2016: Happy New Year

“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language
And next year’s words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.”

– (LITTLE GIDDING)
T.S. ELIOT

By Brian Simon
A look at some of the top stories in town over the last year...

Budget Balanced
In September, the El Segundo City Council adopted the 2015/16 fiscal budget with expenditures exceeding revenues by $1.2 million. To balance the books, the Council applied excess reserves from the previous year and also reduced the annual transfer to the economic uncertainty account by $250,000 (with Mayor Pro Tem Jacobson the sole no vote because he did not wish to cut monies from this fund). During summer strategic planning sessions to address department head requests, the Council among other moves opted to fund two new police officers and promote a sergeant; subsidize a new fire engine and rescue ambulance; give Public Works the go-ahead to hire three street maintenance workers; and allocate additional personnel for the Finance Department and City Clerk’s office. The Council also decided to increase City reserve percentages from 18 to 19 percent.

Commercial Projects Thriving/ New Businesses Arriving
It was another busy year for new commercial projects in town, with more than $1 billion in active and planned development highlighted by the late spring opening of Mar Ventures’ and Continental Development Corporation’s 15-acre elevon project at Campus El Segundo. One of the largest for-sale commercial office developments to break ground in the region in the last decade, it was almost completely sold out by year’s end. The Los Angeles Lak- ers purchased a 5.6-acre parcel at the site to build new training and headquarters facilities approved by the Council in April, while EVA Air also bought land for its US operations. The Point, the $80 million shopping complex at Sepulveda and Rosecrans developed by Federal Realty Investment Trust, opened during the summer with a number of high-end retailers and restaurants in place (and more still on the way) as well as an outdoor plaza area for events and concerts.

Progress continued for several new hotels slated to open in the next few years, with a January 2016 debut scheduled for a 247-room Aloft Hotel on the south side of the Hacienda property on Sepulveda. A 356-room Fairfield Inn and Suites on the north side of that property is set for a late 2016 opening. Future hotels include Hampton Inn and Suites (888-898 Sepulveda, estimated to open in early 2017), Cambria Suites (199 N. Continental, early 2017), and SpringHill Suites (2130 E. Maple, mid-2018). Across the street from the Hacienda site, in ‘N Out Burger (after lengthy delays due to a snag with Caltrans) began construction in the spring and was near completion as of press time. Property owners Decron Properties also added an outdoor dining courtyard for shopping center patrons.

Notable new business tenants either already here or on the way included clinical stage bio-tech cancer research company Kite Pharma; Sanrio, Inc., the Japanese parent firm behind Hello Kitty; DaVita’s HealthCare Partners division; NYX Cosmetics (the parent company for L’Oreal); prominent European aerospace innovation organization Starburst Accelerator; and developer Tishman Speyer, who will convert a low-rise building at 555 S. Aviation into a creative office campus.

Meanwhile by the end of 2015, the City reported it was over 50 percent to its goal of 100 businesses moving to El Segundo by the time of the January 2017 Centennial Celebration.

Most Business-Friendly Again
In November, the El Segundo came away with its second Eddy Award for Most Business-Friendly City. In the event hosted by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, El Segundo topped the small cities category (under 67,000 residents) to outlast five other finalists. The City was the inaugural winner back in 2006 and then had to wait five years before it could apply again. It was a finalist each of the previous three years before garnering the 2015 Eddy.

Raytheon Project Moves Forward
Late in the year, the Council gave its blessing to Raytheon Company’s El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan Project, which when built out will be the largest commercial development in town in over a decade with an estimated $2.6 million in new annual tax revenues to the City. The project entails a

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Police Reports

Monday, December 21, 2015

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1035 hours from the 800 block of McCarthy Court. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim’s residence by prying open a window. Taken was miscellaneous jewelry.

One male adult was arrested at 1238 hours from Douglas Street and Rosencrans Avenue for public intoxication and one outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1220 hours from the 1000 block of South Felton Avenue in Inglewood for receiving stolen property.

