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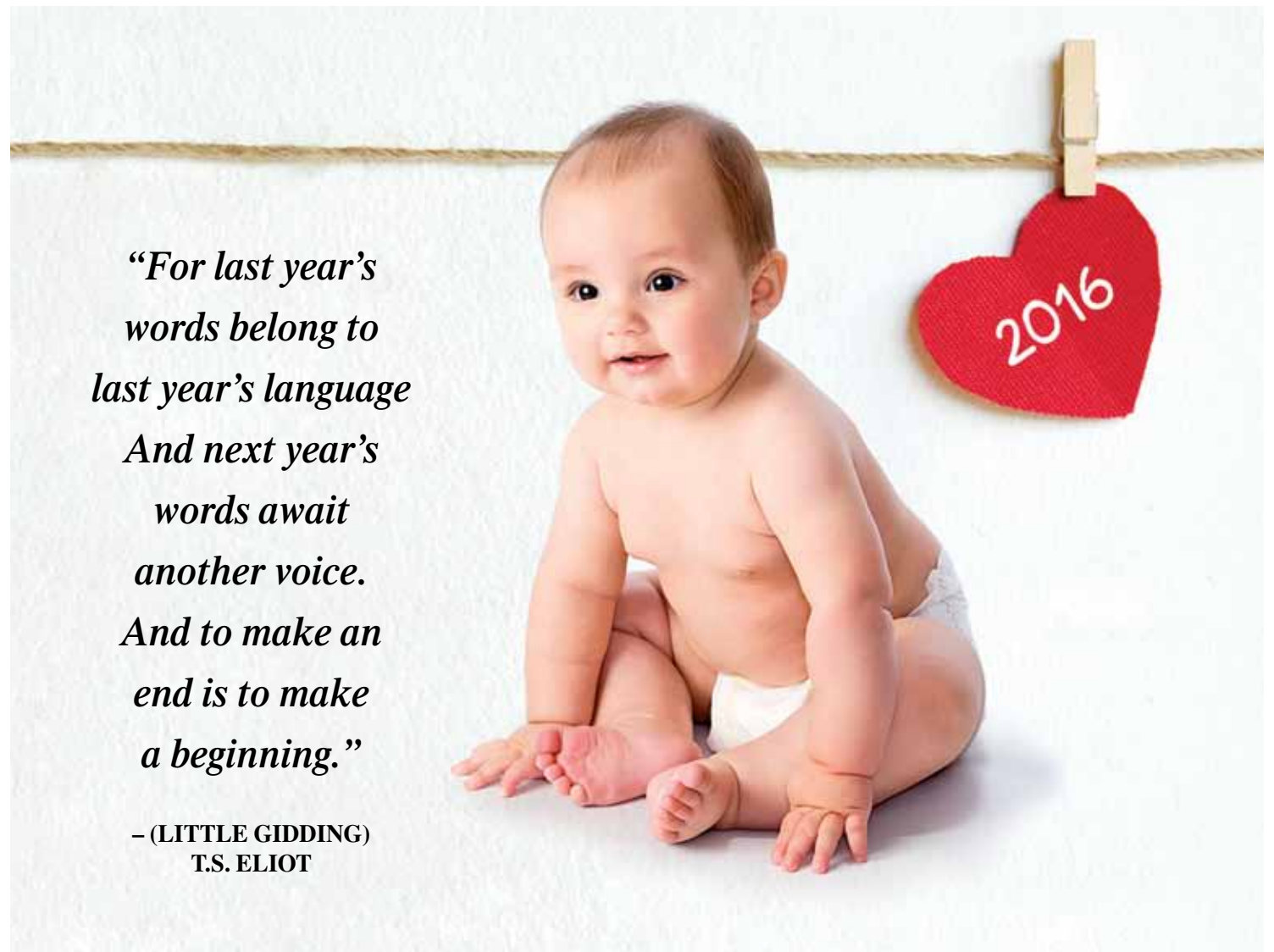
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“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language And next year’s words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.”

