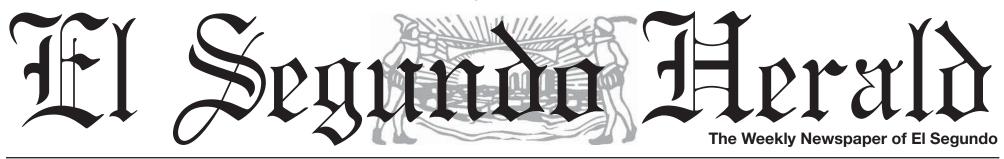
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The Center Street Wall on Mariposa is dotted with thumbprints from TEDDE - Fifth grade students. In one day the entire school of 740 students came out to add their thumbprint impression to a wall of cougar paws. Ms. Read, the resident artist and third grade teacher at Center Street lead the charge.

# **Crime on the Rise, ESPD Looks** for Additional Resources

### **By Brian Simon**

Another spike in local Part 1 crime rates and the prospect of looming retirements that threaten to further deplete department staffing has prompted El Segundo Police Chief Mitch Tavera to ask the City Council for additional personnel flexibility to maintain top-level services in the face of growing challenges. Once budgeted for 71 sworn officers, the El Segundo Police Department (ESPD) saw its numbers drop to as low as 57 in recent years after a "golden handshake" program went into effect-thereby putting a strain on service capabilities. ESPD is now authorized for 62 officers, though only 60 are staffed currently. Tavera would ideally like to over-hire by two positions to get to 64. Even if the Council grants Tavera his wish, hiring officers is much easier said than done. "Of 600 recent applicants, we vetted 120, 43 showed up and only 17 passed the interview stage," Tavera said. "But none of them completed the background checks." Though it's no simple task to land a qualified officer-- it's an 18- to 24-month process to conduct the background checks, testing, academy time and field training before a candidate is actually a functioning police officer--Tavera does not want to let the ball drop. "Our attrition rate of officers retiring is roughly three a year," he said. "If we can get our authorized number up to 64, we can keep up the rate to the actual 62 target as people leave our department." The price tag for each new officer runs about \$125,000 annually. However, year one monies can be pulled from an asset forfeiture fund rather than the City's general fund to temporarily ease the financial burden.

Making do with a reduced workforce in the meantime has become increasingly difficult as crime trends upward. According to the latest statistics, Part 1 crimes (aggravated assault, rape, murder, robbery, arson, burglary, larceny theft and motor vehicle theft) are up seven

percent this year after an eight percent rise last year. Police have already responded to several incidents this year involving armed suspects. The most recent case as of this writing was of a young male who on May 16 brandished a See Police Update, page 12

# **School Board Honors Esteemed District Employees**

By Duane Plank Street special education teacher, Luke

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Tuesday night's El Segundo School Board meeting, the last before campuses continue the ramp-up for promotion and graduation ceremonies in mid-June, focused on honoring the many District employees who have continued to distinguish themselves as they steadfastly toil in service to the students and parents.

The employees, ranging from those who have worked tirelessly for the El Segundo Unified School District for the past 30 years, to those who are retiring, to those who have been selected as educators of the year, were mentioned by and escorted to the podium by Dave Lubs, Director of Human Resources/Maintenance, in concert with site principals who read a brief biography about the honorees.

Selected as educators of the year at their respective school sites were Ron Roebuck, Arena High; Gene Williams, Arena High; Ann Leonard, Center Street fifth grade teacher; Beth Katz, Richmond

Olesiuk, Middle School math teacher, and Giana Summers, High School music and drama teacher.

Lubs lauded the certificated personnel who have been with the District for 30 years, including teachers Marva Murray and Yvonne Portillo. Murray started working in the District in 1976 as a substitute teacher and was hired as a first grade teacher at Center Street School in 1983. Portillo started her career in the District in 1983 and was hired as a fourth grade teacher at Center Street in 1985.

Twenty-year veterans on the certificated side included Margie Lynch, Andrea Cameron, Rashell Le May and Bonnie Maye. Those being feted for their 10 years of hard work in the District included Karen Byrd, Lisa Haun, Amanda Igi, Dana Lund and Sabrina Reilly.

Not to be outdone, long-term classified employees were also saluted at the See School Board, page 4

# Calendar

There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to escalendar@ heraldpublications.com. Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.