A petty theft report was taken at 1251 hours from the 400 block of Bungalow Drive. Miscellaneous items were taken from an unlocked vehicle.

A found property report was taken at 1654 hours from the 800 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. A duffel bag and a purse were found at the location.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1702 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was detained at 2239 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Penn Street and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

Traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 0418 hours in the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Holly Avenue, bus versus a fire hydrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1829 hours from the Gardena Police Department for one outstanding ESPD felony warrant.

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Thursday, December 24, 2015

One female adult was arrested at 0854 hours from the 200 block of West Regent Street in Inglewood for attempt robbery.

An identity theft report was taken at 1110 hours from the 600 block of South Allied Way. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s debit card and used it to withdraw money from an ATM machine.

Friday, December 25, 2015

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1425 hours in the 700 block of West Mariposa Avenue, vehicle versus pedestrian.

Saturday, December 26, 2015

One male adult was arrested at 1718 hours from Grand Avenue and Whiting Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of 0.08% or above.

Sunday, December 27, 2015

One male adult was arrested at 0213 hours from the 400 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of 0.08% or above.

142-acre site divided into 26 parcels located at 2000-2100 East El Segundo Boulevard, with plans for a three-phase development and up to 7 million square feet of new construction that includes office, warehousing, light industrial and commercial (retail/restaurant) uses. The first phase calls for a 92,000-square foot pre-engineered commercial building and setting of the phases. Phase two is the vast majority of the site with predominantly office space and will require Raytheon to extend Nash Street. The third phase will extend a segment of Continental Boulevard that will be available for public use if Raytheon sells the parcels to an independent developer.

To address unavoidable project impacts, Raytheon agreed to pay the City a total of $4 million incrementally over a six-year period starting in March, 2016. A 30-year revenue stream for a fire fee for all future development on the site, and provide the City with an option to take over the parkland should that space be relocated outside the Raytheon purchase and development.

In July, the City Council voted to move forward with staff-recommended design plans for the rehabilitation project for the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of Richmond Street.

Crews started to start in January 2016 will mill off the existing ficus trees and replace them with less-invasive, non-shedding shade trees and palm trees. They will also reconstruct storm sewers, curbs and gutters and install solar-powered pedestrian light fixtures. All three blocks will increase in width by six feet, while sidewalks will be three feet narrower throughout the 100 and 200 blocks and for most of the 300 block. The widening will allow for angled parking (cut at 45 degrees versus 90 previously) on the west side of the street, with parallel spots on the other side.

The layout adds 13 new spaces to the 100 block and nine to the 200 block. The Council also directed staff to look into adding about eight parallel spaces on El Segundo Boulevard between Main Street and Richmond across the street from Chevron.

Addressing prior concerns from residents and business owners, the 100 block will include a larger congregating area in front of Old Town Music Hall, a handicapped spot at the corner-most parking stall on the east side of the street, and a shared parking/loading zone just past the entrance of the theater. A handicapped accessible space will be installed on the west side of the street in the central area. For the 200 block, the driveway to the private parking lot will be relocated to Franklin to free up more space for angled stalls on the west side of the street.

A loading zone will be created on the northeastern end of the block to accommodate deliveries at businesses. Additionally, the portion of Second City Bistro’s front porch that is part of the public right-of-way will be removed in order to extend the drop-off sidewalk.

While Councilmember Dugan sided with his colleagues on plans for the 100 and 200 blocks, he ultimately voted against the project because he wanted to remove the 300 block from the mix based on multiple resident pleas to not widen the streets or sidewalks.

School Board Election/District

In a closely contested November election, Jeanie Nishime won a second term on the El Segundo School Board. Former member Chris Powell fell short in his bid to reclaim the group, as newcomer Nancy Cobb garnered the second-most votes to fill the slot vacated by departing member Jim Zagler. In December, the Board installed Jim Garza as its new President, with Bill Watkins as Vice President and Emilie Layne as Clerk.