– (LITTLE GIDDING)
T.S. ELIOT

Herald Publications wishes you all a prosperous and happy New Year! Rivers McCullough, six-months-old, son of John and Alissa McCullough. Photo by Marcy Dugan. •

El Segundo: 2015 in Review

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 headquarter 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 biotech 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.

Downtown El Segundo saw new Main Street restaurant openings in the fall as well as two art studios (arriving on the heels of the successful El Segundo Art Walk that debuted during the summer) and a professional office building at the former Centinela Medical Center location.

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 four 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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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
65°/43°



Saturday

Mostly Sunny
65°/46°



Sunday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
63°/49°



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 Rosecrans Avenue for public intoxication and one outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrant

One male adult was arrested at 1220 hours from the 10000 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 transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for evaluation and treatment

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

An attempt robbery report was taken at 1733 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Suspect attempted to take merchandise without paying and when confronted by an employee, the suspect shoved the shopping cart into the victim

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

One male adult was arrested at 1829 hours from the Gardena Police Department for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant and two LBPD misdemeanor warrants

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 .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 •

El Segundo

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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 2.15 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 commercial development on two of the parcels. 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 outside developer.

To address unavoidable project impacts, Raytheon agreed to pay the City a total of \$4 million incrementally over a six-year period starting this March, kick in a 50 cent per square foot fee for all future development on the site, and provide the City with an option to take over parkland should that space be relocated outside of Raytheon's secured perimeter.

Richmond Street Readies for Rehab

In July, the City Council agreed to move forward with staff-recommended design plans for the rehabilitation project for the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of Richmond Street. Crews scheduled to start in April 2016 will remove the existing ficus trees and replace them with less-invasive, non-shedding strawberry and king palm trees. They will also reconstruct streets, sidewalks, 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 60 previously) on the west sides of the street, with parallel spots on the east sides. 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 south of the theater. A second handicapped 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 patio that is part of the public right-of-way will be removed in order to accommodate the narrower sidewalks.

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 Highlights

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 rejoin the group, as newcomer Nancy Cobb garnered the second-most votes to fill the slot vacated by departing member Laura Gabel. In December, the Board installed Jim Garza as its new President, with Bill Watkins as Vice President and Emilee Layne as Clerk.

El Segundo Unified School District highlights included the sale of its Imperial Avenue property that will generate a future income stream; implementation of Project 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 the El Segundo Middle School's International 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. El Segundo High also celebrated the opening of its College and Career Center, sponsored by Kinecta Federal Credit Union.

To enhance the curriculum and instructional programs, community partners continued to contribute to local education—in particular Chevron, which has donated significant monies to support STEM education. This year, the El Segundo Education Foundation again pledged 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 Olympics athletes and coaches from Barbados and Macedonia. The visitors participated in various events, recreational activities and cultural exchange that included a welcoming ceremony and torch run pass at Mattel, stops at the Automobile Driving Museum and Old Town Music Hall, a tour of the Lakers and Kings facilities, barbecue at Chevron Park, dinner at the Dockweiler Youth Center, and McDonald's breakfast. In the months prior, various local businesses hosted fundraisers to subsidize the costs of lodging, food, transportation and other incidentals for the visitor stays.

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 up front followed by six five-year options to renew. TopGolf must operate the facility for at least seven years.

Revised terms with developer 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 after. TopGolf will also pay \$400,000 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 pricing between 6 a.m. and noon on weekdays and from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends. TopGolf must also offer discounted monthly access cards for frequent users, promote youth and junior golf programs, employ golf professionals including those currently working at the driving range, provide a practice putting element, and allow middle 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 approvals that could take up to a year and a half to complete. Mayor Suzanne Fuentes and Councilmember Mike Dugan voted against the project, as both expressed concerns about the City losing a Recreation and Parks facility.