### Thursday, May 30

• ES Certified Farmers Market, 3-7 p.m. 400 block of Main St. Special events and activities on the third Thursday.

• ES Elementary School Band Concert, 7 p.m., Center St. and Richmond St. music students perform at ES High School Center for Performing Arts. Free. esconcertband.org Friday, May 31

• ES High School Band-O-Rama Concert, 7 p.m., at ES High School Center for Performing Arts, Main Street. Saturday, June 1

• Mystery Dinner Theater, 7-9 p.m., Unity Church of God, 223 W. Franklin St. For more information call (310) 902-1607

Sunday, June 2

• Author Fair 2013, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., ES Main Library, 111 W. Mariposa. For more information call (310) 524-2728.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Aniya I. Reed, a freshman at El Segundo High School, was selected out of 75 girls as a finalist in the National American Miss Pageant, taking place in Costa Mesa June 28-29. Her family is proud of her and all that she has accomplished. •



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Tuesday, June 4

· Second Sunday Of The Month Breakfast, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Gold Crest Rebekah Lodge # 357, 406 E. Grand Ave. 310-322-7359 Ongoing

· Please register your incoming kindergartner for the 2013-2014 school year at the District Office, 641 Sheldon Street. Please bring proof of residency.

• City of El Segundo City Council accepting applications for several Committees, Commissions and Boards positions. For more information call (310) 524-2302 or email mjennings@elsegundo.org.

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# **An Evening with D-Fenders**

### By Cristian Vasquez

When Norma Comfort found out she was one of the winners selected to watch the D-Fenders play, she did not know what to expect. "I loved it. I loved it so much that I went back and bought more tickets to the next game," Comfort said. "They [D-Fenders] are really good. I did not think it was going to be that good. I thought they were going to be less mature, but they were really professional."

Comfort, along with Christine Jensen, Steven Levy, Keisha Davis, Gary Buzzarte, Sue Shriver, Cynthia Osejo, Robiyn Walsh and Margaret Kingman, were the selected winners of the contest organized by the D-Fenders in which more than 20 tickets were given out for a night of basketball. "I think the most important aspect is getting people to see the team because once people see the product, they will rave about it and that creates new fans for us," D-Fenders President/CEO Joey Buss said. "We love doing these types of promotions and we plan on continuing to have as many of these promotions and contests as possible for next season, all in hopes of engaging the fans and giving them a unique experience here at the Lakers' practice facility."

The grand prize winner received a VIP table with four seats, snacks, a D-Fenders fan pack and beverages along with a meal at halftime. First prize included two courtside seats and two fan packs, while second prize obtained a pair of general admission tickets. The drawing took place for three different games and gave a wide range of fans the opportunity to experience the intensity of professional basketball's Development League. In addition, all winners and their guests were able to take pictures with the Lakers' championship trophies.

"People really do get a behind-the-scenes look and when you engage them in these

contests, it really makes it a better process," Buss said. "The fans come to the game and have a great time and we hope that their experience travels through word of mouth. We are always very excited to get some new fans here to see our games. The players on the D-Fenders are very fascinating. They all have very unique backstories and they are all fighting and scrapping to get to the NBA. They are really playing with a 200-percent effort every night because on any given night, we can have scouts here from any NBA team looking to replace an injured player or seeking to create a new roster spot. What we have to do is get the best talent that we can on the D-League floor."

For Torrance resident Margaret Kingman, who described herself as a big basketball fan, winning the contest allowed her to experience a D-Fenders game for the first time. "I am a huge basketball fan and I really enjoyed the game--I also enjoyed the Lakers' girls dancing. I was sitting right up front, so it was really fun," Kingman said. "I would recommend it to anyone and I have actually told some people about it already. I would love for people to go to a game. The players were excellent. I was able to meet four players and I took a picture in front of the trophy."

