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# Weekend Forecast Friday Partly Cloudy 60°/46° Saturday Mostly Sunny 64°/48° Sunday Mostly Sunny 67°/49°

# TK-2 Back for Hybrid Learning



ESUSD staff welcomes our youngest learners back to the classroom for grades TK-2 for hybrid learning. First day back was December 8, 2020. Photo courtesy El Segundo Unified School District.

# Main Street Mainstay Dornblaser is Still Loving His Stylistic Life

By Duane Plank

When El Segundo hairstylist Joe Dornblaser, owner of Dornblaser's Hair Design, was contacted to set-up an interview with an *El Segundo Herald* scribe for a possible profile for the paper, he hesitated a bit, then agreed. And then nothing happened — no communication for a lengthy stretch. Finally, almost two months later, Dornblaser, who has been cutting hair for more than four decades, returned an email and said he was still interested in the interview. He apologized for the delay in answering the email, writing that "I'm not on my computer very often (my world is mostly low tech) and I've been putting in a lot of extra hours at work."

In the COVID-19 era, with face-to-face interviews deemed somewhat problematic, the old-school Dornblaser, who proudly sports a rotary telephone in his store, asked if we could do the interview in person, as opposed to on the phone. So, we did.

Dornblaser said his grandparents moved to El Segundo around 1930 because they wanted



Joe Dornblaser

to "get out of a big city" environment. As a third-generation resident of El Segundo, Dornblaser attended El Segundo High School, where he played football and baseball, at times being coached by the legendary John Stevenson in both sports. He graduated in 1977, then, prompted by his father, Bill, picked-up his cosmetology degree at El Camino College, and began cutting hair in his father's shop located at 137 Main Street, in 1978, and bought the business from his father in the mid-90's.

Bill Dornblaser was quite an athlete himself, taking part in the 1952 Summer Olympics as a member of the men's water polo team that garnered fourth place in the tournament, and was coached by El Segundo icon Urho Saari,

stacked with members of the El Segundo Swim Club. As a youth, Joe followed in his father's aquatic footsteps, swimming for the El Segundo Recreation Park Swim Club, but, he said, rebelled against the family swimming tradition when he entered high school, focusing on football and baseball.

On being coached by Stevenson, Dornblaser said that while Stevenson was a great baseball coach, "I had a better experience with him as a football coach. He was an amazing coach. He taught us tackle football from the ground-up." Dornblaser said that Stevenson was a stickler for detail, instilling into his players that they must not only know their position responsibilities, but also the assignments of the rest of the

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#### Ray Gen Discusses What Remote Learning in a Pandemic can Teach Us

Story by Kiersten Vannest

Nearly ten months into the pandemic, parents, teachers, and students are all becoming familiar with a new style of learning. Despite a light at the end of the tunnel becoming clearer with new vaccines, classrooms remain largely empty. Students have grown accustomed to seeing their peers and educators through a screen, and teachers have adapted to a digital classroom, for better or worse. A difficult process for many, El Segundo High School teacher Ray Gen has long been prepared for a situation like this.

For the last fifteen years, Ray's English and Computer Science classes have been entirely paperless. All of his class curriculum and materials can be found on his website, easily navigable for his high school and

college students. For Gen, who holds a doctorate in educational technology, this transition to an all-remote learning environment was easy. "When I got my doctorate," says Gen, "many people thought I would go straight into administration. But I got my doctorate not to leave the classroom, but to become better in it."

Using his knowledge of educational technology, paired with his experience on the school board during the 2008 recession, Dr. Gen feels he was prepared for this sudden transition in 2020. However, he doesn't feel that this is the best way to educate. "K-12, I think, should be primarily face to face," he explains, "but it can be augmented strongly, and made more efficient by an

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## **Love Thy Neighbor**

Dear El Segundoians,

The Herald staff and I only know so many El Segundoians, but we want to learn about more of you. With 8,000 residents, we're sure there are some gems we may have overlooked or not been aware of them. Do you have an interesting friend, neighbor or student? With most of El Segundo sports

and events on hold, we are looking to do more El Segundo residents' profiles. All you have to do is ask their permission and send us their contact information. Send your suggestions in to letters@heraldpublications.com

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## <u>Obituaries</u>

#### Antonio Juan Mendez 13 September 1938 - 22 May 2020

Antonio loved the people and the City of El Segundo where he had worked and played since 1994. A native Angeleno, Antonio attended Cathedral High School and USC where he received a Ph.D, Theoretical Physics.

Following a long career at Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, Antonio successfully launched

Mendez R&D Associates, a small firm specializing in advanced optical communications.



He loved dancing, discovering/ dining at the many restaurants in El Segundo, and dancing!

Antonio is survived by his wife, Victoria; daughters, Andrea, Aimee, Tessa, Deirdre; siblings, Marta, Quena, Teresa, Francisco, Adolfo; grandsons, Tony and Trent; great granddaughters, Ruby and Willow. Memorials, donations should be sent c/o Father Alexei,

Saint Andrew Russian Greek Catholic Church,

El Segundo.

#### Mary Margaret Randall (Moss) May 24th 1939-November 30, 2020

Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Mother of Cindy (deceased) Surviving: Jeff, Kathe, Tim and Ann, Stepchildren: Richard, Michelle, Diane, Christopher, Leroy and Louis Randall.

