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Gundo Boys Soccer Team Makes It to the Section 1 Tournament



Area 1D Champion Team members (l-r): Ian Smigelski, Marcus Dell, Johnny Amaral, Louis Lappe, Xavier Gomez, Lucien de Saint-Aignan, Caz Inghram, Leo Toivanen, Cooper Bartha, Van Parker, Willem Siegloch and Kuno Inghram (not pictured). For Boys Soccer story see Sports Shorts on page 2. Photo courtesy Anthony Gomez.

A Courtroom Hearing You Wouldn't Mind Getting

By Kiersten Vannest

Picture a court scene: the defense, the prosecution, the judge, the jury. Perhaps a police officer, an attorney, or a full gallery are in attendance. In this picture, do you see someone in attendance furiously swiping away at a machine, listening intently? This is the court reporter, and it's secretly one of the most in-demand jobs on the market.

Stella Cordova, a lifelong El Segundo resident, has been trying to tell the world about her job for years. "There are different court reporting schools around the country," says Cordova, "and it's more and more common now to train online." Cordova herself didn't know about court reporting until she found herself doing it!

"It's kind of funny. I went to school in the seventies, and there was a big gas shortage, and that's when they started the carpool thing," she says. A friend of hers wanted to go to court reporting school and asked if Cordova would carpool with her. Not knowing what she was getting into, what it would cost, or where it would go, she agreed. She stayed simply because she didn't want any gossip about her quitting or giving up!

Cordova says it was the hardest four years of her life getting trained as a court reporter. She explains how court reporters don't hear words in the same way as normal English speakers; in fact, they practically speak a different language. Court reporters have to be able to transcribe every word said in court, which means they have to intake a lot of information incredibly quickly. Because of this, court reporters are trained to hear vowels and consonants instead of words and sentences by letter.

As the words are spoken, Cordova listens to the sounds and strokes a stenotype machine according to what she's hearing. The machine is like a typewriter, only it has fewer keys, and it's meant to be typed pressing multiple keys at once. Cordova tells the machine the syllables she hears, and the machine interprets the syllables into fully spelled out words.

Being a court reporter has sculpted her into an excellent listener. So much so that Cordova says she used to come home and want absolute silence, a sentiment shared by many court reporters.

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Stella Cordova. Photo provided by Stella Cordova.

Kirk Brown: Enduring in El Segundo

By Duane Plank

Kirk Brown is an El Segundo lifer. His family settled here in 1924. His grandfather was an El Segundo police officer in the thirties and the forty's, protecting the citizenry from whatever crimes were being committed decades ago.

His father worked at what was known as the Standard Oil Refinery, for 40 years. His mom, Bernice, attended Richmond Street School and graduated from El Segundo High School (ESHS) in the mid-30's. Kirk attended Center Street School (CSS), went through the local schooling protocol, and ended-up nabbing a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree from Pepperdine University.

Post-college, Brown, decided to teach. He taught for seven years, and then, some 40+years ago, pivoted to employment in the real estate industry.

Kirk's mother relocated to El Segundo as a youngster when his grandparents moved out West. His grandfather was "a railroad guy. I believed he (worked on) the railroad," Brown said, that runs through the refinery.

Brown's father grew-up in downtown Los Angeles, got married, and moved to El Segundo. Son Kirk Jr. lives in El Segundo and has three children. His daughter Carianne lives in Studio City and has an eight-year-old son. "I am

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
72°/51°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
69°/49°



Sunday
Sunny
67°/50°





Travel

The Thing About Bruxelles

Article and photos
by Ben & Glinda Shipley

You can tell a lot about a country by sorting through its stock of public statuary. Americans tend to favor—and then disfavor—resolute citizen warriors, preferably seated on snorting steeds large enough to support a half-dozen selfie-snapping protesters. Communist Russia replaced the smug Romanov boyars with angry, determined workers, then spread their stone-and-metal likenesses across eastern Europe like a kitsch factory on overdrive. Italians can’t help a fondness for bold, holy conquerors from a



La Place Royale: Godefroy de Bouillon summons the faithful to the First Crusade, then dies in Jerusalem.

legend of two thousand years ago. The French love myths of any kind, stolen or otherwise, while the British vent their wind-blown imperial ambitions.

In Bruxelles, Belgium, the most celebrated statue—le Mannequin-Pis—is a two-foot-high fountain, first reported in 1451, of a three-year-old urinating into a canal. Supposedly, his aristocratic father commissioned the artwork out of gratitude after the son wandered off and was found relieving himself. Not that anyone really cares. Every year, local mobs get drunk on the legendary Belgian brews and dress the bronze boy in a gaudy, new outfit without interfering with the free flow of his miniature stream.

Our own favorite gusher, le Cracheur (the Spitter), spews a constant stream of disdain from his wall perch between police headquarters and one of the oldest gay bars in Bruxelles. Here again, no one seems to know or care why he was carved, although his birthdate is fixed at 1704. Yet, when you consider that nearly all European fountains were built to supply water for drinking and washing...

Off the Grand’ Place in Bruxelles, a life-size brass wall inlay commemorates the death of an

obscure Brabantine patriot, Everard t’Serclaes. In 1356, Everard led a daring assault on the Flemings at the Bruxelles Hotel de Ville. Thirty years later, he was innocently walking down a peaceful street, when grudge-filled enemies recognized and cut him to pieces. It goes without saying, that the local guide books advise the gullible to rub Everard’s arm for good luck!