El Segundo Unified School District high lights included the sale of its Imperial Avenue property that will generate a future income stream, implementation of Project Power Lead the Way for K-5 classes at the Center and Richmond Street schools; a Golden Bell Award from the California School Board Association presented to El Segundo Middle School’s Instructional Baccalaureate Program; and El Segundo High’s recognition as an Apple Distinguished School and a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The school district is also finalists in the opening of its College and Career Center, sponsored by Kinecta Federal Credit Union.

To enhance the curriculum and instructional programs, the Board contributed to local education—in particular Chevron, which has donated significant monies to support STEM education. This year, the school district agreed to pledge to raise $1 million to grant to the School District.

Special Olympics Host Town

From July 21 to 24, El Segundo assumed the role of Host Town for 70 Special Olymps athletes and coaches from Barbados and Madagascar. The Games ran to a host of various events, recreational activities and cultural exchange that included a welcoming ceremony and torch run pass at Mattel, stops at the Automatic Driving Range at the TopGolf Music Hall, a tour of the Lukes and Kings facilities, barbecue at The Chevon, dinner at the Los Angeles Lakers and Kings Foundation fundraiser and more.

TopGolf Project on Course

After months of discussion to fine-tune a due diligence and lease agreement, the City Council voted in late September to proceed with the proposed TopGolf project at The Lakes at El Segundo driving range. The lease has a potential 50-year length, with 20 years upfront followed by six five-year options to renew. TopGolf must operate the facility for at least seven years.

TopGolf has developed CenterCal Properties include an annual ground lease of $525,000 each of the first five years and then 10 percent raises for each five-year period, as well as a $1 million payment towards installing lighting on the golf course. After the first three years, the City will also receive three percent of gross revenues from beverage sales.

Driving range operating hours will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. with El Segundo residents receiving discounted prices between 6 a.m. and noon on weekdays and from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends. TopGolf must also offer discounted prices to military, teachers, police, fire and other first responders, mandatory golfers including those currently working at the driving range, provide a community parking element, and allow local and high school players to practice from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at no charge and at a rate commensurate with other driving ranges at other times of the day.

Despite the approval, the deal still requires additional environmental, design and stakeholder approval from the City Council in the near future. As part of TopGolf’s agreement, the City will also receive a TOT Increase Going to Ballot

In early December, the City Council voted 4-1 to put a transient occupancy tax (TOT) increase on the April ballot in hopes of garnering central fund revenues. The group opted for a jump from the current eight percent (the lowest among competing cities in the market area that includes several South Bay municipalities, Culver City, Santa Monica, Long Beach and Los Angeles) up to 12 percent. The increase would start in January and finish in 2029. If passed by a majority of voters, the move could add $800,000 to the City’s annual revenues and up to $1.2 million per year five new hotels are built. Mayor Pro Temp Carl Jacobson voted against the move because he did not want to go above 10 percent. Local economist agreed it would support a TOT increase, but preferred a cap at 10.5 percent, with a half-percent of the total dedicated towards tourism marketing.
It’s a Wrap for 2015 Sports

By Gregg McMullin

With 2015 officially in the books its time to take one last look in the rear view mirror at a wonderful second half of the year in sports in El Segundo. We felt the pain of losing an icon, helped an impoverished community overseas and welcomed some very special athletes. There were tears of joy during triumphs and heartbreaking defeat of losses that made us cry. Through it all it was another year in sports we won’t soon forget. Having already revisited the first six months lets stroll along memory lane and look back at the remainder of the calendar. The track and field teams did well this past season. At the Mt SAC Invitational the girls' 400m relay team took second place in their heat and won a silver medal. More importantly the future looks bright for these sprinters since they broke the high school record for their relay. The old record was 4:00.84 and this year’s team did it in 4:08.50.

