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The El Segundo Holiday Parade Brings Festive Joy to the City



The 57th Annual Parade traveled down Main Street, starting at Imperial Avenue, proceeding south towards El Segundo Blvd, and featured festive floats, merry marching bands and so much holiday fun. For more Holiday Parade photos see pages 2 and 16. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

Santa's Sleigh Ride Goes Off Magically in El Segundo

By Kiersten Vannest

If you've ever spent a holiday season here in El Segundo, you know that cheer abounds with Candy Cane Lane, the Christmas Parade, and the tree lighting ceremony. Those with children know that Santa likes to frequent our seaside community, and he gets a little help from the El Segundo Police Department.

Each year, the El Segundo Kiwanis Club and the Police Officers Association (POA) proudly host Santa's Sleigh and aid him in making his way down every residential street in the city, welcoming children to sit on board with him and discuss their wish list. Barry Gribbon, a board member for the local Kiwanis chapter, happily participates in the production of the event.

"Santa rides after dark, so a lot of the kids are in their pajamas," says Gribbon. Children all over town wait for Santa's route to include their street, and they know his arrival by police sirens. As the event requires lots of foot traffic in the street (Santa does draw quite a bit of attention), The ESPD Police Officers Association assists in clearing streets and making the event as safe as possible for all to enjoy, including announcing the arrival of Santa with their sirens.

Established in 1949, the POA represents sworn officers of ESPD. With fifty-five members, the group works to help local organizations, charities and schools. In this case, they help to bring the spirit of Christmas to the kids of El Segundo.

While the police handle the safety of the event, the Kiwanis Club handles the magic. "A whole team works for two days to construct the sleigh and decorations," Gribbon describes, saying that the project essentially starts with nothing but a flatbed truck and a handful of volunteers over Thanksgiving weekend. The

Kiwanis volunteers then set up the sleigh, the lights, the decor, the sound system, and finally, they invite Santa to ride through town.

From there, Santa maps his route every night of his ride. By the end of his tour, he will have visited every residential street in El Segundo, so the Kiwanis Club and the POA created a tracker to help residents find Santa along his route. Updates from the sleigh are broadcast as the journey progresses, and families are encouraged to participate in the process online and in person.

This year, Santa began his tour from December 6th through the 9th and finished on the thirteenth and fourteenth. Every night, the Kiwanis Club posted a map of their route, which often had to be adjusted by volume

of Santa visits per neighborhood. When they ride through high-density areas, like those with apartment complexes.

Gribbon says it's not unusual to alter the route and cover lost ground on the next night. As he puts it, the group starts with three thousand candy canes, and by the end of the tour, they're usually out of candy canes. He has been involved with the Kiwanis Club for about four years now, and the event he typically oversees is the Richmond Street Fair. He was recruited to join for his knowledge of live event planning, and he stayed because of his love for community and helping kids.

The Kiwanis Club works to support and fundraise for local events, nonprofits, school

See Santa's Sleigh, page 15

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
65°/42°



Saturday
Sunny
61°/42°



Sunday
Sunny
62°/44°



Emily Lavelle: Restoring Cars, Demolishing Buildings

By Duane Plank

El Segundo's Emily Lavelle may not be the only young woman in town who likes to restore vintage cars and demolish and rebuild structures, but I think that she might be at the top of that probably brief list of local, young lady DIYers.

The 20-year-old Lavelle, who rose through the El Segundo Unified School District, went from being a Richmond Street School Blue Butterfly to graduating from El Segundo High School in June 2020 as an Eagle. During her years attending ESHS, Lavelle landed on the prestigious honor roll during three years of her schooling and amassed a 4.2 GPA her senior year while completing the

AVID program's four-year Engineering Pathway offerings.

Lavelle said she has always been a "hands-on person," learning from her family members who were "builders." She said that when she went to high school, she was intrigued by the engineering program. "They had a shop there," she said, "so I got to build radios," and veered into tackling electrical and aerospace challenges. "That was the best part of high school," she said. "We got to build spaceships (beam me up Scotty!), rovers, and we built a lot of cars. For my senior project, we were going to build an electric wheelchair," but that project had to be

See Emily Lavelle, page 6



Holiday Parade Fun



Photos by Gregg McMullin



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3.

- 1. Eagle's Nest Pre-School members.
- 2. Lindy by the Sea Swing Dancers entertained parade watchers.
- 3. 1962 Miss El Segundo Rosalie Fiorante.
- 4. The Grinch got a hug from parade watchers.
- 5. Stella and Charlotte Bright and their mother Kate Bright Bik get ready for the parade.

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4.

For more photos, see page 16



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JANUARY 11, 2022 — FINAL DEADLINE

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Travel

In a Winter Wonderland— Travel in the Off-Season

Article and photos
by Ben & Glinda Shipley

Maybe it's an aberration, but we love stormy weather. And the stormiest place in all of the British Isles is a tiny fishing village by the name of Porthleven on the south coast of Cornwall. For anyone who has spent a winter in Britain, this is no insignificant claim. The Ship Inn on the harbor is plastered with notices from a recent squall, when its clientele was stuck all night drinking in the pub before they could safely tiddle home. There's a breakwater of sorts, but nothing you'd want to rely on through more than a mini-tsunami. So we consulted our calendars and weathermen and wandered in on a gloomy, bitterly cold January afternoon.

As it happened, apart from the temperature, the weather gods were in an unreasonably good mood. But we secured the nicest room at the oldest inn on the harbor without calling ahead. With most of the restaurants shuttered for the season, we were treated like pretend-royals at the handful still open. And everyone

we met had nothing better to do than chat with the only oddball strangers in town. Had we shown up in the summer high season, we would have been swarmed and battered and elbowed aside in the sweat-stained lunge for the latest iPhone photo op.

If that doesn't roll your motor, try (what Albert Einstein might have called) this thought experiment: Imagine you're the only gondola-crazed tourist on all of San Marco Island in Venice. If only to keep warm, your gondolier belts out his finest Enrico Caruso arias, one after another, while you pass from canal to canal and bridge to bridge without crashing into a single competitor. Afterwards, Enrico tells you his life story and his father's life story and his grandfather's life story (all gondoliers, of course) and so on.

When you ask for restaurant suggestions, Enrico doesn't just pass you off to the gaudy (and shuttered) tourist traps on the Piazza. Instead, you end up with a few relaxed locals at the best little seafood diner in the neighborhood,

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Police Reports

Monday, Dec 6th

An online vandalism report was taken at 0613 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway.

