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ES Water Polo Team Undefeated and Wins Their 14th CIF Title



Time to celebrate after winning the school's fourteenth CIF Southern Section boys' water polo title. For story see Sports on page 3. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

A Visit Inside a Remarkable Place

By Ron Sokol

In 1911, the Standard Oil Company bought a sizeable property consisting primarily of sand dunes, about 30 miles from Los Angeles and within view of the Pacific Ocean. There, the Company decided to build its second oil refinery. The wonderful town you know today as El Segundo (Spanish for "the second") derives its name from that decision. We know the location as the Chevron Refinery.

Some complain that Chevron gasoline may cost too much; however, others do not have *Techron*. This is a unique additive that helps keep your engine clean and thus may well be worth a little premium. Some also complain that the refinery shoots flames into the air, and if that is not unsettling enough, an unpleasant aroma sometimes emanates from there. Chevron makes great effort to try to avoid any of that, and, you probably would agree, the incidents have been notably reduced.

Saturday, I boarded a comfortable, large bus with several others. Chevron was taking us on a tour of the El Segundo Refinery. There were curious folks, including kids, who came to learn more about what is there, see it up close and personal, and ask questions. What I learned was detailed, but what I remember most clearly are two words expressed by the guide who described the refinery as "vast and complex."

The El Segundo Refinery is one mile by two miles in size. It consists of some one thousand acres. There are a variety of structures, including tall metal towers, huge storage tanks, an employee park, a store, a fire department (with top-of-the-line fire truck), a lot of bicycles (which is how many

employees get around the refinery), offices, a cafe, and (you may be surprised to learn) very productive avocado trees. Quite a few of the storage tanks are like thermoses; they keep the crude oil warm.

In addition, there are one thousand employees and eight hundred contractors. The refinery operates 24/7 and provides fuel for over 40% of the airplanes at LAX.

This, apart from so much fuel for our cars. It is, in fact, the largest producing oil refinery on the West Coast, with the capacity to produce 280,000 barrels of transportation fuels per day. It also operates with its own electricity, steam, and water treatment facilities. The bottom line is that the refinery strives to be productive, self-sufficient, and a very good citizen as well. Of further interest,

Chevron just announced that the El Segundo Refinery is its first to produce one hundred percent renewable diesel fuel, which cuts nearly half the amount of greenhouse gases otherwise emitted.

"I have been here for 12 years," the tour guide told us. "Twelve years is the average time employees have been with the refinery. People stay on board because this is a good working environment, the job has good benefits, and we take a lot of pride in what we do. I have a quality life outside the refinery, which includes surfing, but I have put in many hours here. Folks, we work hard!"

Security is, of course, extremely important. We were asked not to take photographs and to remain inside the bus, which slowly wound

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Chevron's Fire Truck. Photo provided by Chevron Corporation.

Weekend Forecast

Friday
PM Showers
70°/59°



Saturday
AM Showers
66°/55°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
68°/54°



★ Entertainment ★

Film Review

Anatomy of a Fall is a Masterfully Executed Courtroom Thriller

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

When an unexplained death occurs in a cabin in a remote town in the French Alps, a woman is presumed guilty of murder and is forced into the most grueling physical and emotional fight for her life in the psychologically gripping drama, *Anatomy of a Fall*. Masterfully executed by French director Justine Triet with a sensational performance by Sandra Hüller that will leave you gob-smacked, *Anatomy of a Fall* is a masterclass in film pacing and a thorough examination of



Anatomy of a Fall, courtesy of NEON.

morality and how we react to complexities that arise in decaying relationships.

Was it suicide, or something much more sinister? This is the devastating corner that German author Sandra (Hüller) finds herself in after her husband, Samuel (Samuel Theis), is found dead in the snow. His lifeless body, lying directly below an open window from the third floor of their wood cabin, was discovered by the couple's vision-impaired young son Daniel (Milo Machado Graner), and his seeing-eye dog, Snoop (a Border Collie named Messi). It's a horrifying moment for Sandra, whose grief is abruptly cut short after she becomes the prime suspect in his death.

Sandra vehemently denies any involvement, despite the couple having their issues (the film opens with tense passive aggression from both parties). However, Sandra's insistence, plus the lack of witnesses and a motive, initially gives Sandra's lawyer, Maître Vincent Renzi (Swann Arlaud), a sense of confidence that this case will wrap up neatly. As proceedings

get underway in the small French village, it's clear that Sandra is up against a prosecution team with a relentless determination for a conviction. But the more evidence Sandra is confronted with, including a previous novel she wrote that shares similarities to the crime at hand, we find ourselves wondering... is she actually guilty?