So what do these statues say? In 50 BCE, when Julius Caesar was driving the Roman Empire up through Europe, the one tribe he found nearly impossible to quell was the Belgae. These uncouth, illiterate savages did something no other tribe had managed, which was to turn the fearsome Roman Legions leftward toward the future British Isles. Yet some areas of the globe are just destined for invasion, and the tiny walnut-shaped wedge between France, the Netherlands, and Germany seems to be one of them. Over the centuries since the ancient Italians, the Belgians have reluctantly hosted Goths, Danes, Saxons, Austrians, Spanish, French, British, Dutch, Germans, and Americans.

Each invader has tried to shove its One True Religion down local throats, some with more success than others. All have left traces, making Belgium an authentic melting pot long before the first passengers set off for the New World. But none has entirely succeeded in breaking through the defining characteristic—the “thing” about Bruxelles and Belgium—which is a healthy and persistent contempt for anything that represents official authority. Rulers be damned. The unit of social organization here isn’t the state, the city, the neighborhood, nor even the street. The only structure that really matters in Belgium is the family.

In 2000, the US Supreme Court decided

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La Grand’ Place: Rubbing Everard t’Serclaes on the arm might bring you luck, but it didn’t help with his enemies.

Sports

ES Eagles Winning Efforts Come up Short

By Gregg McMullin

With high school sports finally back in action, after a Covid relief period, it was apparent that there was some rust to shake off. For some teams, it was the first time they had played a game since before Christmas. For others, it was a layoff of two or more weeks. It was obvious teams were struggling to return to game conditions after their respective layoffs. What was also noticeable were the player’s efforts. The girl’s water polo team had played one game since December 18. Both boys’ and girls’ basketball teams had played just two games since December 23, and the girls’ soccer team played one game since defeating Santa Monica 2-1 on December 20. In each case, the spirit and energy each displayed in their return to action was evident that their competitive spirit

hadn’t dampened.

Water Polo Team Continues Dominance

The Eagles are the top-ranked CIF Southern Section Division 4 team and for a good reason. They have an 11-2 record and a 17-7 win over Division 2 power Notre Dame (SO). They also have signature wins over Mira Costa, Santa Monica and Redondo.

Playing in their first game since January 7 and with very few practices in between, the Eagles played host to South Torrance in their Pioneer League opener and rolled to a 23-0 rout of the Spartans. The final score wasn’t indicative of what it could have been. The Eagles were faster and more aggressive on both ends and could’ve scored ten more had head coach Nila Ward not called for a more

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Alyssa Mullane readies to score against South Torrance.

Sports Shorts

AYSO Region 92 Championship Success

By Anthony Gomez

The boys went undefeated on the season with eight wins and two ties. In the Tournament of Champions, they beat Manhattan Beach 1, South Redondo, and Westchester 2 in pool play, then defeated Manhattan Beach 2 in the semifinals to reach the Area 1D Championship game vs Hawthorne.

In the Championship game, Hawthorne came out fast, scoring in the first few minutes. Hawthorne’s striker sliced through the entire defense before tapping it in to take an early 0-1 lead. Hawthorne’s stout defense didn’t give much room to work with in the final third of the field, but late in the 1st quarter

Louis Lappe sent a ball into the box that was deflected, and Xavier Gomez was able to corral the ball and put it in to tie the game 1-1. Then early in the second quarter, Hawthorne beat the defense and broke away for their second, regaining the lead 1-2. Hawthorne packed the back making it difficult to move the ball around deep in their territory as the Gundo boys kept battling and getting opportunities but couldn’t convert. They kept firing shot after shot, either just missing or at the goalie for an easy save, crosses and corners were flying through the box but went untouched. So many chances, yet none of them could

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Entertainment

Film Review

Sundance 2022: 3 Films We Saw From This Year’s Fest

By Morgan and Ryan Rojas, Cinemacy
Despite the initial disappointment felt when this year’s Sundance Film Festival announced that it would be moving its in-person component to run entirely online (due to the ongoing pandemic), that didn’t stop us from discovering amazing and standout independent films that transcended computer screens everywhere.
Below are a few of our favorite films that you should definitely keep an eye out for in 2022. *For all of our festival reviews, check out cinemacy.com.*

When You Finish Saving the World
(Dir. Jesse Eisenberg, 88 min.)

In his first feature film, Jesse Eisenberg adapts the story that he originally wrote, an Audible spoken-word story of the same name centered around the same idea of the discord between commercialism and activism. Here,

One day, they inadvertently found themselves caught in the middle of an unexpected volcanic eruption. Although their love story ended too soon and their contribution to the scientific community feels incomplete, what they did leave behind is hundreds of hours of in-depth and deep archival footage, which director Sara Dosa weaves together fervently to create a sweeping portrait of two people passionately in love with science, nature, and each other. *Fire of Love* was recently acquired by National Geographic Documentaries, release date forthcoming.
After Yang (Dir. Kogonada, 96 min.)
With his gifted eye for aesthetics, Kogonada’s films are among the most arresting in movies today. His ability to compose beautifully designed, richly crafted shots of environments and the people who inhabit them, makes his



From L-R: *When You Finish Saving the World*, *Fire of Love*, *After Yang*. Photos courtesy of Sundance Institute.

he creates a story in which two characters – a very waspy, humorously self-centered mother and son – pursue their passions while also being preoccupied with their own narcissism – enough to fail to see that they’re unable to connect with the outside world, and each other.
Finn Wolfhard and Julianne Moore star as headstrong mother and son, each separated by generational gaps and naturally narcissistic tendencies. Ziggy (Wolfhard) is a popular live-streamer, playing his original bedroom guitar jams for his devoted internet fanbase (20,000 of them, which he proudly shares to all who will listen). Once mother and son both slow down and listen to each other, Eisenberg’s film reveals the simple answer of how one can truly “save the world.”
Fire of Love (Dir. Sara Dosa, 93 min.)
Making its World Premiere in the U.S. Documentary competition is *Fire of Love*, the incredible true story of French scientists Katia and Maurice Krafft who sacrificed their lives to advance the public understanding of the mineral world. In an effort to show the strength and beauty of volcanoes, the Kraffts routinely put themselves in the path of danger.

