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Disney Fans Enjoy a Perfect Night At El Segundo Movie in the Park



Matthew Barry, Lindalya Kahome, Limor Zamir, Jodie Infantino, Rotary Club president Shiela Fowler, Gina Hoffman, Ian Rusnell, Lynn O'Neil, John Skulick, Karen Sellers and Chris Plank at the Movie in the Park with characters from the Frozen singalong. Shorewood Realtors and the Rotary Club were sponsors of the El Segundo Movie in the Park. Photo credit: Ed Su. For more information and photo see page 2.

City's Current Budget Numbers Look Good for Year-End Tally

By Brian Simon

Budget forecasting is often a slippery slope for a municipality, especially one that relies heavily on revenue sources that are historically volatile. This is certainly the case for the City of El Segundo, which recently presented a third quarter update of its 2014/15 budget complete with several significant variances in multiple revenue categories when compared to the dollar amounts adopted last September. For instance, the revised year-end estimate for business license tax (BLT) revenues is now down by \$263,900 due to the increased number of smaller firms in town square footage-wise coupled with lower employee head counts. Transient occupancy tax (TOT) projections also dropped \$259,200 primarily because of the temporary closure of the Hacienda Hotel as the facility undergoes construction. The price of natural gas is 35 percent lower than last year, thereby sending cogeneration electric tax revenues south by a whopping \$460,000. An unplanned outage at the power plant prompted staff to lower gas utility tax estimates by \$200,000. Volatility indeed. And even predicted dollars from the tax resolution agreement with Chevron will decrease by \$265,266.

At the same time, the City will do much better than expected with franchise tax (plus \$596,300) and property tax (an additional \$264,800) revenues. Staff also adjusted last September's numbers to tack on additional projected monies for sales and use tax, sales tax in lieu, electric utility tax, license and permits, interest/rentals, and other sundry revenues.

Looking at the entire list of revenues, it's likely that not even one category will finish the current fiscal year (that concludes on September

30) within \$100,000 of the originally adopted estimate. And yet after all is said and done, rampant volatility aside and everything added and subtracted all over again, the expected final revenue tally is only off very slightly from the amount adopted almost 11 months ago. Last September, the El Segundo City Council approved a budget of \$60,642,700 million for 2014/15 general fund revenues. With 85.22 percent of the budget received as of the end of June, the new year-end estimate is \$60,663,964—a difference of just \$21,264, or 7/10th of one percent.

On the expenditure side, the City reported some good news with an adopted budget of \$64,138,100 but a year-end estimate (after 73.12 percent of monies spent) of \$62,920,100—a difference of \$1,218,000 in the City's favor. Most of the savings are due to personnel vacancies that reduced salary payments citywide, with the most notable decrease a substantial \$684,300 drop thanks to three retirements in the Fire Department.

The 2014/15 fund balance update includes the required 18 percent (of the \$60.6 million

See Budget, page 2

K-9 Unit Says Goodbye to Arthur, Hello to Roxy

By Brian Simon

It may or may not be true that "every dog has its day," but in the case of the El Segundo Police Department K-9 veteran Arthur, there were many days on which he could hang his hat—or more aptly, tail. Now nine-and-a-half, the 83-pound Czechoslovakian Malinois served the community for almost eight years until his retirement last month. Typically, a police canine works about six years. "Fortunately, I got Arthur when he was only 15 months old, so we were able to get a few extra years of service from him," said Officer Chris Cameron, who also wrapped up his own nine years in the K-9 unit to move on to patrol work.

Arthur's storied career included 110 felony suspect searches. He was responsible for locating 22 felony suspects, including those

wanted for attempted murder, carjacking, robbery and burglaries. He and Cameron additionally conducted 282 narcotic searches and Arthur was directly responsible for seizing \$10,284,683 from drug organizations. "Our most notable night occurred a few years ago when Arthur located two suspects hiding beneath a house who were wanted for attempted murder," Cameron recalled. "About 30 minutes later, Arthur found an armed suspect who stole a car at gunpoint."

Cameron added that one of the most enjoyable aspects of being a canine handler was interacting with the community during the 37 public demonstrations he and Arthur attended. "It was wonderful seeing the kids' faces light up when they got to pet Arthur," he said.

See K-9 Unit, page 14

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
81°/67°



Saturday

Sunny
82°/69°



Sunday

Sunny
84°/69°



Herald in France



Mike Vowles holds up the Herald and the Tribune in Lake Annecy, France, where he and his wife Sally were on vacation. Photo by Sally Vowles. •

18th Annual Movie In The Park Event a Huge Success

The El Segundo Rotary Club held its 18th Annual Movie in the Park, the club's largest public event of the year, Saturday, August 1st. The gates to Chevron Park opened at 4:00 p.m. to a steady stream of families and kids of all ages, many dressed in their favorite Frozen costume. This year's Movie in the Park drew one of the largest crowds ever in the history of the annual event.

Movie-goers were treated to a fun evening viewing Disney's Frozen Sing-A-Long on one of the largest screens of its kind in the country! Thousands of movie goers filled the grounds enjoying the picnic, festival-like environment.

The Movie in the Park event is one of the best family events here in the South Bay," said Shiela Fowler, current President of El Segundo Rotary. "Not only was it a lot of fun for local families, the event also raised money for El Segundo Rotary's many community and international projects".