Mary was devoted to the community of El Segundo. She held leadership positions at the El Segundo Moose Lodge and



Gold Crest Rebekah Hall and volunteered with countless charities.

Mary passed peacefully in the comfort of the home she grew up in. She was kind hearted, spiritual and giving and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.









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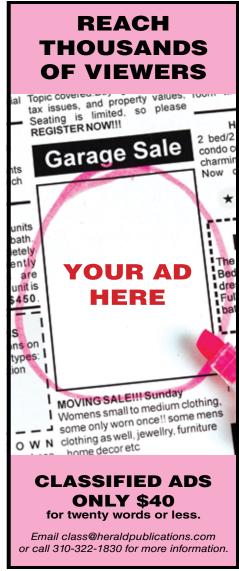
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## **Community Briefs**

# South Bay Memory Care Is Now Accepting Residents

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have Zoom or FaceTime meetings. Again these are scheduled for 15 minutes.

We have not had any Covid cases in tour communities and we have an active testing program for the employees. For incoming residents we require a negative Covid test along with the required admission packet. Please feel comfortable to contact me for additional details 310-383-1877.

## El Segundo Student Earns 2020 National Gold Medal for Violin from Royal Conservatory

El Segundo Middle School (ESMS) eighth grade student Caleb Tsai was recently honored with a 2020 National Gold Medal for Level 7 Violin from the Royal Conservatory. The prestigious honor is awarded to examination candidates of the Royal Conservatory who have obtained the highest marks in each level and with their respective musical instrument. The candidate must also have obtained at least 90 percent in the practical examination and have completed the co-requisite theory examinations for their respective level to qualify for a National Gold Medal.

The Royal Conservatory measures 10 levels of musical proficiency and Tsai started with the Level 4 examination. The accomplished violinist, who started playing at the age of three, has earned three consecutive gold medals through Royal Conservatory examinations. "The exams gauge progression of skill, musical theory, and how well you read music," said Tsai. "For the playing portion of the test, they give you a specific set of scales to execute, and then I had to play three songs of my choice from a list they provide of different music genres."

Tsai transferred to the El Segundo Unified School District in 2017 specifically to be part of the district's orchestra program. He attended Richmond Street School for fifth grade and during that time enrolled in the El Segundo Seaside Strings program, where he excelled. He is currently a member of the ESMS orchestra. He also studies privately with violin instructor Way-Chung Wong of Torrance and piano teacher Lorenzo Sanchez of Westchester, Calif. Tsai is looking forward to attending El Segundo High School next year where he is excited to perform with the orchestra and try out for the tennis team.



Caleb Tsai, Grade 8, Violinist

## Local Student/Athlete **Signs Letter of Intent**

Christina Mullane a talented water polo athlete who happens to have a 4.0 GPA through her first three years of high school. Christina is a multi-sport athlete who has excelled in the pool. She is a four-year varsity swimmer competing in the 100 fly, 200 free and 4x100 free relay. She represented the Eagles at the CIF Southern Section meet by qualifying in both the 100 fly and 200 free style events and a finalist in the 4x100 free style.



Christina Mullane signing her Letter of Intent and will play women's water polo at the University of Hawaii.

Where Christina really garnered attention was playing water polo. In her first three years she led her team to two Ocean League titles and three appearances in the CIF playoffs including a CIF-SS semi-final appearance. As a freshman Christina scored a school record 86 goals and had 135 points overall. In two full seasons and a portion of her junior year Christina scored over a whopping 200 goals. She was on pace to set a school record before sustaining a season ending injury requiring USL

Reconstruction Tommy John surgery.

Christina may go down as one of the school's most decorated female water polo players. She was named the team's captain twice. She was named to the All-Ocean League team as a freshman and sophomore, a two-time All-South Bay first team member and a two-time All-CIF selection. She is also a two time USA Water Polo All American, a Junior Olympic All American, selected to the elite Olympic Development Pipeline Team and played for the USA Water Polo Futures Olympic Team which travelled to Hungary to compete on the global stage. With her 4.0 GPA she is undecided for her major but whatever she decides you can be sure she'll be successful. •

# **Three Cheers for Hometown Heroes**

**By Rob McCarthy** 

When the coronavirus crashed on the scene in March like a coastal tsunami, El Segundo was ready. The countless hours of meetings, training, and preparation for a full-scale emergency paid off, giving the city's All Hazards Incident Management Team a huge head start. Though team members didn't realize at the time they would be dealing with a health crisis not equaled since the Spanish Flu of 1918; they had two advantages.

became the 2020 pandemic began forming in late spring.

Rosemeyer arrived in the city a few years ago, after retiring from a 28-year law enforcement career in Monroe County, Florida. His wife's job brought them out West, and being someone who likes to get involved and help any way he can, the former Pittsburgh native found his way onto the police department volunteer squad. Known as the El Segundo Volunteer Program, it's a win-win for retired



George Rosemeyer's skill set is just what El Segundo needed when the COVID-19 emergency hit in March.