An online court order violation report was taken at 0617 hours from the 800 block of Main Street.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1521 hours from the 300 block of Main Street.

One female adult was arrested at 1819 hours from Maple Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway for attempt robbery, one CHP misdemeanor warrant and one MBPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0008 hours from the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue for identity theft, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, two LAPD misdemeanor warrants and one CHP misdemeanor warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0008 hours from the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia, one LASD probation violation warrant, one LAPD misdemeanor warrant and four San Bernadino County misdemeanor warrants.

A grand theft report was taken at 0250 hours from the 1100 block of Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's tailgate from his vehicle.

Tuesday, Dec 7th

A criminal threats report was taken at 1014

hours from the 600 block of Main Street.

An attempt burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1030 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway.

An attempt burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1232 hours from the 1100 block of East Walnut Avenue.

A dead body report was taken at 1226 hours from the 600 block of East Pine Avenue. A male adult was found deceased.

One female adult was arrested at 0148 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street for misdemeanor DUI.

Traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 0101 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street, vehicle versus curb.

A grand theft report was taken at 0136 hours from the 1000 block of East Pine Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle.

Wednesday, Dec 8th

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0911 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Taken was a dark blue 2015 Kia Optima.

A hit and run report was taken at 1021 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Rosecrans Avenue. Vehicle versus vehicle.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1541 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a storage

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Sports

Eagles are Playing with Pride

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo high school's soccer, basketball, and girls water polo teams have all played non-league schedules to begin their respective seasons. Each of these teams is rounding into shape, and the games in December will prepare them for their Pioneer League games starting in January. The basketball program hosted the Inaugural El Segundo Classic, the boys' soccer team held their own against Mira Costa, and the girls' soccer team has started slowly. The girl's water polo team looked impressive against a Bay League contender.

Eagles Host First Classic

Head coach David March's vision of hosting a one-day event that included all the high schools in El Segundo, included ESHS, Vistamar, and Da-Vinci Wiseburn, played a schedule on one

Saturday. The Eagles played host to CIF Southern Section Division 1 powerhouse Windward Wildcats and came away with a 58-38 loss.

Going into the game, Coach March knew his team would be in for a challenge against a young Wildcats team that has no seniors, but a number of Division 1 colligate prospects. The Eagles had a promising start, with Preston Engle and Farren Affel scoring four points. The defense hounded Windward into going 0-8 to start. But things changed, and Windward took a slight lead heading into the second quarter. The Wildcats built a 16-8 lead before Engle connected on three consecutive baskets to cut the deficit to 16-14. That's as close as the Eagles would come as Windward went on a 10-point run and by halftime had built a 15-point lead.

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Nicole Ungaro is under pressure against San Pedro but scored on this jumper.

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Police Reports

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unit and stole the victim's property.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1707 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a storage unit and stole the victim's property.

Thursday, Dec 9th

A traffic collision (no injuries) occurred at 0836 hours on Douglas Street and Maple Avenue, vehicle versus tree.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0821 hours from the 2100 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a storage container.

One male adult was arrested at 0821 hours from Nash Street and El Segundo for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, one MBPD misdemeanor warrant, and one MBPD want for burglary.

An obtaining money by false pretenses report was taken at 1527 hours from the 400 block of Richmond Street. Unknown suspect(s) were given money under the false pretense of selling an art piece.

A grand theft report was taken at 1732 hours from the 700 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Taken was a laptop and wallet by unknown suspect(s).

A grand theft report was taken at 1802 hours from the 200 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) stole a catalytic converter from a 2009 Toyota Prius.

One male adult was arrested at 1951 hours from Center Street and Grand Avenue for DUI drugs.

Friday, Dec 10th

A forgery report was taken at 1232 hours from the 400 block of Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) cashed fraudulent checks.

An injury report was taken at 1508 hours from the 200 block of West Palm Avenue. A male adult tripped on the sidewalk and injured his left inner thigh and left upper arm.

One male adult was arrested at 2217 hours from California Street and Imperial Highway for not presenting positive identification and for not having bicycle lights

A resisting arrest report was taken at 0525 hours from Center Street and Imperial Avenue.

Saturday, Dec 11th

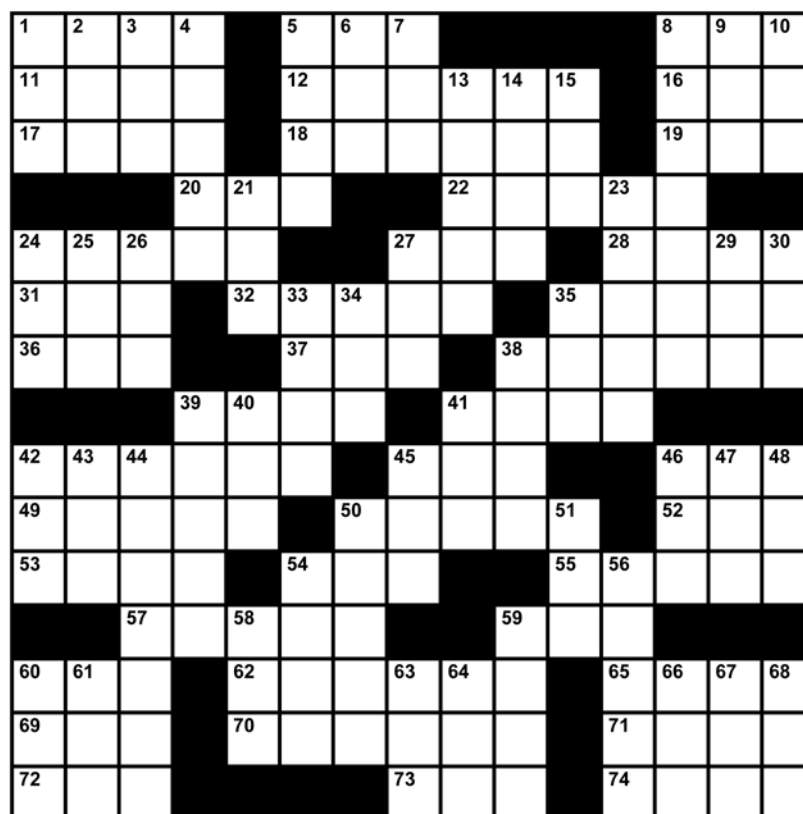
A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0731 hours from the 400 block of Valley Street. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a window and stole miscellaneous tools from the victim's locked vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 2151 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Douglas Street for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Torrance and Redondo PD.