El Segundo Rotary thanks all of those who attended and encourages you to "Save the Date-August 6, 2016", and to also like them on Facebook; Movie in the Park, El Segundo California. •



Mayor Fuentes poses with Frozen characters Kristoff, Elsa, Olaf and Anna. Left to right: Rotarian, Dr. Sean Drake, Mayor Suzanne Fuentes, Rotarian Kelsey McFarland and Chevron employee, Jennifer Craig. Photo courtesy of Chevron.



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School Spotlight



ESHS Sophomore Valena Kofler

By CeCe Stewart

This weekend at the Special Olympics World Games there were not only athletes performing, but another star was shining bright. El Segundo High School's Valena Kofler danced on the main stage at USC during the World Games with her dance troupe *Free 2 Be Me Dance!* Valena is going to be a sophomore at ESHS next year, and has been attending school in El Segundo all of her life. She is an amazing person. If you have ever met her, you will have known that she is incredibly kind, extremely outgoing, and very funny. She brightens up every room she walks into with her smile, and watching her dance was a true inspiration. Valena is empowered by her special needs, and shines with such confidence. I am proud to say that she was front and center during the whole performance bringing sass and sparkle to the performance. Not only did she shine bright, but she was a gracious teammate, cheering on her fellow performers with unbridled enthusiasm during their free style solos.

Valena's dance troupe is called *Free 2 Be Me Dance*, and it is a group specially designed for kids with Down Syndrome who live in Los Angeles. They take an adaptive ballet class, founded by Colleen Perry, a former ballet dancer, and a current Marriage and Family therapist. Colleen founded this after reading an article about Boston Ballet's adaptive dance program that worked with Children's Hospital Boston.

In class, the kids are able to learn dance movements, coordination, and how to follow directions in these classes. They get to have fun, be accepted, build confidence and strength, and build meaningful and true connections with their fellow dancers and teachers.

Valena and her dance troop surely exemplified the mission of *Free 2 Be Me Dance*: "Appreciation of music, self-confidence, enhanced self-esteem, learning how to work together as a class, learning to help and encourage one another, following directions, learning left from right, separate upper and lower body movements, coordinating movements to stop and start on cue, improving focus, adding movements they have invented, improved balance, coordination, posture and alignment, and increased pride in their accomplishments, in an emotionally safe environment."

Valena was a true example performing at the World Games stage of what El Segundo teaches its students... be the best you, shine with confidence, live life with joy, and reach for the stars. Congratulations Valena on this accomplishment- dancing in this once in a lifetime opportunity, as a performer at the Special Olympics World Games #LA2015. #Reach Up. •



Valentina Kofler, sophomore at El Segundo High School, who danced with her troupe *Free 2 Be Me Dance!* at the Special Olympics World Games. Photo by CeCe Stewart.

Budget

from front page

in revenues) the City must maintain in its reserves per policy. At the end of the day for the current fiscal year, the City estimates a "surplus" of \$1.5 million that can if necessary be used towards balancing the following year's budget if a shortfall arises.

The 2015/16 budget, also touched upon in a recent overview of the Council's August 3 strategic planning session, includes assumptions for significant revenue increases in property taxes (\$342,900) with the local real estate market and assessed values at an all-time high, transient occupancy taxes (\$650,200) on the upswing with multiple new hotels opening over the next 15 months, and sales tax/sales tax in lieu jumping \$2.2 million due to an improved economy and the imminent end of California's "triple flip" mechanism that will boost the percentage of the City's sales tax take. Conversely, the budget assumptions also factor in a \$600,000 decrease in gas utility tax revenues because of the lingering reduction in the price of natural gas—just another example of difficult-to-predict market volatility impacting the bottom line.

Increases in health insurance (\$150,000), accrued vacation and sick leave pay (\$320,000), salaries and benefits (\$497,600 given several new hires on the books) and various non-personnel costs such as supplies, insurance and contracted services will drive up expenditures next year. In the coming weeks, the Council will decide whether to continue setting aside \$750,000 for economic uncertainty, \$350,000 for facility maintenance and \$200,000 for equipment replacement—although staff included each of these items in the budget assumptions. Base budget estimates as reported from strategic planning showed a preliminary 2015/16 surplus of \$247,000, but did not include the costs for a long list of critical department head requests and as many as 11 potential capital improvement projects that could turn the initial plus column into a hefty deficit exceeding \$3.5 million. The Council will make determinations on these items when it convenes again at the second strategic planning session set for August 31. It may also consider new revenue-generating options such as an April ballot measure to increase the TOT.

The 2015/16 budget assumptions use current employee salary numbers, though the expenditure outlay will decrease if future labor deals yield concessions. Negotiations with the unions continue with no resolution as of yet. However, the City and the bargaining units for police and fire personnel recently agreed to post contract proposals/counterproposals online. About a month ago on its website, the City provided PDF documents outlining salaries and benefits for El Segundo public safety employees compared to other municipalities, as well as a total compensation survey, CalPERS employer contribution rates per year, and consumer price index information. •



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Letters

Questions the Phrase “Dehumanizing”

8/4/15 Council meeting was another organized parade of union members and their companions programed to parrot the slogans of the unions. The firefighter’s union constant fabrication about seven years of salary and compensation cuts. Since 2009 there has not been any department cuts to the firefighters salary or special compensation (source, city records). Both these salaries and special compensations have risen every year and are at all time highs. One firefighter’s earnings, in 2014, was \$285,785, more than anybody in El Segundo, even the city manager.

