movie? Ah, the good-old-days. But the prevention of a fire outbreak is just as important; some would argue more important than hosing down flaming embers.

ESFD Chief Chris Donovan has worked with Carver since 2016. "Fire Marshal Carver is a consummate professional," he emailed. "He has forgotten more about fire prevention than other people ever learned. If you could create the perfect Fire Marshal, James Carver would be the person to model most closely. He has served the city for 29 years and has demonstrated passion, intellect and a work ethic that is not easily matched when it comes to building and fire safety practices. James is a walking thesaurus of the building inventory here in El Segundo and has a nearphotographic memory of building remodels and uses over the past 29 years."

Continued Donovan: "He is also a recognized expert in the field and widely known throughout the State, sitting on many important National committees. We have been lucky to have Fire Marshal Carver serve El Segundo as he has created a legacy in this critically important field, advocating for the safety of building occupants and setting standards for life- safety that make El Segundo a special place to live, work and visit."

Carver, who graduated from Leuzinger High and El Camino College, started his career in firefighting in 1987, working stints with Northrop Corporation, initially as a firefighter, then as a fire inspector. An on-the-job injury pointed him in the direction of fire-prevention, as opposed to firefighting. In February of 1991, Carver began his tenure in the City of El Segundo. As a fire inspector, Carver was tasked with, among his other duties, "inspecting businesses and environmental occupancies," and also began penning, in 1995, an occasional El Segundo Herald column that was headlined "Fire Safety Corner." Carver said that he hopes to write again for the Herald, post-retirement, tipping off building owners on safety practices that might limit the number of incendiary incidents in the city.

Emailed *Herald* CEO Heidi Maerker on Carver's pending retirement: "The thing that stands out most to me when I think about James Carver is his can-do and positive attitude. He is always happy. James Carver has been part of the Herald family since 1995. His column "Fire Safety Corner" was informative, entertaining, and focused on keeping El Segundo safe. He always came through if I was in a pinch and had space to fill or needed important safety information. I will miss his spirit and lightheartedness. I wish him many fine days to come, and I hope



ESFD Fire Marshal James Carver

he enjoys retirement with the same gusto he gave to his work."

ESFD Battalion Chief Deena Lee emailed, "I have known James Carver since I started working for the El Segundo Fire Department in 2003. James loves his job! He has so much knowledge of fire prevention and fire protection systems. He is like a walking California Fire Code Manual. I can ask him any question about fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, etc., and he will know the answer right off the top of his head. He also has more knowledge than anyone else in the city on all the buildings in town and their various occupancy types. James is one of the main reasons that we do not have a lot of structure fires in El Segundo. He not only conducts inspections, but he also ensures that the buildings meet the highest level of fire protection when they are constructed."

"On the personal side," Lee added, "James is a great person. He cares for everyone he works with in El Segundo, and he cares deeply for his family. He has a quirky sense of humor and can spark up a conversation with anyone he meets. It is a loss for the El Segundo Fire Department to have James Carver retire. He is a legend, and he will be missed."

Nearly three decades ago, Carver, who lives in Buena Park, ascended to his current post as Fire Marshall. Among his job duties: supervising two fire prevention specialists and one part-time fire marshal; review of architectural and mechanical plans for compliance with established codes; perform inspections; to collaborate with stakeholders to ensure fire prevention; perform fire origin and cause investigations; prepare and submit criminal cases to the District Attorney for possible prosecution, and serve as the ESFD's public information officer. After more than thirty years on the fireprevention beat, Carver has seen an evolution in the science of fire prevention, mainly on the technology front. Many of the in-person inspections have been replaced by digital monitoring of dwellings and business establishments, especially in the COVID-19 era. Carver said that the ESFD has had to curtail some of their in-person fire-prevention inspections, but he and his team still venture-out to inspect new constructions sites and strive to comply with the Sacramento building code mandates from California Governor Gavin Newsom.

Carver hopes to keep himself busy in retirement tinkering with cars, dabbling in woodworking, and picking up a few nickels as a fire-prevention consultant. When asked what prompted him to pursue a career in fire science, Carver shared that his interest in the profession was initially piqued when he would watch episodes of the early 70's TV show Emergency, which starred Randolph Mantooth and Kevin Tighe as two Los Angelenos who worked as firefighters and paramedics. I also used to watch the show, but somehow my attention was more focused on one of the attractive nurses (Julie London) who staffed the hospital where Mantooth and Tighe would take their patients to. Guess that explains why Carver is wrapping-up a successful three-plus decades career in fire science, and I am tasked to write about it? •



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