Having players and fans interact is an important aspect of organizing these contests for the D-Fenders front office, which seeks to share with basketball fans the intensity of the league and quality basketball associated with the D-Fenders. "Usually we will have different sections for the winners. This time we allocated some of our VIP tables which are right next to one of the team benches," Buss said. "The fans get to interact with the coaches and the players get to interact with the team. It is really



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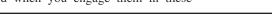
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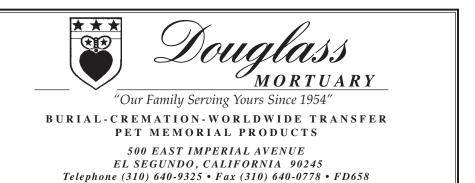
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# **Library Holds Author Fair**

### By Brian Simon

The first-ever panel focusing on young adult fiction will be one of the highlights at this year's El Segundo Public Library Author Fair. The  $13^{th}$  annual installment of the popular event will take place on Sunday, June 2 and feature appearances by more than 35 authors representing over a dozen different genres. The festivities

Berry (young adult), Kim Bixler (memor), Ruth Lercher Bornstein (historical fiction), Yangzom Branen (memoir), Helene Cardona (poetry), Dale Cox (historical fiction), Jim Dawson (history), Margaret Dilloway (fiction), John Fitzgerald (poetry), Kathryn Hewitt (children's), Paul Jury (travel), Carol Kearley (poetry), Jayne Amelia Larson (memoir), Aileen Leitjen (children's), D.J. MacHale

"Since the book the Hunger Games came out, we have seen the popularity of young adult fiction grow among adult readers and the panelists will explore this theme with the audience."

will also include book signings and sales, poetry readings, special children's programs, goodie bags, refreshments, live music and balloon sculptures.

At 12:30, Youth Services Librarian Julie Todd will moderate the panel entitled "Beyond the Hunger Games: New Fiction for Young Adults." Panelists will include young adult genre novelists Carrie Arcos, Jennifer Bosworth, Jessica Brody, Gretchen McNeil and Sherri L. Smith. Then at 2:30, author and president of Sisters in Crime L.A. Patricia Smiley will moderate "The Butler Didn't Do It: Writing the Modern Mystery." That panel will feature mystery writers Timothy Hallinan, Linda O. Johnston, Ed Kovacs, Todd Shimoda and Rochelle Staab.

"Since the book the *Hunger Games* came out, we have seen the popularity of young adult fiction grow among adult readers and the panelists will explore this theme with the audience," said Library Public Services Manager Ellen Cunningham, who coordinates the Author Fair each year. "The mystery panel is a traditional favorite with our patrons. We have a large number of mystery readers at the Library."

Cunningham noted that among the notable authors on this year's roster is Peter Dreier, the Dr. E.P. Clapp Distinguished Professor of Politics and Director of the Urban and Environmental Policy Department at Occidental College. He'll sign his latest work The 100 Greatest Americans of the 20th Century: A Social Justice Hall of Fame. Paddy Hirsch, the Sr. Producer, Personal Finance for Marketplace.org, will also be on-hand with copies of his economics treatise Man vs. Markets. El Segundo resident authors include fiction writer Eric Beetner (A Bouquet of Bullets), former Herald columnist Francine Brokaw (Beyond the Red Carpet: The World of Entertainment) and longtime participant Gabriel Meyer, who will again moderate a poetry reading during the event.

As of press time, the participating authors in addition to those noted above include Nina

(children's), Gretchen Mattox (poetry), Andrea Polard (psychology), Carol Quinn (memoir/pets), Janis Thomas (fiction), Frans Vischer (children'), Julius Wachtel (historical fiction), Diana Wagman (fiction) and Rex Wilder (poetry).

Co-sponsored by The Friends of the El Segundo Library, the Author Fair originally began in 2001 when current Library Director Debra Brighton and then-Public Services Manager devised the concept as a way to bring a community book event to El Segundo. It now attracts over 600 attendees each year from all over the Los Angeles region as well as a diverse cross-section of prominent published authors.

This Sunday's event will run between 11:30 and 4:30, with book signings on the main floor between 11:30 and 12:30 and again from 3:30 to 4:30. The young adult panel will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Friends Room, with the mystery panel following from 2:30 to 3:30. Kathryn Hewitt will conduct a drawing demo in the Children's Library from 1:30 to 2. She and fellow author/illustrators Aileen Leitjen, D.J. McHale and Frans Vischer will be available for signings between 2 and 3. The Children's Library will feature storyteller Rebecca Martin from 3 to 4. And as he does each year, Meyer will moderate a poetry reading in the Rose Garden Room (3:30 to 4:30).

Meanwhile, the Library itself continues to see strong patron activity, with a notable increase in eBook usage particularly over the last two years. "EBook readership continues to grow and checkouts have doubled since they were first introduced," said Cunningham. The Library now offers eBook appointments Mondays between 1 and 3 p.m. and on Thursdays between 2 and 4 p.m. to help people learn how to download eBooks. To address demand, Brighton hopes to reopen the facility on Fridays, pending the availability of City funding to cover staffing requirements. The Library has been closed Fridays for the past two years.

