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of computer education. The last scenario, 35:1, would make all of the aforementioned changes and drop four periods of physical education.

DeVore hopes the last two scenarios will be the last items on the phase lists that the District chooses to cut. "We're pretty maxed out here as it is with classroom space," she said. "So to add three more bodies into the classroom is going to be a pretty tight fit."

The flexibility of state funding is also being used to fill the hole in the budget for the next school year. Districts recently gained the ability to take state funding for certain programs and put that money into their general funds. At the meeting, over \$700,000 from other programs was budgeted to cover the District's financial shortfall.

The District currently has to deal with a revenue drop of more than \$2 million for the current and next school year due to state cuts to education. While more cuts to education seem to loom in the distance, there might be good news down the road for the District. "If we get federal stimulus money, then that may help offset some of the impact," Yantz said.

### El Segundo Education Foundation Gives Out Boost Award Money

Also during last week's Board meeting, the El Segundo Education Foundation presented money from the Boost Awards to the four ESUSD schools. The Boost Awards comes from the annual Boost Your School campaign put on by the foundation. Money is given to the schools at the end of the campaign if they

reach certain percentages. The percentages are based on the number of student families at each school versus the number of people who donate \$50 or more to the foundation.

The foundation reported every school reached their percentage goals for the campaign. Center Street had a donation percentage of 54% from families and school employees, Richmond Street had 60%, El Segundo Middle School had 27%, and El Segundo High School had 21%. The foundation accepted donation money for Boost Your School from July of last year to February of this year.

At the meeting, ESEF representative Chris Sherrill presented a check to each principal. Center Street and Richmond Street each received \$2,500, while ESMS and ESHS received \$1,000. Each principal gave a brief statement on where the money is going to be spent. Both Center Street and Richmond Street will devote the money to technology.

DeVore is excited to have the money for the middle school, though the school has not decided how it's going to be used. "But it's going to go to something that's going to benefit the entire campus," she said.

Principal Jim Garza said ESHS's Boost Award money is going toward the Link Crew. The Link Crew is a high school transition program that makes freshmen feel comfortable throughout their first year of high school, Garza explained. Garza was also happy to have the extra cash during this tough period. "In these difficult financial times, any additional revenue is a godsend," he said. •

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ordinance, though some future grant monies might be in jeopardy. Berger also confirmed that his office had not made any revisions to the model ordinance thus far, but was awaiting Council direction before proceeding.

Mayor Kelly McDowell pointed out that El Segundo already has some regulations on the books regarding water conservation and asked the City Attorney's office to see if those are consistent and compliant with MWD's proposed ordinance. He also hoped to avoid any mandatory measures. "One of the goals we've had with the water conservation program in El Segundo to date is to make as much of this as voluntary as possible," McDowell said. "Some of these restrictions are pretty severe." The Mayor also noted that El Segundo has a particularly strong water conservation record. Thanks to businesses such as Chevron, more than half the water used in the community is reclaimed, and El Segundo is the only city in the state that can make such a claim.

### Local Dispatchers Recognized/Lt. Garcia Up for All-Star Award

In recognizing the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, El Segundo Police Department Captain Max Phipps singled out two key dispatchers at the City's 911 Center who accepted a Council proclamation on Tuesday: Jennifer Malone, who helped get the center off the ground and oversees a large portion of its operations; and Rhonda Zeck, who among other achievements was the point person handling the slew of inquiries from media and other police agencies in the wake of last April's incident at Pacific Theatres during which ESPD Lieutenant Ray Garcia and Officer Scott O'Connor were shot.

State standards maintain that 90 percent

of 911 calls should be answered within 10 seconds. According to statistics over the last 12 months, ESPD dispatchers bettered that benchmark considerably by answering 99.8 percent of local 911 calls within 10 seconds. Captain Phipps added that those calls are also generally answered on the very first ring.

On a related note, Councilmember Carl Jacobson asked citizens to cast their votes and to tell others to do likewise for the aforementioned Lieutenant Garcia, who is one of eight finalists and the only California representative for the television show *America's Most Wanted All-Star* honor that annually recognizes first responder heroes. People may vote once daily via email and/or Sprint/Nextel text message until the May 4 deadline. The details are available at [www.amw.com/allstar/2009/](http://www.amw.com/allstar/2009/). Jacobson noted that Garcia has said that should he win, he would share the award with Officer O'Connor. "There are a lot of big cities in this and little El Segundo needs to get help from everywhere we can," said Jacobson of the voting.