El Segundo had a response network in place. It also had a volunteer in the building whose experience dealing with disasters would prove to be invaluable. His name is George Rosemeyer, who fits the description of ready, willing, and able. Lt. Jeff Leyman, the commander of the city's COVID-19 response team, describes Rosemeyer as a "Swiss Army knife-utility player" who logged more than 600 hours since the dark clouds that

professionals who don't clock in at their 9-to-5 careers anymore but whose skills and expertise still have plenty of shelf life.

By taking on light duties and assignments, these volunteers stretch the city's public-safety net. But Rosemeyer's contributions went far beyond being an extra set of hands responding to non-emergency tasks for Leyman. The incident-command team leader regularly

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# **Animated Folklore** *Wolfwalkers* is Visually and Spiritually Spellbinding

#### Morgan Rojas for cinemacy.com

I'm calling it now: Wolfwalkers will take home the Academy Award for Best Animated Film.

Even though I sit here manifesting a win for a film that turned out to be a breakout hit during this year's unusual film festival landscape, Wolfwalkers most likely won't need any metaphysical help from me to be recognized by even more critics and audiences alike.

Directed by Tomm Moore and Ross Stewart, the film is a reimagining of an Irish folklore tale about the mythical creatures called A beautiful friendship develops; secrets are shared and vulnerabilities are embraced. Robyn has never felt more seen, but this forces her to make a decision. Torn between her judgmental upbringing towards the forest creatures and her loyalty to save Mebh and the wolves, Robyn must decide if protecting her newfound tribe is worth losing her father's respect and trust for good.

Wolfwalkers, the latest film from awardwinning studio Cartoon Saloon, has a darker undertone than the typical "cartoon." Touching on topics like deforestation, man vs. nature, and spirituality, the film puts a child-like



#### Wolfwalkers, courtesy of Cartoon Saloon

Wolfwalkers. These half-human/half-wolf hybrids have special powers that allow them to communicate with—as well as transform into— wolves when their human form falls asleep.

Wolfwalkers, however, are feared by the townspeople of Kilkenny, Ireland, which is where our film's young heroine, Robyn (Honor Kneafsey) lives with her father. As the town's newly appointed head wolf hunter, Robyn's father commits to conquering more land for the King by ridding the surrounding forest of the beasts. One day, defiantly ignoring her father's orders to stay home and out of trouble, Robyn enters the forest armed with her bow & arrow, determined to prove that she has what it takes to hunt these problematic creatures, too.

An unexpected kerfuffle leads to an encounter with a young Wolfwalker, Mebh Óg MacTíre (Eva Whittaker), and Robyn ends up bonding with, rather than capturing, the forest-dweller. Mebh, a free-spirit with bright red hair and an even louder personality, introduces Robyn to her enchanting world—the world of the Wolfwalker (in a beautifully choreographed scene set to the film>s anthem, «Running With The Wolves» by Norwegian singer-songwriter AURORA).

filter over a mature world that is very much happening around us today.

Perhaps the purest of the film's intentions, however, is the belief that we all have a wild spirit animal inside of us, which can only be accessed when in tune with the natural world. Wolfwalkers is an entertaining hour and a half, sure; but its commentary on compassion, environmentalism, and genuine friendship is the film's greatest gift.

Wolfwalkers is available to watch on Apple TV+ this Friday, 12/11. •



Morgan Rojas

# **Police Reports**

#### Monday, Nov 30th

A petty theft report was taken at 0659 hours from the 1100 block of East Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole items from the victim's unlocked vehicle.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1220 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect stole \$300.00 worth of merchandise.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1325 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) stole property from the victim's storage unit.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1345 hours from the 600 block of Arena Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole items from the victim's locked vehicle.

A petty theft report was taken online at 1436 hours from 300 block of Penn Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle from the victim's backyard.

A petty theft report was taken at 1801 hours from the 900 block of Loma Vista Street. A package was taken from the victim's front porch.

A dead body report was taken at 1758 hours from the 200 block of Arena Street. A female adult was found deceased.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0337 hours from the 2200 block of East Maple Avenue.

#### Tuesday, Dec 1st

A found property report was taken at 1012 hours from the 2200 block of East Imperial Highway. Found narcotics were booked for destruction.

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1142 hours from Maple Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle versus vehicle.

A found property report was taken at 1303 hours from the 500 block of Standard Street. A found toy was booked for safekeeping.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1339 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway.

A petty theft report was taken at 1557 hours from the 700 block of Maryland Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's mailbox.

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0152 hours from the 500 block of Indiana Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole his property.

#### Wednesday, Dec 2nd

A grand theft auto report was taken at 0600 hours from the 1000 block of East Acacia Avenue. Taken was a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado truck.

An identity theft report was taken at 1012 hours from the 2100 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) applied for a loan in the victim's name.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1611 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Two suspects stole items from the store.

One female adult was arrested at 1940 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for identity theft and possession of

drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 1940 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and one outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Inglewood PD.

A missing person report was taken at 1924 hours from the 800 block of Hillcrest Street. A male juvenile was reported missing.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 2331 hours from the 900 block of Lomita Street, vehicle versus fire hydrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0350 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Maple Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### Thursday, Dec 3rd

A stolen plates report was taken at 0949 hours from the 100 block of Main Street.

A found property report was taken at 1138 hours from the 300 block of Grand Street. A found bicycle was booked for safekeeping.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1354 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue.

Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's carport storage cabinets.

A traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 1846 hours from Imperial Highway and Nash Street, vehicle versus light pole.