# Letters

### Watching Fisher

If you missed the May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting you missed the railroad job of the century.

Councilman Bill Fisher wanted two things. The first was to change a mayoral term from two years to one year, Fisher lost. El Segundo will continue to have two year mayoral terms as it has had since it was incorporated.

The second thing Fisher wanted was to have his picture in the Hall of Mayors at City Hall and at this Fisher was successful. Fisher accomplished this by deposing Mayor Carl Jacobson, who received the most votes in the last election, of his mayoral position of 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> months before Jacobson's two year mayoral term was up. Council Members Atkinson, Fellhauer and Fisher thought deposing Carl Jacobson 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> months before his mayoral term was up was a good idea.

Fisher went on and on about how economically depressed the town is and how he, being a healthy young lad, had the time, vigor, passion, business savvy, and economic vision to bring El Segundo out of its economic

# **Police Reports**

### Saturday, May 25

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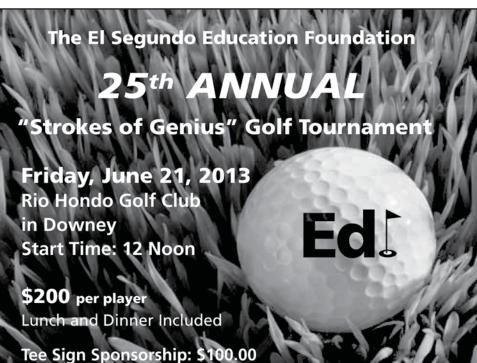
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doldrums and into the glorious sunshine of growth it has been lacking.

Mayor Fisher you now have the football for 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> months, lets see how many economic touchdowns you score.

### - Liz Garnholz News Flash for Mr. Ashworth

I've got a news flash for Jack Ashworth there is a world of difference between an alliance program where the students already

identify as LGBT and the types of sexual orientation camps outlined in Ted lieu's

bill. And to infer that these school alliances would actually encourage kids to change their orientation from straight to gay? What an ignorant and irresponsible assumption. Let me ask Mr Ashworth this - why in the world would anyone want to change their orientation from straight to gay when there are so many bigoted homophobic people like him in the world that they would have to deal with?

And Mr Ashworth is a public school teacher? God help our kids.

– T. Yatkin





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# School Board

Tuesday night meeting. Camila Sharp and Maxi Cash were congratulated for their 20 years of hard work for the District. Ten-year veterans Benjamin Joseph, Raul Gutierrez, Agustin Martinez-Cervantes, Joji Remsburg, Kelvonda Patterson and Angela Allen were also recognized for their outstanding, diligent years of service.

Also recognized during the meeting were upcoming District retirees, including Bill Ericson, who not only taught history at the High School, but also served as a baseball and football coach; Brenda Garibaldi, who started her career in the District back in 1987 as an elementary school teacher at Center Street; Marilyn Harper, who started her career in the District in 1989 as a first-grade teacher at Center Street; Janet Read, who began in 1986 as a substitute teacher; Dickie Van Breene, who has spent the good part of the last 10 years as the Principal at Richmond Street; and Assistant Superintendent and Arena High Principal Janice Hickey, who has functioned in multiple positions for the District in her 10 years of service to the citizenry of El Segundo.

After the District's shining stars were lauded, the very lengthy meeting continued with a presentation by the retiring Hickey about the externship program to which she has been closely connected. The program, implemented in order to broaden educator understanding of

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necessary workplace skills, took place over six different Fridays during the 2012-13 school year and placed teachers in "real world" business environments to bolster their understanding of what it takes to help prepare a student for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce.

After Hickey's presentation, Chief Business Official Susan Aceves informed the Board about the May revise in the California State budget, courtesy of Governor Jerry Brown, and possible District ramifications. While noting that California school districts seem to be in a better financial state than they have been for the past few years, Superintendent Geoff Yantz said that that the current financial funding formula being promoted by Governor Brown is "bad news for us."

With no discussion items on the agenda, the members quickly addressed the consent agenda, approving, among other items, renewal of the Project Lead the Way contract for biomedical engineering at both El Segundo Middle School and El Segundo High School. The action item section was business as usual, and the information pending action docket included a quick review of nuts-and-bolts Board policies. The informational calendar information followed--with all looking eagerly to Thursday, June 13 when the High School graduation, Middle School promotion and Elementary School Picnic take place.