films visually and singularly special.
Adapted from a short story by Alexander Weinstein (“Saying Goodbye to Yang”), *After Yang* tells the story of Jake (Colin Farrell) and Kyra (Jodie Turner-Smith), who are parents to an adopted Chinese daughter, Mika (Malea Emma Tjandrawidjaja). Their other “child” is the artificially intelligent android, Yang (Justin H. Min), who supports the family and especially Mika.
The performances throughout the film are all emotionally felt. Each of the actors’ scenes, including Colin Farrell, Jodie Turner-Smith, Justin H. Min, and Haley Lu Richardson, all resonate deeply in their tender honesty. They convey a tranquil serenity to Kogonada’s gorgeously created world, while also expressing such deeply felt feelings like grief, loss, and the fear of life’s finiteness.
While you’ll have to slow yourself down to its patient, slow-burning pace, it left my heart swelling, eyes tearing, and soul transcending. *After Yang* is a deeply beautiful, profound, and amazing achievement from Kogonada that will make you look at your world and life with a little more wonder after. •



Morgan Rojas



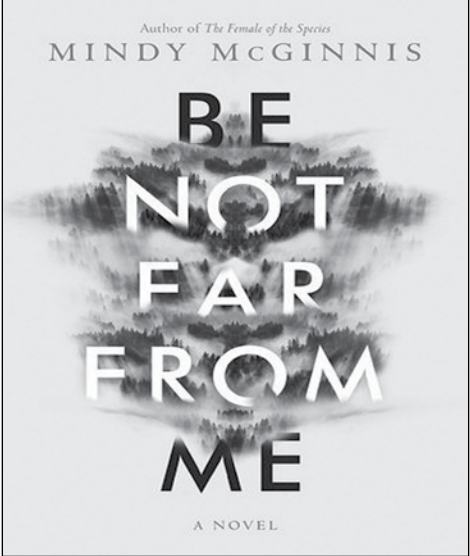
Ryan Rojas

Check It Out

Be Not Far From Me by Mindy McGinnis

By Cathie Hinkle, Library Assistant El Segundo Public Library
“If you’re quiet in the woods long enough, you’ll hear something die.”
After reading this line, I was hooked.

The book opens with our main character, Ashley, hiking in a State Forest with two of her friends where they will ultimately meet up with a group of boys and celebrate the begin-



Be Not Far From Me by Mindy McGinnis

ning of summer with beers and other forms of, shall we say, recreation.
Ashley is an outdoorsy girl, loves to be alone in the woods and knows how to take care of herself in them. But, on this night, after drinking way too many beers, she witnesses her boyfriend in the arms of another and sets off in a blind run where she trips, falls and succumbs to unconsciousness. When she wakes up, it is morning, she has lost her bearings and she is

all alone. Her friends are gone, and she realizes that in her drunkenness she made a poor choice and is now terribly injured, alone trying to survive in a dangerous place far from home.
The reader follows Ashley as she sets off, trying slowly find her way back home, mentally and physically. Parts of the book will possibly make you squirm due to the grit and pain Ashley suffers as well as the themes that are covered.
After picking up this book, it was not far from me all weekend long, I had to keep coming back to read more. If you are, like me, intrigued by adventure and survival at all cost’s themes, give McGinnis’ novel a try.
For more survival fiction for all ages, check out our library catalog at www.elsegundolibrary.org. For eBook titles you can check out for free with your El Segundo Public Library card, download the Libby or Overdrive app on your phone or mobile device. •



Cathie Hinkle

Police Reports

Monday, Jan 17th

A recovered stolen vehicle report was taken at 1257 hours from Franklin Avenue and Oregon Street. A 2021 Ford Transit was recovered.
A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1348 hours from the 300 block of East Grand Avenue. Stolen was a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox.
A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 1429 hours from Village Drive and Rosecrans Avenue. The traffic collision involved three vehicles.
A petty theft report was taken at 1442 hours from the 400 block of Whiting Street. Taken was a wallet from an unlocked vehicle.
A vandalism report was taken at 1509 hours from Holly Avenue and Kansas Street. Graffiti

was sprayed at a kid’s park.
One female adult was arrested at 1526 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue for public intoxication and for possession of a controlled substance.
A false report of an emergency was taken at 1554 hours from the 1200 block of East Walnut Avenue.
A vehicle burglary report was taken at 1619 hours from the 300 block of West Palm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim’s vehicle.
A petty theft report was taken at 0307 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Taken was a cell phone by a known suspect.

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Sports Shorts

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get home as the game moved deep into the fourth quarter and the pressure of the clock was mounting. Then, finally, with under five minutes, Louis Lappe found Xavier Gomez with a pass outside the box at the top of the arc. Xavier took one touch to set it up before sending an absolute rocket to the top left corner to tie the game once again 2-2. The sidelines went bananas, and the boys had a new sense of hope in this game. The Gundo boys kept the pressure on as the clock wound down in regulation, and OT looked certain. But then, in the final minute, Gundo pushed the ball into their box for one last attempt in regulation. It was a mad scramble as everyone was fighting for the ball. Finally, Caz Inghram got control and punched it into the back of the net to give Gundo the lead for the first time in the entire game! Hawthorne had one last chance and frantically pushed the ball up field into the left-wing, then tried to cross it, which resulted in a handball just outside the box. The Center Ref let everyone know this would be the final play. The Gundo boys set up a wall and marked the posts as Cooper Bartha readied himself in goal for the shot while the Hawthorne player lined up for the kick. He struck the ball w power and control, a beautiful shot, but it sailed just barely over the top of the crossbar - game over, Gundo wins 3-2 and advances to the Section 1 tournament Feb 26-27 in Redlands, CA. •

Love Thy Neighbor

Dear El Segundoans,

We love the profiles we've done, and we've learned so much about El Segundo's residents. We want to do more, so please keep the suggestions coming. With over 16,000 residents, we're sure there are some gems we may have overlooked or not been aware of them. Do you have a unique and interesting friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague or student? All you have to do is ask their permission and send us their contact information. Of course, if you find yourself fascinating, you are welcome to send us your information too. 😍

– Best to you all. HM.