In every sense of the word, *Anatomy of a Fall* is perfection. Don't let the nearly three-hour runtime intimidate you, this courtroom drama soars by with brevity. The chain of events that unravel from the beginning of the trial builds upon themselves until we reach a monumental moment in the closing arguments, with powerful monologues from both the prosecution and defense. Triet, along with screenwriter Arthur Harari, have a "Shakespearean meets Sorkin" way with words that fit together so precisely, you can't help but smile. Just as breathtaking as the screenplay—and the phenomenal acting by all involved—is the lack of a notable score. Triet's decision to forgo additional music in an effort to lessen the emotional manipulation that a score can give and guide the audience to only focus on the characters instead is an untraditional and wildly commendable choice.

The title, *Anatomy of a Fall*, has a double meaning here too, which is powerful in both a literal and metaphorical sense. On one hand, there is the physical act of the fall which is the catalyst for the film. The entire basis of the trial is to prove that the fall was either accidental or manufactured. The anatomy is dissected from all angles. On the other hand, the fall also alludes to Sandra's reputation, a sort of fall from grace as an esteemed author to a scorned woman capable of murder. Sandra endures scrutiny and dissection of her own, with her private life unexpectedly becoming

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Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

Premeditated Myrtle: A Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery by Elizabeth C. Bunce

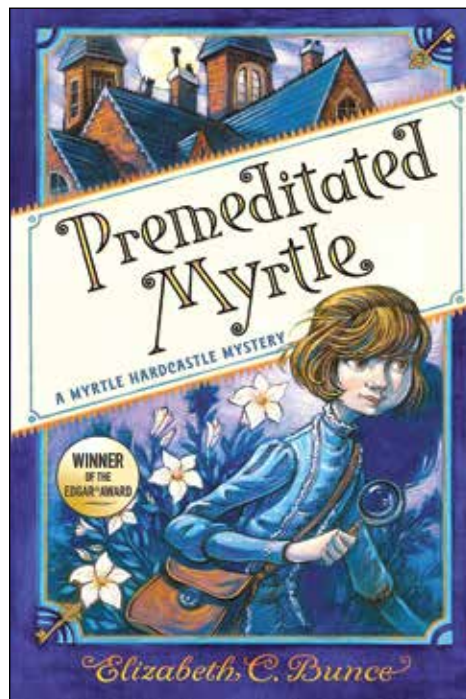
By Kim Harris, El Segundo Library Assistant, El Segundo Middle School

Premeditated Myrtle by Elizabeth C. Bunce is the first of a middle grade historical mystery series starring 12-year-old Myrtle Hardcastle. I was really excited to read this book because growing up, I read every mystery book in the children's section of the library, including Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys. The book is set in 1893 Victorian England in the village of Swinburne. Myrtle lives with her father, a court prosecutor and her governess, Miss Ada Judson. Myrtle is not a typical Lady of Quality because she loves science and investigating mysteries. Her mother was studying to be a doctor before she married and had Myrtle. Unfortunately, Myrtle's mother died

when Myrtle was young. Myrtle combines the best of her parents' worlds: her father's law books and her mum's microscope. She follows her father's cases closely and often discusses them with him. Myrtle likes to study toxicology, read the papers to keep abreast of the latest developments in crime scene analysis and observe her neighbors through her telescope.

One morning, when Myrtle does her usual surveillance of the neighborhood, she discovers something amiss at her neighbor's house. Miss Wodehouse, who grows exotic lilies, is not up and about so Myrtle calls the police before thoroughly investigating what happened. The police find Miss Wodehouse dead and Myrtle suspects it was murder. After much investigation by both the police and Myrtle and Miss Hudson, Myrtle's suspicions turn out to be true and Miss Wodehouse was indeed murdered. Miss Wodehouse was known as a wealthy spinster who grew unusual and rare lilies. Myrtle thinks Miss Wodehouse

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Kim Harris

Life insurance: How soon is too soon?

A.J. Ugliano

Benjamin Franklin once said, "In this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes." Of course, nothing outside of exemptions and deductions can be done concerning taxes. However, when it comes to death, what can be done? Well, life insurance is advertised as the safety net for families in the event of the untimely death of a financial provider in the household, but what does that look like? And when is the right time to begin that process?

As a service, life insurance serves as a monetary payout to policyholders in the event of their death after there has been a ruling of no fraud. No fraud, in this case, implies foul play, such as murder for the insurance payout or suicide to give the family the payout of the policy. Once there has been a no fraud ruling, as determined by the insurance company, the payout options can include a lump sum or monthly payout to make up for the now missing income of the home. The lump sum payout will often be much less.

There are many pros and incredible peace of mind that come with it, and every family should consider something such as life insurance when they are more established. However, the question comes with the decision of "How early is too early?"

With that, there are many benefits to something like beginning this process early. The insurance premiums will be significantly lower when one is young and healthy; this much is plastered

across the policy advertisements from many companies offering it, such as Haven Life, advertising that medical examinations will not be required for healthy applicants. This is a wonderful call for younger people to begin paying for this sort of insurance. Other companies, such as Ethos and Wysh, offer the same thing to their policyholders.