# **Eagles' Baseball Season Ends in Dramatic Fashion**

# By Gregg McMullin

The 2013 high school baseball season came to an abrupt but dramatic end in the CIF Southern Division 4 quarterfinals. The Eagles had worked their way into the playoffs after defeating Chaffey in a wild card game, defeating Granite Hills in the first round and hammering second-seeded Kaiser (Fontana) 10-2 in the second round. It set up a quarterfinal matchup with El Rancho in which the seesaw battle ended up favoring the Dons in the end, 6-4.

In the second round the Eagles hosted Kaiser--perhaps one of the most physical teams in the playoffs. The Cats were seeded quarterfinals for the first time in three years when they advanced to the semifinals before losing to Palm Desert. It marked the 26th time the program has reached at least the quarterfinals.

El Segundo and El Rancho are no strangers when it comes to playing each other. In 1993, the two teams met in the first round where the Dons and future Major League pitcher Randy Flores shut down the second-seeded Eagles. Last year, the Eagles defeated El Rancho in the St. Paul Tournament 6-5 on a walk-off home run by Gronhagen.

Playing at El Rancho proved to be a definite home field advantage for the hosts.

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# **D-Fenders**

like they are part of the team at that point. I am always running around, but I like to from time to time say hello--but it is more about the team and the experience for the fan. The primary purpose is the experience at the game and with the team."

With new coach and former Lakers' player Mark Madsen preparing the D-Fenders for next season, there are high expectations for the team and the contest winners who are now paying from page 2

more attention to the D-League. "It gives a better appreciation of the game and I follow the D-Fenders as well," Kingman said. "I am big basketball fan and a big fan of the Lakers. It was the first time I got to go to their facility, so I was very excited about that."

Comfort added, "It was good and exciting entertainment. It is close by and they had the Lakers' girls there. I would definitely recommend it."•

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On the mound they had two pitchers more than capable of throwing strikes, including Chris Mathewson (110 strikeouts in 65 innings) and Ryan Mota (57 strikeouts in 56 innings). They had a team batting average hovering around .350 and defense that had made just 39 errors all year long. It all added up to a David versus Goliath matchup. "I don't think many people gave us much of a chance," said El Segundo head coach Steve Shevlin.

With Ryan Pordes starting for the Eagles, it was the Dons that had no chance. With Pordes' knack for spotting his pitches coupled with a keen defense behind him, the Eagles needed to prove they could hit good pitching.

After Pordes had an easy one, two, three first inning, the Eagles were eager to hit against Mota. The Eagles rocked the sixfour junior right-hander for five runs on six hits. Lars Nootbaar, Kevin Schreiber and Erik Gronhagen each singled and Connor Underwood walked to make it 1-0 to start the game. Schreiber scored on a passed ball and Chris Gutierrez' two-run double made it 4-0. Gutierrez later scored on an error to make it 5-0.

In the second inning, Schreiber scored on Gronhagen's double and Nick Martinez' RBI single scored Gronhagen. Gutierrez, who had walked, scored on an RBI single by Austin Brasher to make it 8-0 after two Being in front of a standing room crowd that seemed to be on top of both teams wasn't the problem. The ever-changing wind and a crafty starter who pitched to his field's flaws helped doom the Eagles.

Also not helping was the change of pitchers to start the game. Willem Mostert, who was scheduled for the Eagles, was a game-time scratch when it was determined he had a sore arm.

Tanner Stevens got the call and threw well through over four innings, giving up three runs (two earned) on six hits before giving way to Dean Abramson in the fifth inning. Abramson came in and struck out two hitters with runners in scoring position to thwart the Dons' rally. Nootbaar made his debut appearance on the mound in a tight situation when Abramson ran into trouble in the sixth inning.

This game would turn out to be an exciting seesaw battle that saw five lead changes. The Dons' Dylan Guzman hit a solo home run in the second inning to give El Rancho the lead. The Eagles countered with two runs in the top half of the third inning. Nootbaar's two-run double gave the Eagles a 2-1 edge.

In the bottom half of the fourth, the Dons came up with two more runs to take a 3-2 lead. It stayed that way until the sixth inning when Kevin Schreiber singled and Pagan hit his team-leading sixth home run of the year--a 375-foot bomb to left field.