Send your suggestions in to letters@heraldpublications.com

Please have your nominee's approval before you submit them as a nominee.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9		10	11	12	
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64	65	66							67				68	69	70
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75									77				78		

Across
1. Tangle, as fur
4. Free range item
7. One who'll be comin' round the mountain, in song
10. Oatmeal cooker
13. Back, in time
14. Lionel Richie's "You ____"
15. It's game
16. It may be fresh
17. Bank transaction
19. Justifiably
21. Traveled
22. Word after who or what
23. Horse berthing
26. Possessive pronoun
28. Basic piece of matter
32. Part of BYOB
33. Narrow margin of victory
35. Daytona 500 sound
36. Negative word
37. Just beat
39. They may be seen in cameos
41. Honda Accord, for example
42. Two cents worth
43. Symposium
46. South Beach, for one
48. Music type
51. Caddie's offering
52. Cool one's heels
54. Esteem
55. Sunrise occurs at this time

Down
1. Like some scientists
2. It's always increasing
3. Kind of hat or coat
4. Three-legged device
5. Sign of approval
6. Fetching
7. Emphasize
8. Salute
9. Bacon and ____
10. Like some answers
11. Salad topper
12. Essay
18. Forest hooter
20. Robust
23. Harry or William, to Charles
24. Deuce in poker

Across
56. Subdivision of an ocean
57. Decrease
59. Kind of account
62. Brave individual
64. Motion
67. Puts funds to work
71. Furniture tree
72. Determine
73. Dined out
74. Baked dessert
75. Like some runs
76. Choose
77. Silent assent
78. Up until now

Down
25. Itchy insect
27. ____ hold
29. Overly
30. Lifeboat implement
31. Title acquired at church, perhaps
34. Take the stress off
37. Bolt down
38. Picked a card
40. Puma or lion
41. Defeatist's word
43. "____ you know . . ."
44. Vintage
45. Front of a boat
46. To ____ for
47. Dressing selection
48. Hand, slangily
49. Be behind
50. Miles ____ gallon
53. Conked out
57. Extremely popular
58. Free throw's value
60. Pipe problem
61. Neighbourhood
63. Avid about
64. Divinity
65. ____ candy (pop music)
66. Outer space
68. Double agent e.g.
69. Secure, as shoelaces
70. Salon job

Last Week's Answers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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E	S	S	A	Y	Y	E	A	L	T	E	R	E			
46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61
C	U	P		S	T	O	P	W	E	A	R				
52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67
D	O	N	E	F	H	I	T	W	E	A	R	Y			
59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
R	A	I	N	A	L	L	A	S	K	I	T	S			
69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
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3	6	5	2	4	8	7	9	1
2	8	1	5	9	7	3	4	6
1	4	2	7	5	9	8	6	3
9	3	6	1	8	2	4	7	5
8	5	7	4	3	6	1	2	9
5	9	8	6	1	4	2	3	7
6	2	3	8	7	5	9	1	4
7	1	4	9	2	3	6	5	8

SUDOKU

Medium

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	4		3						
5		1			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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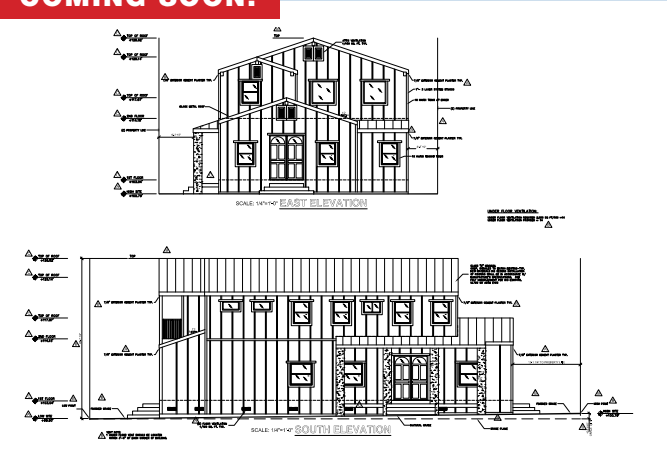
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Kirk Brown

from front page

really fortunate that I have two great kids,” Brown said, noting that his son collaborates with him in the Kirk Brown Real Estate office on Main Street.

Brown’s granddaughter has followed in Kirk’s footsteps, attending the same CSS kindergarten class that he had started his schooling in decades ago. Months after his promotion ceremonies from CSS, Brown attended what was junior high school, for 7th and 8th grade students, which was located on West Palm and Sheldon streets.

Next up was his four- year stint at ESHS. He said that in his junior and senior year, he was taught by a couple of veteran educators who had schooled Brown’s mother, a 1935 graduate.

Brown took advantage of sports opportunities while he was cracking the books at ESHS. He played basketball and baseball, notching all-league and all-area accolades in both sports. “I hate talking about myself,” he said, when mentioning his athletic prowess. “I don’t want to be a braggart,” he added. Prodded by this scribe to keep talking about himself, Brown revealed that he initially attended college in Western Washington on a basketball scholarship. When he was a junior at ESHS, the varsity basketball squad captured the league championship for the first time in a long time. But the team was not satisfied with just attaining a league title; the varsity hoopsters captured a CIF title the following year, in 1963, the only CIF boys’ basketball



Kirk Brown. Photo provided by Kirk Brown.

championship that the school has captured.