One male adult was arrested at 0228 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Maryland Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC above .08%. •

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See Answers Next Week



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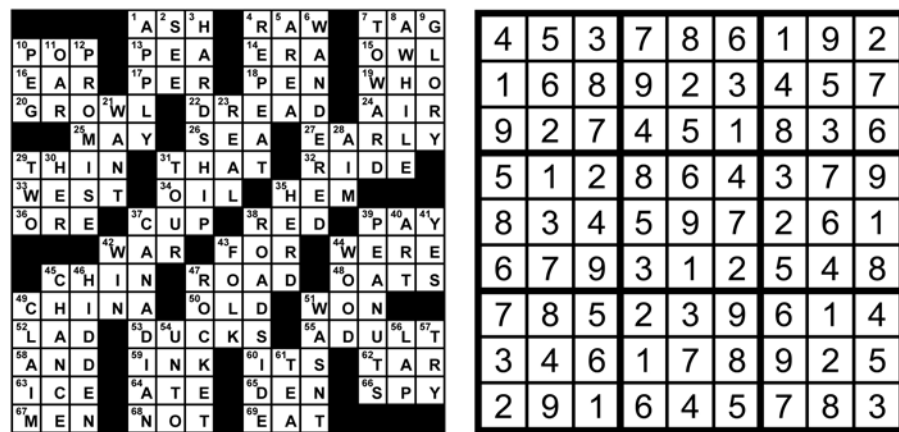
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- Carhop's load
- Volcano feature
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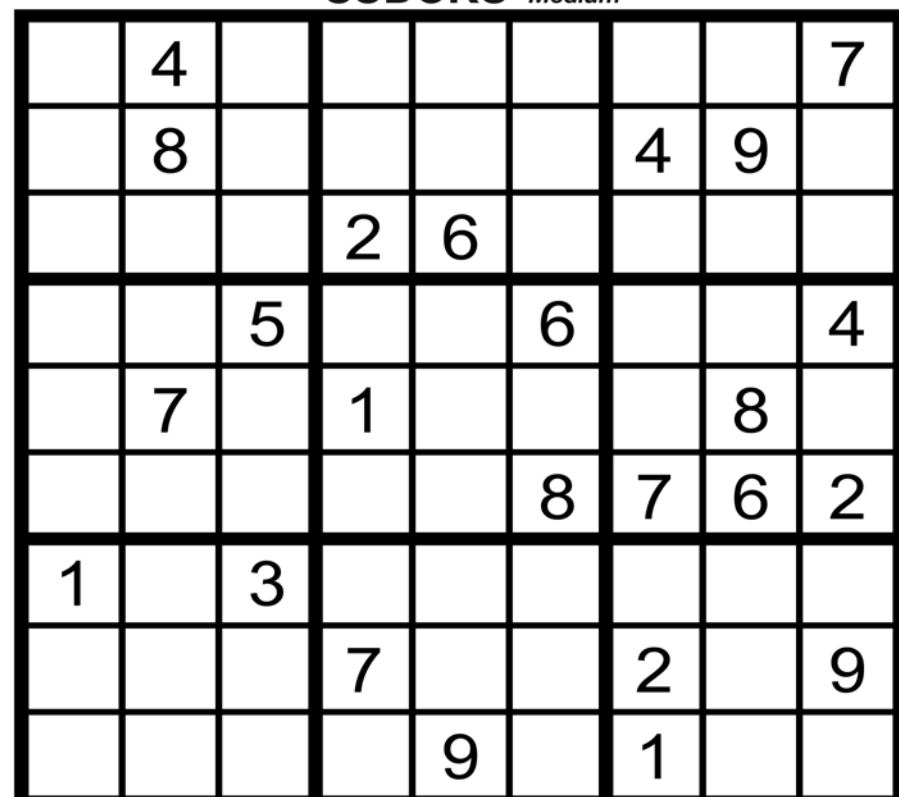
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- Hunt for
- Country stop-over
- Strawberry colour
- Most immediate
- Vacuum's lack
- Busy one
- Guidelines
- Add inches
- Agreement
- Matched, as a bet
- Make blank
- Place to see the elephants and the lions
- It may be bitter
- Flower garden
- Go by space shuttle

- Consumed
- Cave
- Out of town
- Non-professional
- Overdo, a role for example
- Affectionate
- Exchange
- Sun emission
- Scheduled for delivery
- Measure
- The earliest films were from the Silent ___
- Adjusted the jib
- Stitch up
- Road goo
- "I ___ you one"
- Engage in matrimony
- Work out
- Sow, ewe or mare
- Stick
- Spin doctor's worry
- Completed
- Lead
- Low-quality paper
- Green light from the boss
- On target
- Dawn's moisture
- Pekeo
- Tool in a trireme
- Feminine title

Last Week's Answers



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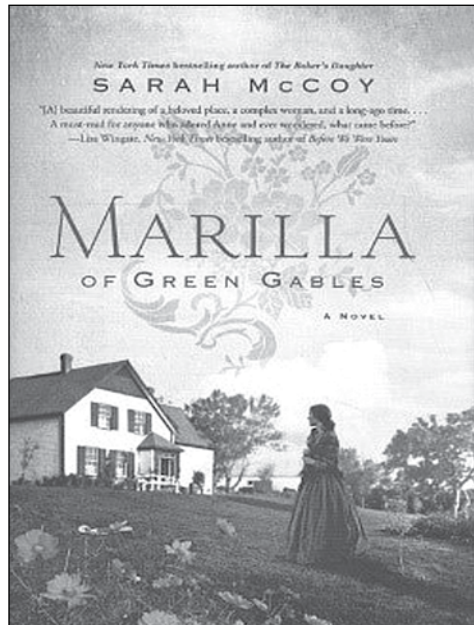
Entertainment

Check It Out

Marilla of Green Gables Written by Sarah McCoy

By Cathie Hinkle, Library Assistant - El Segundo Public Library

When the dinner plate sized fall leaves start littering Library Park, and the squirrels give chase up the sun warmed tree trunks, my mind drifts towards books that resonate with themes of family and hope.



Marilla of Green Gables by Sarah McCoy.

Marilla of Green Gables, written by Sarah McCoy, satisfied this need for a cozy book. This novel is the prequel to the, beloved by many, Anne of Green Gables written by L.M. Montgomery. Upon opening the novel, the reader finds a prologue that introduces the reader to the year 1876, when Marilla and Matthew are discussing possibly bringing on a young boy to help Matthew around the farm. We get a glimpse into why Anne became part of the Cuthbert family. Then the reader turns the page and is quickly transported back in time to 1837 when Marilla Cuthbert is but a thirteen-year-old girl. In McCoy's writing we can see how Marilla's stoic character was formed during

her childhood. As a girl and young woman, she faced tremendous loss, desires that she chose to tamper down and disillusionment. She also witnessed firsthand the hatred and brutality of mankind which, in my opinion, is handled well. Marilla also experienced deep physical pain; sometimes daily.