On the boy’s side Gavin Glenn, just a junior, was impressive all season long and he lowered his own school record he set last year in the 1600 to 4:36.78. Later on in the season he lowered his own school record he set last year in the 800 to 2:09.34 and this year’s team did it in 2:08.50. It’s a wrap for 2015 when we look back at the remainder of the calendar. The moments that mattered to all of us the most. Above all else, this year in sports was a year where women excelled in practically every arena; even on the world stage. There was no better testament to that than when the United States women’s national soccer team conquered the world and the World Cup in 2015. Everyone remembers the time when Brandi Chastain sank the winning goal as the U.S. won their last World Cup in 1999. Fast forward more than 15 years later and this time it was Carli Lloyd as the hero. After surviving a punishing semifinal matchup with Germany, Lloyd came to the rescue against Japan in the finals and scored. Then she scored again. Then she scored again! It took the U.S. hero just three minutes to find her first goal en-route to what would be a 5-2 demolition of their opponents and a World Cup championship.

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There has already been a remarked discussion, but first Rousey needs to pick herself back up from the floor. She lost to Holm, but the woman may have been the better performer that day.

A trio of championships, including one that was extremely unexpected, round out the most memorable moments of 2015. The Golden State Warriors brought home an NBA championship...
**WEEKLY CROSSWORD**

See Answers Next Week

**Letter Drop**

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29. in a grand manner
32. performed in an all-dinner show
34. timber wolf
36. Keep out
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41. Dance hit
43. Grandiose and Giselle Scholz
44. Closed in on
45. Secured with a rope
46. Distracting Quality
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68. Dressed in blue

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13. inner Yoko
14. warthog
15. Whitey
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17. some dimmer
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19. gift-wrap decorations
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Baked Sweet Potatoes with Cranberry Gorgonzola Gremolata

Makes 6 servings

Ingredients

- 6 medium sweet potatoes
- 1/4 c. melted butter
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 c. pure maple syrup
- 1 lemon zested
- 1 clove garlic, minced finely
- 3 tablespoons minced pecans
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped dried cranberries
- 1 scallion minced
- 2 ounces Stella gorgonzola, crumbled

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Place sweet potatoes on cookie sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Flip over and return to oven to bake until tender, about 20 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

2. When cool enough to do so safely, peel sweet potatoes. Place in a medium skillet over low heat with butter, salt and maple syrup for 5 minutes, basting the potatoes with the butter mixture occasionally. Lightly smash the potatoes until there is an even consistency. Hold over low heat.

3. In a small bowl, toss together parsley, lemon zest, garlic, pecans, cranberries and scallion. Gently fold in the gorgonzola. Move sweet potatoes to a serving dish and sprinkle with the cranberry blue cheese gremolata.

Serve hot.

El Segundo

Negotiations between the City and most of the various bargaining units continued un-resolved more than a year after the previous contracts expired. Most contentious were talks with the El Segundo Police Officers Association (POA), which prompted several union members as well as various local citizens to appear at Council meetings to urge City leaders to “stop the cuts” and not put public safety at risk—particularly with crime on the rise in the wake of State legislation that put more criminals on the streets. In an effort to set the record straight, Mayor Suzanne Fuentes in the summer said the City would post its offers and counterproposals online for public view if the POA agreed to do likewise. The numbers finally went up on the City’s website in November. In July, the City also posted data outlining the results of a salary survey comparison with 11 other municipalities, employee W-2s from 2012/13, current consumer price index information and CalPERS rate history. Meanwhile in November, the City reached agreement with the El Segundo Firefighters Association on a new contract—the first union to sign. Several months earlier, the Council set salaries and benefits for unrepresented employees including department heads, police and fire chiefs.

Water Conservation Gets Stricter

With California’s continued severe drought, the City Council authorized revisions to its water conservation ordinance to align with more stringent state standards. New actions approved in June included eliminating all watering down of sidewalks and driveways, limiting watering to two days a week, prohibiting landscape watering within 48 hours of predicted rainfall rather than just during precipitation, prohibiting watering of landscape public street medians with ornamental turf unless using recycled water, and allowing only drip irrigation or microspray to landscape newly constructed homes. December changes included restrictions on landscaping for new construction projects as well as remodels involving landscaping, with requirements on irrigation systems such as pressure regulators, master shut-off valves, high-efficiency sprinklers, and flow sensors. Customers will also need to go through plan check, hire a water auditor and come up with a water budget.