Brown relishes the memories of his high school days, touting the “great teachers and coaches” who helped mold him. He had followed his basketball coach during his junior year, who landed a coaching job in Bellingham, Washington, and was looking to further his scholar-athlete aspirations. But the Washington experience was somewhat of a dud. “It rained every day,” Brown said of his brief experience in the Evergreen State.

Brown had stayed connected with reps from Pepperdine University and decided to transfer. But not to the stunning campus that is perched in the hills near Malibu; at that time, the Pepperdine campus was in South Los Angeles.

After graduating from Pepperdine, Brown was offered a teaching position at the school,

but turned it down. “I really wanted to coach high school basketball,” Brown said, so he instead took a teaching position at Alhambra High School, where he taught for seven years, becoming the department head of the physical education department. But teaching soon lost its charm for Brown. “I was bored silly,” he said.

Because Brown had tenure at Alhambra High, he was able to take a one- year sabbatical. He used that time-off to reconnect with Cliff Warren, who had coached Brown during his senior year in high school. Brown had secured a real estate license, and Warren, who had done “extremely well in real estate,” wanted to chat with his former player.

Warren offered Brown a job in the real estate field. Brown remembers thinking that he had to “work really hard in real estate” to succeed because he was not too keen on returning to the classroom.

He bought his first property while he was teaching, and later became curious of the property’s worth. When his realtor related the property’s value, Brown thought “Gosh, I am making more from that property than I am teaching. I made \$8,338 my first year of teaching.” Adios, to classroom teaching.

While performing his real estate duties, Brown also was still enthusiastic about basketball, and became the varsity hoops coach at ESHS. But, with his children growing up, Brown said he realized that “I was spending a lot of time with other people’s kids, I

better spend time with mine,” so he gave up the coaching gig.

Brown has no intention of leaving our town. “I think El Segundo is like a small Midwestern town that they flew over and dropped here,” conveniently settling in the cozy acreage bordered by the Pacific Ocean, the Chevron campus, and LAX. He said that one of the elements that makes El Segundo desirable is that “it can’t grow geographically larger” noting the entrenched entities that ring El Segundo.

Brown acquaintances Charley Atchison and Carol Well vouched for the bona fides of their longtime friend. Atchison has known Brown for more than 70 years. He touted Brown’s youthful athletic skills, adding with a chuckle that he had numerous stories involving Brown, several “not for publication. We had a lot of fun. He was a prankster.”

For her part, Well who grew up in the same period as Brown and still lives in El Segundo, said, “he loves this city; he is very proud of having the family history that he does.”

Brown calls himself a sports addict, with the Dodgers his favorite team. He can harken back to the days prior to the Dodgers moving to Los Angeles, and the advent of the Angels, as well as traversing to the LA Coliseum to watch the Dodgers play as they were awaiting the construction of Chavez Ravine.

Kirk Brown is an El Segundo lifer and wants it to stay that way. •

Stella Cordova

from front page

Though the job is called court reporter, this career can take a professional anywhere in the world. Near the beginning of her career, Cordova took her skills to Australia, where she met her husband. The courts there, she says, were very different from American courts, complete with wigs and very formal etiquette.

Court reporter jobs are so in demand that they transcend the courtroom. Many court reporters don’t report to a single court and take jobs privately through attorneys and firms. Others instead choose to use their skills to transcribe seminars, classes, or sports. Live captioning is done by trained court reporters because, as Cordova says, no machine will ever be able to transcribe with the nuance of a real

person. Large universities use court reporters to transcribe lessons for students who are hard of hearing or learn better by reading

Cordova herself works for the county, mostly sticking to a single court location. From civil suits and divorce to felonies and dramatic elevator rides between sessions, she has seen (or heard) it all. Working in criminal court requires having a tough skin and an ability to remove oneself from the case. She says work outside the courtroom could be as eventful as what was happening on the stand, with fights, kids, and a wide array of visitors.

Despite the schooling and the tough cases, Cordova also describes court reporting as one of the best and most rewarding things in her

life. Along with the darker stories, she gets tales of levity, and no day at work is ever the same. Cordova says a court reporter can’t leave a session without having learned something, listening to experts present evidence, and lawyers deep dive into laws all day.

Court reporting work is constantly in demand and faces a significant shortage, as less and less it is advertised. Even with technology continually evolving, the need for accurate transcription remains steady and pays well. A beginning court reporter in California can expect to bring in \$99k and up in their first year of work. Transcripts made outside the workday bring in extra income above and beyond salaried work. Court reporters working privately can make

as much or as little as desired, taking one of many jobs available whenever time allows.

Cordova’s hope is that today’s burgeoning adults learn about her line of work and keep an open mind to pursuing a career like hers. She’s spoken at high schools and job fairs, though she says that most high schoolers are more interested in being influencers and gamers than transcribing court cases. In the future, she hopes to talk to a younger audience who may have a more open mind to outside opportunities, perhaps speaking at middle schools around the area.

Though court reporting can mean a major exercise in listening, learning, and speaking up, it also promises a life of stable income, variety, and a lifetime of stories. •

Police Reports

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Tuesday, Jan 18th

One male adult was arrested and released with a citation at 0736 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for trespassing.

One male adult was detained at 0818 hours from the 700 block of East Grand Avenue and transported to MLK Medical Center for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

One female adult was arrested at 1127 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for trespassing.