These advertisements greatly appeal to young and established families looking to begin covering themselves financially, but when is the right time to jump in? The answer depends on the individual. The individual financial situations of this increasingly modern and quickly moving society have incredible responsibilities, financial and otherwise. Still, every person needs to be in a place where they can economically set aside the requirements of such a payment in their monthly schedule of bills. Things such as car and health insurance, requirements across the board—some by law—are already baked into the cake that each family must consider when it comes time to balance the checkbook. When it comes to taking on something as important as the financial security of one's family after one's death, there must be some foresight into what that should look like.

Life insurance may not be prescribed as the correct financial move for families just setting out in life, especially when there are other essential things to allocate money to. Things such as retirement or investments,

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Sports

Water Polo Team Completes Historical Run with CIF Title

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The CIF Southern Section playoffs are a post-season tournament that each high school athlete strives to play in; call it a goal. The El Segundo High School's boys' water polo team went undefeated in league play and won the Pioneer League to advance to the CIF-SS playoffs. It was the program's thirty-ninth league title and forty-eighth CIF playoff tournament appearance. The Eagles then completed their

ends and won 18-16.

With the Eagles trailing 16-15 with eleven seconds left in regulation, Tristan Foster found an open crease from the left wing position and fired it home, tying the score. The game went to overtime, and the defense tightened up. With 26 seconds remaining in the first overtime period, Foster was left alone on the wing. He made the Trojans pay for it with his sixth goal of the game for a 17-16 El Segundo



The Eagles celebrate their CIF Finals win over Canyon by escorting head coach Nila Ward into the pool (Craig Weston).

historical (32-0) undefeated season run by sweeping through the CIF Southern Section playoffs to win the school's fourteenth boy's water polo title.

The Eagles were the top-seeded team in Division 3 and had a bye in the first round. In the second round, they easily dispatched ML King (Riverside) 19-7. The Eagles were led by Max Hale, who had five goals, and Luc Giroux in goal with 13 saves.

The win set up a showdown with the University Trojans (Irvine) in the CIF-SS quarter-finals. The CIF-SS Division 3 quarter-final matchup against University would be one of the most exciting contests in memory. With the season on the line, the Eagles and Trojans battled for four quarters and then went to two three-minute overtime periods to decide who would advance. There were 15 lead changes in an epic one-to-remember game. It was a contest in which neither team had a two-goal lead. The Eagles needed a last-second fourth-quarter goal to send it to overtime. In overtime, the Eagles came up big on both

lead. In the second overtime period, the Eagles turned back any thought of losing their lead with defensive stops and two crucial saves by Giroux. With eight seconds left, Cooper Albano sealed the victory with his third goal and an 18-16 victory for the Eagles.

The win propelled the Eagles into the CIF-SS Division 3 semi-finals against the Yucaipa Thunderbirds. The game was played before the largest water polo El Segundo home crowd in school history. With the stands packed, singers from the high school singing our National Anthem before the game, and the high school band performing along with the cheerleaders enthusiastically cheering, it must have been an intimidating sight for the Thunderbirds to be a part of.

El Segundo was trailing 2-1 early in the second period when the Thunderbird's Tate Hudson scored on a penalty shot. Head coach Nila Ward was not concerned after some first-period anxieties led to several miscues and errant passes. So, when her team trailed

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The 2023 CIF Southern Section Division 3 champions. The Eagles defeated Canyon (Anaheim) 15-7 to end the season 32-0.

ESUSD Board Meeting Report

The following information covers the October 24, 2023 ESUSD board meeting and was taken from ESUSD website:

Board Recognizes ESHS Business Pathway Students

Sixteen El Segundo High School students were recognized for their superior performance on the end-of-year-tests through the High School of Business, a national accelerated business program.

Board Hears Presentation on Supplementary Retirement Plan

Ms. Rachel Sanders, CEBS, vice president of consulting from the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS), presented to the board on the PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan (SRP).

A PARS SPR is a retirement incentive that may encourage eligible senior certificated employees to retire early. For nearly 35 years, PARS has consulted with over 1,000 public agencies, administering programs that have cumulatively saved hundreds of millions of dollars in public resources.

The goal of the program is to generate savings, or at a minimum, no cost to ESUSD by increasing the number of retirements in the 2023-24 school year. The proposed plan would offer a tax-sheltered 403(b) plan that

would provide 80% of final pay to the certificated employee. The contributions would be funded over a period of five years following termination of employment. Distribution options receive favorable tax treatment and may be eligible for IRA rollovers. The plan was reviewed by ESUSD Chief Business Official Kimberlie Linz and the Business Services Department prior to discussion by the board.

The board approved Resolution No. 5/2023-24, authorizing a supplemental retirement plan for certificated employees and agreement with Public Agency Retirement Services.

Additional Board Approvals

The board accepted generous donations from Kroger in the amount of \$1,256.90, and 37 volleyballs valued at \$3,120.00 from Steven Ijams. The board voted to accept CSEA's initial proposal for amendments to the Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The board voted to accept ESUSD's initial proposal for amendments to the Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA and its Chapter 71 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The board approved an agreement with Lakeshore Learning Materials for classroom furniture for the new Richmond Street Six Classroom Building.