Wiseburn High Breaks Ground/ New Pool in the Works

Wiseburn Unified School District received approved plans in July for its new high school campus at 201 Douglas Street. Designed by Gender Architects, the campus had its ground-breaking ceremony in August with completion tentatively slated for August 2017—though the timeline may be extended. Included in the mix is an Olympic-size competition swimming pool that will serve both El Segundo and Wiseburn/Da Vinci schools and will be operated by the El Segundo Recreation and Parks Department. Regarding the aquatics facility, the City Council opted in March to pursue an “upgrade option” in hopes of providing the best package of programming and amenities to serve local schools and the community while also maximizing revenue possibilities. The plan calls for a 54-meter by 25-meter pool plus a couple of two-meter bulkheads that can provide additional programming and seating (900) to host larger meets and tournaments. The originally estimated $10.6 million price tag could jump by more than another 10 percent and will require some outside funding, as Wiseburn previously committed $6 million towards construction and the City had $1.8 million in its aquatics fund. Continental Development Corporation President pledged to kick in $1 million towards the cause and to lead an outreach campaign to raise additional dollars from the business community. The Lakers were the first to jump on board with a $250,000 pledge.
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The Moments

to California by defeating LeBron James and his Cleveland Cavaliers. Steph Curry took the nation by storm and is now one of America’s favorite, most respected athletes. The Warriors finished with the most wins in the league last year (67) and are already off to the best start in the game this season. By beating the Lakers, the Warriors also set a record for most consecutive wins to start a season (16). Who could forget the Seahawks in the Super Bowl? Bryant finally said goodbye to the sport that he loves. Naturally, there are many, many more storylines from the year that has passed that were incredible, memorable and emotional, all the same. Unfortunately, not all can fit into just one article, but another great thing about sports is that we all experience the memories in our own unique way. What memory may stand out to you, may not stand out to another, but that’s what makes sports and the moments that they create so great. Here’s to another year of making memories and best of luck to all those that you scream, cheer, laugh, and cry for.

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So as 2015 fades to memory let’s look forward to another year in sports in El Segundo. Get out and support our locals at a game, a match, a meet but just get out there and cheer. There’s nothing better than filling up those bleachers and being loud by showing your support. Besides that with the price of a single ticket and parking at a professional venue you can take your whole family, get a better seat and plenty of money left over for the snack bar or a local restaurant or both.

On behalf of Herald Publicity Happy New Year and may the new year be all you want it to be.

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4. Room

Of the numerous movies circling Oscars and other awards this year, my favorite is by far David O. Russell’s Room. It can stand as an example of film making in a time when information (as the trailer gives away far too much), it is an emotional experience not easily forgotten. Brie Larson delivers one of the strongest performances of her career as Ma, a victim of a kidnapping who has been forced to create a home out of a woodshed where she and her son Jack (Jacob Tremblay) are held captive. This is a film that represents the pinnacle of dramatic filmmaking and thankfully avoids the awards attention it deserves.

3. Mad Max: Fury Road

Normally, blockbusters are saturated, and meant to be appealing to everyone, but Mad Max: Fury Road. Is it a unstrained ride of non-stop mayhem, in other words, it is an absolute blast. Jumpstarting a franchise that nobody thought needed another entry, and most people born after 1990 have never seen, George Miller reimagined his film to new heights. If every franchise reboot felt as fresh as Fury Road, we could have avoided the obsession with sequels and reimagining old intellectual properties. I can’t remember the last time an action sequence came so fresh and so good, making this one of the finest action movies of the decade.

