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Weekend Forecast Friday Sunny 62°/54° Saturday Partly Cloudy 61°/54° Sunday Sunny 63°/49°

Community Celebrates Season with Tree Lighting Ceremony



Tonight El Segundo will host the Tree Lighting Celebration in the City Hall Plaza and the Holiday Craft Boutique on the 300 block of Main Street. Local community groups will perform from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Holly and Main Street on the Showmobile. The tree lighting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Plaza. In addition, Santa will be available for pictures along with Holiday Barbie from Mattel. For more information, please call the El Segundo Recreation & Parks Department at 310-524-2700 or Farmers' Market Manager/Boutique Coordinator, Val Patterson at 310-615-2649. Seen here are Shayna and Barbie. Photo courtesy of Mattel.

Council Begins Search for New City Treasurer

By Brian Simon

Addressing last week's sudden resignation of City Treasurer Chris Powell, the El Segundo City Council on Tuesday night directed staff to prepare an information packet for distribution next week describing the duties and requirements of the position in hopes of finding a replacement. The Council has until January 25, 2013 to either call for a special June election to fill the vacancy or appoint a local resident (who must also be a registered voter) as the new Treasurer. In either case, that individual would serve the remainder of Powell's original four-year term through April 2014. Ralph Lanphere, who served as Treasurer for 12 years before retiring in April, will not be an option. Councilmember Marie Fellhauer said he told her he does not wish to return to the fold, but would be willing to assist the newcomer in getting acclimated. Councilmember Bill Fisher reported that several people interested in the position had already contacted him.

City Attorney Mark Hensley noted that a special election would cost the City at least \$60,000 and potentially over \$100,000, prompting the Council members to lean towards going the appointment route. However, the group did not make a final decision on the matter on Tuesday in order to leave its options open in case the initial pool of candidates who emerge during this open filing period don't happen to pass muster. The applicants to be interviewed will provide a professional resume listing their financial experience as well as a list of references for a background check. The Council will update the public on the process at its December 18 meeting.

In the final step to shave the City's future pension plan liability, the Council on Tuesday officially adopted a contract amendment with CalPERS to implement a second-tier retirement formula for "miscellaneous" employee new hires after having made the same move with other personnel groups. Existing employees will remain at a two percent at age 55 format (2% @ 55), but future hires who are lateral transfers from other PERS agencies will receive benefits of 2% @ 60. The new system will kick in on January 1, 2013. While the City won't

realize immediate savings from the revision due to an actuarial valuation process where fiscal impacts are not realized for two years, its employer rate reduction will occur gradually starting on July 1, 2015 if there are second tier employees hired on or before June 30, 2013.

The consent agenda included Council approval

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Rec and Parks Hopes New Sign-Up Process Goes Swimmingly

By Brian Simon

To address heavy demand and limited availability, residents interested in signing up for group swim lessons at The Plunge will now be on the same playing field (or pool, if you will), thanks to a new lotterybased registration system. The El Segundo Recreation and Parks Department will launch the new process on December 14, giving any applicants through December 29 to submit registration forms in person, by mail or by fax. All eligible forms will then be placed on a lottery list to be randomly drawn—thus allowing everyone an equal opportunity to register for a desired class. The upcoming season will also feature a significant number of additional aquatics classes in hopes of accommodating as many interested parties as possible.

According to Recreation Superintendent Meredith Petit, the impetus for the new system came from customer complaints about the sign-up process. "For instance, the first person in the registration line last season told us that she arrived at 6:30 in the morning for the doors to open at 9 a.m. to be one of the first customers served. However, when the people who come in

person to register are competing with those registering online, we typically run out of space before we are able to help more than a few customers at the front desk," Petit explained. "We are hoping that this new lottery system provides parents enough time to turn in their forms and fosters a fair and equitable process for everybody to have the same chance to get a class."

Recreation and Parks offers aquatics classes for all ages, starting with infants as young as six months old all the way up to seniors. The most popular group swim lessons are for the so-called Tadpoles, Frogs, Clownfish and Blowfish, comprised of kids between three and seven years of age. Overall, the fall 2012 season featured 45 classes with 256 participants, but also a waiting list with over 100 names on it. "With the upcoming winter 2013 season, we are increasing the number of classes to 83 for a total capacity of 527 spaces, increasing the opportunities by nearly 80 percent," Petit said.