One female adult was arrested 1934 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Rosecrans Avenue for reckless driving.

A petty theft report was taken at 1923 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's property from his unlocked vehicle.

A petty theft report was taken at 0054 hours from the 800 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's purse from her unlocked vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 0140 hours from Main Street and Mariposa Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

An online petty theft report was taken at 0338 hours from the 300 block of West Imperial Avenue. A package was taken from the victim's apartment building.

An online burglary (auto) report was taken at 0339 hours from the 400 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle and stole her property.

#### Friday, Dec 4th

A hit and run report was taken at 1115 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Vehicle versus parked vehicle.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1346 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Stolen was a white 2020 Kia Optima.

A grand theft report was taken at 1430 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. A cellphone was taken from a purse.

One male adult was arrested at 2013 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0158 hours

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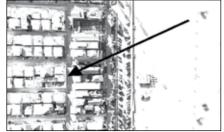


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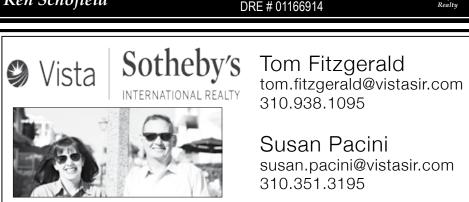




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#### Ray Gen from front page

online presence." In his ideal world, education would be a mix of in-classroom and online teaching, especially if it helps students manage their own time more effectively. For example, many of his students play sports, join student government, participate in clubs, and take AP classes. However, this becomes difficult to fit in their schedule, and often they end up having to sacrifice one thing or another. Having an online option, he believes, could help relieve some of these scheduling conflicts. When the world returns to normal, or a new normal, he hopes that "we don't just say, 'let's trash zoom and never do that again'. We did do some good things here, and for some students, it worked really, really well."

When he first surfed the internet around 1990, Ray knew that this was the future of education. Little did he know that in 2020, schools would be almost totally online. According to him, this could be a benefit or a detriment depending on the student or teacher. "Technology is a magnifying glass," he describes. "It's not inherently good; it's not inherently bad. It's a tool. So if you're a pretty good student, technology

will help you become a better student. But if you're a poor student, technology will magnify that, too." With this philosophy, Gen says the most difficult aspect of online learning is the lack of social interaction, which many of his students need and crave, and a screen just doesn't cut it. He, too, says he misses seeing his colleagues and interacting with his students in a classroom.

For others, this virtual experience is being used as an opportunity. "No matter what the circumstances are, you have to make the best of it," he advises. "Some kids are learning to play the guitar, and some kids are developing skills and learning languages and reading novels. They're not wasting time." Three of his previous students just presented an app that they developed in his class to U.S. Representative Ted Lieu in a congressional app contest.

Gen, too, has seized this opportunity of time. Citing the publishing of actor John Lithgow's latest book as inspiration, Dr. Gen published his own book earlier this year between teaching classes. Using his knowledge of the educational landscape as things stand, his book Online

Learning for Low-Tech Teachers with co-author Ron Vincent went on sale in spring. In addition, he used his Covid-safe summer vacation



Ray Ger

to completely finish a novel he's been working on for the last fifteen years, which he describes as "The Da Vinci Code meets Jurassic Park." He plans to complete two more installments to make a trilogy. This technological innovation in the face of a biological barrier can be beneficial for more than just education moving forward, Gen thinks. Referencing the empty sky rises and businesses in El Segundo, he points out that "these businesses have not gone belly up. They've just gone online." He believes we're seeing a shift in the use of office space, in that employees are getting their work done without physically being present in the office for forty hours a week. This, he theorizes, could be a money saver in office supplies and space if only part of the workforce uses the office on different days of the week.

A twenty-year resident of El Segundo, Ray Gen loves his city and his students. When he's not teaching at the high school or writing his novel, he frequents some of his favorite El Segundo restaurants, La Paz and Rock & Brews. He takes long walks around the city every evening. And he encourages everyone in the El Segundo community to donate to the El Segundo Education Foundation (Ed!), which puts money directly back into K-12 classrooms. •

#### Dornblaser

players on their side of the ball.

On the baseball diamond, Dornblaser called Stevenson a "good commander on the field, (who) got the most out of his players." Dornblaser gained some notoriety around town when he was selected as a member of the 1974 World Series Championship El Segundo Babe Ruth team that took the 13-15 title in the tournament that was played in Abbeville, Louisiana.

As part of his "give-back" to the community, Dornblaser has served as the Babe Ruth Beavers manager for six seasons. A big proponent of youth sports, Dornblaser has also served stints managing and coaching teams in the El Segundo Little League and Girls' Softball programs and volunteering his time in the American Youth Soccer Association soccer program, working as a referee.

He is a big proponent of local sports programs and laments that outside club and travel teams often siphon off young El Segundo athletes. He yearns for the days of yore when local youths would bond together, playing in-town recreational sports for a decade before departing for college. "You get to play with friends in a small community," he said regarding in-town sporting opportunities. "There is nothing better than beating your buddies. I believe in youth

sports," citing his belief that youth sports provide an avenue to "give kids the chance to learn a lot of self-respect, take care of themselves, take care of the team."