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 bolstering general 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 average rate for the market area is 12.9 percent. 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 once five new hotels are up and running. Mayor Pro Tem Carl Jacobson voted against the move because he did not want to go above 10 percent. Local hotel operators said they would support a TOT increase, but preferred a cap at 10.5 percent, with a half-percent of the total dedicated towards tourism marketing.

Union Talks Drag On

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Sports

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 heartbreak during defeats that made us cry. Through it all it was a 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' varsity 4x400 relay team took second place in their heat and won a silver medal. More

of that list. As good as Pete Beathard (NFL), Keith Erickson (NBA) and Kemer Brett (Major League Baseball) were in the 1960s, Flynn may have been the best. George Brett may be in the Hall of Fame but there are those who say Flynn would have been waiting for him at the front door had an injury not derailed his career. A large gathering of friends and family said goodbye at a memorial service at the place he helped make famous; Stevenson Field. We'll miss you Bob.

The El Segundo AYSO partnered up with Scott Katskee who volunteers for Pipeline Worldwide. Together they helped out orphanages and schools in Kampala, Uganda and Kigali, Rwanda by distributing soccer uniforms and much needed equipment for children in these poor countries. Pipeline



Nahla Hendricks gets out of the blocks in the girls' 400m relay at the CIF-SS Track Finals.

importantly the future looks bright for these sprinters since they broke the high school record for their relay. The old record was 4:09.34 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 year Glenn will once again be featured for his cross country record setting season.

The boys lacrosse program entered its second season as a CIF sanctioned team and went undefeated in league play and won its first ever Ocean League title. Coach Brooks Roscoe welcomed assistant coach Phil Bonney as the program continued to grow in both numbers and popularity.

In June the community was saddened with the passing of Bob Flynn. When you run down the list of some of El Segundo's greatest athletes Bob Flynn certainly is near the top

Worldwide built dormitories for these girls and Katskee was there helping put together bunk beds, deliver mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows and mosquito nets.

El Segundo Little League's 9-10 year old All-Stars are the defending District 36 and Section 4 champions. This year the team easily advanced out of the District 36 playoff tournament and advanced to the Sectional tournament hosted by Rolling Hills Little League. And, for the second consecutive year the El Segundo Little League 9-10 year old All-Stars have won the Section 4 playoffs after holding on to defeat North Torrance Little League 13-11.

The American Legion Blues, the defending Pacific League champions and reached the semi-finals of the state tournament in Yountville a year ago. They were eliminated in the District Playoffs after defeats to Edison and Paramount.

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The Moments That Mattered: 2015

By Adam Serrao

Sports, as we know them, are athletic events that we all watch to cheer on our favorite teams, our favorite people, or quite simply, our favorite organizations. Not all of sports is about just that, though. Sports is about the moments that last in our memories. The moments that make us cheer. The one's that make us laugh, scream at the television, or even cry to ourselves at night. It's incredible the toll that sports can take on us. A simple game can trigger emotions inside of us that will have our significant others looking at us like we're crazy or that will scare the house pet right out of the room. Yes, without sports, this world would certainly be a different place. With that being said, let's take a look back at the moments in sports this year 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 worlds 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 sunk in 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. Yes, the U.S. women had truly conquered the world.

Another female who conquered the world in 2015 was Serena Williams. For a while there, it seemed like the 33 year-old was simply unbeatable. Williams has proven herself to be one of the greatest women's tennis players of all time and proved as much by winning the Australian Open, French Open, and subsequently Wimbledon putting her on the doorstep of capturing a "Grand Slam" title for the first time for a female tennis player since Steffi Graf did it in 1988. Unfortunately for Williams,

Roberta Vinci came out of nowhere to take the title away in the semifinals of the US Open. Despite her loss, however, Williams not only went on to win the Sports Illustrated's 2015 Sportsperson of the Year award, but also exemplified the greatness and the strength that female athletes contain not only in America, but also all across the world.