A vandalism report was taken at 1130 hours from the 200 block of Nevada Street. The victim reported damage to her vehicle at a local auto repair shop.

A fraud report was taken at 1147 hours from the 200 block of Standard Street.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1242 hours from the 500 block of Richmond Street. Taken was a 2006 Ford van.

One female adult was arrested and released with a citation at 1755 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for petty theft.

A grand theft report was taken at 1748 hours from the 1900 block of East Maple Avenue. A known suspect left the location for a test ride with an electric bicycle and did not return to the location.

An online court order violation report was taken at 1823 hours that occurred at the 400 block of Whiting Street.

An online court order violation report was taken at 1829 hours that occurred at the 800 block of Main Street.

A grand theft report was taken 1918 hours from the 900 block of Cedar Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s vehicle catalytic

converter.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 2045 hours from the 400 block of West Walnut Street. Stolen was a 2013 Toyota Prius.

Wednesday, Jan 19th

An identity theft report was taken at 1002 hours from the 1700 block of East Pine Avenue. The victim had unknown fraud activity resulting in a loss of \$900.

An injury report was taken at 1254 hours from Grand Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. The subject fell while crossing the street.

An identity theft report was taken at 1618 hours from the ESPD lobby. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim’s personal information to fraudulently withdraw money from an ATM.

An online lost property report was taken at 0123 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. The victim lost a bag with several medical prescriptions and \$1,320.

Thursday, Jan 20th

One male adult was arrested at 0617 hours from Pine Avenue and Sheldon Street for driving a stolen vehicle.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at 1123 hours in the 100 block of Whiting Street. Recovered was a 2006 Ford Econoline van stolen out of ESPD.

A property report was taken at 1212 hours from the 300 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. A backpack was found and booked for safekeeping.

An identity theft report was taken at 1419 hours from the 400 block of West Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) made an unauthorized wire transfer from the victim’s account.

An embezzlement report was taken at 1617

hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. A known suspect refuses to return a loaned laptop.

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1739 hours on Main Street and Pine Avenue, vehicle versus a pedestrian.

One male adult was arrested at 2214 hours from the 700 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for arson. The suspect burned a discarded Christmas tree.

Friday, Jan 21st

One male adult was arrested at 0918 hours from the 1500 block of East Rosecrans Avenue for robbery.

A found property report was taken at 1418 hours from the 700 block of Center Street. An inert ammunition round was booked for destruction.

One female adult was arrested at 1949 hours from Franklin Avenue and Main Street for drunk in public.

A battery report was taken at 2045 hours from the 500 block of North Nash Street, male juvenile versus male juvenile.

One male adult was arrested at 0343 hours from Holly Avenue and Loma Vista Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

Saturday, Jan 22nd

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0651 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim’s vehicle and stole his property.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0907 hours from the 900 block of McCarthy Court. A 2015 Hyundai Sonata was taken.

A lost/stolen vehicle plate report was taken at 1608 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 2151 hours from the 100 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for possession of a controlled substance.

One male adult was arrested at 2314 hours from the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue for possession of a controlled substance.

One female adult was arrested at 2314 hours from the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and possession of nitrous oxide.

A brandishing a firearm report was taken at 0352 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. The suspect pointed a gun at the victim.

Sunday, Jan 30th

A missing person report was taken at 1548 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. A female adult was reported missing and returned home later that day.

One male adult was arrested at 1753 hours from the 200 block of Sierra Street for drunk in public.

A recovered vehicle report was taken at 2146 hours from the 900 block of Hornet Way. A 2006 Ford F-450 truck was recovered.

One male adult was arrested at 0125 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for trespassing.

One male adult was arrested at 0152 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue for drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 0315 hours from the 900 block of Center Street for one out of state felony warrant. •

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Orange Juice
“Time spent with cats is never wasted”
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When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn enrich your own.

Minnie is a bit of a diva. She has lots to say and strong opinions (her sister is Siamese). She loves cuddles and pets, and purrs instantly when touched. Despite her diminutive stature, her cuddle buddy is Jacques-Pierre, another foster cat in our house who is still a kitten himself, but quite large. Despite their size difference (Jacques is about three times Minnie’s size) they love to wrestle and play together. Minnie would love to be adopted with Jacques-Pierre or any other younger cat or older kitten who would love worshipping her and following her lead. She is patient with children (so long as they are worshipping her, preferably with treats) and is also very independent.

Jacques-Pierre is sweet, shy fellow, whose big heart is hard to resist. When he is feeling safe, Jacques-Pierre loves being hugged, pet, and cuddled. At night, he likes to sleep pressed against his human. He a submissive cat who gets along with difficult kitty personalities and would love to be placed with a confident, even bossy cat who would love him (or let him worship them) and tell him what to do. He is currently taking orders from little Minnie who is 1/3 his size. He loves caring for her and will cuddle and groom her several times a day. They would love to be adopted together.

Ready for a double treat? **Orange Juice** (orange tabby) and **Creamsicle** (buff tabby) are a bonded pair of teenage brothers. Both are super sweet, affectionate, and outgoing. They are also highly energetic and playful. Bonus feature... they were raised with and love dogs. This handsome duo is looking for a safe and loving home together.

Phoebe is a bold, playful charmer. She can be quite athletic (and immensely entertaining) as she performs high leaps to catch the “birdie” at the end of a wand toy, bats a little ball or goes vertically airborne during a game of chase with her siblings. Every morning, she is one of the first kittens to cuddle with her foster mom



Phoebe in bed. Although Phoebe takes a moment to warm up, she truly enjoys getting attention and loving pets from all people, regardless of whether she knows them. Phoebe has lived with a dog and an unrelated cat since birth. She has shown increasing interest in playing with both as she has gotten older – although they generally ignore her. She has also enjoyed playing with several visiting children. Because Phoebe has a lot of playful energy, she would do best with a playmate to keep her company instead of being the only pet in the home.