As a young girl when I read Anne of Green Gables, I always wondered what had made Marilla Cuthbert so cantankerous. Why was she so reserved with her feelings? I feel that this book has answered my questions and has done so in a way that honors the Anne of Green Gables series.

You will find many familiar characters in this book including Matthew Cuthbert, Rachel, Thomas and other characters that are developed well. You will see Marilla's giving spirit developed and just like the warmth of her famous raspberry cordial, you will be left with warm feelings of home, family and hope.

To check out this and other hopeful titles this holiday season, please stop by the El Segundo Public Library. You can also find us online at www.elsegundolibrary.org.



Cathie Hinkle

*"Winter is the time for comfort,
for good food and warmth,
for the touch of a friendly hand
and for a talk beside the fire:
it is the time for home."*

— EDITH SITWELL

Film Review

Flee is a Breathtaking Recount of Survival

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Remarkably moving in both its story and delivery, Jonas Poher Rasmussen's animated feature *Flee* is a must-watch. Expanding our idea of what a documentary can be, *Flee*'s depiction of an Afghan refugee's decades-long plight for survival and, most importantly, self-acceptance, is a deep well of emotional fragility.

Executive produced by Riz Ahmed and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, *Flee* begins with a title card informing us that what we are about to watch is based on a true story, but some names

you're forced to live a day at a time. Especially as a gay man, Amin's fight for survival was his only goal.

Set against a haunting score by composer Uno Helmersson (*The Painter and the Thief*) and powerful uses of the tracks 'Breathe In' and 'Help Me' by the American-Icelandic artist Low Roar, *Flee* will put you through your own emotional journey. Mesmerizing visuals span throughout Amin's life; from childhood to the present day, living in Stockholm with his partner, and even though it's drawn in 2-D



Flee, courtesy of NEON.

and locations have been changed to protect identities and avoid persecution. For the next hour and a half, we become wrapped up in the life story of Amin Nawabi (a pseudonym) as he tells his harrowing journey of life as a young gay man who was always on the run from the police, the government, and his own feelings.

In a very poised, yet hesitant way, much like he is talking to a new therapist, Amin describes his earliest childhood memories as a three-year-old in Kabul, Afghanistan in the 1980s. A-ha's 'Take on Me' plays under b-roll of live-action footage— a jarring reminder that despite the film's mostly animated look, this is not make-believe. After his father mysteriously disappears and Amin and his brother risk getting drafted into the military – which might as well be a death sentence – the family flees Afghanistan with hopes and prayers as their only way forward.

What follows is horrifying abuse and multiple life or death situations while constantly crossing borders to cover their tracks. Forever in flux, it is hard to plan for the future when

animation, we feel his pain. We see the tears well up in his eyes and sense the tension and anxiety he has carried around his entire life. And that last shot... just brilliant.

Flee is a remarkable feat for the entire film-making team and one of the most profound films I've seen in a long time. Now playing in theaters. •



Morgan Rojas

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Emily Lavelle

from front page

scuttled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I have been in love with old cars since I was in elementary school," Lavelle said. "I would take pictures of them and started creating an album with many of the cars that I have seen in town." She is a devotee of the car show on Main Street that annually takes place in the summer and the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum located in town east of PCH.

She said that a couple of years ago, she really started noticing classic cars. Her boyfriend, Shane, and Emily spied a 1967 Mustang parked in town. "We went on a whim and bought it," Lavelle said. "That is where it started. We both started learning the engine together, and I branched off from there and started buying my own cars. I help him with his (cars), he helps me with mine."

Lavelle has mined Craigslist to purchase vintage cars to restore, including a manual transmission-equipped Ford Bronco. "It is everything I wanted," Lavelle said, mentioning that she is learning to tool-around in that manual transmission vehicle and is hoping to change out her Ford Falcon to a manual transmission set-up.

Lavelle is currently enrolled at El Camino College. So, Lavelle's basic educational trajectory does not seem all that unique for an El Segundo gal, right? Rise through the ranks of the renowned school district, snag a diploma from the high school, and then enroll at El Camino College.

But what does make Lavelle's journey unique is that she already has her educational future completely mapped out, focusing on her goals at El Camino and beyond. We will let her tell the story. "I am currently achieving my certificate of completion for engineering technology along with my associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering," she said, "with a background in Carpentry and Machine Tool Technology," she writes. "I will have my certificate of completion in a year or so. This is all thanks to El Segundo High School and my teacher Mr. Horvath, for having a four-year program in Engineering, (with dual enrollment with El Camino. Eventually," Lavelle continues, "I want to transfer to Cal State Long Beach or California Polytechnic State University to receive my bachelor's in mechanical engineering."

The Horvath who Lavelle name-checked is ESHS engineering and physics instructor Daniel Horvath. "I have known Emily for two years," he emailed, "when she took Aerospace Engineering (junior year) and Engineering Design and Development (senior year)."

"She was really inclined towards mechanical engineering," Horvath said, "always trying to solve problems and figure out how things work. She was also very determined and

never gave up."

"I think it is more common for boys to be mechanical engineering inclined," Horvath said, noting that it is "not completely uncommon" for young ladies to catch the engineering bug. "I have two girls this year that are also following a similar path as Emily. It varies from year to year, but it is getting more popular among girls lately." Concluded Horvath: "Emily was a great student who always knew what she wanted to accomplish and what her goals were. She never hesitated to ask for help if she needed it."

Lavelle said that mechanical engineering "is my dream career," and that one day down the road, she wants to utilize her mechanical skills



Lavelle "The Demolisher." Photos courtesy of Emily Lavelle.

"to build my own home," maybe in the Midwest, where she figures that land is more plentiful, and she could have space for her car restoration projects. She dreams of someday "building my own cabin," with a substantial chunk of land for her cars. She is constantly looking for more cars to restore but is hamstrung by the lack of space to park and store cars while living in a city environment.

Lavelle is currently honing her mechanical skills restoring vintage cars, including a 1961 Ford Falcon, 1988 Ford Bronco, 1965 Ford Ranchero, 1967 Ford Mustang, and 1987 Toyota 4Runner.