While Serena put up a good fight in her chase for a Grand Slam, there remained one fight that must have been in the making for years and years before it finally happened. Hopefully you didn't pay to see it, though. Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao finally got together last May to fight, but instead, danced around the ring for 12-rounds to earn nearly \$200 million and \$120 million, respectively. Nothing of substance happened in a bout that looked like a money-grab from the start, but Mayweather won to remain undefeated and eventually re-proclaim himself as the greatest boxer of all time. Just don't pay to see the inevitable rematch.

Ronda Rousey, who hasn't been shy about letting her hatred for Mayweather become known, was involved in a few fights of her own this past year. Most notably was her recent bout with kick-boxing world champ, Holly Holm. Rousey dominated the sport of MMA and won her first 12 fights - most of them within literal seconds of the start of the match. In all, her first 12 matches averaged out to just one minute and 18 seconds of actual fight time apiece. That is, until she met Holm. Not only did Holm last the entire first round against Rousey, but she dominated it. So much so that in the second round she had Rousey right where she wanted her. One kick to Rousey's face not only ended the fight, but also ended Rousey's reign on top of the sport. There has already been a rematch discussed, but first Rousey needs to pick herself back up from off the mat, both literally and figuratively.

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

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Film Review

The 10 Best Films of 2015

Morgan Rojas, Nelson Tracey for www.cinemacy.com

What we consider to be the best of this year represents a combination of the movies that had the greatest emotional impact on us, matched with movies that felt innovative or groundbreaking. Here are the films we consider to be this year's best:

10. Tangerine

This micro-indie surges energy and pulses with electricity at every turn and around every corner of its L.A. backdrop. It also happens to be shot entirely on the iPhone 5s. Like its off-beat shooting style, the flick of the summer, *Tangerine*, is all attitude, all brash, and all defiant in its film-making, which takes just one moment to learn after meeting our main characters: two Transgender prostitutes,

seals this film as one of the most intricate and fascinating cinema experiences of the year.

8. Iris

As a 93-year-old fashion icon known worldwide, Iris Apfel exudes a naturalness that makes you feel as if you know her. Director Albert Maysles, whose previous films include *Grey Gardens* and *Gimme Shelter*, takes audiences into Apfel's life behind the scenes in the documentary *Iris*. From her private apartment in New York that she shares with her 100-year-old husband Carl, to her storage warehouse that doubles as a closet, we embark on an 80-minute journey that finds inspiration—and words of wisdom from Iris herself—at every turn.

7. Grandma

At a brisk 78 minutes, *Grandma* packs in some of the best movie material from the



(L-R) *Tangerine*, *Mad Max: Fury Road*, *Room*, *Grandma*, *White God*, *Anomalisa*. Courtesy of Magnolia Pictures, Warner Bros, A24, Sony Pictures Classics, Paramount Pictures.

Alexandra (Mya Taylor) and Sin-Dee (Kitana Kiki Rodriguez), who serve as a colorful cast of characters in this seedy, yellow and green colored L.A. circus world.

9. White God

From the opening shot of 300 dogs chasing a girl on a bike, it's clear this is going to be something unique. *White God* is essentially *Oliver Twist* with a protagonist who is a canine. The fact that this film manages to cross a foray of genres, incite an emotional response from non-human protagonists, and on top of that also be an allegory for the lower-class Hungarian experience makes it a complete work of art. The title, an obscure reference to the confusing dynamic between dog owners and their pets,

entire year. Hidden within the deceitfully simple premise is some of the most layered and fun storytelling I've seen and plenty of humor and sincere laughter. This is a movie that manages to cover the board in terms of being funny, endearing, and poignant. With that, it provides the largest wealth of dimensional female characters while mainstream movies notoriously sideline women's roles.