Recreation and Parks structures group swim lessons so that a class meets twice a week for 25 minutes at a time over a

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Obituaries

Denise Mitchell

Denise (Mineer) Mitchell, 60, was born on March 7, 1952. Denise passed away on November 26, 2012 at her home in Overton, NV. She is survived by her husband, Ron Mitchell; son, Bryan Powell; daughter-in-law, Lynda Powell; grandchildren, Debbie Jenkins, Allison Rigdon and Tyler Powell; sisters and brother, Dianna Carson, Kathy Smith,

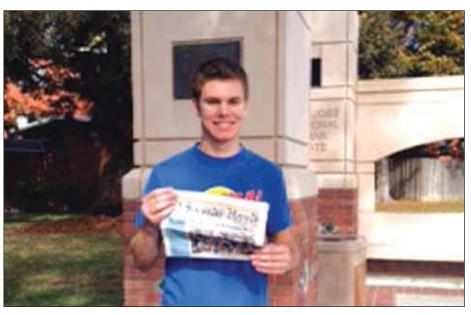


Sue McManus, Tony Leuty and numerous nieces and nephews. Denise graduated from El Segundo High School in 1970. She went

on to work at Wyle Labs in El Segundo for 17 years. Denise retired in 1996 and moved to Overton, NV in 1999. Denise will surely be missed by her friends and family during her favorite holiday, Christmas, as she loved singing Christmas carols. A celebration of her life will be held at Standard Station in El Segundo on December 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of

flowers, please make donations to the animal charities of your choice, as Denise was an avid animal lover.•

Herald In San Jose, California



The El Segundo Herald traveled to San Jose, Calif., where Rex Umbenhaur, 2012 El Segundo High School graduate, enjoys catching up on hometown news as he attends San Jose State University.

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Community Briefs

EL SEGUNDO ART ASSOCIATION PRESENTS WINTER SHOW

The El Segundo Art Association will be presenting its Winter Show at the El Segundo Library, Saturday, December 8 through January 3 during its open hours. Work by local artists and the surrounding area will be on display. The theme for this show is "Beautiful El Segundo". A reception will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Friends of the Library Room downstairs at the library. The library is located at 111 West Mariposa Avenue El Segundo, CA 90245. Please call the Reference Desk at 310-524-2728 for more information. You may also contact the association at www. elsegundoart.com or type in 'El Segundo Art Association' on Facebook.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS **CELEBRATE MOVEMBER**

Many El Segundo Middle School teachers celebrated Movember over the last several weeks. Similar to wearing a pink ribbon in support of breast cancer awareness, Movember seeks to bring awareness to the issues of men's health (including prostate cancer, heart disease, testicular cancer, etc) by encouraging people to wear a moustache during the month of November. Several of the male teachers and staff members grew moustaches, and many female teachers showed their support by wearing a necklace with a small wooden moustache. Additionally, several



ESMS members created online accounts through the Movember website and helped raise funds and collect donations aimed at directly combating men's health issues. For additional information, please check out the Movember website at: www.us.movember.com

SANTA COMES TO EL SEGUNDO STARTING MONDAY

The El Segundo Police Officers' Association and the El Segundo Kiwanis Club are once again assisting Santa Claus with his pre-Christmas visits to El Segundo this holiday season. Santa is scheduled to visit El Segundo from Dec. 10 through Dec.14 starting on the west side of the city. Santa will work his way east to Sepulveda each night. Police cars with lights, sirens, and music playing will signal Santa's arrival on your block. He is expected to begin each night at 5:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. The street schedule is as follows: Monday, Dec. 10 - West end of the city, east to Loma Vista Street; Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Loma Vista Street east to Main Street; Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Main Street east to Sheldon Street; Thursday, Dec. 13 – Sheldon Street east to Center Street; Friday, Dec. 14 - Center Street east to Sepulveda Street. In case of a rain out or a delay, two make-up days are scheduled: Monday, Dec. 17 and Tuesday, Dec. 18.

TREAT YOUR TREES: HAVE WE MET?

How many of us know the trees that stand in our yards and along our streets? If we are going to have a relationship with trees, we should call them by name. Beyond satisfying our curiosity, knowing how to identify trees has practical applications even if we are not



Arborists. We can look up one that we like on the Internet and learn about its space requirements and personality traits before planting. We can check on any special needs of trees we already have to give them the best possible care. We might also impress our walking buddies with this new found knowledge. Learn to identify trees by species at Tree Musketeers' Treat Your Trees workshops on Saturday Dec. 1st and 15th 10am-1pm. People who participate in each of five free Treat Your Trees workshops can earn a Tree Caregiver Certificate. Kids and adults can call Tree Musketeers at 310-322-0263 or email volunteers@treemusketeers.org to register.