Also no union firefighters live in town. The union’s president lives in Manhattan Beach and their V.P. lives in San Juan Capistrano. They spoke and used words like “not being able to provide for their families”, “severely understaffed”, ”working in one of the most dangerous and hazardous city on the West Coast”. This propaganda makes us lose any admiration for this organization, But when they make accusations like ”personal threats to our families way of life” and “dehumanizing members and their families” now they have lost respect.

Explain how living in million dollar homes between Manhattan Beach and San Diego County, working in one of the safest city in Los Angeles County, making \$150,000 to \$285,000 a year, early 50’s retirement with six figure pensions is dehumanizing?

And the fire department still bills you \$1,800 just to transport you to an emergency room.
– Marc Renner

Cut the Raises

The El Segundo Total Compensation Survey on the City website shows the police and firefighters are substantially over-compensated when compared to ten other South Bay and nearby survey cities.

The police and firefighter unions changed

their campaign slogan to “We don’t want raises. We just want to stop the cuts.” But they already got their raises – many huge raises during the Great Recession – that are budget-busters. And they are talking about only one out of many annual and periodic raises hidden in their union contracts, including raises on top of raises.

There are no new police or firefighter staffing cuts as they want us to believe. The City Council is funding three additional police positions. And if the firefighters got their way, we would have fewer firefighters per shift. They put Measure P on the 4/10/2012 ballot to maximize their compensation, but reduce staffing to only 12 firefighters and no paramedic transport ambulances per shift.

The firefighters lied to the voters, saying that signing their initiative petition would preserve our local fire department, when it would have disbanded it, forced El Segundo to contract with Los Angeles County for an inferior level of service, and transferred the firefighters to the County. The fire union lobbied the City Council (2/15/11 meeting) to enact Measure P directly into law without letting us vote on it. When we finally got to vote, 90.1% voted “No”, even though the firefighters probably spent over \$100,000 on their campaign.

We cannot trust them.

– Mike Robbins

Police Reports

Monday, August 3, 2015

One male adult was detained at 0229 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation

Petty theft report was taken at 0856 hours from the 1200 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole two radios from the business

One female adult was arrested at 1147 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for shoplifting

Burglary (auto) occurred at 1401 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked vehicle and removed the third row seats

Vandalism report was taken at 1639 hours from the 700 block of Center Street. The suspect vandalizes several items in the victim’s yard

Criminal threats occurred at 0039 from the 800 block of South Douglas Street. Unknown suspect calls the business and makes threats

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Misdemeanor hit and run occurred at 0650 hours from the 2100 block of East Grand Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle

One male adult was arrested at 0911 hours from Imperial Highway and North Sepulveda Boulevard for drunk in public

An online lost property report was reported at 1625 hours from the 100 block of West Sycamore Avenue. A California driver’s license was lost

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1641 hours from Alaska Avenue and Hawaii Street, vehicle versus vehicle

An identity theft report was taken at 2046 hours from the 300 block of Kansas Street. Unknown suspect(s) opened credit card accounts in the victim’s name

One male adult was arrested at 2254 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Village Drive for one outstanding LASD felony warrant

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

One female adult was arrested at 0114 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for identity theft, two counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia

One male adult was arrested at 1539 hours from the 1400 of East Imperial Avenue for identity theft, fraudulent use of an access card and one outstanding Burbank Police Department felony warrant

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0642 hours from the 300 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took miscellaneous tools

Grand theft report was taken at 1519 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) stole a wallet from a suit jacket

One male adult was arrested at 1555 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for one outstanding Santa Monica Police Department misdemeanor warrant. •

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Film Review

Kevin Bacon's Comedic Chops Make the Midnight Flick *Cop Car* a Quiet Hit

By Morgan Rojas For Cinemacy.com

Kicking off this year's Next Fest (the LA-set sister film festival to Sundance), *Cop Car* is being touted as a must-see for "midnight movie" cinephiles. A corrupt cop, two rebellious kids, and a stolen police vehicle make up this dark little comedy that proves to be one of summer's top coming-of-age thrillers. The film premiered in Los Angeles on Sunday,

confusion, he is not happy. After some illegal activity leads him away from the car in the first place, he is left immobile and alone in the vast countryside, and determined to get his car back (as the trunk is learned to be holding precious cargo) quickly and in one piece – a fate he doesn't hold for the rest of the parties involved.

Cop Car is a reflection of a successfully made, true independent film. With its limited



Kevin Bacon in *Cop Car*. Photo courtesy of Focus World.

August 2nd at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery (a fitting location for added creepiness), and the tense cinematic sequences that *Cop Car* organically conjures up were felt long after the film's brisk 86-minute run time.

