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RACE CARS AT THE LIBRARY, EL SEGUNDO ONE CITY, ONE BOOK
Provided by Ellen Cunningham

Local race car driver, John Morton, will talk about his career as a race car driver and how it correlates to the El Segundo One City, One Book selection *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Friends of the Library room. Several other local racecar drivers will show off their cars in front of the library. The Library is located at 111 West Mariposa Avenue (at Main Street) in El Segundo. For more information, please call (310) 524-2728

Fire Station

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or near the top of the City's project wish list ever since. So what took so long? "Funding and locating a site," said El Segundo Fire Chief Kevin Smith. "We had two or three other proposed sites where the City had considered land deals, but those were either sold or deemed not ideal for a fire station."

As part of the Campus El Segundo development agreement, Thomas Properties Group donated one acre of land to the City for a new fire station. The City managed to fund the nearly \$8 million necessary for design and construction and hired Armand Gonzales Inc. as contractor. The process has gone smoothly for the most part. The only noteworthy issues: Just before work began on the building, the City fired and replaced its original construction management firm, citing various performance and budgeting mishaps. A decision to strive for LEED certification for environmental sustainability also increased the project's final price tag, though the City anticipates money savings down the line from this move. A contingency fund could be used if the project goes over budget.

Though not guaranteed until an independent party makes the certification, the City hopes to achieve the second highest LEED level—gold. To get to that point, the project will incorporate green building materials, reclaimed water for landscaping and any non-potable needs, a concrete deck instead of asphalt, and energy-efficient lighting, among other eco-friendly items. "We'll also get credits for being next to the Green Line and freeways, and for the way we dispose of construction materials," added Smith.

As of press time, the project was in its final stages, still needing some carpeting, exterior paint and landscaping as well as some finishing touch-ups. "The concrete is poured, the doors and windows are in, the roof is on, and there's paint in the interior," said Smith. "We're substantially complete."

Though the facility itself is just about done, there is no exact date set for personnel to settle into their new digs. "First we have to get the building commissioned for LEED, get Council approval to move in, and get some other last-minute items handled," said Captain Mark Harrison, project manager from

the Fire Department side.

To start off, the Fire Department will conduct testing to make sure the new station is operational. "Once we decide it's fully operational, we'll move all operations into the new Fire Station 2 at one time," said Smith.

As for the soon-to-be vacant site at 2161 E. El Segundo Boulevard, the City is conducting a survey to determine the property's value and has been in contact with various developers and special interest groups for a possible lease or outright sale. Though the City owns the roughly one square acre parcel, any deal could come with complications. "There are a number of easements that can't be mitigated that make some parts of the property unusable or need to be protected," said Smith. "The City's water infrastructure valves and equipment are there and will need to be maintained."

Now that a spanking new Fire Station 2 is ready to be unwrapped, it begged the question: What about Fire Station 1? The Main Street facility is also over 50 years old, but did undergo a major remodel back in 1987. "It's got its limitations too," Smith admitted. "In 1987, they had to bring it up to seismic standards of the time with steel poles, but frankly we are maxed out in terms of space here and the new station will pick up some of the burden."

In fact, the new building will likely pick up a couple of civilian staff members from the overcrowded Main Street facility.

So having an adequately sized station solves many logistical problems from staffing to earthquake safety to equipment storage (apparatuses currently kept outdoors can now be moved inside and protected from the elements).

Harrison was quick to point out that the community won't be seeing a repeat of what happened in the late '70s and there shouldn't be any mumbling about a replacement station for a long, long time to come. "We kept in mind in designing it that it needed to be a 50-year station, so we used the toughest materials," he said.

For more information about Fire Station 2 and the grand opening ceremony, call 310-524-2395.

Police Reports

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

One male adult was arrested at 0100 hours in the 100 block of Main Street for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 0120 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 0403 hours from Maryland Street and Pine Avenue for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 0806 hours in the 100 block of Whiting Street for plain drunk in public.

Grand theft auto occurred between 10/31/09 and 11/01/09 from Grand Avenue and Concord Street. A 1991 Honda Accord was taken.

One male adult was arrested at 1828 hours in the 100 block of Imperial Avenue for receiving known stolen property.

One male adult was arrested at 0022 hours from Douglas Street and Mariposa Avenue for misdemeanor DUI and driving on a suspended license.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Battery report was taken at 0107 hours in the 500 block of West Palm Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 0338 hours from LAPD Hollywood Station for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0514 hours in the 500 block of West Imperial Avenue for one outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0704 hours from the 200 block of E. Sycamore Avenue for one outstanding Torrance PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1825 hours from Vista Del Mar and Grand Avenue for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 2210 hours from the 200 block of Eucalyptus Drive for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0004 hours in the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

One Female adult was arrested at 0231 hours at Hillcrest Street and Oak Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 1443 hours from Hawthorne PD for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 1520 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for suspicion of grand theft, under the influence of a controlled substance and giving false information to a peace officer.

One male adult was arrested at 2028 hours in the 5000 block of Century Boulevard in Inglewood for possession of a controlled substance and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Dog running at large report was taken at 2149 hours in the 1200 block of East Imperial Avenue. One dog attacked another dog.

Vandalism report was taken at 2226 hours in the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 0015 hours in the 200 block of Standard Street for plain drunk in public.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Court order violation report was taken at 0832 hours from the 200 block of W. Walnut Avenue.

Burglary report was taken at 1238 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's unit and took a duffle bag containing miscellaneous clothing, shoes and jewelry.

Vandalism report was taken at 1401 hours from the 600 block of S. Douglas Street. Graffiti was found on the back of the building.

One male adult was arrested at 2244 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Maple Avenue for driving without a license and was subsequently issued a citation.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

One male adult was arrested at 1218 hours from the Hermosa Beach Police Department for one ESPD traffic warrant and one LASD traffic warrant.

Traffic accident with injuries occurred at 1333 hours in the 600 block of Main Street, three vehicles involved.

Grand theft auto report was taken at 1340 hours from Imperial Highway and Nash Street. A 2008 Audi A4 was taken.

Found property report was taken at 1528 hours in the 600 block of Main Street. Found was a California driver's license.

One male adult was arrested at 1555 hours from Vermont Street and Rosecrans Avenue (Gardena) for receiving known stolen property.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at

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