CITY TREASURER RESIGNS, COUNCIL LOOKS TO FILL POSITION

City Treasurer Chris Powell resigned last week, citing "personal and family matters," almost eight months after running unopposed in April to assume the duties of the retired Ralph Lanphere. Prior to his election as City Treasurer, Powell served as Center Street School PTA President, was a School Board member for 14 years with four terms as President, and was a member of the El Segundo Education Foundation Investment Committee. Powell has also been a mainstay of the El Segundo Rotary Club for 15 years, serving at times as President and Treasurer over that period. He is a former El Segundo Chamber of Commerce Board member, with stints as President and Treasurer of that organization as well. In addition to serving on the City's Investment Advisory Committee, Powell also sat on the Capital Improvement Project Advisory Committee. The City Council members were expected to address the resignation at this past Tuesday night's meeting and decide whether to appoint the next Treasurer or hold a special election in June 2013. •

"Santa is coming to El Segundo"

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MONDAY DECEMBER 10TH

West end of the city, east to Loma Vista Street.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH

Loma Vista Street east to Main Street.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12TH

Main Street east to Sheldon Street.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 13TH

Sheldon Street east to Center Street.

Center Street east to Sepulveda Street.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14TH

In case of a rain out or a delay, two make-up days are scheduled: Monday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 18th.





This column serves as a community forum where local leaders volunteer to respond to faith and religious questions submitted by readers.

What is one of your favorite holiday traditions?

I love relaxing and watching a completely lit Chanuka Chanukiah (the correct name for the special nine candle Menorah candleabrum used on the holiday). Its warm glow and colorful candles really brighten up these dark and cold winter nights. Best wishes to all for a joyous, meaningful and good Chanuka, Christmas and Kwaanza.

 Rabbi Gary M. Spero Torrance, Cogregation Beth Torah

Swimming

from front page

three-week period. Classes typically take place Monday through Thursday, with up to two sets of lessons daily depending on the season.

Asked why those group swim lessons are so popular, Petit noted that many parents place a high priority on having their children learn to swim for safety reasons. "Being a beach town possibly even increases the importance placed on swimming skills," she said. "Additionally, aquatics programs build confidence, teach discipline, encourage socialization, and provide a good physical activity for people of all ages. Learning to swim at a young age helps to determine if the child has a particular interest in pursuing water sports in the future. Because we live in a climate in which kids can swim year-round, they are able to keep developing their skills throughout the year."

Petit also credited the growing popularity of group lessons to the quality of the teaching. "We have consistent, well-trained instructors who can cater to the individual needs of each child as he or she develops their skills," she said. "Certain teaching styles are better for some children and our instructors have built very good relationships with our customers that keep people coming back."

In addition to group swim lessons, The Plunge hosts classes for Aqua Zumba, Swimnastics, adult lap swim and water walking. The facility also offers recreational swimming and private swim lessons and is the "home pool" for the El Segundo Armada Youth Swim Team, Masters' Swim Team, and El Segundo High School Swim and Water Polo teams. "Seasonally, we also offer a junior lifeguard training program and water polo camps, and have occasional special events such as Dive-In Movies, the recent Plunge Takeover for middle school children, and the Underwater Eggstravaganza in the spring," added Petit.

To bolster the new schedule, Recreation and Parks worked cooperatively with the various pool user groups. As an example, during the fall the El Segundo High water polo team has a longer practice period than at other times of the year. "But when that sport is not in season, we are able to coordinate with them [water polo team] to get the youth swim lessons into the pool a little earlier," said Petit.

Recreation and Parks also just implemented the practice of pool-sharing so two separate programs can be scheduled concurrently to maximize space. This will allow additional group swimming lessons to take place on Saturdays starting in January while some private lessons go on simultaneously in a different section of the pool.

Speaking of the pool, Petit was pleased to report that the aging Plunge (the nickname for the longstanding Urho Saari Swim Stadium) is "operating status quo" as of the moment. "Our Public Works Department continues to provide routine maintenance to help prevent any unforeseen downtime," she said. "We have been fortunate to not need any major repairs in the recent past."