With the Eagles leading 4-3, the wheels fell off their season in the bottom half of the sixth inning. A bases loaded walk tied the game and a hit batter gave the Dons the lead. Their final run came on a passed ball that gave El Rancho a 6-4 lead and the eventual win. The Eagles were five outs away from moving on to the semifinals, but it wasn't meant to be.

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innings of play.

Mota, who had not experienced this type og hitting against him or his team, was eventually replaced by Mathewson. The junior right-hander, who has been garnering plenty of interest from Major League scouts, kept the Eagles in check until the sixth inning when Gronhagen singled and Underwood hit Mathewson's 88-mile-per-hour fastball over the centerfield fence to give El Segundo a 10-0 lead.

Pordes, who was masterful all game long, gave up just two runs and scattered seven hits. Kaiser's only scoring came in the seventh inning when it managed two runs--one earned--on one hit.

Pordes benefited from some stellar play by his defense. Martinez swallowed up three sharp ground balls at third base to help end rallies. Seth McKenna, Mike Pagan and Gronhagen continued to stake their claim as one of the best trio of outfielders in the South Bay by chasing down fly balls.

The win propelled the Eagles into the

The mood was somber afterwards, but the Eagle coaching staff tried to stay upbeat. "It just wasn't in the cards for us today, but we battled—I'm so proud of them," said Shevlin.

Through all the tears and sad faces, this Eagles' team still showed their friends and family their gratitude. As the team filed off the field towards the bus, a large throng of supporters showed their appreciation. They applauded them as the players gave high fives and hugs back.

Before each season, there has been a longstanding goal and tradition of winning 20 games, winning a league title and going deep into the playoffs. The Eagles accomplished all three goals--albeit a three-way tie for the Pioneer League crown.



# **One Man's Opinion**

### By Gerry Chong

Ahhh, the sun, the surf, the sand and the ocean... There's nothing like a summer vacation to clear the mind, restore the soul and help us understand the world around us. Why, no sooner had I arrived than I received this Divine Revelation! No one--not Woodward and Bernstein...no one has tied all three presidential scandals together, so let me 'splain it to ya...from God's lips through me to you, you lucky devils.

President Obama got tired of being the reincarnation of Sgt. Shultz in the old *Hogan's Heroes* TV series. Surely you remember the sergeant. He always had the same response to

the fairytale. The AP apparently knew more than the Administration, leaving the President looking like the proverbial mushroom (they left me in the dark and threw poop at me).

When the IRS targeted conservatives and religious groups, senior Treasury officials were informed, but they claim they never told the White House--so Obama once again played his Sgt. Schultz role perfectly, saying "I know nah-thing." As compensation, however, he moved the head of the IRS section that had perpetuated the targeting over to head the IRS' section to oversee Obamacare. The President claimed he first learned about illegal targeting from the same news sources you and I read...

### "When the Benghazi attack struck, both Barack and Hillary went AWOL."

every fiasco that struck. He would suck in his breath, face Coronel Klink and proclaim with all sincerity, "I know nah-thing."

When the Benghazi attack struck, both Barack and Hillary went AWOL. Presidential spokesmen have ducked and dodged like Muhammad Ali claiming the President's whereabouts and his actions during the attack "were irrelevant." Like the Libyan defenders chosen to defend Ambassador Stevens, they abandoned their posts. Following the slaughter, the Administration, the State Department and the CIA made up a fairytale to tell the American public. But Obama claims to know nothing of the coverup. As a snarky journalist observed, "Evidently, the Administration did not know what the Administration was doing." Or in the words of today's Sgt. Schultz, "I know nah-thing." What galled the President was that the Associated Press released emails that had circulated among the departments which participated in writing that damned AP again.

Clearly tired of the Schultz role, the President brought in the Attorney General to find out how the media was doing a better job of informing him than the members of his Administration.

Eric Holder therefore violated the constitutional provision for a free press and tapped into 20 AP phone lines and surreptitiously monitored three Fox news reporters--all to find the secrets of their craft. The Administration needed to adopt those same techniques to bring the President up to speed, whether he is relaxing on the extended vacation the First Lady has proposed for Martha's Vineyard or on a golf course.