Kevin Bacon, who stars in the set-up opposite the film's two young leads, shows off his devilish comedic chops as mustachioed and corrupt county sheriff Kretzer. Bacon doesn't appear in the film's initial scenes, a job left to newcomers James Freedson-Jackson and Hays Wellford, who play young runaways and best friends Travis and Harrison. The boys, moseying through the picturesque Colorado plains while one-upping each other in an innocent-enough swear-off as they look for more adventure, find just that in an abandoned cop car in the middle of nowhere. With an empty beer bottle on the roof and the keys in between the seats, the boys take off on a joyride that every young kid dreams of.

Donuts, burnouts, and speeding make for a very entertaining montage sequence, but it's not until the owner of the car comes back to claim it (shown in a brief flashback to the moment said driver leaves the car), and realizes it's missing, when the tension (and comedy) hits. The car belongs to Sheriff Kretzer, and, past his comedic

budget, seen in its rural-set locations and single-day narrative, director Jon Watts manages to produce something small and wonderful. It's no wonder why Watts was chosen to direct the forthcoming *Spiderman* reboot. This small-scale production produces high stakes horror, and while Watts sets us up with the perfect scenario and tone reminiscent of the Coen Brothers' *No Country For Old Men*, it is the actors that truly drive the story home. Kevin Bacon is selfish, evil, and lacks empathy, yet I still found myself rooting for him. Perhaps that's just the power of Kevin Bacon, but I'd like to think it comes from the undeniable magic that happens when a talented actor is matched with an as equally talented and creative director like the promising Watts.

For some, however, this tightly wrapped story may leave some important questions unanswered after the film cuts to black. Why were the kids running away in the first place? What ultimately happened to Sheriff Kretzer? Did the boys make it out ok? I don't believe these facts are detriment to the film's success; in fact, it makes for a perfect setup for "*Cop Car 2*." Now that's one sequel I'd like to see. *Cop Car* is now playing at the ArcLight Hollywood. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week Letter Drop

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- Less typical
- Daughter of Poseidon
- Corn bread
- A-list
- Sped up
- Brownish purple
- Molded, as metal
- Closemouthed
- Give a thumbs-down to
- E.Indies tree
- Relating to the Christian Orthodox church
- Craved
- Be dependent
- Astrological ram
- Genesis name
- Errs
- Exploit
- Benefit
- By way of, briefly
- Qui vive
- Most ironic
- Backslide
- Laundry room brand
- Eggs

Down

- Clear the tables
- Gallery display
- Midget
- Finnish person
- Coinage
- An unbound manuscript of some ancient classic
- Wahoo fish
- Care for
- Practice
- Smart ___
- Baltic capital
- Itinerary info
- Break
- Give up, slangily
- Neatens
- Whisper

Across

- Reorganization
- "Got my ___ working" Elvis
- Led
- Alaskan islander
- Minus
- Fashion
- Bogs and mosses
- Fastidious
- Guess
- Anxiety
- Did a farm chore
- Word of support
- Characteristic
- Grade
- Tie up
- Very
- Appoint as agent
- Out there
- Parts of the line of battle that project closest to the enemy
- Park, for one
- Hog's home
- Seek a date
- Swelling
- Indian prince
- Correct
- Give and take
- Healthy
- Not in port
- "Hey, you!"
- Resistance units
- Chi preceder
- Fast no more
- Rap sheet letters
- Cotillion V.I.P.

Last Week's Answers

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Sports

Top NFL Storylines

By Adam Serrao

Last Sunday afternoon, the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Minnesota Vikings marked the first game of this year’s NFL preseason and gave all true football fans butterflies in their stomachs as they anticipate the approaching 2015-’16 NFL season. In preparation for the season, we’ll take a look at some of the major storylines that should impact the upcoming season. From Tom Brady’s suspension to another year at starting quarterback for Robert Griffin III, it quickly becomes clear that every team in the NFL is dealing with their own unique set of circumstances.

Obviously, the biggest story from this year’s offseason involved the New England Patriots. Not because they won last year’s Super Bowl, but because Tom Brady has been suspended for the first four games of the regular season. Brady will, of course, appeal his suspension and it is still to be determined whether or not he will serve the full term of his four game suspension, but at least for now, you can expect last year’s Super Bowl MVP to lose some time as he serves the punishment handed down for deflating footballs.

While Patriots stock may be down a bit because of Brady’s suspension, other teams from around the AFC East may have experienced quite an uptick of sorts. The New York Jets, for instance, could have one of the best defense’s in the league this upcoming season with the additions of Darelle Revis, Antonio Cromartie and first round draft pick, Leonard Williams. They also added Brandon Marshall to an offense that should also be much improved. The Buffalo Bills, on the other hand, not only added head coach Rex Ryan, but also brought in running back LeSean McCoy to be what the team hopes is a reliable option out of the backfield. Add Percy Harvin to the receiving corps, Charles Clay as a tight end and Richie Incognito to the offensive line and there is reason to believe that Brady and the Pats could be dethroned this year.

While Johnny Manziel remains the biggest headline grabber from around the AFC North, you can expect the Cleveland Browns to be rather forgettable. The division will once again

come down to who wins the two inter-division games between the Baltimore Ravens and the amazing offense of the Steelers. In the South, the Colts and Andrew Luck have a clear road to first place and may even have paved themselves a road to the Super Bowl with the additions of Frank Gore at running back and Andre Johnson at wide receiver. If the Colts don’t win the Super Bowl this year, I, for one, will be very surprised.