"My first purchase of a classic car is my 1961 Ford Falcon, named Eddie after my

beloved Uncle, Edward Walter Lavelle," she said. "I have been restoring it now for (more than) a year. I redid the interior myself, repainting it all its original turquoise, adding cedar wood door panels, and painting my own "white wall" tires. I have also been working on a bigger inline six engine (Ford 250)," she added. "I am currently assembling the engine with my boyfriend's uncle, and my mentor, Alan M. Shane, and I have the same love for cars, so we can chat away and work on them together. I have helped Shane work on his 1965 Ranchero, 1967 Mustang, and 1987 4Runner. Alan M. has an awesome past with cars, so he helps us improve our knowledge. About a month ago, I bought a 1988 Bronco II," she

new custom cabinets up and tearing out the old tiles to place his new terracotta tiles to transform it into an Italian-style kitchen. I am very thankful for Alan M. because he is teaching me so many skills that I have always wanted to know. Hopefully, down the road, I can use the knowledge he has given me to build my own home!"

Lavelle likes the "reverse engineering" of tearing down a structure and then rebuilding it. Alan M., she said, agreed that if he shared his vast knowledge of re-jiggering classic cars, she would help tear down and rebuild his Woodland Hills structures.

Lavelle said that the work demolishing the facility was laborious, but a labor of love. "Super-cool," she said. "A really heavy-duty job," noting the 200-pound pieces of debris that Lavelle and Alan M. had to muscle around. "We are still doing it," Lavelle said. Emily says the goal is to make the rebuilt facility into "a car shop" because Alan M. is also a vintage car aficionado. Lavelle said that "we have so many plans in-store" for revamping the kitchen, including a bakery, greenhouse, and other amenities. Lavelle relishes the work. "It is so much fun," she said.

For his part, Alan M. said that Lavelle is a "very mechanically oriented person. We have worked together on many projects," he said, noting that he helps with her car restorations, and she helps him "build stuff." Alan M. also provides Emily and Shane space to work on their restoration projects. "Emily has a deep drive to learn things," Alan M. said, noting he taught Lavelle to weld, a talent that Lavelle applies in myriad ways. Summed up, Alan M. noted Lavelle also possesses people skills: "Emily is a very pleasant person; people like to be around her."

Restoring cars was not always on Lavelle's radar. "I never really thought that I wanted to make a career in cars. I always wanted to do treehouses, she said, referencing a television show "Treehouse Masters," that she enjoyed watching at one time. But at this point, "It would be really cool to own my own car restoration business," she said.

When not restoring classic cars or demolishing things, Lavelle likes to rock climb and strums an occasional guitar. She describes her bedroom as decorated as if "an artist threw-up everywhere," plastered with posters of Elvis Presley, bands like Pink Floyd and Lynyrd Skynyrd, and, of course, renderings of classic cars.

Lavelle currently works at Rock & Brews, which allows her to grab a paycheck to apply to her next car purchase, meet myriad El Segundoans, and sate her musical whimsy. She likes that El Segundo is "really safe and that I can walk everywhere. No matter where I go, I know somebody," she said.

As Lavelle continues down her chosen pathway, do not bet against her displaying a restored vehicle or two at an upcoming Main Street Car Show or buying acreage somewhere in the Midwest to build her dreamhouse cabin, store her car collection, and even build that treehouse! •

said. "Shane and I drove up to Sacramento to check it out. I fell in love and shipped it down. It is my first manual car. Learning at first was a struggle, and I am still trying to fully get the hang of it. But I know I will not be going back to automatic anytime soon. I am starting to build drawers in the back that can transform into a platform for a bed so I can start traveling the states! Cars are something I love to work on for hours!"

When Lavelle is not attending classes at El Camino or restoring older cars, she also likes to bust things up, and then renovate them. She speaks of a "demolition and rebuilding" project that she is tackling that includes a new barn and kitchen.

"Another project of mine has been helping Alan M. transform his barn into an amazing workshop," she said. "Together, we took off the fallen framework that functioned as a roof, cleared out the inside, eventually moving all of his machinery and tools in to create a car shop/workshop. We have also been working on his kitchen," continued Lavelle, "placing



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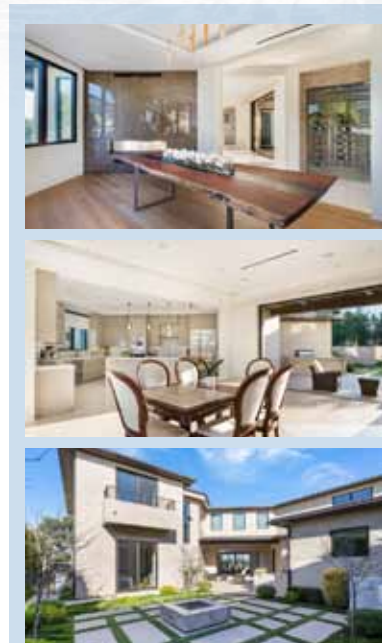
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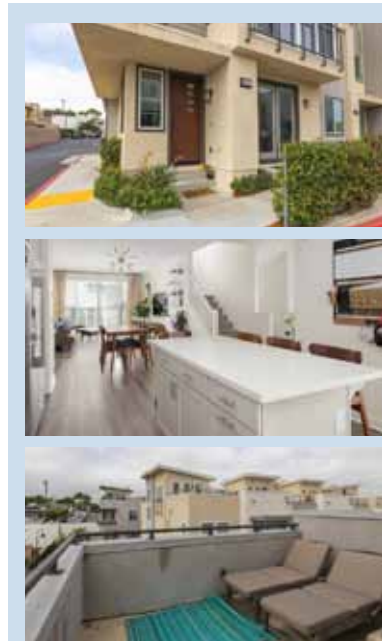


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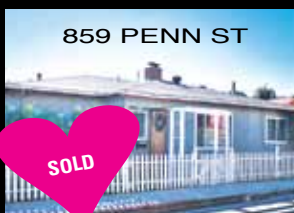
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Eagles

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The Eagles played with passion and never gave a thought to their being down by as many as 29 points in the second half. The fact is El Segundo's determination and gutsy performance held the Wildcats to a mere 58 points when

attitude and is not intimidated by a young team with just six seniors.

The Eagle's non-league schedule has been a challenge with the likes of City Section power San Pedro, Bay League powers Peninsula and



Bo Takehara connects on a long three-point attempt.

they've been averaging 81 points per game. Coach March said his team played well and defensively, but we need to do a better job on limiting second and third shots. Preston Engle led the Eagles with 18 points, including all eight points in the second quarter.