6. The Tribe

A standout at last year's Cannes Film Festival is the Ukrainian crime drama *The Tribe*, a film told through non-verbal acting and sign language with no voice overs or subtitles about a deaf teenager struggling to fit in at his new boarding

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 - Animals with long memories?
 - Feminine
 - Visa statement abbr.
 - Chinese tree
 - This and that
 - Divide
 - See 5-Down
 - Watering hole
 - Rwandan people
 - ___ shooting
 - Matthew of "Friends"
 - Warbler Yoko
 - Wrath
 - New York ___
 - Some dinnerware
 - Tar
 - Gift-wrap decorations
 - Separate
 - Unreliable
 - Diversion
 - Where to get down
 - Peers of kingdoms
 - Go-between
 - Advises
 - ___ test
 - NBC news magazine
 - Stadium
 - Kind of egg
 - English race place
 - Get into ___
 - Hot sauce
 - Hoosegow
 - Tropical fever
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 - ___ de guerre
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Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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
- 1/4 c. minced fresh parsley
- 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. •

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Negotiations between the City and most of the various bargaining units continued unresolved 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 washing 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.

Wisburn High Breaks Ground/ New Pool in the Works

Wisburn Unified School District received approved plans in July for its new high school campus at 201 Douglas Street. Designed by Gensler Architects, the campus had its groundbreaking 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 Wisburn/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 Wisburn 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. •

Eagles

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This past summer the Special Olympic World Games were hosted by Los Angeles where some 170 countries were represented that brought over 7000 athletes to Southern California. El Segundo was ultimately selected as one of the host cities and Macedonia and Barbados were the countries that were hosted. Thanks to the hospitality, generosity and the unselfish commitment by hundreds of volunteers behind the scenes in El Segundo the Macedonia and Barbados teams were treated like rock stars and the true gifted athletes they truly are.

The El Segundo high school football team put together quite a resume to advance to the post season for what would have been a school record seventh consecutive season. However the Eagles, who finished 8-2 on the year, was the only eight win team in Southern California not invited to the post season's big dance. It was probably for the better since the team was riddled with injuries that included quarterback Jason Kehl, a couple of key linemen and most of their linebackers.

and helped guide his team to the CIF prelims and finals. The team finished seventh at the prelims and eighth at the CIF finals. Only Glynn advanced to the California CIF State finals where he medaled and finished eighth. It's believed the first time in over thirty years El Segundo was represented in the boys race.

The boys' water polo team tied for the most victories in the CIF- Southern section with 26 wins. The Eagles hosted Santa Monica in the finale of the Ocean League schedule and was looking for redemption for the loss the Vikings had handed the Eagles. With a share of the league title at stake the Eagles fought off a 3-1 deficit to win a thriller 8-7 thanks to Lukas Frerichs' goal at the buzzer. The Eagles would advance to the CIF-SS Division 4 semi-finals where they fell to Righetti the eventual CIF champions.

The boys' basketball team hosted two early December tournaments and played some of Southern California's top teams. Consider the following teams the Eagles lost to including Harvard-Westlake, Fairfax, Loyola and Mira



Matt Marak was a three year starter and helped the Eagles to a 26-5 record and a CIF playoff semi-final appearance.



The girls' cross country team won the Ocean League title and advanced to the CIF finals.

The girls' volleyball team had their best season in ten years as the Eagles went 16-9 overall and 9-3 in Ocean League play behind Santa Monica. Taylor Amaral, one of just five seniors on the roster, helped lead her team into the CIF playoffs where they defeated Rialto in the first round but fell to La Serna in four games in the CIF-SS 3AA playoffs.

El Segundo high school's cross country program has come a long way in recent years. The girls' team led by Brianna Harmon, Nikki Fulcomer and Grace Hoffman led the Eagles to an Ocean League title. Five of the team's top runners are will return next season. The girls' advanced to the CIF prelims where they edged out St. Lucy's to advance to the CIF finals. The team did well at the finals but did not medal and no individual qualified for the state meet.