Saying that the Oakland Raiders are the Denver Broncos biggest competition isn’t saying much. While the Raiders do seem to be getting better, though, the Broncos and Peyton Manning may be on their last legs. Over in the NFC, the Packers should be back on top of the conference while Minnesota and Adrian Peterson will look to make an impact after a combustible season last year. If you play fantasy football at all, I would highly consider taking Peterson in Norv Turner’s offense at number one overall.

Then there’s the NFC East. While Dez Bryant is already engaged in fights during training camp and Tony Romo is trying to figure out the next best way to not choke at the end of the year, the Philadelphia Eagles, under head coach Chip Kelly, stole the Cowboys running back (DeMarco Murray) and will be looking to steal their place atop the NFC Easy standings as well. Kelly has been making his own headlines this offseason, continuing to dump star players like LeSean McCoy and Jeremy Maclin, only to name a few, in order to create a team that is completely created in his essence. Some are questioning Kelly’s character after completely overhauling the roster that he required, but the third year head coach finally believes that he has the roster that he wants. That is, if Sam Bradford can stay on the field.

The Seattle Seahawks competition just got a little easier and not just because they traded for tight end Jimmy Graham in the offseason. A mass exodus out of San Francisco took place that saw head coach Jim Harbaugh leave for Michigan and every good player on the team leave to either go play somewhere else or retire. The ‘9ers, as we knew them, are done, but look for the Seahawks to battle with the

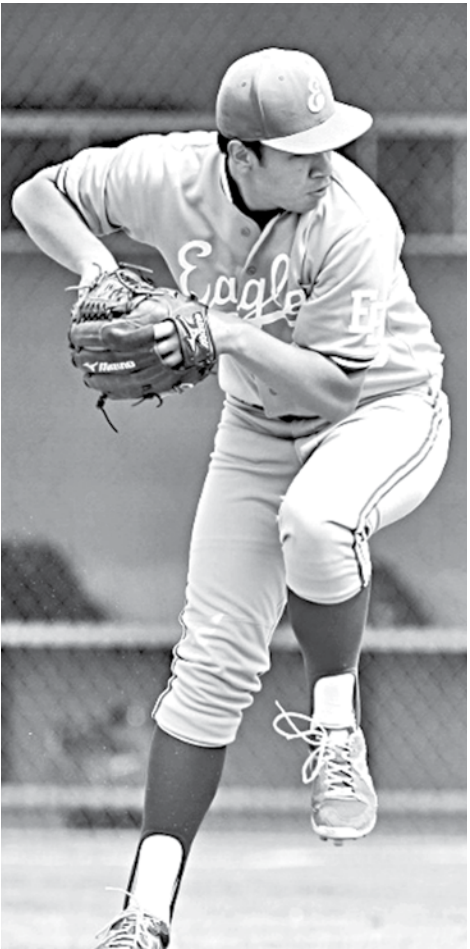
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Eagles Continued Their Success in the Spring

By Gregg McMullin

Photo by Gregg McMullin

The 2014-15 high school sports year was heading to the home stretch with the spring sports in action in baseball, softball, track, lacrosse and of course the historical CIF championship run the boys’ volleyball team made. It all made for some very interesting stories and memories for each team. The baseball team returned to its high standards by competing for its first Ocean League



Willem Mostert completed his brilliant high school year. He was a combined 23-7 with a 1.72 ERA in 217 innings

title, the softball team won 24 games, the lacrosse teams did well including the boys’ first league title and the track athletes sent runners to the CIF finals.

When the boys’ volleyball season started, the El Segundo coaching staff was optimistic on the team’s chances to compete for its first Ocean League title. With plenty of experience, returning head coach Anjinho Bacil had reason to think his team would win its first Ocean League title in school history and its third consecutive league title, the Eagles won the Pioneer League championship in 2013 and again in 2014.

Though expectations were high could anybody predict the team’s meteoric rise throughout the season and end up capturing the school’s second CIF Southern Section title?

“We were on people’s radar from the very start,” said assistant coach Tim Hovland. He was referring to the fact the Eagles had reached the CIF playoffs four consecutive years and reached in the quarter-finals in 2012 and semi-finals in 2014. El Segundo has always been thought of as a powerhouse in baseball, football, softball and water polo and now you can add boys’ volleyball.

Basketball standout Stephen Moye, just a junior, was one of the Eagles’ biggest threats. Then add seniors Brandon Kurke, Nick Rable, Ed Karrer and Nolan Sharp and their experience and it’s understandable why this team had been highly ranked in the CIF-SS Division 2 all year long. They were ranked as high as fifteenth nationally in a couple of publications. Six of their losses were to nationally ranked teams ahead of them including twice to Loyola (ranked second), Oak Park (fifth), Valencia (seventh), Newberry Park (ninth), Buchanan (12th) and Saddleback

Christian (14th).

In non-conference play the Eagles didn’t hide from anyone and faced some of the nation’s best teams. The fact is they embraced their opportunity to compete at the highest level. That determination saw the Eagles run the table in the Ocean League and dethrone Culver City reign on the league. It marked the third consecutive undefeated league schedule for the Eagles.