Planning and discussions to build a new, stateof-the-art aquatics facility in town featuring a competition pool have gone on for years, but still hinge on funding that is not yet available. Proponents of a new pool believe it will enhance competitive swimming by providing longer-distance swimming lanes, deeper water for water polo and diving, and more practice time and scheduling flexibility. Even so, The Plunge remains the key for Recreation and Parks. "For our department, the impact on the community at-large would be more realized in the increased opportunities for recreational aquatics programming at the existing facility," Petit said. "With the freed up space at The Plunge, we would be able to offer more programs for older adults, general fitness classes, swim lessons and more open recreation swim for youth."

As it stands, the pool is open from 5:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and from 5:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. So until a new facility gets built, The Plunge will remain the local hub for splashing activity and looks to be busier than ever. "With the new registration process coupled with the expansion of class offerings, we are confident that we will have happy customers and be able to accommodate more people in the aquatics programs," said Petit.

For more details please contact the Recreation and Parks Department Registration Office by visiting the Clubhouse, calling (310) 524-2362, or visiting the website for step by step instructions at www.ESRec.Org. •

<u>Calendar</u>

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.

- Holiday Tree Lighting presented by the El Segundo Recreation and Parks Department and Mattel, Inc., 3-7 p.m. at the City Hall Plaza and on Main St. For more information call (310) 524-2700 or visit www.ESRec.
- Job's Daughters Installation of Officers, 7 p.m., El Segundo Masonic Center, 520 Main St. For more information call (310) 322-8672

Saturday, December 8

• ES Art Assoc. Winter Show: "Beautiful El Segundo" Reception, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Library, 111 West Mariposa Ave. For more information call (310) 524-2728. Show runs through Jan 5, 2013.

Sunday, December 9

• Public Menorah Lightings, 5:30 p.m., Plaza El Segundo, in front of Anthropologie. Also Dec 13 at 5:30pm, at El Segundo City Hall, 350 Main St. For more information call (310) 214-4999

Monday, December 10

• Relay for Life Interested Parties Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave. For more information call (424) 222-2930 or email elsegundorelay@gmail.com.

UPCOMING

• Annual Community Christmas Dinner, Christmas Day from 12-2 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 339 Sheldon Street. Call (310) 524-2705 for reservations.

• First Baptist Church Evening Service, Sunday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m., 591 E. Palm Ave. All are invited. •

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Letters

DUBIOUS ENTERTAINMENT FOR FUNDRAISER

I was invited as a guest to the recent El Segundo Education Foundation Mom's Night Out and was surprised that a male stripper was part of the entertainment. Even if the stripper donated his services, this was extremely inappropriate for an education fundraiser. If the foundation allocated money to hire this stripper, this is a misuse of foundation's money and I would think twice about donating to the foundation.

– Karen Adelman

YELLOW JACKET GUARDIANS

Ever wondered who those yellow jackets are, safely helping your children across the street before and after school? Ever talk to them? Who are they, why are they doing this? What authority do they have? Who pays them? Who is responsible if an accident happens?

They are always there... noticed? They're there to protect our kids... to make sure cars respect "the crosswalk"... your kids...

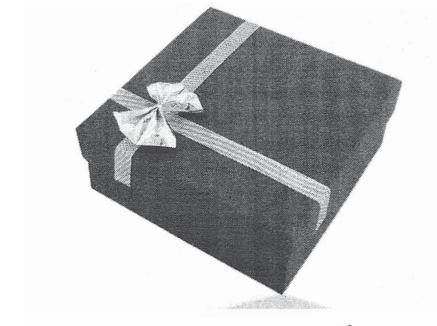
Pick up your kids from school walking and

you can "look through the glasses" of the crossing guard. You notice more chaos than you thought... cars parked in red zones, kids not wanting to wait, cars double parked in the middle of the street, happy kids, cars trying to get as close as possible to school no matter what... But also: crossing guards care about your kids; some even get encouragement.

Crossing guards are part of our picture; you would not want them not to be there. Yes, they are paid; they work for a crossing guard company. Who "controls" the crossing guards... ah... is it the police? Crossing guards have an "alarm-button" linked to the police? No, the police only regulate traffic. The school? No, they're only responsible for their parking lot. Crossing guards are paid indirectly by the city. Complicated?

Why I wrote this... to be aware and appreciative, to value our crossing guards, a reminder to respect traffic rules so that crossing guards can continue to do what they do best; help your kids safely across the street.