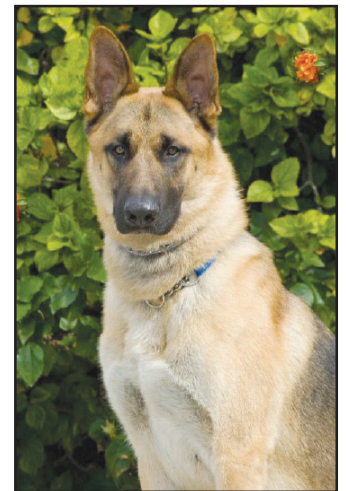
### West Basin Smart Landscape Exp May 2

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Busch encouraged residents, business owners, students, contractors and other interested parties to stop by West Basin Municipal Water District's Smart Landscape Expo scheduled on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the El Segundo-based Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility (1935 S. Hughes Way). The free program will include workshops and demonstrations on landscaping with native plants, composting, mulching, using water-efficient devices, and paving with permeable materials. Booths and exhibits will feature irrigation equipment, landscaping companies, water agencies, and non-profit environmental organizations. •

## Pets Without Partners



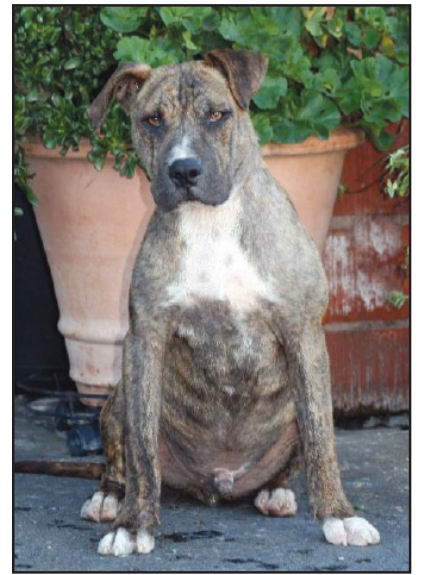
Jersey



Mako



Moneca



Zulu

There are countless numbers of homeless dogs and cats waiting for someone to love them. Adopt a "pet without partner" and endless stream a love will be yours...

**Mako** is a stunning one-year-old German Shepherd. He is awesome! He was owner surrendered by a 21-year-old girl who left for college. Mako needed some training; he needed to sit faster and better, walk great on a leash, and lay down and stay on command, so we sent him into training at the Lockwood Canine Training Center. His trainer is the owner of the facility. What a difference she has made in the life of this beautiful dog. Mako is absolutely fabulous in every way. Mako has finished his three-week boot camp training class and he is ready for his new home. Mako is a dominant dog who will protect you and your property. He is not cat-safe. So, calling all you German Shepherd lovers-- Mako will be better trained than any other dog you will see. He has had \$1,470 worth of training and your adoption fee will go toward his training bill. Mako has been taught basic on-leash behaviors like walking, sitting at doorways, staying down, doing greeting routines, crating and responding properly to "no." The training was done in a manner that creates an excellent foundation for mutual respect between owner and dog. You can even check our website to see Mako's own YouTube video! Upon adoption of this dog you will meet the trainer, learn Mako's training techniques and commands, and have integration training into your home. Mako is a friendly boy, but the time needed to integrate him into your home will be hindered by children and other family pets. Mako is current on his vaccinations, housebroken, microchipped, and neutered.

This beautiful black and white beauty is **Jersey**. She is a Chihuahua/Terrier mix who weighs about 10 pounds fully grown and is two to three years old. She is good with all other dogs, is cat-safe and is housebroken. Jersey would do best as an only dog as long as she gets plenty of attention. Otherwise, she would love to have another dog as a play pal. She is great on a leash, super friendly and charming in her personality. She eally loves to sit next to you at night and be a couch potato companion. Jersey is a great lapdog and especially loves men. You will just love Jersey when you meet her. Jersey

is housebroken, current on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped.

**Moneca's** world has been turned upside down. She was owner surrendered after her family was forced to move into a home that does not allow pets. Moneca is a super sweet three-year-old Chihuahua and is fully grown at 10 pounds.. She is an avid tail-wagger and is settling into the rescue nicely, but she would prefer a home of her own or one with her mom **Chiquita** (who is also available for adoption). Moneca is a lapdog who loves human companionship. She loves to play and sunbathe, and is very good on a leash during walks. Moneca is housebroken with a doggie door, has been an inside dog her entire life and gets along fine with all other dogs. She is current on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped.

**Zulu** is a beautiful Brindle/Pit mix. He is about six months old and 37 pounds thus far. When you meet him, you will see that Zulu is a great guy who has good play manners. He is friendly and lovable, and is good with other dogs and children as well. Zulu is also cat-safe. He is neutered, current on his vaccinations, and is microchipped. Zulu is fostered by Terrell, who is a fellow rescuer, and we encourage you to meet his dogs. You can fill out an application from the [www.animalsrule.org](http://www.animalsrule.org) website and we will forward it on to Terrell.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs and cats, visit our website at [www.animalsrule.org](http://www.animalsrule.org). Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Blvd, San Pedro (look for the big red brick building just past the corner of O'Farrell). Our website is always current; if the dog's picture is on this website, it is still available.

E-mail is the best way to communicate with us: [info@animalsrule.org](mailto:info@animalsrule.org).

We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible; we are a registered 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

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

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