The Eagles reached the CIF finals by defeating Mission Prep, Paramount, San Gabriel and Paloma Valley each three games to zero. Facing Quartz Hills in the final proved to be different. It wasn’t easy and at times looked like their dreams of a ring would disappear but they persevered and fought through adversity to win it all. The Eagles needed an epic comeback and climbed on Stephen Moye’s back to defeat Quartz Hills 21-25, 22-25, 25-23, 25-16, 15-10. It marked the school’s second CIF Southern Section division championship, the first coming in 2010.

Facing a sweep and their dreams of a championship season vaporizing, the Eagles fought back from an 8-4 deficit and tied the third game at 13 apiece with Nick Rable’s kill that capped a long rally. El Segundo went on a 6-0 run after once again trailing 22-18. Moye’s fourth kill of the set gave the Eagles life, the set and forced game four. The Eagles’ incredible fortitude rallied the team through the brink of defeat to force a fifth and winner take all set.

In the championship game Quartz Hills started strong but the Eagles with the momentum, from winning previous two sets, kept the game close. Matt Carter was responsible for back to back points to give the Eagles their first lead in the fifth set. From there on out the Eagles never trailed. Carter’s sixth kill of the day gave the Eagles a 12-10 lead. Then Moye stuffed Quartz Hill’s Jakob Dipoma before recording the final two kills of the match sending the El Segundo players and fans onto the floor and into a delirious passionate celebration of the CIF champions.

Baseball

The Eagles started off the season with a revamped infield, a new catcher and some question marks on who would back up Willem Mostert on the mound. In the end second year head coach Steve Eno had that puzzle solved and the Eagles not only won a share of the Ocean League but won twenty-two games. El Segundo played an arduous schedule that saw them play sixteen teams that advanced to the CIF playoffs.

Perhaps the most exciting game of the season was a 15-12 win over eventual CIF-SS runners-up Redondo in the El Segundo Tournament in the first week of the season. Trailing 12-10 in the bottom of the seventh inning the Eagles managed to tie the game. With two on and one out Hunter Lewis unloaded on a 385 foot three run homerun for a walk off 15-12 win for the Eagles. These two teams would get to know each other pretty well since they would face each other four times during the year; each team winning twice.

The Eagles won the San Luis Obispo Tournament defeating Amador Valley, Templeton, Golden Valley and the host team, San Luis Obispo, in the finals. In Ocean League play back to back loses to Lawndale and Santa Monica forced them to defeat Santa Monica on the final day of the season to finish as co-champions with the Vikings.

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APN: 4132-010-021 TS No: CA08000681-15-1 TO No: 08-8-009812 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 1, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 3, 2015 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 8, 2004 as Instrument No. 04 3168527 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement recorded on November 13, 2014 as Instrument Number 20141211628 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by HUMBERTO RAMIREZ, A SINGLE MAN, as Trusor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, as nominee for PACIFIC COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 320 WEST MAPLE AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245-2207 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon,

as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$850,691.24 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the

existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000681-15-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: July 21, 2015 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000681-15-1 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-860-4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ORDER NO. CA15-002295-1, PUB DATES: 07/30/2015, 08/06/2015, 08/13/2015 El Segundo Herald Pub. 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/15

H-24793

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TTD No.: 159073667378-1 Control No.: XXXXXXPOST ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTORS ONLY NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04-01-2014 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 09-04-2015 at 11:00 A.M., TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04-08-2014, as Instrument No, 20140353490, in book III, page III, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA , executed by JEFFREY J. POST AND SUSAN Y. POST, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, and State described as: APN No.: 4139-015-055 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 844 CALIFORNIA STREET EL SEGUNDO CA 90245 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation,

if any, shown herein. Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$234,512.22 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on tins property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you arc or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you

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H-24810

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2015 TIME: 5:30 p.m. PLACE: City Council Chambers 350 Main Street El Segundo, California TAKE NOTICE that the El Segundo PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above on the following: SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment No. EA-1115 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 15-05 Address: 525 North Sepulveda Boulevard Applicant: T-Mobile Property Owner: Rubicon B Hacienda, LLC The Planning Division received an application for Environmental Assessment No. EA-1115 and Conditional Use Permit CUP No. 15-05 to allow the expansion of a Major Wireless Communications Facility ("WCF") on the 84-foot tall west building of the existing hotel located at 525 North Sepulveda Boulevard. The wireless facility is operated by T-Mobile and was originally approved by the City through the issuance of a building permit in 1995. ESMC Chapter 15-19, adopted in 1997, requires roof-top mounted facilities that exceed the maximum building height of a zoning district to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to operate. Two equipment cabinets were added to the facility in 2002 and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 02-01) was issued for the facility to authorize that action. T-Mobile is seeking to expand the existing six-antenna facility into a nine-antenna facility, requiring modification to the Conditional Use Permit. The project site is the former Hacienda Hotel, currently under renovation to be re-opened as a Fairfield Inn and Suites. The Project Site is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Mariposa Avenue in the General Commercial (C-3) Zone.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301(e) as a Class 1 categorical exemption (Addition to an Existing Facility) and § 15311 as a Class 11 categorical exemption (Accessory Structure). The project is for a conditional use permit to allow a three-antenna expansion to an existing six-antenna WCF and bring the proposed nine-antenna facility into compliance with current ESMC WCF requirements, such as screening. The subject WCF consists of screened equipment mounted on the roof-top of an existing 84-foot tall hotel building and can be considered a negligible expansion of the existing accessory WCF use of the hotel site. Files for the above-mentioned proposal are available for public review Monday through Thursdays between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning Division, Department of the Planning and Building Safety, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Masa Alkire, Principal Planner, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2371, 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. Sam Lee, Director Planning and Building Safety Department; and, Secretary to the Planning Commission City of El Segundo Mailing Date: August 13, 2015 Publication Date: August 13, 2015 Posting Date: August 13, 2015 El Segundo Herald Pub. 8/13/15