2. Victoria

Despite the fact that the biggest selling point on this movie is that the entire film is one uninterrupted shot, Victoria is more than an impressive feat. Set in the middle of the half of the film, director Sebastian Schipper borrows from the styles of Richard Linklater to introduce us to the film’s protagonists, lonely young Victoria and four men she meets her way out of a club. The fact that this film has both the most daring cinematography of the year on a top of a compelling set of characters and memorable sequences makes it a film that has everything firing on all cylinders. Victoria is not the type of film that gamers would watch attention to the end of the film, but for me it is an impressive feat just to make it through more of any other movie I saw this year.

1. Anomalisa

I’ll wind behind some of cinema’s most creative films, such as 1999’s Being John Malkovich, 2002’s Adaptation, and 2004’s Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, but Sam Rockwell’s silent character in Anomalisa is taking the top spot. I can watch a unordered shot of the film that goes deep into the viewer’s psyche and stir up emotions of introspective thought.

There is no doubt that Kaufman’s latest masterpiece stands out as one of the year’s best.
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It’s true that good things come in small packages and I’m here to prove it. My name is Maddie and I am a 1-year old, female, Miniature Schnauzer mix that is nothing but 13 pounds of petite sweetness. I was rescued from a LA county shelter just a couple of days before Halloween and that was certainly no treat. It was a very intimidating place and didn’t suit my reserved personality. Since I’m not outgoing, actually I’m kind of shy, it’s no surprise that no one was interested in adopting me. I get along great with other dogs, and I’m pretty quiet but I do love my people. Come to adoptions and see if you aren’t just mad about Maddie. If you are interested in Maddie, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

My name is Venus and I am a 60-pound, 2-year-old, female Husky. My handsome mate, Mars, and I were found wandering the streets together on June 30th in San Bernardino. I had no ID or microchip so they considered me a stray. I spent 8 days in the shelter hoping that my owner would come to look for me but no such luck. It’s obvious that my previous owners took very good care of me. I have a beautiful coat, I’m at my appropriate weight and am extremely sweet and gentle. Mars and I are truly a mated pair who clearly love one another, so we would love to be able to stay together. We compliment each other so well even when we’re together we are quiet, calm and easy to manage. We love to go for car rides and get along good with other dogs. Venus and Mars can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo.

Congratulations to our sweet Willie and his new family. Willie is our LA county shelter rescue with the awesome brows and too sweet face. Willie’s new parents lost their 15-year old lab a couple of years ago and were considering adopting a Schnauzer for quite a while. Willie captured their hearts and is going to have a very Merry Christmas! Wishing you many more occasions to celebrate! •

Maddie

Venus

The MSFR folks literally came to my rescue because they never came to make it official. I was considered a stray because I too, had no ID or microchip. I also spent 8 days in the shelter hoping that my owner would come to look for me but it was not to be. It’s obvious by my stunning coat and the fact that I’m properly nourished that my previous owners took good care of me. I have a sweet and gentle temperament and get along well with other dogs. Venus and I are truly a mated pair who clearly love one another, so we would love to be able to stay together. Our manners are impeccable and even when we’re together we are quiet, calm and easy to manage. We love to go for car rides and are affectionate. Mars and Venus can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo.

You’ve already met my sweet Venus, so let me introduce myself, I’m Mars. I’m a 60-pound, 2-year old male Husky. As previously explained, Venus and I were found on June 30th, wandering the streets together in San Bernardino. I was considered a stray because I too, had no ID or microchip. I also spent 8 days in the shelter hoping that my owner would come to look for me but it was not to be. It’s obvious by my stunning coat and the fact that I’m properly nourished that my previous owners took good care of me. I have a sweet and gentle temperament and get along well with other dogs. Venus and I are truly a mated pair who clearly love one another, so we would love to be able to stay together. Our manners are impeccable and even when we’re together we are quiet, calm and easy to manage. We love to go for car rides and are affectionate. Mars and Venus can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo. Call 310-606-5507 or email southbaydoggie@hotmail.com for an appointment or more information.