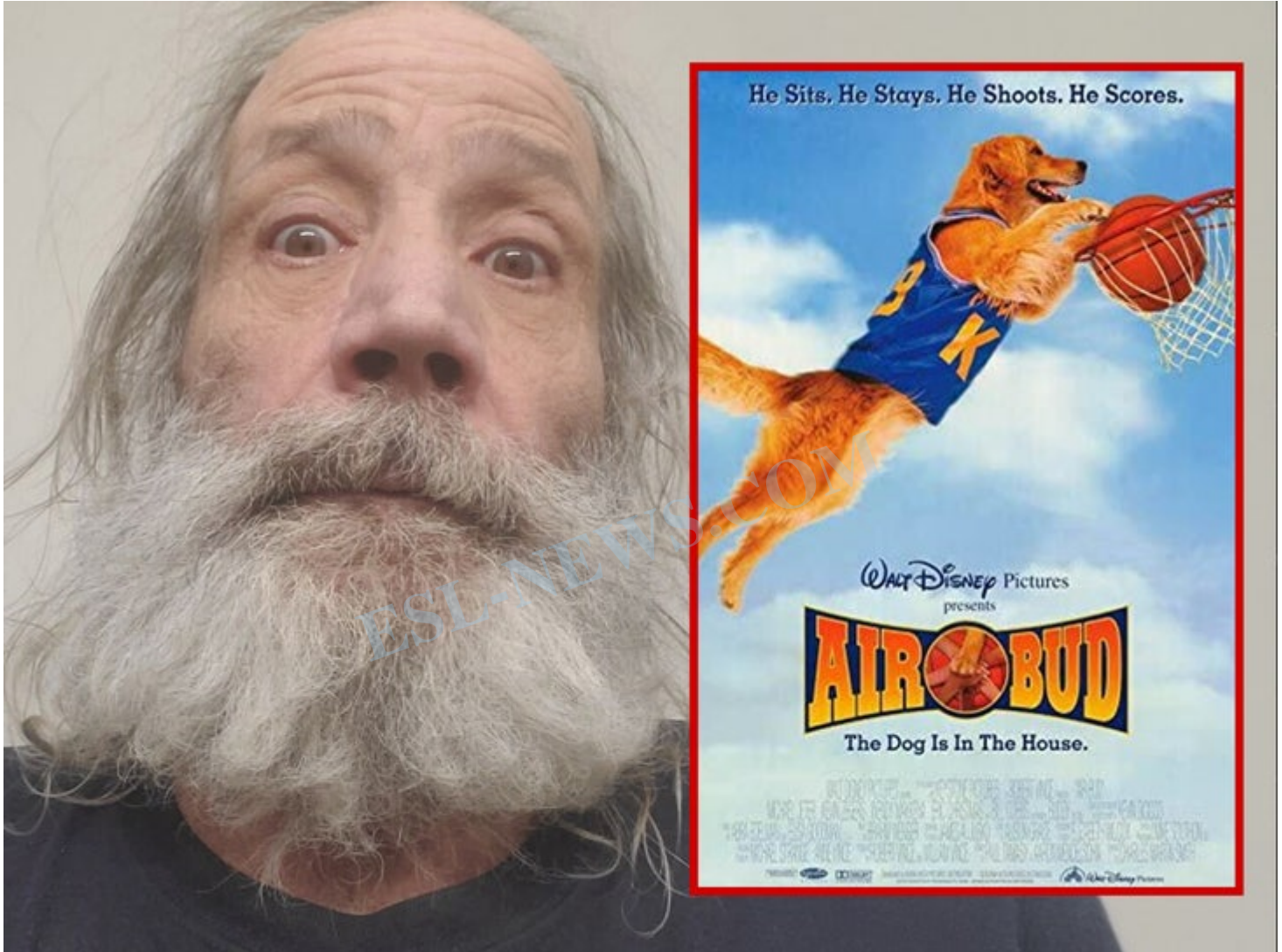


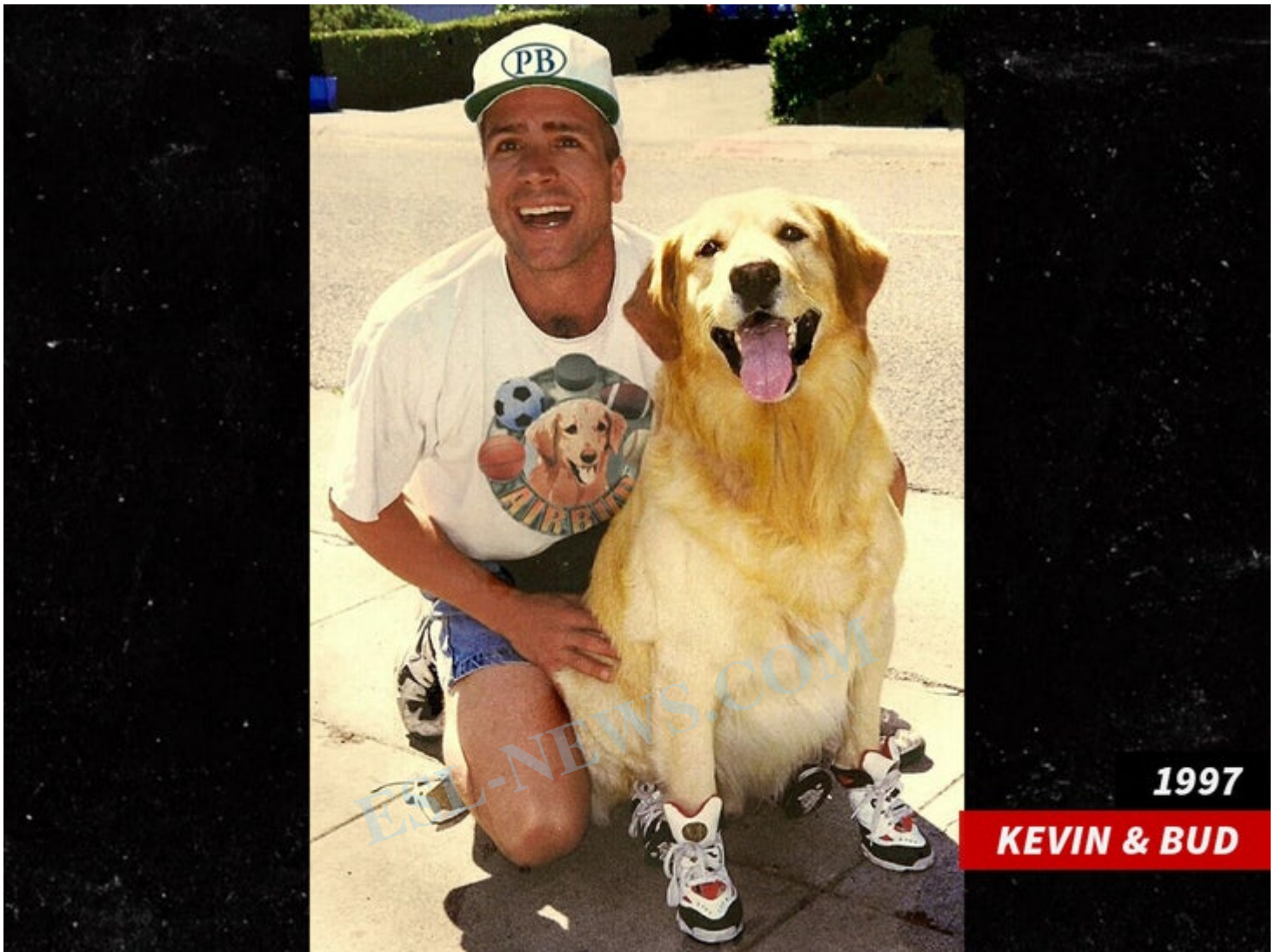
Creator of 'Air Bud' Faces Homelessness and Eviction

Description



In a heartbreaking turn of events, **Kevin DiCiccio**, once the proud owner of **Buddy**—the beloved canine star of the "Air Bud" film franchise—finds himself facing a precarious situation, as he grapples with homelessness and the imminent threat of being evicted from the shelter that has provided him refuge.

In an interview with TMZ, DiCiccio shared his despair, revealing that although he currently resides in a San Diego shelter, his 90-day stay is soon to conclude. With an uncertain future ahead, he expresses his fear of finding himself on the streets once more.



DiCiccio, who discovered the future star, Buddy, near his cabin in Yosemite, now faces the grim prospect of street life, exacerbated by significant health challenges.

Despite being credited with contributing to the creation of the "Air Bud" series—having collaborated on 11 films—DiCiccio laments that his financial recompense has been negligible for his pivotal role in these culturally significant productions under the Disney umbrella.

Kevin candidly recounts his descent into bankruptcy and a prolonged battle with depression, attributing his health issues, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), to his past use of medical marijuana, while firmly denying the use of any other narcotics.

According to the [Mayo Clinic](#), COPD is a persistent lung disorder arising from lung damage, leading to restricted airflow and significant breathing difficulties due to inflammation and swelling.

Following years of therapeutic intervention, Kevin managed to gain control over his depression and secured

a position managing a property in 2020; however, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic subsequently displaced him from his role.



Kevin's COPD necessitates the continuous use of oxygen, and the shelter's continued accommodation hinges primarily on his requirement for electrical power to operate his oxygen concentrator. Yet, the clock is ticking on his time there.