The Eagles travel to play Leuzinger next Wednesday, December 15, at 6 p.m.

Tsukahira Leads Eagles to Win

The Eagles are on a three-game win streak with their 61-31 win over San Pedro. Tina Tsukahira led her team to the easy victory by connecting on 9-16 from three-point range and had a game-high 27 points. Head coach Terrence Wilson was happy with his team's overall play and said, "Tina was really dialed in today."

In the first quarter, Tsukahira connected on back-to-back three-pointers as she helped propel her team to an 18-8 lead. In the second quarter, she did the same thing to put her team up 28-10. At the end of the third quarter, she made a 35-foot desperation buzzer-beating three-pointer and added a couple more three-pointers in the fourth period.

Coach Wilson said the team has been playing with more purpose and more unselfish on offense. Besides Tsukahira's 27 points, Leila Sugimoto had 14 points, Bo Takehara chipped in 10 points, and Nicole Ungaro had six points. "We're looking for the open player more and taking better shot selections." He continued, "As well as Tina (Tsukahira) played, our defensive efforts stood out too. There hasn't been a shortage of effort on defense, and it has shown in the last three games."

The Eagles played at Culver City Tuesday night and play at Da-Vinci tonight at 6 p.m. They won't return home until Friday, January 7 at 6 p.m. to host Torrance in a Pioneer League match-up.

Boys Soccer Not Intimidated in Defeat

The Eagles last won a league a couple of years ago. That team played was loaded with experience and talent that included speed and athletes. This season they are once again loaded with talented athletes and perhaps even better speed but doing it with underclassmen. Head coach Andrew Kelly has instilled a winning



Josh Lopez on the attack against Mira Costa.

Palos Verdes, and reigning CIF champion Mira Costa Mustangs. Facing Mira Costa's big and physical team could have made an impression on the younger Eagles, but they weren't intimidated at all. Though the Mustangs won the game 2-0, they knew they were in a battle.

The Mustangs pushed the Eagles throughout the first half and controlled the pace. The game was physical, and El Segundo was not going to fold. El Segundo goalkeeper James Baldino had five saves but was constantly hounded with Mira Costa's aggressive offense. The first half's only goal came on a penalty kick by Dylan Engels. In the second half, the Eagles had their opportunities but came away empty. Midway through the half, the Mustangs controlled the ball in front of El Segundo's net. After a scrum and three attempts, Luke

Donahue passed to Engels, who pushed it in for a goal, and the Eagles fell 2-0.

El Segundo got back in the win column with a 3-2 win over Animo. Juniors Ethan Ralls and Gage Van Kleeck and sophomore Connor Moore each scored a goal, and the Eagles improved to 3-1, heading into this week's games against Culver City on Monday and Palos Verdes yesterday.

Defending Champs Off to Slow Start

Last season the girls' soccer team was the third-place team in the Pioneer League. They went on to win the program's first CIF championship. With plenty of returning members off last year's squad, including Chelsea Charles, the reigning Player of the Year, hopes for a repeat are high. The Eagles started slowly last season before hitting their stride. This season has been no different, with the Eagles starting 1-3-1 heading into this week's games against Inglewood yesterday and at home against Peninsula today at 3 p.m. They are entered in the prestigious South Torrance Tournament starting Saturday.

Water Polo Girls Win Big

The Eagles won a pair of games against Bay

League hopefuls Redondo 13-2 and Peninsula 14-6 and have jumped out to a 4-1 record. Against Redondo, the Eagles took an early 4-0 lead when Stephanie Rodriguez stole a pass and ended up with an easy score. Late in the first period, Avery Torres was set up by Emmie Ramirez's pass and fired it in to make it 7-0.

In the third period, Alyssa Mullane lobbed one in to make it 9-0, and Sally Gonzalez scored shortly after Redondo scored their first goal to make it 10-1. Evelyn Hale scored off an assist from Ramirez with six seconds remaining in the period. Stephanie Rodriguez scored a pair of goals in the fourth period to round out the scoring.

The defense was stout and held Redondo to just ten shot attempts, and the freshman goalie had eight saves in the first half.

The Eagles jumped out to a 5-2 lead against Peninsula and took a 9-4 lead into the final period. In the fourth period, El Segundo's offense took off and scored five more goals, and went on to win 14-6.

The Eagles face Torrance today at 3 p.m. Friday, they travel to play in the Diamond Bar Tournament and face Beverly Hills on the road on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. •



Sally Gonzalez scores one of her three goals against Redondo.

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of El Segundo Notice of Public Hearing



The PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on:

SMOKY HOLLOW SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN FOR THE STANDARD WORKS PROJECT

Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of El Segundo will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA, to consider Environmental Assessment Nos. EA-1281 and EA-1282, Community Benefit Plan No. 19-02 and 19-03, and Specific Plan Amendment No. 21-01.

Virtual Meeting also available via Zoom Teleconferencing at the following URL:
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Project Location: The Project North Site is located on the south side of East Franklin Street, mid-block and east of 136 Oregon Street, the building located at the southeast corner of Oregon and East Franklin Street. The Project South Site is located at the northwest corner of Kansas Street and East El Segundo Boulevard. The projects sites are bound by the Chevron Refinery to the south across East El Segundo Boulevard, and by light industrial and creative office space uses to the north, east, and west within the Smoky Hollow area.

Project Description: The proposed Specific Plan Amendment (SPA) would modify the Height Development Standards for Community Benefit Plan (CBP) Tier II applicable projects in a designated 30-acre subarea of the Smoky Hollow Specific Plan (SHSP) with a max. building height deviation up to 60 feet.

The proposed Project also involves the redevelopment of two adjacent sites within the SHSP, the South Site (aka Parcel A [EA No. 1281]) and the North Site (aka Parcel E [EA No. 1282]). On the 1.01-acre South Site the Project would develop a 44,604-square foot addition to the existing 19,311 sf, one-story brick building that would be structurally preserved in place. This site would have a total building area of 63,915 square feet (FAR = 1.45) and a new building height of 59' 6".

The proposed Project for the North Site would develop a 1.07-acre portion of a 4.34-acre property with two buildings, one R&D and office building and a coffee pavilion building. The existing 19,493 square foot (sf), one-story brick building would be preserved and two new floors with 44,802 square feet would be added above it. This would result in a total building area of 65,061 square feet (FAR = 0.95) and a new building height of 59' 6". The new coffee pavilion will have 766 square feet with a maximum height of 23' 8". This site would also include construction of a new 5,000-square foot public outdoor park with park seating, picnic tables, shade trees and landscaping.