Gavin Glynn had a year to remember. Ranked fourth in the state he won five of his races, including the Ocean League final,

Costa. Each is highly rated in their respective divisions. The Eagles will be playing in the Punahou Invitational in Hawaii just days before the New Year arrives.

The girls' basketball team has started off on a great note. After competing in the Downey Tournament the Lady Eagles defeated three teams with winning records including Division 1A power Westminster only to face Kennedy (La Palma) in the finals. The Fighting Irish are one of the top teams from the Empire League. The Eagles' demise was a poor first and third quarter shooting and they fell 41-30. The Lady Eagles traveled to Henderson, Nevada to compete in the Green Valley Tournament. They'll travel to second ranked Mira Costa next Tuesday, January 5 to play the Mustangs at 7pm.

The girls' soccer team is off to one of the program's best starts in school history. The Lady Eagles defeated West Torrance 2-1 to capture the 36th South Torrance Holiday



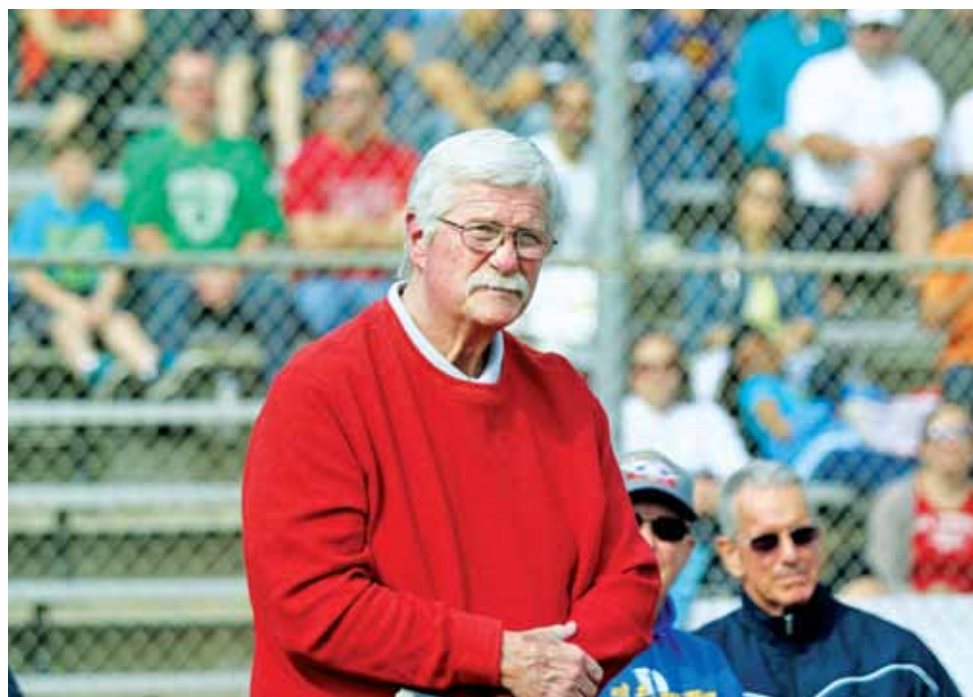
Jason Kehl led the Eagles to an 7-1 record before being sidelined for the last two games of the year.

Classic title. El Segundo took a 1-0 lead in the 17th minute when a long free kick deflected to Nicole Saunders, who shot and scored from about 15 yards out.

El Segundo (5-1-1) made it 2-0 early in the second half when Amanda Gamboa headed a corner kick from Antoinette Saldana to the feet of Cate Post near the goal line, and Post put the finishing touches on it. It was the second time the two teams have met this season. West Torrance, the top ranked team in the CIF Southern Section Division 3, has the Eagles to thank for their only loss and this season.

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 Publication Happy New Year and may the new year be all you want it to be. •



We said goodbye to an El Segundo icon and baseball pioneer Bob Flynn.