So there you have it. My summer vacation has already paid dividends, allowing me to see the light. All three scandals are really part of one problem: Today's Sgt. Schultz is tired of being yesterday's Sgt. Schultz. •

# Another Man's Opinion

# **Getting Better at Preventing Animal Abuse**

# By Cristian Vasquez

In September of last year Senate Bill 1500, introduced by State Senator Ted Lieu, was finally signed by Governor Jerry Brown. Unlike most laws that make the cruel and inhumane treatment of animals a crime, this bill focuses on issues such as overcrowded shelters and protecting the abused animal from being returned to abusive owners.

Prior to SB 1500, there was a loophole in the State's laws that forced animal control agencies to return abused animals to their abusive owners, regardless of evidence proving that the animal was mistreated. The law specifically indicated that mistreated animals must be returned to the owner if the animal is physically fit or the owner can and will provide the necessary care for the animal. Unfortunately in many cases, the abused/ neglected animal would physically recover from its wounds having been in a shelter and hence would be deemed fit to return home.

SB 1500 is a more comprehensive approach to dealing with abused pets. The new law will allow animals to be removed from the custody of their owner prior to the resolution of their pending criminal case, so long as a judge rules that there was probable cause to seize the pet or pets. In addition, the law places cost liability of the shelter care on the owner if they refuse to surrender the animals.

The reason all of this is important is because our laws are taking a huge step when dealing with crimes. This law addresses animal abuse/ neglect/cruelty in a more comprehensive way. Unfortunately our society is quick to impose punishments on criminals, which are very necessary, without always providing the proper follow-up for the victim. This law is making sure that the animals recover in the long run. It ensures that an abused animal no longer has to be forced back into the environment that put its well-being at risk in the first place.

As humans, we can remove ourselves from negative environments to improve our living situation. Despite having such an advantage over the rest of the animal kingdom, we sometimes fail to do that for ourselves. Unfortunately, animals do not have such abilities. They are dependent on people and when the people they depend on the most fail them in the worst of ways, there must be laws in place to help these animals. The help must include more than being removed from the abusive environment. There has to be follow-up and SB 1500 establishes the initial follow-up needed to ensure that a rescued animal does not become a victim for a second time.

The safeguards established by this new law will allow for the development of more effective and comprehensive recovery plans when dealing with rescued animals. While it is a fact the animal shelters are overcrowded and rescued pets add to the burden, that does not mean the answer is releasing the animal back into the hands of an irresponsible owner. Animal rescue efforts are to be applauded and admired and to those organizations that spend every penny they raise and endless amounts of volunteer hours rescuing and caring for abused animals, I thank you. It is encouraging to see that a new law is in the books that seeks to act beyond prosecution and fines when dealing with the issue.



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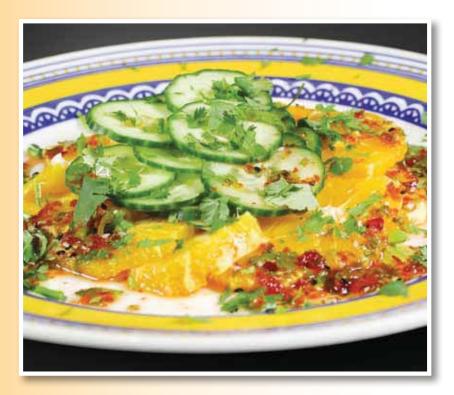
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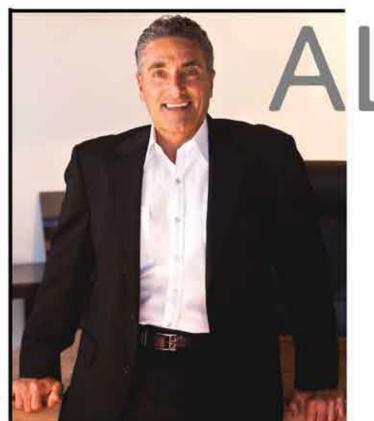
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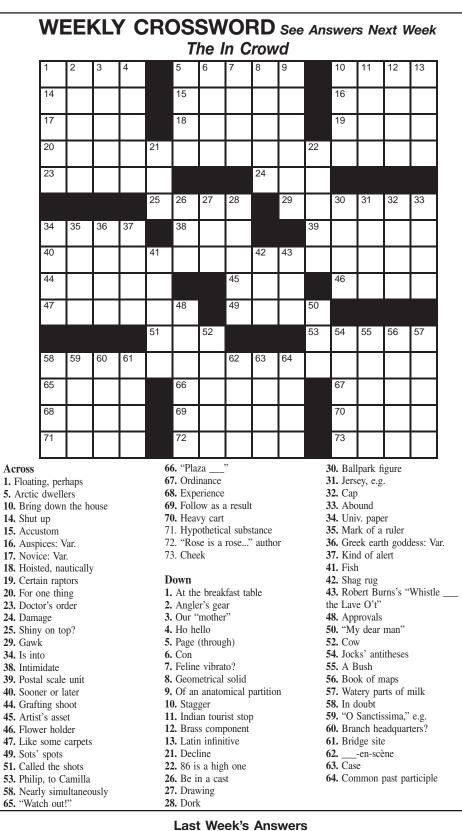