– Tarcis Verfaillie •



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<u>Police Reports</u>

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

One female adult was arrested at 0247 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI and DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One female adult was arrested at 0247 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for plain drunk in public.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1100 hours from the 400 block of Whiting Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 0005 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for vandalism and one IPD misdemeanor warrant.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

One female adult was arrested at 0248 hours from 1865 Manhattan Beach Boulevard for one outstanding misdemeanor ESPD warrant.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at 0739 hours from the 900 block of Pepper Street. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the passenger vehicle with an unknown object and took property.

A traffic accident with injuries occurred at 1804 hours at Rosecrans Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 2205 hours from the 500 block of Sheldon Street, vehicle versus fence.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

One male adult was arrested at 1216 hours from the 800 block of Virginia Street for one ESPD felony warrant.

A grand theft report was taken at 1641 hours from the 2100 block of Rosecrans Avenue. Known suspect purchased Lakers tickets then canceled payment after receiving the tickets.

A found property report was taken at 1748 hours from the 100 block of Sheldon Street. Found was a purple plastic piggy bank and one room key.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Petty theft report was taken at 0415 hours from the 1500 block of East Oak Avenue. A Christmas wreath was taken.

A contact with a minor to commit sexual offense report was taken at 0758 hours from the 200 block of Arena Street.

A criminal threats report was taken at 1212 hours from the 400 block of Lomita Street

A residential burglary report was taken at 1343 hours from the 100 block of Penn Street. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into residence through an opened sliding glass door and took a laptop.

Grand theft auto occurred from 11/27/12, 1530 hours to 11/28/12, 1436 hours in the 800 block of South Douglas Street. A 2012 Kia was taken.

An injury report was taken at 2302 hours from the 300 block of West Acacia Avenue. A female adult attempted to commit suicide.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Dead body report was taken at 1240 hours from the 600 block of East Holly Avenue. An elderly male passed away at the location.

One male adult was arrested at 1804 hours from Wilmington Avenue and 109th Street in Los Angeles for grand theft, possession of stolen property, and possession of burglary tools.

An online identity theft report was taken at 1245 hours from the 200 block of West Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) made fraudulent purchases on the victim's credit

Petty theft report was taken at 1953 hours on 11/26/12 from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Taken was an Apple iPod Touch valued at \$195.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 0121 hours at Concord Street and El Segundo Boulevard, vehicle versus light pole.

One male adult was arrested at 0522 hours from Concord Street and El Segundo Boulevard for felony DUI.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0738 hours from the 200 block of Coral Circle. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into a storage shed by cutting the lock. Taken were two televisions, five cameras and other miscellaneous items.

One male adult was arrested at 1100 hours from the 500 block of West Holly Avenue for domestic violence.

An online lost property report was taken at 0533 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. A black Apple iPhone was lost at the location.

An online lost property report was taken at 0730 hours from the 2000 block of East Imperial Highway. A beige Blackberry phone was lost at the location.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

One male adult was arrested at 0759 hours from Gardena PD for one El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 2149 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue for misdemeanor DUI. •

Council

El Segundo High School volunteers and the

to repave Aviation Boulevard from 116th Street down to Rosecrans Avenue. Though the City originally contracted for work just to El Segundo Boulevard, the bid for the project came under budget and left additional Prop C monies to fund the additional area. The Council also granted a request from the El Segundo PTA Council to be included under the City's permit to hang a banner across Sepulveda to publicize next year's Run For Education event and to extend the race from a 5K to a 10K. The PTA agreed to pay for the banners and to reimburse for associated staff hours since the City does not have additional budget money available.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Council recognized long-time local resident Karl Jacobs as the El Segundo Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Year for his efforts in assisting and enhancing law enforcement activities. An RSVP since June 2009, Jacobs not only worked his assigned hours but contributed additional time for special events such as the El Segundo Little League Parade, Tree Musketeers' Arbor Day, two dozen participating homeowners for their contributions to the event.

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A third proclamation recognized this Sunday's Holiday Parade, which will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. along Main Street, starting at Imperial Avenue and proceeding south to El Segundo Boulevard. The theme of the 49th annual event is "Let it Snow" and this year's festivities will feature the most entries ever, according to Parade Chair Julie Warner. Also noted, several pre-parade events will take place today (Thursday, December 6), including Santa's Village at City Hall Plaza, Farmer's Market and Holiday Craft Fair on Main Street (3 p.m.), the Annual Tree Lighting Celebration in the Plaza from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and the El Segundo Chamber Holiday Mixer at Citizens Business Bank at 5:30.

