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of things, but when confronted you would just be licked and sniffed. Samson is such a sweet guy. How could you not fall in love with that face? This two-year-old Shepherd/Ridgeback mix is neutered, current on his vaccinations and has been given a perfect bill of health. Samson is ready to bring lots of love to your home. For more information or to meet Samson, please check under "Private Adoptions" on our website.

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

Softball

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a trip to the finals, while giving them a little redemption from their early season loss.

"We really came out seeking revenge," Rich said. "Knowing it was our only loss and that we lost in the last inning made us really want this one." Head coach Keith Cameron expanded on the revenge factor. "We really wanted to win this game, not just because it was our only loss of the season, but because of the way we didn't finish against them the first time, and because of the chants their fans directed at our team. We thought it was a little over the top, and we were happy to get a chance at them again."

The Eagles faced the Santa Monica Vikings in the finals. The Eagles came into the week ranked second in the CIF Division 4 poll (and 22 overall for all divisions in the *LA Times* poll), while Santa Monica was ranked fifth in the CIF Division 4 poll, so the game promised to be exciting from start to finish. Neither team disappointed in this championship game.

The Eagles got on the board in the bottom of the second inning. Gabby Valerio led off the inning with a single. Heidi Skulick and Dani Hannan both walked with one out to load the bases for the Eagles. Rich promptly singled in the first run of the game to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. Noland then smashed a single to center, driving in both Hannan and Rich to give El Segundo a 3-0 lead. "That was a big inning for us," explained Cameron. "We came out aggressive in the first inning but did not score, so to battle back in the second inning and put three on the board took some pressure off us."

Santa Monica mounted a two out rally in the third inning with consecutive singles. But Rich struck out the Vikings batter for the third out and the rally was over. The Vikings tried to get back in the game again in the fifth inning, putting two on with one out. But the Eagles were able to get out of the jam again with a groundout and a pop up.

The Vikings had one more shot in the seventh, as they again put two runners on, but Rich was able to induce a fly ball to right to end the game and give the Eagles the championship of their own tournament for only the third time in its history, and for the first time since 2002. The Eagles also won the tournament in Cameron's first year as coach back in 1997. The Eagles have also finished in second six times and third twice over the previous twelve years.

"We played very well the entire tournament, and it is great to win our own tournament again," exclaimed Cameron. "We had outstanding pitching from both Jenna and Devon Bargmann. In fact we threw four shutouts in the tournament, which is unbelievable. But

we also played well defensively and we had some solid clutch hitting to win games. Now we just have to stay focused and finish our league season strong. We know everyone will be gunning for us, so we must play well and continue to play together as a team. I am really proud of this team for the character they are showing. Winning three tournaments was a goal of ours, but we still have two big goals that we want to accomplish. We still have some work to do this season!"

Rich was named MVP of the tournament after winning three games on the mound and going 9-14 at the plate with a homer, double, four runs scored, two stolen bases, and six RBIs in the four games. Noland went 3-3 in the tournament final, and was 5-10 in the tournament with four RBIs. Heyman was 4-10 in the tournament with a triple, four runs scored and two stolen bases.

Pioneer League

The Eagles also played two Pioneer league games this week. Last Wednesday, they hosted South High. The Eagles scored early and often to put the game away. In the first inning, Erin Burner doubled home Heyman to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. The Eagles added two more and were ahead 3-0 after one inning.

The Eagles would get on the board again twice in the second inning. Singles by Rich, Heyman, and Missy Schaefer resulted in two more El Segundo runs and the Eagles were on top 5-0 after just two innings. They would score two more in the fifth inning on an RBI triple by Rich and an RBI single by Noland to put the game completely out of reach. The Eagles went on to win by a score of 8-1.

Rich was again stellar on the mound for the Eagles, striking out six, walking none, and allowing just three hits and one earned run to get the victory. She was also 2-4 at the plate with two runs scored and an RBI for the Eagles. Heyman ended the day 2-4 as well, with a triple, three runs scored, and two stolen bases. Schaefer was 2-2 with a run scored and two walks on the day.

The Eagles traveled to Centennial on Friday to play the Apaches. The Eagles won this game 10-0 to improve to a perfect 6-0 in Pioneer League play. Bargmann was dominant on the mound for the Eagles, allowing just one hit while striking out nine. She had a perfect game until a bloop single to left with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning. With the victory, she improved to 7-0 on the season.

After traveling to South on May 14, the Eagles will play their final regular season game of the year at home against Peninsula in a non-league contest on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Rec. Park. •

Mother's Day

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every time he works his way to the tee on Thursday mornings.

Woods shot a 73 on Sunday, landing him in eighth place. The leader entering the round, one Alex Cejka who I thought was a winger for the Detroit Red Wings, folded big time, shooting a 79. Some dude won. How's that for a nice wrap?

Speaking of the puck, shout out to Penguin fan *LJ*. That's all I got about hockey.

Okay, not really. The Ducks are, at this exact minute (4:08 p.m.) trailing the Red Wings 2-1 in the pivotal game five of the Western Conference semifinal. The winner of this series moves on to play Chicago, which beat Vancouver Monday night to move on to the Conference final.