Bob Motta is the chairman of the El Segundo Recreation and Parks Commission and runs the Babe Ruth program. "When his son Cam was 13 and ready for Babe Ruth," Motta emailed, "I asked Joe to manage a team. He, along with best friends Bob Gilbert and Bill Nusbaum jumped at the chance and have been a tremendous asset to the program. By the way, they were both on that same World Series Championship team with Joe.

"He continues to manage a team even after his son moved on from the program. He enjoys sharing his knowledge of the game with the young players, and they really enjoy his coaching methods. He is such a good guy that will do anything for anybody. Your profile on him is an honor that is well deserved and long overdue."

Longtime El Segundo High School educator and coach Craig Cousins is another Dornblaser supporter. "I have known Joe and his family for around 50 years. I got to know Joe more as a student/athlete during his high school years. Joe was a very good baseball/football

player, especially as a running back. As Joe got older, we even spent some great summer days surfing together. It was great when Joe chose to take over his dad's hair salon.

"Joe is the type of person that gives back to his community," continued Cousins. "I also had the pleasure of coaching his son in baseball and couldn't say more about what a great kid he was. A lot of that comes from Joe. (He) is a well-rounded, great person who loves our little town and shows it through his community service."

Emailed longtime Dornblaser customer Don Brann: "Joe Dornblaser has cut my hair the better part of the past 30 years. I am one of his many satisfied customers. Joe is a loyal El Segundo native, a part of our town's fabric. Through his network of customers, friends, and neighbors, he has helped shape ES culture. Joe has his finger on the pulse of this city. He is a lifetime resident and longtime local business owner, and a family-first community volunteer. Joe Dornblaser makes a difference in representing the best of ES."

Dornblaser, who met his wife, Lisa, at the now-demolished Thrifty Wash Laundromat in the Rite Aid parking lot in April of 1992, has seen the evolution of establishments and

from front page

commerce on the South stretch of Main Street. He said that when he was cutting hair in the 1970's, he felt that he was working in "the forgotten end of Main Street," and that the city fathers did not show much inclination to develop that area of town. He noted that the annual Christmas Parade ended at Franklin Street, disregarding the establishments located south of Franklin Street.

Well, a lot has changed over the years, with the influx of a vibrant eating and drinking scene (pre-pandemic), making south Main Street a destination spot for residents and out-of-towners. With Dornblaser's shop located smack-dab in the middle of the action, Joe chuckled and said, "now everybody wants to buy my building!"

Although Dornblaser has made a nice living cutting hair for more than four decades, he related that, in his younger days, he was really into woodshop, with aspirations to be a cabinet maker, but his father "talked me into doing hair." He said part of his father's sales pitch was that Joe could "meet some girls, have some laughs." Well, at least, Dornblaser said, he has had a good time over the years, but "to be honest with you," he said, "I really didn't meet any girls, but I love the business, working with my hands. I have the best job ever!" •

**Police Reports** from page 4

from the 2000 Block of East Mariposa Avenue for attempt grand theft.

One male adult was arrested at 0504 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Lane for vehicle theft.

#### Saturday, Dec 5th

A petty theft report was taken at 1310 hours from the 400 block of East Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took a package from the victim's front porch.

A traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 1815 hours from the 300 block of East Grand Avenue, vehicle versus building.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1815 hours from the 1100 block of East Acacia Avenue. Taken were miscellaneous items.

One male adult was cited and released at 1818 hours from Imperial Avenue and Pepper Street for vehicle theft.

One male adult was arrested at 0159 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

#### Sunday, Dec 6th

One female adult was arrested at 0614 hours from the 700 block of Bayonne Street for identity theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0614 hours from the 700 block of Bayonne Street for possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a license.

A petty theft report was taken at 0917 hours

from the 900 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the contents of a package.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0938 hours from the 700 block of Loma Vista Street. Taken was a 2004 GMC Yukon truck.

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1019 hours from the 300 block of East Grand Avenue, vehicle versus pole.

An attempt stolen vehicle report was taken at 1123 hours from 500 block of Loma Vista Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to steal the victim's vehicle.

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 1200 hours from the 100 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole his property.

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1211 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Utah Avenue, vehicle versus fence.

A found property report was taken at 1739 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Penn Street. Found was a kitchen knife.

A grand theft report was taken at 1858 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Taken was the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle

One female adult was arrested at 2321 hours from South Hindry Avenue for grand theft auto and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A found property report was taken at 2359 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Found was a debit card. •

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

City of El Segundo **Public Hearing Notice** 

The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public

Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Project Description: The City of El Segundo proposes a revision to the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which identifies the use of federal funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This revision reports on a substantial change to the City's 2020-2021 CDBG Action Plan. The proposed substantial change is the cancellation of CDBG Project 602062-19, entitled, "Joslyn Center American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Restroom Facilities Improvement Project", and instead, the reprogramming of CDBG funds from this cancelled project in the amount of \$122,361 to a new, proposed FY 2020-2021 CDBG project entitled, "City Hall ADA Restroom Facilities Improvement CDBG funds will be used for construction costs. Construction is anticipated for spring 2021. The Joslyn Center ADA Compliant Restroom Facilities Improvement Project may be

implemented at a later date The El Segundo City Council will hear and take action on the proposed change to the City's FY 2020-2021 Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Projects discussed at the meeting are eligible under federal CDBG

guidelines and will principally benefit the City's senior adults and severely disabled persons through the removal of architectural barriers that impede access