Purpose: In accordance with the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21092, Sections 15063 and 15072 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Guidelines pertaining to the California Environmental Quality Act, and the El Segundo Municipal Code, this is to advise you that the Planning Department of the City of El Segundo has prepared an Initial Study of environmental impacts on the following project and is recommending the environmental determination described below.

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND): An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15063 ("CEQA Guidelines"). A Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA § 15070. The public review and comment period for the MND begins on December 15, 2021 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2022. The proposed environmental documents are available on the City's website at: <https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/development-services/planning-division/active-projects>. Written comments on the MND must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2022, which can be submitted via email at planning@elsegundo.org, or can be mailed to 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 (Attn: Eduardo Schonborn).

Further Information: The file for the above-mentioned proposal, including the Mitigated Negative Declaration, is also available for public review, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the City of El Segundo Development Services Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo CA, 90245. Any person may give testimony at the hearing at the time and place indicated above, either in person or using the teleconferencing information above.

Please contact Eduardo Schonborn, AICP, Planning Manager, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2312 or via email at eschonborn@elsegundo.org for further information. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing. El Segundo Herald Pub. 12/16/21 H-27390



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- **Step 1:** Heat the oven to 325°F. Season the beef with the salt and black pepper. Place the beef into a roasting pan, rib-side down.
- **Step 2:** Roast for 2 hours 20 minutes for medium-rare or until desired doneness. Remove the beef to a cutting board and let stand for 20 minutes.
- **Step 3:** Spoon off any fat from the pan drippings. Stir the wine in the pan and heat over medium-high heat to a boil, stirring to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Reduce the heat to medium and cook for 5 minutes. Pour the wine mixture through a fine mesh sieve into a 2-quart saucepan.
- **Step 4:** Stir the stock and flour in a medium bowl with a whisk. Gradually add the stock mixture to the saucepan, stirring with a whisk. Cook and stir over medium heat for 5 minutes or until the mixture boils and thickens. Season with additional salt and black pepper, if desired. Serve the stock mixture with the beef.

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Ana is a petite grey and white beauty! Her hair continues to grow longer and longer. We are not sure what she will look like when she's done growing, but her fur is luxuriously soft. Even better than her luxurious coat is her mild personality! Ana has never hissed or swatted despite being a street girl. However, she is not comfortable when approached while she is on the ground. When Ana is on her cat tree, she is loving and so sweet! We know that personality

is there, and it's just a matter of comfort. Ana spends most of her time up high, except when it is time to eat, make many biscuits, or play with a wand toy! Ana will absolutely need a taller cat trees or cat shelves to be comfortable in her new home

Aster and **Indigo** are two amazingly adorable, bonded brothers that are just as cuddly as they are playful. **Aster** is the more energetic one of the two. He enjoys chasing his brother and foster siblings around the house and running through the cat tube. Yet Aster is incredibly affectionate and is not shy about showing his love. He loves wrestling with Indigo, but once he spots his favorite human, he runs over to her and sits on her lap or perches on her shoulder. **Indigo** is the observer of the group. Although, he loves chasing the red laser dot or running through the cat tube, Indigo loves sitting on the couch with his foster mom just as much. He is a silly kitty with a very playful personality and will nibble on your toes in order to get your attention for pets. These two boys absolutely love humans and will snuggle with you all night long. This adorable pair are waiting for their forever home. Both of these boys are little purr machines, and anyone would be lucky to have these two join their family.

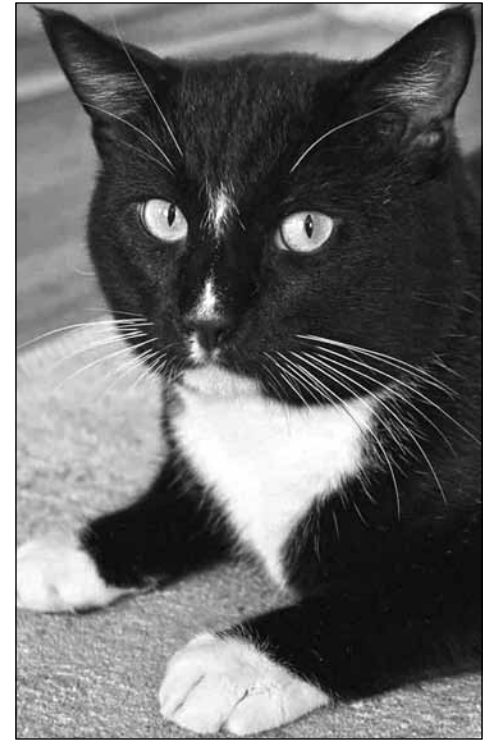
Pierre is a handsome cream-colored tabby who is very active, lively, playful, and affectionate. He plays hard with all the kittens and adult cats in his foster home, yet also is very loving with them. Pierre is groomed every day by the resident senior orange tabby. He purrs to the touch and is very affectionate with people. He does need another kitten or young cat to play and develop with. The best choice would be his littermate Claude, a handsome



Pierre
grey tabby with orange eyes or Pierre would work well if you already have another young cat in your home.

Ginger was given to a Kitten Rescue foster by lady whose cat had kittens in her backyard. Ginger was quick to jump into her arms and purr. She is a gentle, humble, and extremely sweet kitten. She gets along well with other cats and is used to friendly dogs. Ginger will sleep on the bed with you and hope for morning cuddles. She also loves to stretch out and watch TV with you. Ginger tested positive for FIV because her mom had it; she should be tested again in six months. Ginger is 100% healthy and safe being around other cats. Ginger would be fine in a home as an only kitten, with other cats, or with a friendly dog. Although she has tested positive for FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus). FIV is not a big deal. Given proper care and attention, an FIV+ cat will live the same lifespan as an FIV negative cat. The disease is extremely hard to transmit from cat to cat, requiring direct blood contact (typically from a deep puncture wound). It is not transmissible to humans.

Penguin is a sweet, affectionate, and talkative cat with plenty of love to give. He purrs instantly when you touch him and is content to sit in your lap and make biscuits. Penguin is friendly and curious with other cats. We believe he was abandoned, as he started showing up suddenly at our back door at all hours, begging for food and asking to come inside. As Penguin is still transitioning from his stray days to indoor life, he does cry wanting to go outside. This is improving over time, but he will require patience, as well as plenty of playtime and attention.



Penguin
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. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org.