With no viable options remaining, Kevin finds himself in a dire situation, as the means to utilize his concentrator without access to electricity remain ambiguous. Fortunately, his friends have initiated a [GoFundMe](#) campaign, which has thus far garnered approximately \$3,000 of its ambitious \$200,000 goal.

Reluctantly, Kevin confesses that he had not wished to seek assistance in such a manner, yet facing dwindling prospects compels him to set aside his pride, hoping that ardent "Air Bud" enthusiasts might extend their generosity toward someone who has contributed significantly to their joy over the years.



Vocabulary List:

1. **Precarious** /prɪ'keəri.əs/ (adjective): Not securely held or in position; dependent on chance; uncertain.
2. **Beloved** /bɪ'lʌv.əd/ (adjective): Deeply loved.
3. **Lament** /lə'ment/ (verb): To express sorrow or regret aloud.
4. **Recompense** /'rekəmpens/ (noun): Compensation or reward given for loss or harm.
5. **Dwindling** /'dwɪn.dlɪŋ/ (adjective): Becoming gradually less or smaller.
6. **Ambiguous** /æm'brɪg.ju.əs/ (adjective): Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word describes a situation that is dangerously unstable or subject to chance?
Option: Beloved
Option: Precarious
Option: Vulnerability
Option: Enthusiastic
2. Which field of science deals with the effects detection and evaluation of poisons?
Option: Toxicology
Option: Regrets
Option: Abandonment
Option: Hemorrhaging
3. Which word describes a statement or situation that is not clear and can be understood in multiple ways?
Option: Ambiguous
Option: Anticipation
Option: Engagement
Option: Astonishment

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

4. He was filled with _____ for not having taken action earlier.
5. The new software is aimed at _____ communication between team members.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

6. The music had a haunting and sorrowful quality that evoked feelings of deep sadness.

7. In the debate the candidates presented contrasting views that were complete of each other.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Precarious 2. Toxicology 3. Ambiguous

Gap-Fill: 4. Regrets 5. Facilitating

Matching sentence: 1. Melancholic 2. Opposites

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