H-24809

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. ES018779 Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES Petition of: LOC TAN VO for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LOC TAN VO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LOC TAN VO to LOUIS TAN VO. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: OCTOBER 6, 2015, Time: 08:30 AM, Dept.: E, Room: 260 The address of the court is 600 EAST BROADWAY GLENDALE, CA 91206-4304 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: EL SEGUNDO HERALD Date: JUL 24 2015 Judge Mary Thornton House Judge of the Superior Court El Segundo Herald Pub. 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20/15

H-24792

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JACK BENNY MILLS Case No. BP164424

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JACK BENNY MILLS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Linda Sue Mills in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Linda Sue Mills be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 19, 2015 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the

granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: S SYD RAHE ESQ SBN 043944

LAW OFFICES OF S SYD RAHE 880 APOLLO ST STE 229 EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

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H-24795

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANK J. LESCOULIE Case No. BP164997

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANK J. LESCOULIE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Catherine A. Kenney in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Catherine A. Kenney be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 3, 2015 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IAN BARRIE MACLURE aka IAN MACLURE, IAN B. MACLURE Case No. BP165127

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IAN BARRIE MACLURE aka IAN MACLURE, IAN B. MACLURE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kenneth L. Schwartz in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kenneth L. Schwartz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 28, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N.

Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: RONALD BERMAN ESQ SBN 079775

BERMAN & BERMAN APLC 21031 VENTURA BLVD STE 803

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H-24808

K-9 Unit

from front page

Arthur will be officially retired at next week's El Segundo City Council meeting. He will continue to live with Cameron, as he has done since 2007. "At home, Arthur was able to relax and be just like a normal dog," Cameron said. "He would even travel with my family when we'd go on camping trips."

An officer since 2002 and member of the



Officer Chris Cameron and his "best friend" Arthur recently retired from K-9 duties after eight years of service. Cameron now works patrol sans dog. Photos courtesy of ESPD.

department for 17 years, Cameron recalled going on his first police ride-along at the age of 12 and being paired with a K-9 handler. "That's when I knew I wanted to be a cop," he said, adding that his father was also a police officer.

Cameron will pay the City the tidy sum of \$1 to purchase Arthur, who has found the initial transition to "normal life" a bit challenging. "He struggled at first and was depressed when he'd see me leave and go to work without him," Cameron said. "He would race to the front door and want to go with me. Even when on walks, you can tell he just wants to go back to work. But I think he's starting to get used to his new life. And luckily he is still in great shape and in good health."

Over the last month, Cameron helped train the department's new canine, Roxy—a three-year-old female Belgian Malinois who was raised in Holland. As such, all her commands are in Dutch. "She was raised as a puppy to one day be used as a police service dog," Roxy's handler, Officer Alexander Leavitt, explained. A member of the department for eight years working as a cadet and jailor before becoming an officer in 2011, Leavitt noted that he has always been interested in working with dogs.

"I believe in the K-9 program and what we want to accomplish, which is to find the really bad guys," he said.

Roxy and Leavitt attended a six-week basic handler course at the Riverside-based Adlerhorst from June 8 to July 17. When a K-9 position opens, the prospective handlers participate in an oral interview to be selected. Other

prerequisites for the position include having a fenced-in yard and a spot to park a police car at home. Prospective handlers also almost always train as decoys or agitators where they take a two-day course at Adlerhorst learning how to take bites from dogs while wearing protective suits. "Often they will do this [play decoy] for three to four years before they're selected," Cameron said. Current and former handlers go out and test dogs in order to choose the one that will be the best fit the department. "We like social dogs who have an even temperament."

El Segundo's K-9 unit began in 1981 and continues to maintain two teams as it did at its inception. All the dogs begin their careers as patrol canines and after six months are cross-trained for narcotics detection. Running two teams allows the department to have a canine working seven days a week, with handlers on call 24 hours a day. Asset forfeiture monies (proceeds of five percent from criminal activity seizures credited to the dog) subsidize the program. Arthur's work translated to just over \$500,000 in asset forfeiture dollars.

As the department's newest handler, Leavitt will drive in a marked, black and white K-9

patrol car outfitted with a kennel in the backseat. "We will respond to routine calls for service and make proactive traffic stops and citizen contacts like any other patrol officer," he said. "In addition to patrol duties, we set aside a small amount of time daily to train and expose Roxy to the types of things we will encounter in the field. We also have longer



Officer Alexander Leavitt and Roxy began service last month as the El Segundo Police Department's newest K-9 team.

times set aside weekly and monthly dedicated to training to ensure we are both up to speed with the hazards of a real K-9 deployment."