Camila is an owner-surrendered young mom who had birthed two litters already at approximately one year old. Her previous owner decided to surrender this beautiful girl after his



Camila apartment complex changed to no-pets policy. Camila is friendly, inquisitive and loves her human. She’s talkative when she wants food or pets. Camila is still young herself and will need a high energy playmate to keep her company. She can be adopted with any of her kittens from the recent litter, Spring, Winter, or to a home that already has another similar active young cat who will play with her. Even though Camila had been a wonderful mom taking care of her kittens, now that she has been spayed, it’s time for her to find her forever home and retire from making more babies.

Do you like big cats? **Shamu** is a huge hunk of love that enjoys attention, affection, and food, but not necessarily in that order. He is a laid-back boy who is happy to take long



Minnie (left) and Jacques-Pierre



Shamu naps in a soft warm place while he patiently waits for cuddle time with his human. If you’re looking for a fur buddy to keep you company while you watch TV or relax on your couch after a long day at work, Shamu is your guy! You are invited to meet this big lovable guy and see if he is the right fur baby for you.

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Creamsicle

Travel

an election in part because no one trusted the country to go a day without a sitting government. In 2010, on the other hand, Belgium set a world record for surviving 541 days with no government at all—and hardly anyone seemed to notice. Belgian elections are lively, chaotic affairs, with three or four strands of political thought divided regionally into French, Flemish, and even German versions. For a month or two, everyone gets excited, posters splash across the walls, demonstrators fulminate, and the timo-



Église Sainte-Catherine de Bruxelles: A demon gushes liquid venom in agony at all our righteousness.

rous US State Department issues an advisory. Then, just as quickly, the citizens get back to the business of living and ignoring city hall.

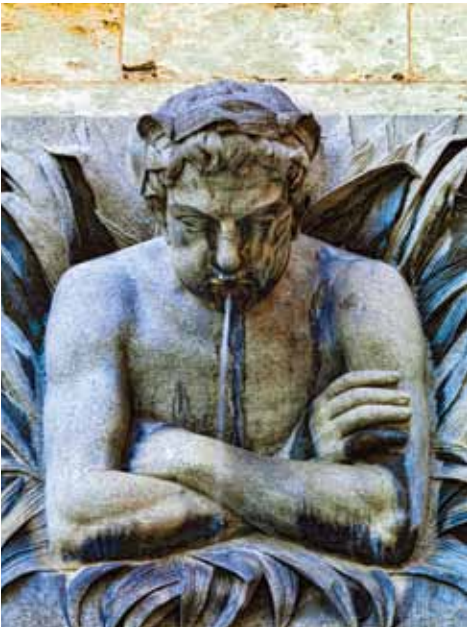
The longest-lasting and most successful invasion of this tiny country took place in 1831 not on the border, but in an obscure collection of London drawing rooms. By then, all the crowned

heads of Europe had inter-married, rather than tainting their blood with the rest of us. So along with a hemophiliac gene, the European royals all shared the same irritable German uncle, Leopold of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld. If they all sported unearned crowns, why shouldn’t he? Eventually, the mighty gave in and—while barely mentioning it to the locals—awarded the German-English-speaking-Protestant Leopold a French-Dutch-speaking-Catholic crown and the title King of the Belgians.

And this in turn led to a much more serious invasion, when Leopold’s son, by then King Leopold II, complained that he’d been left out of the race for imperial colonies in Africa. Once again, at the 1884 Berlin Conference, the European nations gave into Leopold’s grumbles and awarded him the vast Congo River basin. This led to one of the bloodiest, most horrific scandals of colonial mismanagement in history—so bad, that ten years before the King died, obese and tired, in bed with his favorite Bruxelles prostitute, the frustrated Belgian government took away his prize.

The guilty secret, of course, is that the flood of money from the Congo turned Bruxelles into one of the most beautiful capitals in the world. The usual monuments and palaces are far less overbearing (and tourist-mobbed) than other European relics—after all, imperial pretensions only travel so far in a tiny populace that treats tax evasion like a second religion. Yet, Bruxelles sports the greenest park network of any capital on the planet, with gorgeous spaces ranging from the geometric Parc Royal and Grand Sablon to sumptuous Botanical Gardens, to the leafy sprawls of le Bois de la Cambre and le Forêt de Soignes.

In 2016, when American journalists arrived in Bruxelles to cover the terrorist bombings at



La Rue des Pierres: Le Cracheur spews his opinion of tourists and officials alike.

Zaventem Airport, they had a serious problem fitting Belgian chaos into their preconceived notions of how public life should work. They described the city as thoroughly misgoverned and segregated, and even declared our own neighborhood of sixty years a “no-go zone” for Caucasians. Every time a protest breaks out, those same foreign news sources quake and tremble—even though their own footage might show bored café goers watching the excitement from the fringes.

The ancient name Brosella refers to the swamp along the Senne River with the evil air that has produced some of the finest beers and lagers in the world. Today, the swamp might be filled in and driven underground, but the notion remains of dragging great things and great moments out of chaos, one puzzling,

anarchic lunge at a time. We’re guessing this is why Bruxelles enjoys relatively few visitors, at least from the US. Americans generally head to Paris and London for pretensions of aristocratic grandeur and to Amsterdam to misbehave amongst the tulips. In Bruxelles, you have a more subtle and polyglot reflection of the progress of Europe that has always had fans crowning it the best-kept secret in Europe. And like most locals not involved in the tourist trade, we don’t mind if it stays that way.

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Arc du Cinquantenaire: One King’s taste in art, another King’s penchant for scandal.