Our Adoption Center is temporarily closed. In the meantime, we are still conducting contactless adoptions using all the online tools at our disposal. To virtually browse our adoptable cats, please visit our Adoption Gallery where you can find photos and profiles of all the cats and kittens we have up for adoption from our network of foster homes and from the Sanctuary. At the end of each cat's profile is a link to the email address of the foster parent or adoption counselor, and you may reach out directly with questions or to arrange a virtual meeting.

The donations and support we receive from individuals like you, who share our love and commitment to helping cats and kittens in Los Angeles, are the sole reason we are able to do what we do. We are grateful for your financial help. By making even a small donation today, you can touch the lives of the many deserving, wonderful animals in our care. There are many ways you can donate and help, and every dollar means so much. Kitten Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your tax-deductible 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, 3519 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039.

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



Aster & Indigo



Ginger

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Santa's Sleigh

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groups, sports teams, scout troops, and all things intended to better the lives of El Segundo youth. "Basically, we launder money for kids," he jokes.

Though he was not involved in every night of this year's event as a volunteer, Gribbon participated and enjoyed coming together as a community to enjoy a simple happy event. He describes one night that he was not meant

to volunteer, but came across the sleigh on the other side of town and joined the crowd anyway to socialize, have fun, and hang out.

This, he says, is his favorite part of Santa's Sleigh Ride every year. While most events are intended to raise money, Santa's Sleigh is purely a gift to El Segundo. He loves getting to spend time with his fellow Kiwanis members and watching the event unfold.

Gribbon also describes repeat visitors from year to year. Volunteers get to see kids who know the drill and have talked to Santa on this tour before. Older kids sometimes coach younger kids on the process of meeting Santa, and many love to tell stories of their previous years' experience.

Because Santa rides the fire truck at the end of the Christmas parade each year, Gribbon

is able to welcome Kiwanis members and families to ride the sleigh before Santa brings up the end of the procession. Kids all over town took pictures and said their requests to the man in red, and now all there is to do is wait. In the meantime, Gribbon offers this wish for the children of El Segundo during this special season: believe that good things can happen. •

Travel

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secure in the smug knowledge that everyone is being so nice because you're the only tourist game in town. Probably not logical, but it feels like a peculiar kind of power.

We didn't set out to travel in the off-season—it just worked out that way. Our

a godsend. So are Uggs and Mephistos. Lots of thin layers are the secret, easily peeled off when necessary. After a while, you hardly notice the weight, and when you shed them at night for bed, it feels soooo good. You sleep like babies.

dressed for the worst (see above). But the best thing was, by the time the authorities got around to kicking us out, the storm had nearly vanished.

So if you've ever walked through a major world city when it's utterly shut down—when

once—in a storied village called Mutters on the slope of a postcard-perfect Austrian alp. Three days of wandering about from spa to Bierkeller to spa to sumptuous country cooking from our lovely hostess. We probably could have escaped sooner, but who wanted



Not the usual Amalfi paradise: Struggling for vertical in a winter storm.

employers crowded holidays into the Christmas weeks, and that coincided, not surprisingly, with our slowest personal workloads. Our children were grown, so there were no school vacations to match up to. The result: For a good twenty-five years, we took off the three

Closings:

Any vendor who depends entirely on the tourist trade closes in the off-season—and good riddance to them! Anyone who remains open has to deal with the same customers year-round. They can't throw a bad, over-



Street jazz in Paris: Yes, they're as cold as they look.

every sane human being has already taken to bed—when the packed mountains of snow drown out the slightest peep of urban life—when the white, high-rise streets resemble vast, empty canyons of silence—then you'll understand the meaning of "magic in the air".

to take the chance? The working world was still there when we got home.

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The better part of valor in Cornwall: Hogging the fireplace in freezing Porthleven.

weeks from Christmas through mid-January to go a-wandering.

And yes, the off-season in Telluride or Salzburg, much less in Hawaii or southern India, doesn't match up to the off-season in Stockholm or London. But generally, our winter migrations have produced cold weather travel in out-of-the-norm circumstances. And those circumstances have included:

Crowds:

As in an utter lack thereof. You hardly need an appointment for anything, including hotel rooms and especially restaurants. The line into the Louvre or the British Museum evaporates. And when you do find tourist crowds, they normally consist of locals taking advantage of the shortage of foreigners to visit their own capitals and monuments. There's something truly refreshing about being jostled around the Trevi Fountain without a word in any language but Italian.

Clothing:

Silk and cashmere long johns and underwear. Cashmere sweaters and scarves. Ski jackets, hats, and hoods. LL Bean and Meindl boots (from Maine and Germany respectively) are

priced meal or service at you just because they know they'll never need to face you again. And with fewer customers hounding them, the staffs are more than happy to make everything perfect. Just for you, of course.

Conversation:

People have time on their hands, even people in the restaurant trade. They'll explain what that odd purple sauce is on your fish (understanding them is another matter, of course—'tis the season where languages might come in handy). They'll explain why you want the chicken dish today, rather than the lamb or the veal. Civilians and police will sometimes even walk you to your next museum, instead of just vaguely pointing off into the ether.

Snow:

We can't deny that there are drawbacks. One winter night in Bruxelles, the blizzard grew so fierce, that the city closed down not just the roads and buses, but the entire underground Metro. Around 11:30PM, we still had four miles to go, when the guards apologized profusely and booted us out into the empty streets anyway. Fortunately, we'd



Mutters in the Austrian Tyrol: As good a place as any to be stranded.

Strandings:

No, we can't deny there are drawbacks. But in twenty years, we've been stranded exactly

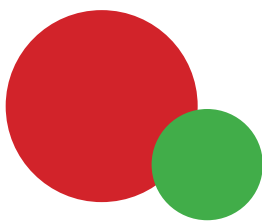
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Your pick of Venetian gondolas: Yes, it's as cold as it looks.

More Holiday Parade Fun

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1. Chevron's banner makes it down Main St.
2. Look the parade is starting.
3. Bill Ruane's Re/Max Estate Properties festive office is front and center to watch the parade and activities. Photo provided by Re/Max Estate Properties.
4. Joanne Purvis and her daughter Barbara had great seats for the Parade.
5. Porter (3) and Winston (5) Worker waiting patiently at the parade for Santa Claus.
6. El Segundo Boy Scout Troop 762.
7. Michelle Koran and Luke.
8. Patricia Del Vecchio, Paula Rotolo and Mary Rotolo and Roco are all smiles at the parade.
9. The Swiggum Family and friends enjoying time together.