The Council issued a commendation in honor of the annual El Segundo Community Christmas Dinner that will take place on December 25 at noon. Originally conceived by Old Town Music Hall co-founder the late Bill Coffman

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Elderfest and Fourth of July Celebration. He also assists the Crime Prevention Unit with various functions and suggested a handout that could be placed in vehicles describing "how to properly display a handicap placard" to help those who did not do so properly. Jacobs' proclamation noted that he "never fails to come to work with an eagerness to help with any request, and makes invaluable contributions to the RSVP and our community with enthusiasm and support."

In another proclamation, the Council announced that the annual Candy Cane Lane festivities on the 1200 block of East Acacia will kick off at 7 p.m. on December 8 and continue every evening through December 23. Started by resident Ken Bailey in 1949, Candy Cane Lane attracts thousands of visitors each year to see how homeowners decorate and light up their properties to showcase a winter wonderland. Other highlights include Santa Claus arriving on top of a horn-blowing fire truck, a snow-covered Christmas village at the end of the cul-de-sac, and music from the El Segundo Community Band. The proclamation also singled out Mattel, Spring Cleaners, South Bay Vital Signs, RSVPs, in 1983 to provide a holiday meal for those less fortunate, the dinner will again take place at the Joslyn Center as it has for the past 24 years. This year, KJ's Diner and Restaurant will donate food and preparation, with additional cuisine from Paul Martin's Grille and the Double Tree Hotel. Natural Simplicity will again provide floral arrangements. The commendation also noted the volunteer efforts of Mark and Marcia Marion and the Recreation and Parks Department Outreach Office. In accepting the commendation, Mr. Marion noted that the dinner will feed 100 people and include 25 home-delivered meals.

Finally, Megan Berry from the Los Angeles Chapter Muscular Dystrophy Association reported that El Segundo firefighters collected \$17,207 over three days for the fourth annual Fill-the-Boot Campaign that will sponsor 21 children in Los Angeles County with muscular dystrophy to go to a week-long summer camp. The firefighters, who volunteered their time during days off, gathered at the corners of Sepulveda and El Segundo boulevards and Sepulveda and Grand from early morning through lunchtime on November 12, 14 and 16.

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SPORGS

Sports

Eagles Girls' Basketball Preview

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo High School girls' basketball program has made great strides, especially in the past six years. That's when head coach Kelly Evans started her coaching career. Evans, who was a standout guard for the Eagles 10 years ago, started out as an assistant to Mark Doering for her first two years. When Doering stepped down, Evans took over the program.

Evans' passion is not only to coach and teach basketball to players, but instill good qualities in her players. She recognizes that teams her squad faces can be a challenge outside of the Pioneer League because they are private schools that are able to recruit players. The opposing league schools are much larger in most cases and have smaller pool of players from which to draw. So although the Lady Eagles may not have the cream of the crop in terms of basketball players, they will be disciplined with a good work ethic and team cohesiveness. Those, Evans says, will be valuable assets when her players leave her program.

Coach Evans says that this year's team will not rely on one player, but rather it will be a team effort from start to finish. For the past four years, Lauren Sato was the scoring machine that the Eagles leaned on every game. Sato averaged nearly 20 points for her career and broke her coach's (Kelly [Geis] Evans) record for scoring in one game (52). That will change now and Evans says that the scoring will be more distributed.

This year's team will consist of experience

and youth that will have to rely on speed and depth. "We aren't a big physical team-so we'll play to our strengths, which is our quickness," Evans says. The Lady Eagles will use their improved ball-handling skills to push the ball up the court and run an uptempo offense. Their hope is to run opposing teams ragged and get into position for easy layups or open shots.

The Eagles' roster has just one senior on it and Stephanie Gee returns as one of the team's captains. Gee was the second leading scorer for the Eagles a year ago. She figures to improve on her eight points per game average and take over as the mentoring senior for the younger players. Evans will lean on Gee's experience as a four-year letterman and a three-year starter to guide the team.

Kayla Kigawa, a junior, is another returnee and this two-year starter figures to be an integral part in the offense. She is a definite three-point threat and has improved the defensive portion of her game.