Eagles

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controlled pace.

It was a rout from the start when El Segundo scored nine first-period goals. Avery Torres, who scored three of her five goals in the first quarter, ripped a steal away and went the distance to score to make it 3-0.

Eagle goalkeeper Kendall Donahue had a big say in the victory. She had five saves but, more importantly, directed the offense with her lead passes that led to five goals. Her pinpointed long-distance passes overwhelmed the Spartans. In the first period, she found



Annika Klishnevich controls a pass against Torrance in the Eagle's 2-0 win.

Alyssa Mullane and Stephanie Rodriguez on back-to-back possessions for scores to make it 7-0. Rodriguez led all scorers with six goals while Torres and Mullane each scored five goals, Nicole Alpert chipped in two.

The Eagles went on the road and defeated Notre Dame 17-7 in another matchup that wasn't that close. After a close first period, El Segundo held a 5-3 lead. The defense adjusted, and they shut out the Knights in the second period and increased their lead to 10-3. In the second half, freshman goalie Kendall Donahue came up with seven of her 11 blocks, including two penalty blocks, and



Kendall Donahue helped direct the offense against South Torrance and Notre Dame.

had three assists by directing the offense from the cage.

Emmie Ramirez had nine goals, Avery Torres added a hat trick, Stephanie Rodriguez added a pair of scores, and Sally Gonzales, Cassia Cole and Nicole Alpert each scored a goal.

Girls Soccer Team Looks Impressive in Loss

The Lady Eagles ran their winning streak to eight straight with their 2-0 win over Torrance. It was a game El Segundo controlled



Senior goalkeeper Nili Kovacs gets off a goal kick against West Torrance; she had three saves.

on both ends. The defense used their speed to shut down the Tartars while sophomore goalie Tanner Ijams had four saves. Bella Munoz scored both goals for the Eagles, one in each half. The first one came as she was in the right place in front of the goal and took a rebound and hit it past goalie Kennedy Turner. In the second half, Munoz crossed a shot past Turner from 15 yards out to give her team a 2-0 lead.

The winning streak ended with their 2-1 defeat to the West Torrance Warriors. It was a hard-fought match pitting the defending CIF champion Eagles against top-ranked and

the defending Pioneer League champions, West Torrance.

The Warriors are an up-tempo team with solid athletes. They push their offense while limiting the opposition's opportunities to score on the defense. The Warriors controlled the pace of play against the Eagles in the first half and had eight shots on goal. Four went over the net and Ijams saved four others.

El Segundo had a few opportunities to get off shots on goal. Chelsie Charles pushed one wide, Bella Munoz hit one over the net,



Jesse Gutierrez plays tight defense against West Torrance's Daiki Narimoto.

and two others were saved. The Eagles' only score came on a corner kick by Munoz, who hooked one in from the right corner midway through the first half. West Torrance countered with a goal two minutes later on a rebound inside to tie the match at 1-1.

The Eagles picked up their pace in the second half and had the Warriors on their heels by flipping the field and pressuring the Warriors' defense. It was a vitalized El Segundo team bent on upsetting the top West. The Warriors had few opportunities to score in the second half, thanks to El Segundo's defensive effort. With less than four minutes remaining, both teams, the Warriors, had a corner kick that went inside. During a scrum for the ball in front of the goal, an Eagle defender mistakenly kicked the ball off another defender, and the ball rolled into the net for the Warriors. El Segundo pushed the ball after the goal but came away empty and fell 2-1.

Afterward, head coach Skip Jones addressed his dejected team with some positives that came out of the game. "You faced the number one team and gave them all they could handle. If there was any question of how good you are today, you showed you can play with anyone."

The Eagles play their final home game of the regular season on Friday at 3 p.m. when they host South Torrance and honor their 18 seniors.

Eagles Fall to West

El Segundo's Pioneer League title hopes to repeat were handed a blow with their 43-39 loss to West Torrance. It was a disappointing loss for a team that played with all the

energy and motivation of knowing they were essentially playing for a league championship.

It was a fast-paced game with both teams attempting to control the tempo. The low-scoring affair was a tribute to each team's defensive effort. West used a tough zone while the Eagles pressured the Warriors with a tight man defense. Ben Ali-Watkins' three-pointer at the buzzer gave El Segundo a one-point lead at halftime.

Neither team held much of a lead in the second half, and there were seven lead changes.



Nicole Ungaro #21 jumper scores against West's Nicole Chuang. The game's defensive play came as the third period was winding down. Eagle guard Jesse Gutierrez was dribbling up the right side and pressured West's Amare Holmes when he lost the dribble to Holmes. The Warrior guard went the other way for an easy layup when Preston Engle blocked the shot attempt from the far end.

The Warriors took a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter before Jack Pintens drained a three-pointer to close the gap. The Eagles cut the deficit to three points, but that's as close as they would come. The loss essentially means the Eagles won't repeat as league champions in 55 years. The last time they repeated was the 1966 and 1967 teams. The Eagles travel to South Torrance on Friday and wrap up their season next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Eagles no Match for West Torrance

The Eagles are having a challenging season and are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs. Their lopsided loss to the West Torrance Warriors in their Pioneer League opener fell to 5-11 overall. The Eagles held a 5-4 early first-quarter lead before West went on a 19-3 run to finish the quarter. Turnovers doomed the offense that resulted in 13 first-quarter points for the Warriors.

The offense was stymied in the second and third quarters, and the Eagles fell behind by 29 points. Bo Takehara highlighted the fourth quarter by scoring eight of her team's 15 points. Nicole Ungaro led the Eagles scoring attack with 10 points.

The Eagles play at South on Friday and wind up their season at home next Wednesday at 6 p.m. •

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