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A traffic accident with no injuries occurred at 0918 hours in the 1600 block of East Grand Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

A grand theft report was taken at 1838 hours from the 700 block of Loma Vista Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a catalytic converter.

One male juvenile was detained at 2152 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for petty theft.

One male adult was arrested at 2349 hours from the 700 block of North Nash Street for

resisting arrest and one ESPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0036 hours from Marine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of 0.08% or above.

### Friday, May 24

An annoying phone calls report was taken at 0956 hours from the 300 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Victim receives multiple calls from an unknown number.

One male adult was detained at 0953 hours from the 2200 block of East Maple Avenue and transported to Harbor General Hospital.

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### Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013098202

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# **Police Update**

handgun and confronted two women walking on Douglas Street near Utah Avenue. He demanded their jewelry and money, but the victims managed to flee from the suspect.

### While the total number of Part 1 crimes was down slightly the first quarter of 2013 compared to the same period last year (151 versus 147), burglaries almost doubled (from 26 incidents to 50). "Residential burglaries were up close to 50 percent, but we had an unusual number of commercial burglaries, especially in storage

# from front page

by parole or probation officers.

ESPD's mantra continues to be to "proactively impact crime through directed patrol tactics, specialized deployments, apprehension of suspects, and public education and awareness efforts." In addition to the goal of shoring up more personnel, Tavera hopes to get the Community Lead Officer program back on track this year by designating two officers to oversee quality of life issues reported by local citizens. The program divides the city into two

"Making do with a reduced workforce in the meantime has become increasingly difficult as crime trends upward."

facilities and other commercial buildings on the east side of town," said Tavera. "Those were up over 100 percent." The department reported no homicides or rapes.

Tavera pointed to AB109, the prison realignment bill passed in October 2011, as a major culprit in the Part 1 crime increases, especially given the fact that El Segundo had reported its lowest number of such offenses since 1970 over the previous two years. As explained on Governor Jerry Brown's website, "AB 109 changes the law to realign certain responsibilities for lower level offenders, adult parolees and juvenile offenders from State to local jurisdictions." As a result, the burden of supervising those sentenced to prison for socalled "triple-non" (non-violent, non-serious, non-sexual) offenses now falls on counties instead of the State. But due to facility overcrowding, Los Angeles County has been releasing prisoners earlier. Though these former inmates don't get directly released to El Segundo, it doesn't mean they don't eventually make their way into town. According to statistics, over 90 percent of perpetrators arrested for Part 1 crime arrests in El Segundo come from outside the community. To compound the issue, these former prisoners are under minimal supervision

geographic areas. The residential portion of El Segundo is called West Command, while East Command is the business district starting from Sepulveda. Budget cuts and related personnel reductions prompted the department to pull the CLOs from those positions 18 months ago. "We've had multiple officers filling in the roles since then to the best of their abilities, but Area Command works best when you have a primary point person representing each area of town who can interface with community members to voice concerns," said Tavera.

The Chief added that the department also plans to implement a Neighborhood Mobile Watch program in the near future. Participants can include local volunteers as well as those whose jobs require extensive travel through the community (e.g. realtors, delivery people). These individuals would drive around town patrolling the streets on the lookout for crime or suspicious activities and then report to local police. "This program will enhance the existing Neighborhood Watch groups in our community and provide an extra layer of vigilance to help us deter crime," said Tavera. "While we don't want people to take upon the role of a patrol officer, we do want then to call us when they see something unusual in nature." •



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One male adult was arrested at 1241 hours from East Mariposa Avenue and North Nash Street for one Santa Monica PD no bail felony warrant and one South Pasadena PD no bail felony warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 2252 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 2322 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

### Thursday, May 23

A grand theft report was taken at 0907 hours from the 2000 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) stole a catalytic converter from a vehicle. •

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