Applicant: City of El Segundo

Hearing: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm City Council Chambers

350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Environmental Determination: This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines \$15061(b)(3) which is the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and CEQA does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment

Further Information: Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at time and place indicated above. Written comments may be submitted to Tina Gall, CDBG Consultant, (tgall@ elsegundo.org) or mailed to the address above. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public

Tracy Weaver, City Clerk City of El Segundo El Segudo Herald Pub. 12/10/20

H-26973

#### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO **ORDINANCE 1620**

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEGUNDO MUNICIPAL CODE REFLECT CHANGES TO THE CITY'S INTERNAL ORGANIZATION. INCLUDING REVISED NAMES OF DEPARTMENTS CLASSIFICATIONS

SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE This ordinance adopts an amendment to changes within the City's Code to approve a revised City organizational chart which added a new Risk Manager position and made changes to the name of certain departments and positions.

The whole number of the City Council of said City is five. The foregoing Ordinance No. 1620 was duly introduced by said City Council at a regular meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, and was duly passed and adopted by said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor, and attested to by the City Clerk. all at a regular meeting of said Council on the 17th day of November, 2020, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Mayor Boyles, Mayor Pro Tem Council Member Pirsztuk, Pimentel, Council Member Nicol and Council Member Giroux

Absent: None

Abstain: None A copy of the Ordinance is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA or the City's website at http://www.elsegundo.org then go to Government, View, and Municipal

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H-26974

#### Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 20TRCP00251

LOS ANGELES Petition of: YAZMIN GONZALEZ for

Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

YAZMIN GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GONZALEZ YAZMIN JESUS

LLASMIN IVONE GONZALEZ PADILLA 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 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. Notice of Hearing:

Date: 1/22/21, Time: 9:00 AM., Dept.: M, Room: 350

The address of the court is: 825 MAPLE AVE

TORRANCE, CA 90503 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county

EL SEGUNDO HERALD Date: 12/04/2020 HON. DEIRDRE HILL Judge of the Superior Court El Segundo Herald Pub. 12/10, 12/17. 12/24, 12/31/20

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#### Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 20TRCP00274

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES Petition of: OWEN MONTGOMERY

GUILFORD for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS OWEN MONTGOMERY

Petitioner GUILFORD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
OWEN MONTGOMERY GUILFORD to OWEN MONTGOMERY NEJSTGAARD GUII FORD

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 Notice of Hearing:

Date: 1-22-21, Time: 9:00 AM., Dept.: B, Room: 340

The address of the court is 825 MAPLE AVE. Room 100

TORRANCE, CA 90503 copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: EL SEGUNDO HERALD Date: 11/30/2020

HON, GARY TANAKA Judge of the Superior Court El Segundo Herald Pub. 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/20

#### Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 20TRCP00275

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

Petition of: ROBERT JOHN GUILFORD MICHELE ELIZABETH NEJSTGAARD GUILFORD for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner ROBERT JOHN GUILFORD AND MICHELE ELIZABETH NEJSTGAARD GUILFORD petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: OLIVIA TOVE GUILFORD to

NEJSTGAARD OLIVIA TOVE **GUILFORD** 

SOPHIA CHRISTINA GUILFORD to CHRISTINA NEJSTGAARD SOPHIA **GUILFORD** 

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 Notice of Hearing:

Date: 1-22-21 Time: 9:00 AM., Dept.: B, Room: 340

The address of the court is: 825 MAPLE AVE, Room 100 TORRANCE, CA 90503

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

EL SEGUNDO HERALD Date: 12/01/2020 HON, GARY TANAKA Judge of the Superior Court Pub. 12/10, 12/17, El Segundo Herald 12/24, 12/31/20

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- 20. Doesn't play
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- 27. Food-related
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- 33. "Hold on!" 34. Goes kaput
- 36. Act of beginning something
- 40. Martini addition
- 41. Insults
- 43. Louisville Slugger wood,
- perhaps 44. Pitch
- 47. Hop, and a jump
- Romance Lost it
- 48. Follow the rules

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- **8.** Lip 9. The Forum, e.g.
- **10.** Hue 11. Race participant

57. \_\_dragon flower

61. Places of interest, with hot

72. Shelf-like wall projection

58. Generation

64. Drawn out

70. Conception

71. Ceremony

**75.** Even so

1. Golf score

3. Capitol feature

Down

2. Smell

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73. Portable phone

74. County hotspot

68. Oriental

66. Pitching stats

59. Cast off

- 13. Harry and David container
- 14. "Come in!" Transmits

- 53. Brimming 23. Bit of sweat
  - 26. Pedicure care focus 28. Definite article
  - **29.** A pop
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#### SUDOKU Medium 3 9 8 5 2 1 6 8 1 4 5 9 4 9 6 4 9

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3

squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME Current File #2017295251

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: NET DRIVEN, 909 N, SEPULVEDA BLVD, 11™ FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 12, 2017. Registrants: MF SUB I. LLC. 909 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signed: MH SUB I,LLC, B. LYNN WALSH, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 4,

EL SEGUNDO HERALD: Pub. 11/19, H-2027 11/26, 12/3, 12/10/20





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#### Fictitious Business Name Statement