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Police Reports

Monday, Nov 6th

A traffic collision (injuries) report was taken at 0823 hours from Pepper Street and Walnut Avenue, vehicle versus pedestrian.

One male adult was arrested at 1130 hours from 120th Street and Inglewood Avenue for elder abuse, battery causing serious bodily injury, and damaging wireless communication device with intent to prevent help.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1327 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole


miscellaneous merchandise.

An online petty theft report was taken at 1346 hours from the 600 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's backpack containing a laptop and miscellaneous personal items.

One male adult was arrested at 1537 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for public intoxication.

One male adult was arrested at 2130 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue


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(BPT) - Designing your dream kitchen is an exciting endeavor, but it requires careful planning and consideration. Follow these steps to ensure you create a kitchen that perfectly fits your lifestyle and needs.

- * Assess your lifestyle: Consider how you use your kitchen. Are you an avid cook? Do you often host large groups? Understanding your lifestyle will help guide your design choices.
- * Evaluate your existing kitchen: Take a close look at your current kitchen. Identify what you love and what needs improvement.
- * Set your budget: Determine a realistic budget for your project. Prioritize your

needs over wants, but leave room for upgrades and extra touches that catch your eye.

- * Select the right professional: Trust the expertise of a professional who communicates well and understands your vision. A skilled designer can bring your ideas to life and guide you through the process.
- * Plan smartly: Measure your kitchen's size and consider infrastructure concerns like electrical and plumbing.
- * Avoid common mistakes: Stay away from overloading with cabinets, ensure sufficient counter space, and invest in quality materials for critical areas like

cabinets and countertops. Renovating can be stressful, but the end result will be worth it. Take your time and make thoughtful decisions, even if it means leaving some décor choices for later.

- * Lighting: Mix different types of lighting for various purposes. Use ambient lighting for mood, task lighting for meal preparation, and decorative lighting for the island and dining table.
- * Barstools: Select comfortable and stylish barstools, ensuring enough space between them for easy movement.
- * Sinks/faucets: Consider modern features like pull-down spray nozzles, touchless or tap technology, and semi-professional

functionality for added convenience.

- * Essentials: Install under-cabinet lighting for countertop work areas, backsplashes for the sink and range, and sufficient electrical outlets, including USB ports for family tech.

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Life Insurance

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planning a rainy day fund for medical bills, and other things loom in an anxious mind's dark corners. But with things like this, there is also the eventuality of death and what the life of one's family will look like when it happens. That kind of comfort is exactly what life insurance seeks to provide, but it comes down to the individual deciding when the right time to begin paying into it is.

There is no such thing as "too early" when it comes to life insurance. As we well know, anything can happen at any time. But with the costs of something such as this significant financial commitment, what would the other benefits be? Again, to speak on the importance of Benjamin Franklin's iconic quote, the assuredness of taxes in our lives should be considered. However, life insurance would be tax-free for the policy beneficiaries. This

benefit cannot be offered from something like a mutual fund one leaves to their beneficiaries or properties that they plan their children to sell, and those things will both be primarily affected by various kinds of taxes. This also does not include the existing estate taxes or taxes for extensive financial offerings of one party to another. In something such as a life insurance payout, the government will often keep its hands to itself.

It is an avenue that can be pursued at any age, regardless of familial obligations or property ownership, and the policy can be set to pay out to anyone of the holder's choosing. These benefits must be stated, as they are essential to the policy. However, the financial burden of being made to pay into it should not be taken lightly, as these policies can sometimes be quite costly for a payout meant to make an

impact. Often a few hundred dollars a month.

For planning life and eventual death, it is bold to assume that there is a right or a wrong way. The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, the only way. It does not exist." Something as complex as life insurance and modern life here in Southern California certainly falls under the categories of guesswork and luck and timing and commitment. The desire to get or eventually attain a life insurance policy is all those things. One's best guess is right or wrong and what works for the individual.

That, of course, was not to say that one should never attain life insurance. One's familial lifestyle and financial situation must be considered in the possibility of one's death when one will have something to provide for,

a mortgage to pay off, and a mouth to feed. But how soon is too soon? Truthfully, there isn't such a thing as too soon. There is only the matter of affording it. It must be stated that the sooner one begins paying into it, the higher the payout will be.

When it comes to life, death, taxes, and insurance, there is no right way. Everyone has their own way. There is no such thing as "too early" for something such as life insurance. It comes to a matter of the current financial situation of the prospective policyholder. There must always be steps taken to protect one's family in the event of one's untimely demise, and it is important to pay respect to one's mortality. The Roman generals, returning in a triumvirate, would have one whisper in their ear, "Memento Mori," or "Remember you're mortal." •

Sports

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in the second period, she allowed them to work things out. "There wasn't a time where I thought we weren't in control."