Roxy's primary purpose is to find people and things. When she locates a suspect, she is trained to guard and bark to alert Leavitt. If the suspect tries to run away or attack the dog, Roxy will bite. "Due to the fact Roxy is trained to bite, we only deploy her under certain circumstances," Leavitt said. "This includes searching for an armed suspect or an outstanding felon who poses a danger to the public or other officers."

Also trained in article searches, Roxy will look for anything with recent human odor—including items such as a guns, tools, knives, and stolen merchandise dropped or thrown by

suspects. Roxy's efficiency in searching can save hundreds of manpower hours annually as well as zero in on evidence and suspects other officers could not possibly identify. "This frees up officers from calls much more quickly so we can resume patrolling the city and answer calls for service," Leavitt said.

Since joining the department, Roxy has moved in with Leavitt and his wife. The couple also have another dog—a German Shepherd mix named Gunner. "Roxy enjoys playing with Gunner and they interact very well chasing each other around the yard and wrestling until they are both exhausted," Leavitt said.

Working to exhaustion seems to be Roxy's MO. Leavitt described his new partner as "highly energetic" and "motivated" to get the job done no matter how tiring the task. "But at home, she loves to be petted and enjoys her attention," he said. "She likes playing fetch and will bring the ball to me without being prompted because she knows I will throw it for her. She is great around people and is very trainable."

Roxy is also on the smaller size compared to her predecessor and the department's other canine, the 80-pound Belgian Malinois named Leo who partners with Officer Steve Trujillo.

As Arthur kicks off a hopefully long and happy retirement and Roxy embarks on what should likely be a six-year career, Cameron made it a point to mention that the department has established a canine retirement fund to help pay for medical expenses incurred after the dogs complete their service time. The campaign stemmed in part from the unfortunate story of Ty, a Belgian Malinois who developed Laryngeal Paralysis (closing of his breathing tube) in 2013 at the age of seven and had to retire from the department. Ty passed away a few months ago. "The retirement fund comes from donations from the public and it's extremely important we get the message out," Cameron said, adding that donations may be sent to the El Segundo Police Department, 348 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245, payable to K9 Retirement Fund. In the meantime, may both of these dogs continue to have their days--and then some... •

NFL

from page 6

Packers for the top team in the NFC and the right to take on the Colts in Super Bowl 50.

Football season may just be the best time of the year. America's favorite sport is almost back and after some brief warm-up games, the pads and the helmets will be put on and buckled up and the 2015-'16 season will be underway.

As mentioned, this season may already have its favorites and its underdogs, but 16 weeks is a very long time. As summer turns into fall and endless possibilities arise, sports fans everywhere are simply comforted in the fact that lights are back on and the stadium doors are back open. Football is finally back. •

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It has been a true joy serving the community for the last 36 years, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. El Segundo is a great town, and it was a privilege to be able to practice here. The practice is in good hands with Dr. Christina Hutchinson. Look for me on the tennis courts and make sure you stop by and say hi!

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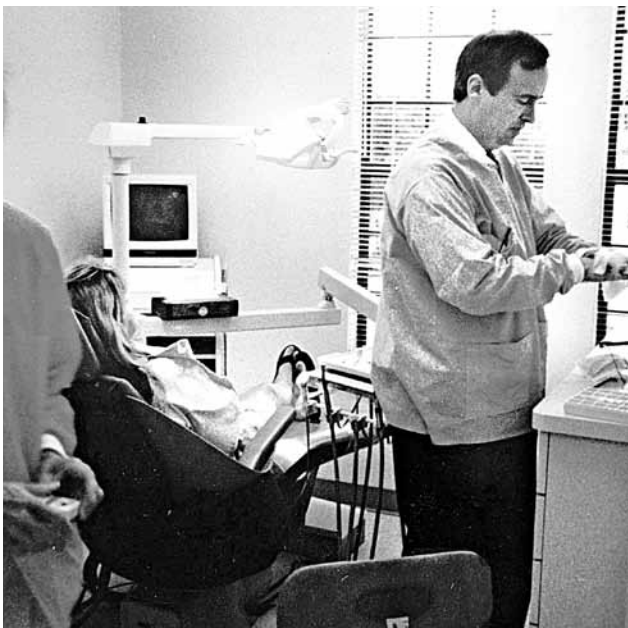
It has been my great privilege caring for you and your families these last 36 years. Trusting me to provide you with dental care has been an honor, and getting to know each of you over these many years was a pleasure. It was these relationships that made it a joy to come to work every day, and I thoroughly enjoyed it! Effective July 15, I am retiring from the practice of dentistry.

Fortunately, I have found a fantastic dentist to assume the practice. Dr. Christina Hutchinson graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry in 2003, and completed a general practice residency at UCLA in 2009. She has been in private practice as an associate dentist since graduation, and since 2009 has practiced as an associate with a prosthodontist in Manhattan Beach. She also completed a residency in TMJ, facial pain and sleep therapy research in San Diego. She is extremely well trained, has outstanding skills, and most importantly, will continue providing the same conservative dental treatment that I have provided for you and your family.

My outstanding staff will continue working with Dr. Hutchinson, and I will be available to Dr. Hutchinson for consultation as needed.

Please feel free to stop by and meet Dr. Hutchinson. I am confident that you will be as pleased as I am that she has assumed my practice.

**Sincerely,
Robert Murphy, DDS**



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