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## Weekend Weather Forecast

### Friday

Partly Sunny

81°



### Saturday

Sunny

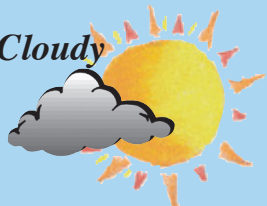
71°



### Sunday

Partly Cloudy

67°



## Herald in Afghanistan



Senior Master Sergeant Mark Vlahos, a medic stationed at Los Angeles AFB and El Segundo resident holding the El Segundo Herald. He is currently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan. He is pictured with boys from a local orphanage/school where school supplies, clothes, food and medicine were handed out.

## El Segundo PD Welcomes New K-9 Team

By Brian Simon

In a challenging economy in which City department managers must creatively shave expenditures while still somehow maintaining staff and services, some costs may be harder to justify than others. It helps the cause a great deal wherever you can show the most bang for your buck. Or, when it comes to the El Segundo Police Department K-9 program, the most bark for your buck. According to recent statistics published on the United States Police Canine Association website, police K-9 dogs save on the average between 800 and 1,000 man hours per year. That translates to some considerable moola.

On September 19, Officer Cory McEnroe and a three-year-old, 75-pound, black Dutch Malinois by the name of D’Jango officially began working together as a police service dog team. The duo became the second K-9 team in town, joining Officer Chris Cameron and Arthur (another Malinois, albeit a Czech) who began their partnership just under two years ago.

To become qualified for his assignment, McEnroe completed a six-week Basic Handler course at Adlerhorst International, a Riverside-based firm that imports, sells and trains police dogs. Half of McEnroe’s training included time with D’Jango, who was hand-selected by Adlerhorst. “He is KNPV titled, which involves extensive training in suspect apprehension and retrieving articles,” McEnroe said of his new partner. “His primary duty is to find people and things.”

Though the two have just gotten started, a typical day for a K-9 team involves patrolling the community by car as well as taking part in ongoing article and evidence training. Police dogs are considered full-fledged members of the department and even have their own penal code section. As a result, an

assailant who harms such an animal may be liable for extensive prison time.

Barring any unforeseen issues or health problems, McEnroe and D’Jango will work together for a minimum of five years—the average service life for a police dog. In addition to their patrol work, the two will participate in numerous demonstrations around town. “This is where the community can meet D’Jango and observe him performing some of his duties,” said McEnroe, who expects several dates to be scheduled in the coming months, including one in late October at El

Segundo Middle School. The demonstrations showcase the dog’s talents, which include lying down and staying put until being instructed to get up; heeling at an officer’s side without a leash; laying down on hand signals; walking on an officer’s left side and promptly moving to the right upon command; and, of course, locating lost articles.

Police canines are also in tremendous physical condition—they are impressive specimens with optimal strength, speed and agility. “Scientific studies have also determined

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## Re-dedication of Alter Lamps



**RE-DEDICATION OF THE ALTER LAMPS AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Provided by Clayton Blank

In the church stood two Alter lamps which stand on each side of the altar. These lamps were made in the early 1930’s

by Bearl McAllister, a local electrician and ironworker. They have stood there ever since he made first made them and placed them there.

This summer the church was looking for someone to restore them because, after

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