The Eagles are not a one-man offense. Yucaipa centralized their focus on defending Max Hale, one of El Segundo's top threats. That allowed others, such as Nolan Barnett, to get free for open scoring opportunities. He beat Yucaipa's goalie, Jamie Love, on a high attempt to tie the game at 2-2 with 5:20 re-

our defense, and we made it work." Giroux finished with ten saves and three steals.

Williamson assisted on a goal by Barnett to stretch the lead to 8-5 with a little more than five minutes remaining in regulation. Yucaipa would not fold and scored on their next possession to close the gap to 8-6 with plenty of time remaining. Giroux had two key saves down the stretch, and Logan Fastman beat the shot clock and sealed the victory with

against University in the quarter-finals and Yucaipa in the semi-finals, helped prepare the team for the season's biggest stage.

El Segundo worked their offensive sets patiently, allowing six players to score. Tristan Foster got the Eagles on the scoreboard first with a wicked shot from the wing on the Eagle's second possession. On the next possession, Patrick Wang lobbed a pass to Max Hale, who fired the shot into the net for a 2-0

In the final seven-minute period and a comfortable 11-5 lead, the Eagles never allowed themselves to have a letdown. Patrick Wang used the 6-on-5 opportunity to his advantage when he skipped a shot into the net. After a turnover, the Eagles worked for a patient shot, and Wang obliged from the 5-meter area for his second goal. Max Hale found his way open from the perimeter and fired a strike into the net, giving the Eagles a 14-6 advantage. Later



Carter Williamson looks to pass after one of his five steals in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 finals.

maining in the second quarter. On the Eagle's next possession, Carter Williamson found an opening from the right wing to give his team their first lead. Logan Fastman took a pass from Patrick Wang and made his shot count to extend El Segundo's lead to 4-2. Hayden Abbott got into the scoring column when he took a pass from Barnett and fired it past Love.

In the third quarter, the Eagles used a patient offense. Carter Williamson's pass found Tristan Foster for an open look for a goal to give El Segundo a 6-3 lead. Barnett then drove towards the net and forced Yucaipa's goalie to lean one way while tossing the ball past him the other way for a 7-3 lead.

a goal with sixteen seconds left for a 9-6 victory. Barnett led the Eagles with four goals, an assist, and three field blocks. Williamson had a goal, two blocks and two steals, and numerous interruptions.

The win gave the top-seeded Eagles a chance to finish a historic season with a CIF championship and an undefeated season. They faced the second-seeded Canyon (Anaheim) Comanches in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 finals at Mt SAC in Walnut.

Eagles Throttle Canyon 15-7 to Win CIF Title

In the first three games of the CIF playoffs, the El Segundo Eagles played well at times,



Max Hale scores El Segundo's final goal against Canyon in the Eagle's 15-7 win in the CIF Finals.

lead early in the opening period. El Segundo took advantage of a man-advantage opportunity when Cooper Albano fed Tristan Foster, who directed his shot into the net for a 3-1 lead. Carter Williamson ended the first quarter with a lob over Canyon goalie Aidan Demkiw.

The second period saw the Eagles play a tighter defense. It limited Canyon on counterplays and helped Luc Giroux out in front of the net with numerous field blocks. Albano scored easily after some patient passing from the right-wing position. Foster, who ended with four goals on seven attempts, scored, giving the Eagles a comfortable 6-2 lead.

The third period was active on both ends.

on, Williamson buried a shot attempt to nail down El Segundo's fourteenth CIF title. That mark ties in with Newport Harbor's fourteen Section titles, the most in California history.

Tristan Foster led the Eagles with four goals, followed by Cooper Albano with three goals and Patrick Wang, Carter Williamson, Nolan Barnett, and Max Hale, who each collected two goals. Four-year starting goalie Luc Giroux had seven saves.

Head Coach Nila Ward said she was still trying to grasp the idea of being CIF champions and going undefeated. "I knew we'd be pretty good this season, but to go undefeated? (short pause) it never crossed my mind." It is



Nolan Barnett sparked El Segundo's 9-6 win over Yucaipa in the CIF semi-finals and was a key figure in the CIF Finals.

Max Hale's aggressiveness on defense earned the high-scoring senior a third ejection, forcing him out of the game midway through the third quarter. With Hale watching from the deck, his teammates picked up the slack on both ends. The defense played a big part even in Hale's absence. Yucaipa climbed back into the game by scoring the final two goals of the quarter to make it 7-5.

Eagle goalie Luc Giroux wasn't concerned since the goals against him were mostly on 6-on-5 advantage or ejection shots. "I trusted

but according to their coach, Nila Ward, they were not at their best. That all changed when the Eagles saved their best game of the season for the biggest stage, the CIF-SS Division 3 Finals. The Eagles used a well-rounded performance to sink second-seeded Canyon 15-7 to win the program's 14th Southern Section championship. It was the first since 2009 and the twenty-first finals appearance.