The Moments

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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? All the talk of "Deflategate" was upstaged when Pete Carroll decided to take the ball out of Marshawn Lynch's hands at the 1-yard line. Russell Wilson threw an interception to New England's Malcolm Butler and in one of the strangest turn of events ever seen in a championship game, Tom Brady and the Patriots won Super Bowl XLIX by a final score of 28-24 and in dramatic fashion, to say the least. Speaking of dramatic, American Pharaoh did something that hadn't been done in almost 37 years by capturing the Triple Crown. Affirmed was the last horse to win the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes all in the same year. That happened way back in 1978. 11 horses have had the opportunity to accomplish the feat before American Pharaoh

by winning both the Derby and the Preakness, but all failed to take home the last leg of the Crown. Pharaoh put on his lucky horseshoes and made history by galloping past the finish line and right into the hearts of America with a historic victory. One that may not be seen again for another 38 years - or longer.

Jordan Spieth won the US Open, the Kansas City Royals won the World Series, Ohio State won college football's first ever playoff to become champions, Wisconsin and Frank Kaminsky upset Kentucky in college basketball's National Championship game, and Kobe 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. Asixlion@earthlink.net •

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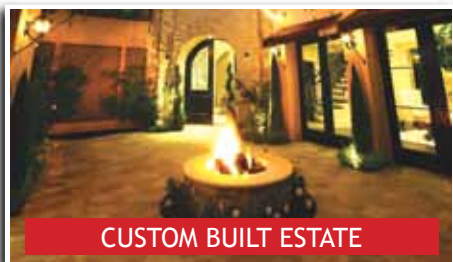
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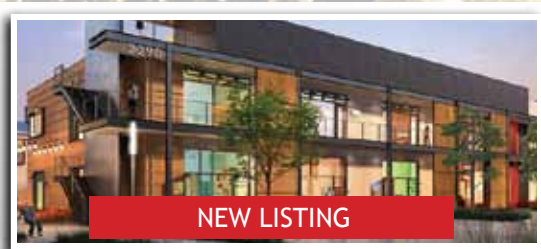


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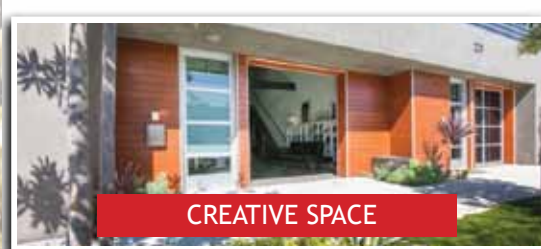
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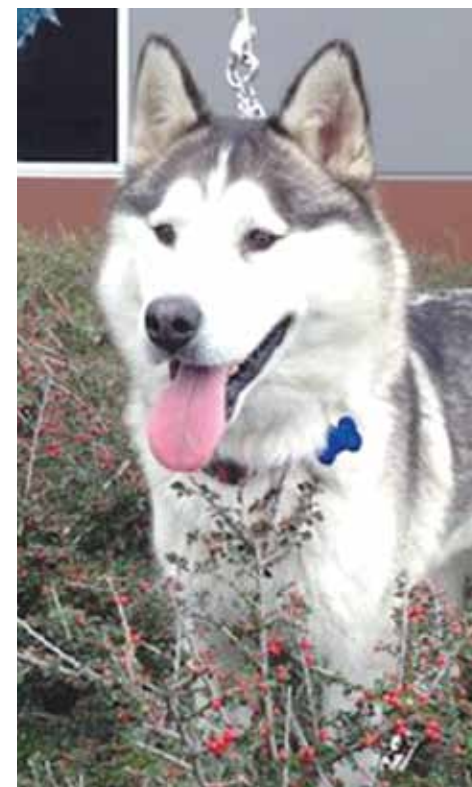
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Maddie

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'm 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 that 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



Mars

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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. •



Venus

Happy Tails

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! •



Cora and Nora got to stay together with their new family.

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If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!
Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!

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