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) G BODY THERAPY, 309 AVENUE E, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277, 2) GAYLE CARLISLE, 553 NORTH PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SUITE 542 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SUITE 542, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277, 3) GAYLE CARLISLE GROUP, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MARIA GAYBELLYN L CARLISLE, 309 AVENUE E, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277 This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2007. Signed: MARIA GAYBELLYN L CARLISLE, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 24, 2020. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 24, 2025. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 24, 2025. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).
El Segundo Herald: Pub. 12/10,

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement 2020188927

Fictitious Business

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GREEN MEADOWS ACUPUNCTURE, 813 MCCARTHY

COURT, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered

Owner(s): STEPHANIE A WYNBRANDT, 813 MCCARTHY COURT, EL SEGUNDO,

CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant

commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: STEPHANIE

A WYNBRANDT, Owner, This statement

was filed with the County Recorder of Los

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

expires on November 4, 2025. A new

Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 4, 2025.

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or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET

Pub. 11/26, 12/3, **H-2034** 

Angeles County on November 4, 2020.

2020188927

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) PAWCHUCO, 1002 3<sup>RD</sup>

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(Ages 5-12 Years Old)



Name	 
Age	
Phone Number _	 
Email	

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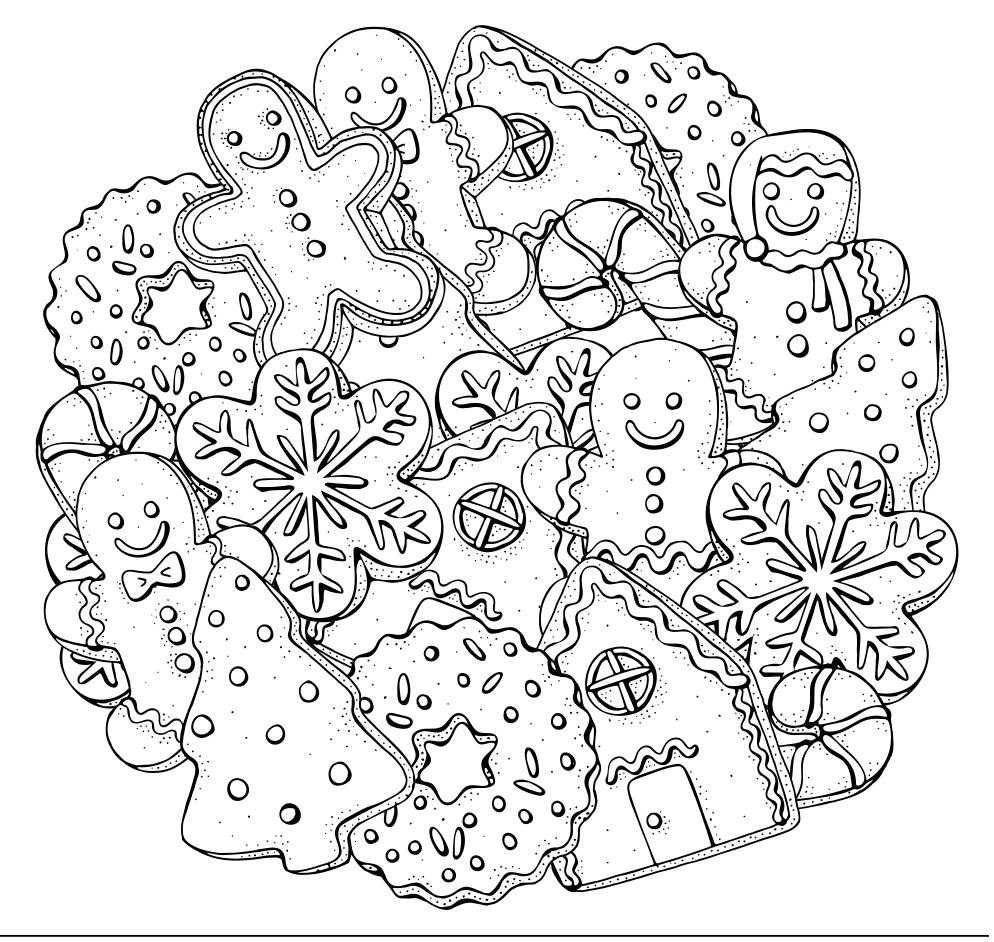


# Herald's Holiday Coloring Contest!



(Ages 13 Years Old and Up)

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# Featured Pets of the Week

#### Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

I am learning that humans are good and will give me hotdogs! I am Blue, a young, 1 year old Pit Bull mix spirited fella who needs an experienced and loving owner who will continue training me with positive reinforcement methods. I am smart and love learning new things. https://spcala.com/ adoptable/pet/?ss=21-00846

Just like my name, **Magenta**, I am vibrant! If you are looking for a 2 month old male domestic short hair kitten, look no further. I will grow into a beautiful cat. https://spcala. com/adoptable/pet/?ss=21-00761

Meow meow! My name is Gilbert and I am a 2 year old domestic short hair, black, and white male. I am looking for a forever home I can spend my days playing and napping. Will you be my Friend for Life? https://spcala.com/adoptable/ pet/?ss=21-00765

Broly, like many huskies, is actually part cat. He takes a minute to warm up, he rubs on you, and he uses his front paws to bat at you when feeling playful. He enjoys pouncing on toys but doesn't demean himself to fetch. Broly is a 4 year old male Husky mix. https:// spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=21-01010 •





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



## appy Tails

Oreo came to spcaLA in September and was adopted and returned in October. Luckily, a great family from Temecula fell in love with Oreo in November. Oreo's new dad is a veteran. Adoptions for veterans and members of their family were free thanks to the Animals For Armed Forces Foundation. spcaLA has partnered with AFAFF for almost ten years to offer no fee adoptions for military, typically twice a year - on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. That means a happy adoption for dozens of animals including Oreo. •



Congratulations to Oreo finding a new family.