There were no jitters or anxieties for the Eagles, who entered the game confident. Coach Ward said the prior two games in the playoffs,



Luc Giroux had an incredible playoff run with 52 saves in four games, including seven against Canyon (Anaheim) in the CIF Finals. Canyon had a 6-on-5 goal attempt to go wide, but soon after, the Eagles committed another foul. This time, Jack Friesen found an opening from the two-meter and cut the El Segundo's lead to 6-3. The Eagles countered with Cooper Albano's second goal of the game from the perimeter. Williamson made a steal, and the Eagles converted the turnover into a goal when Albano found Nolan Barnett free for a goal. Albano stretched the Eagle's lead to 9-4 when he drove to the right corner and tossed a shot into the net.

the first team in school history, in any sport, to run the table go undefeated (32-0), and win a CIF title.

The Eagles moved on to the Division 2 Southern California CIF Regional Championship tournament. They faced the La Jolla Vikings, the San Diego Section Open Division runners-up, on Tuesday in the first round. Should the Eagles win, they would advance to the semi-finals, which will be played at Mt SAC on Friday, with the finals set for Saturday at Mt SAC. •



Cooper Albano scored three goals and had three assists in El Segundo's 15-7 win over Canyon (Anaheim).



Tristan Foster scores the first of his four goals against Canyon (Anaheim) in the CIF Finals.



GUNDOGRAM

SUBMIT YOUR YUM DISH!!

Slow-Cooked Italian Beef Stew

Provided by Campbells Soup Corp.

Can a jar of Italian sauce transform beef and veggies into a Slow-Cooked Italian Beef Stew that tastes like comfort in a bowl? Yes! The homemade taste of the thick, chunky tomato, basil and garlic sauce in this recipe is what keeps the rest of the ingredient list short. Just add the beef, onion, garlic, sauce and wine to the cooker, cover and walk away (the beef cooks until fork-tender totally hands-free). With only 10 minutes of prep time, soon your kitchen will be filled with the aroma of simmering Slow-Cooker Italian Beef Stew (waiting to eat it is the only thing that's hard about this recipe!). Enjoy with a loaf of warm crusty bread or spooned on top of some creamy polenta!



Ingredients

- 2 pounds boneless beef chuck roast, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1 large onion, diced (about 1 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 jar (24 ounces) Prego® Chunky Tomato, Basil & Garlic Italian Sauce
- 1/2 cup dry red wine (we like pinot noir)
- 16 ounces frozen peas and carrots

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Directions

- **Step 1:** Season the beef as desired. Add the beef, onion, garlic, sauce and wine to a 6-quart slow cooker.
- **Step 2:** Cover and cook on LOW for 8 hours or until the beef is fork-tender, adding the frozen peas and carrots during the last hour of the cooking time. Season to taste. Serve the stew with crusty bread for dipping or over hot cooked egg noodles or polenta, if desired.

Tips

- **To make in an Instant Pot®:** Increase the wine to 1 cup. Add the beef, onion, garlic, sauce, wine and peas and carrots to a 6-quart Instant Pot®. Lock the lid and pressure cook on high for 15 minutes. When done, press cancel and use the quick release method to release the pressure. Uncover and select Saute. Cook, uncovered for 10 minutes or until the sauce is thickened.

Police Reports

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for trespassing.

One female adult was arrested at 0006 hours from the 700 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, Nov 7th

A vandalism report was taken at 1131 hours from the 300 block of Richmond Street. Unknown suspect(s) spray painted graffiti on a parking garage wall.

A traffic collision (injuries) report was taken at 1403 hours from the 100 block of South Aviation Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

A found property report was taken at 1605 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue. A license plate was found.

One male adult was arrested at 2352 hours

from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for driving under the influence, DUI with a BAC of .08% or more, and driving with a suspended license.

A petty theft report was taken at 2351 hours from the 500 block of Center Street. Two cell phones were taken.

Wednesday, Nov 8th

A found property report was taken at 1601 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A purse was found.

A theft by false pretenses and pass counterfeit bills report was taken at 1954 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. The victim was given counterfeit bills in exchange for an iPhone.

One male adult was detained at 2320 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast

Highway and transported to Exodus-MLK for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A found property report was taken at 0315 hours from the 1000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. A skateboard was found.

Thursday, Nov 9th

A petty theft report was taken at 1022 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole miscellaneous items and fled the location without paying.

A petty theft report was taken at 1046 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet from her purse.

One female adult was arrested at 1157 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast

Highway for identity theft, evading arrest, and two outstanding LASD felony warrants.

One male and one female adult were arrested at 1157 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for shoplifting.

A dead body report was taken at 1136 hours from the 400 block of Richmond Street. A 49-year-old male passed away from apparent natural causes.

One female adult was arrested at 1553 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for identity theft and possession of a controlled substance.