Or moves on to play Vancouver, which came back from a 3-2 series deficit to defeat the Hawks in a riveting game seven, which takes place tonight. Confused? Me too!

Gotta throw this one in. Lovely Lindsay Soto has been recently working for the Versus network, 603 on DirecTV, which has been showing the puck action this season. She

was recently bending down, interviewing a player on the team bench when, ahem, her low-cut top revealed more of Miss Soto than was probably the idea. The director quickly killed the picture of the beautiful Miss Soto and her embarrassing plight. Just reporting the facts, folks.

Ducks lost game four, by the by, 4-1. And nary a Soto sighting.

Well, the rest of the TV watching went this way for the locals on Sunday. Los Dodgers dropped their contest to the Giants 7-5, and the Halos, thanks to a circus catch by the inimitable centerfielder Torii Hunter, came away with a one-run win.

And I almost forgot to add that the Little League Might Mariners went 2-0 last week, with the offense scoring in the teens both times. I have mentioned that I take credit for the offense, right? Went to a wonderful party after Saturday's win, where I had to deal with a ton of adulation, and a lot of LL stuff was bandied about. Wish I could tell ya what I overheard, but I have been sworn to secrecy by one of the moms in attendance... •

Greener

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can learn how to create their own ocean-friendly gardens using indigenous plants and water-efficient devices, while stopping run-off pollutants from reaching the open sea. Coordinated by West Basin Municipal Water District, Surfrider Foundation, California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) and Metropolitan Water District (MWD), the Free Gardening and Landscape Workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Joslyn Center social hall. To register, call Grace at 310-371-7222, or go online to www.sbesc.com.

Coming up on July 2, the City will host its second annual Environmental Expo. More than 1,000 people attended the inaugural event last year. "This has really taken off," said El Segundo Senior Administrative Analyst Lauren Mahakian. "We expect a lot more people to stop by this year and we've added a variety of green and conservation-related vendors. We'll have electric bikes and vehicles, including an electric Hummer from local firm Vision Motor Corp, plus some eco-friendly racing cars, electronic waste recycling drop-off, and (Assemblymember) Ted Lieu available to answer questions about state legislative efforts regarding water conservation." Mahakian also talked about another new Expo feature in which women can donate their unwanted business attire to the non-profit organization Working Wardrobes, which helps women in difficult financial shape or those who have endured other life crises to build confidence to enter the workforce. "This is a wonderful cause that helps both the environment and women in need," said Mahakian.

In the fall, El Segundo will host the second annual South Bay Environmental Excellence Development (SEED) awards event honoring groups and businesses that have exhibited top-rate performance in environmental sustainability and targeting areas such as alternative energy, energy efficiency, environmental education and outreach, green building, and more. The SEED awards, sponsored by the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition, will take place September 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Imperial Avenue. Call Lauren Mahakian (310-524-2359) for more details. For a nomination form, go to <http://www.sbbec.org/images/seednomination09.pdf>.

Mahakian, who devotes much of her energy to saving energy and overseeing local environmental outreach, said she expects a series of free green building workshops to kick off locally in October. "This will provide perspective from both sides of the planning counter to educate residents, architects, builders and developers about various green topics," she said. "We plan to bring

in Southern California Edison and the Gas Company to assist."

The City also supports ongoing water conservation campaigns, including MWD's "It's Time to Get Serious" and CDWR's "Save Our Water." El Segundo received grants from both MWD and West Basin to launch banner programs to spread the message about reducing water use. Additional tips on how to conserve H2O may be found on the City's website home page (www.elsegundo.org). Last year, El Segundo also became the first South Bay community to become part of the globally acclaimed "Re-Use-It" network—an online forum where citizens can ensure their unwanted stuff doesn't end up in a landfill, but instead gets into the hands of those who truly need those items.

El Segundo adopted its own environmental action plan in January 2008 containing more than two dozen priority items to consider as steps to achieve "a more green and sustainable community." Major categories include energy conservation, solid waste reduction, community design standards, community environment, transportation, environmental health, water conservation and environmental council.

The City already boasts a strong track record in several of the above areas. El Segundo is tops in California in diverting solid waste to recycled products or other uses. Also, at least half of the water used in El Segundo is reclaimed—cleaned and recycled for use. That too leads the state. The City in fact recently received recognition for its water conservation program from Edison as part of the latter's annual Flex Your Power awards.

According to Mahakian, the City's environmental committee has taken on a large workload of green items, including a green building ordinance. "We're also working on creating a green building resource center inside City Hall for residents and developers to obtain literature on green building," she said. Speaking of green building, the City hopes the new Fire Station 2 now under construction will achieve LEED certification for environmental responsibility. Additionally, the City continues to look at ways to reduce greenhouse gases while also saving itself some money over the long haul. Over the past year, it has installed LED traffic signals, replaced multiple office machines with all-in-one energy-conserving equipment, and picked up a couple of gas-efficient hybrid vehicles. While this may not solve the world's environmental problems, every little bit helps. "If each individual community does its part, we can make a difference," said Mahakian. •

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