#### **Hometown Heros**

turned to Rosemeyer for his problem-solving abilities. His police training and knowledge about traffic management helped improve the traffic barrier setup at Richmond Street School. The former motorcycle officer from coastal Florida recommended the city try another type of traffic barrier that is sturdier and harder to move if rammed by a vehicle. Problem solved.

Having someone on El Segundo's side with a diverse skill set that includes patrol experience, supervision, and riding out countless storms along Florida's coastal hurricane has made it possible for the incident managers to prioritize what needs to happen next. Leyman assigned Rosemeyer to coordinate resources and anticipate the necessary equipment and gear for the pandemic response and a threat of rioting that soon followed.

Rosemeyer experienced Hurricane Andrew in 2002 as it came ashore on the Gulf Coast before incident-management teams were common as they are today. The response in his community to the Category 5 winds and storm-driven flooding caused by Andrew was scattershot and chaotic, Rosemeyer recalls. Nowadays, fire and police departments train and fine-tune response plans so that a response to any imaginable emergency is coordinated.

Rosemeyer again volunteered last month to attend a FEMA training in Long Beach. The FEMA trainers threw Rosemeyer and his fellow trainees into mock scenarios and asked them to think quickly on their feet. He says, much like his experience with the monstrous Gulf storm Andrew, a wrong decision in FEMA class is a learning experience. Down the line, he and his teammates can make the right call to save lives and property.

When an email went out asking for individuals and groups making a difference for the community in the year of COVID-19, Leyman came back quickly with his nominee. "If there were ever a guy more deserving of this recognition, I'd like to meet him," the incident commander wrote. When the city's lead resource coordinator for the COVID-19 response was reassigned, Rosemeyer had earned the trust of Leyman enough to move up into the vacant leadership post. The incitementmanagement team meets mornings Monday through Thursdays in the command center at The Joslyn Center, and Rosemeyer is there at 7:30 every morning for the day's briefing. He regularly logs 32 hours a week.

For him, that's "being part of a team, making a difference and doing something for the community." When he retired from the Monroe County sheriff's department, his supervisor told the local newspaper that Rosemeyer didn't know the meaning of the word "no." His hand always goes up when his department and community needs a volunteer.

#### **Some More Silver Linings**

There are more silver linings beginning to show, too, in spite of the restrictions that have created a palpable fatigue across El Segundo. AYSO is the only game in town right

now, though practices were suspended when Los Angeles County issued a stay-at-home order through December 20. No team athletics are allowed for the three-week cooling-off period because of escalating COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions. Before the suspension of team practices, 370 children were signed up for the delayed fall season.

"As soon as we get the green light, we'll be ready to get back out there!" Region 92 commissioner Shad McFadden wrote in an email last week. It's only practices at this point, but the parents and their children are just happy for the exercise, the fresh air, and a chance to play again with old friends and new teammates.

Volunteers have stepped up to support the players and coaches, and the COVID protocols created a need for safety marshals to monitor the practices and ensure that participants are following social-distancing rules and wearing face coverings when they step on the field. With some El Segundo families deciding to sit out this year, the number of AYSO players is down in 2020. Coaches and volunteers are in shorter supply, too. "We've added over 20 new volunteers in the last two weeks since we started, and it has allowed us to keep the kids on the field," McFadden wrote before the county shut down AYSO at least until Christmas week. "The El Segundo community stepped up, came together, and made it happen!"

Richmond and Center Street schools have received approval to reopen their lower grades, and the district planned to restart in-person learning on Tuesday, December 8. Los Angeles County health officials gave the green light to the El Segundo Unified School District to start a hybrid learning schedule for transitional kindergarten through second graders at the two elementary schools. El Segundo City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the school employee unions, and the Ed! Foundation backed the district's petition for a waiver to reopen partially.

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Superintendent Melissa Moore and other administrators credit the teachers and support staff at The Learning Connection preschool program, aka TLC, for providing the district's leaders with a much-needed boost of confidence that schools can reopen safely. The TLC program restarted for the fall term and hasn't recorded a single positive case of the virus among the children or adults in the popular program.

Be on the lookout for other acts of kindness that promote community spirit and announcements about the annual El Segundo Christmas Parade, which won't be canceled. The parade and display of floats will go on, though it will be a "reverse holiday parade," according to Ryan Delgado, a supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department. Vehicles will drive through the Joslyn Center parking lot so that families and small children can safely enjoy the annual holiday tradition. "Home for the Holidays" is the theme for the celebration, which is fitting given everything that's happened in 2020. •