A felony evading report was taken at 1605 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Douglas Street. A vehicle fled from officers at a high rate of speed when a traffic stop was attempted. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR

Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO PROJECT NO.: PW 23-08

The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, until 11:00 a.m. on:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of wastewater system improvements and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department. Work includes traffic control, closed circuit pipe televising and video creation, open-trench pipe removal and replacement, pipe lining, service lateral replacement or adjustment, sewer main and storm drain bypass activities as needed, storm drain manhole removal and replacement, concrete work, trench paving, slurry seal resurfacing, replacement of striping as needed, coordination with utility agencies, and notification of residents/businesses.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. PW 23-08 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on November 7, 2023 which is filed with the Public Works Department. Contractors bidding the project shall provide a minimum of five government agency, preferably municipal, references. The references shall be for the contractors' building

similar projects (in terms of scope, size, type, magnitude and complexity), as the prime contractor in the past five (5) years. Bidders shall include references, etc. to demonstrate qualification. Copies of the Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents and Engineer's estimate are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans And Specifications are alternately available electronically via <https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/public-works/request-public-works-bid> by Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 4:00 PM. The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions. This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir.ca.gov.

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4 to be nonresponsive. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375. Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required. Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required. The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract. **The Contractor's duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et. Seq. and Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages and employ**

apprentices including forfeitures and debarment.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request. In entering into a Public Works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the Contractor, or Sub-Contractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the parties. Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City

of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside:

Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project
"SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO.: PW 23-08 IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL"

The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base contract.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A" and "C-34". The successful Contractor and his Sub-Contractors will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.

The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days. Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El Segundo.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023. CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA Tracy Weaver, City Clerk El Segundo Herald Pub. 11/9, 11/16/23 H-28221

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO ORDINANCE 1652

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SMOKY HOLLOW SPECIFIC PLAN TO UPDATE PERMITTED USES, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, DESIGN GUIDELINES, THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLAN PROCESS, AND CLARIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE Ordinance No. 1652 amends the Smoky Hollow Specific Plan to update permitted uses, development standards, design guidelines, the community benefits plan process, nonconforming provisions, and clarify various other provisions.

The whole number of the City Council of said City is five. The foregoing Ordinance No. 1652 was duly introduced by said City Council at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of October, 2023, and was duly passed, approved and adopted by said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor Pro Tem, and attested to by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said Council on the 7th day of November, 2023, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel, Council Member Pirsztuk, and Council Member Giroux
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Boyles
 Abstain: Council Member Baldino
 A copy of the ordinance is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main St. El Segundo, CA or the City's website at <http://www.elsegundo.org> then go to Government, View, and then Municipal Code.
 El Segundo Herald Pub. 11/16/23 H-28229

Chevron

from front page

its way around the premises. If we were to step outside the bus, we would need a hard hat, steel-toed boots, and fire-proof clothes (to meet requirements).

There are cameras on site. Some (a part of them only) are keeping an eye on the equipment to make absolutely sure to catch any leaks, issues, or potential problems. Safety and security are two of Chevron's major commitments.

The berm... Did you know about the berm? That is the word our guide used to describe the many trees planted (and grown) that shield the refinery from view and to help with aesthetics. Major volumes of soil for the planting were transported from the construction site of the 105 Freeway. This is one

example of Chevron hoping (and wanting) to be a good neighbor and a productive part of the community, which includes contributing generously to the local schools, promoting other events to benefit good causes, and not to stick out like a proverbial sore thumb.

Another task the refinery takes very seriously is protecting the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly. "We maintain one of only two remaining preserves in the world for the Blue Butterfly. We have buckwheat fields and planted about 800 seedlings this year. The Butterflies are with us in July and August."

Breaking things down into numbers: The Refinery consists of forty different plants that work together. Maintenance is consistent, and vigilance is key.

As I listened to our tour guide, what came to mind were today's passenger airplanes. There are backups upon backups. So, if something at the refinery is not working, fuel production continues. Contingencies have been taken into consideration. Again, care and prudence are key here.

Given the sticky and, forgive me, "yucky" nature of some of the products (let's face it, crude oil will not win any beauty contests), the refinery looks pretty darn clean. There is dust, and there is steam, there is noise at times. After all, it is a busy, working factory, but Chevron polices itself. Chevron's due diligence is in addition to our government's watchful eye, which restricts, regulates, and certainly keeps tabs.

Chevron has made a major effort not just to be productive and profitable but also to be exemplary and forward-thinking. For example, Chevron is making fuel from soybean oil as part of its effort to be environmentally sensitive.

The City of El Segundo is such a good place to live, visit, and spend some time. El Segundo touts aerospace, great restaurants, businesses (from Pilates to Beyond Meat), very fine schools, the Little League World Series champions, and really good breweries, among other positives. But most would not think to say: "Don't forget the Chevron Refinery!" After a visit there, after research and study, and after taking a closer look, you'll be convinced to say the refinery is something for El Segundo to brag about, too. •



Boarding the Tour Bus.



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The Employee Playground.

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Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

Meet **Bello!** This handsome 2 year old male Pit Bull/Shepherd mix loves going for walks and playing with his toys. Bello is a strong boy who can beat anyone at tug-o-war, but he's not one to brag. Come visit Bello, he may be the one for you! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-11597>

This sweet girl is **Ruby!** This 10-month-

old female Siberian Husky mix finds a new friend in everyone she meets. She is always ready for play time and is eager to share her love with everyone. Ruby would make a great addition to any home! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-11936>

This adorable kitten is 5 month old male domestic short hair....**Melonball!** He may

be a bit shy, but once he's comfortable, his friendly personality will shine. He enjoys lounging in his favorite sunny spot and playing with any toys that move. He's lived with other cats in the past, so he may get along with yours! Come in and say hello to Melonball today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-11158>

Chloe is a 5 year old female domestic

medium hair sweetheart! She may need some time to come out of her shell, but once she does, she'll show you her lovely personality. When you give her pets, she'll start purring to express her appreciation. She's gotten along with other cats in the past, so she may get along with yours. Adopt Chloe today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-11398> •



Bello



Ruby



Melonball

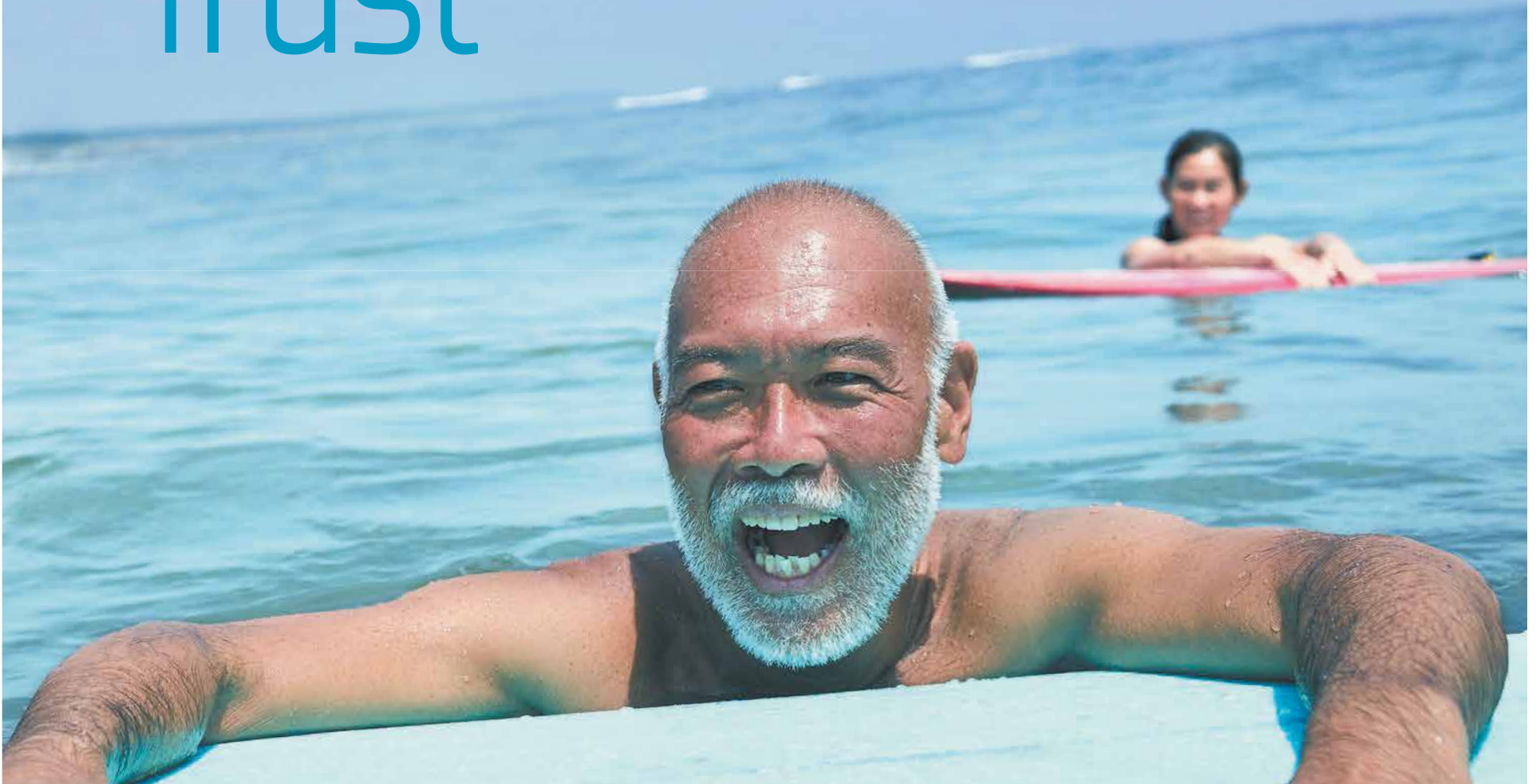


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