Myia Mosley gives the Eagles a legitimate rebounder. A year ago, she was second on the team in rebounding on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court. Evans says that Mosley can play with anyone under the basket. At nearly 5'10" Mosley is the tallest starter, but she plays much taller.

Sophomore forward Sarah Chang returns and should be another threat to put up some big scoring numbers. More importantly, Chang learned to get inside position as a freshman to lead the team in rebounding.

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Frankly Plank

Duane Plank

Hunkered down at the mansion watching a pathetic Sunday night football offering-the Philly Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys. East Coast programming little minds keep bombarding us with their thoughts about amusing games. And they continue to fail.

Monday Night Football involving Carolina and Philadelphia. Really? Even some of the moronic

they will all be on good behavior during their stay in El Paso. Sure they will.

And gotta mention the UCLA Bruins, who came oh-so-close to making a trip to the Rose Bowl, whenever they are playing that game this year. Used to be on January 1, right? But now it is all about exploiting the cash cows, so these games are spread out forever. Whatever. Not going to change things back cuz Plank

"So was very happy to see my Rams take the 49ers down in OT on Sunday."

Eagle fans have to have given up the fight by now, right? No more Andy Reid as coach and the dog-slayer Mike Vick is hopefully done. Dude wasn't all that good in Atlanta and then murdered the defenseless dogs. Resurrected his career in Philly, but did he, really? How many playoff games did the dog-killer win?

Course the guy who replaced the dog-killer at the QB position can't play either. Dude named Foles. Horrible. May even be worse than USC quarterbacks Matt Cassel and Mark Sanchez. Or Matt Leinart. Or Carson Palmer. Proud litany of signal-callers out there on Figueroa.

Speaking of adios, as written on these very pages weeks ago, embattled SC Trojan coach Lane "Sir Lanecelot" Kiffin shoot-canned his dad as defensive co-coordinator late last week. Has to be tough to tell your old man to take a hike--that you may have to take the hit for your son who obviously can't coach at this level.

Kiffin was handed the keys to the Cadillac, the numero uno-ranked team in the country in August. And proceeded to bring home a 7-5 squad that will play some useless bowl game in El Passout, Texas on New Year's Eve. Nice place to send the Trojan faithful, eh? Sure that

would rather watch all of the important games on January 1.

The Bruins and their dynamic young QB Brett Hundley will be traversing down to America's finest self-proclaimed city and play in the Holiday Bowl a few days before the Trojans and their fans spit up on themselves somewhere down in Texas.

So was very happy to see my Rams take the 49ers down in OT on Sunday. Two games with one of the best teams in the NFC yielded a tie and win. Still bored watching coach Jeff Fisher try to win every game by micromanaging the clock and hoping some 20-ish-year-old kid can kick miraculous field goals.

But the kid, Greg Zuerlein, not only tied the game at the end of regulation with a 50-plus-yard bomb, but sealed the deal in OT by barely sliding in a 54-yard kick.

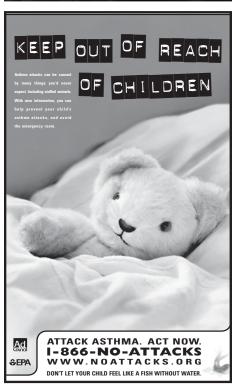
Course all of the football nonsense pales when it is framed by tragedy that occurred when Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher murdered his girlfriend and then cowardly off'd himself in front of his coach and GM on some dirty pavement in Kansas City last Saturday...•



Paige Endo could be one of the top freshman players in the area. $\label{eq:paige} % \begin{subarray}{ll} \end{subarray} \begin{subarray}$











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> Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. NS026133

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES Petition of: DANIEL CARLOS for Change

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DANIEL CARLOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DANIEL CARLOS to DANIEL DEL MURO

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing:

Date: 12/21/12, Time: 8:30 A.M., Dept.: 11 The address of the court is 415 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD, LONG BEACH CA 90802

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: EL SEGUNDO HERALD Date: NOV. 06, 2012

ROSS M. KLEIN Judge of the Superior Court El Segundo Herald: 11/29, 12/6, 12/13,

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In re **PATRICIA ANNE HOWELL TRUS**T created January 14, 2002 by Patricia Anne Howell Decedent.

> NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROB C §19050)

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the abovenamed decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at Los Angeles, and mail or deliver a copy to Catalina Reyes, as trustee of the trust dated January 14, 2002, of which the Decedent was the settlor, at 1351 McColleen Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026, within the later of 4 months after date of first publication of notice to creditors or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code §19103. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested

Catalina Reyes, as Trustee of PATRICIA ANNE HOWELLTRUST, under Declaration of Trust dated January 14, 2002

3855 Hellman Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90032 El Segundo Herald: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/2012.

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PROPOSED ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FEES (ESMC § 4-8-8)

NEW ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT \$778.00

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT RENEWAL \$302.00

The purpose of this hearing is to hear testimony of all interested parties for the purpose of considering fees and charges

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A copy of the Schedule of Fees and Charges for City Services will be available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk of El Segundo located in City Hall at 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, ten days before the hearing.

To be published in the El Segundo Herald, December 6, 2012 and December 13, 2012.

Cathy Domann Deputy City Clerk City of El Segundo (310) 524-2306

El Segundo Herald: 12/6, 12/13/2012.

Fictitious Business 2012221805

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STUDIO M ARTISAN JEWELRY. 138 WHITING STREET, #E, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Marguerite Hughes, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 06, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

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> Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012233945

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. SAGA. 2. SAGA ARCHITECTURE. 333 MAIN STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed February 28, 2006. Signed: Frank Glynn Architect Professional Corporation, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 26, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement es on November 26 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 26, 2017. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ. Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: November 29, 2012 and December 06, 13, 20, 2012. H-828.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012229855

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as XTIONSAX. 1. 612 WHITING STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 2 POST OFFICE BOX 3324, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed September 1, 2012. Signed: Barbara Tron, Individual. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 16, 2012.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012236873

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(310) 524-2306 El Segundo Herald: 12/6, 12/13/2012.

Fictitious Business 2012230889

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TMO LOGISTICS. 1.711 W. ACACIA AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 2. P.O. Box 3334, El Segundo, Ca 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Logistics Support Network, Inc., President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 19, 2012.

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Fictitious Rusiness 2012228571

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GPA CONSULTING. 231 CALIFORNIA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Galvin Preservation Associates Inc., President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 15, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

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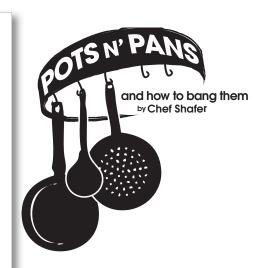
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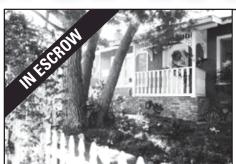


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Easy and Affordable Ways to Spruce Up Your Space

(ARA) - When seasons change, it's also a good time to change out and update your home decor. Time and budget don't always allow for a complete overhaul, so here are some easy and affordable ways to rejuvenate your home.

REUSE, REPAINT, REUPHOLSTER

When you think creatively, it's easy to give old belongings new life. Paint wooden frames or potted plant holders with new, bold colors to quickly add a hint of color to any area. Reupholster pillows with patterned fabric to liven up any room. Many craft stores sell scrap fabric for a fraction of the price. Or, spend even less when you repurpose gently used clothes by turning them into custom pillowcases.

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One of the reasons decor can feel worn and dated is simply because it's familiar to you. And, wall decor is one area that can be particularly pricey to update. An easy way to renew interest in existing mirrors and art is by switching their location in the home. Once it has been relocated to another room, you'll find a new appreciation for something that's been overlooked for years.

CREATE FOCAL POINTS

Affordable accessories are a simple way to update your space and help create focal points and pops of color throughout each room. Consider hanging different-sized picture frames together in clusters above a large piece of furniture, like a table, sofa or bed. Grouping frames creates one piece of eye-catching artwork to spark conversation. For a more vibrant look, paint frames in

various bright colors. For a sophisticated look, stick with a uniform color of all white or black.

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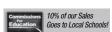
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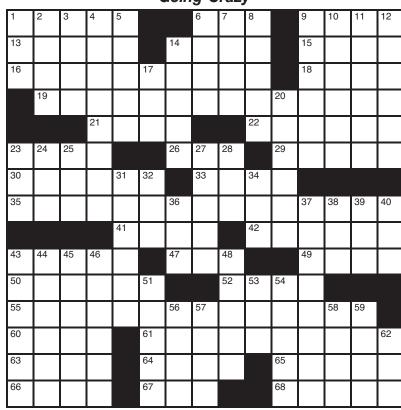
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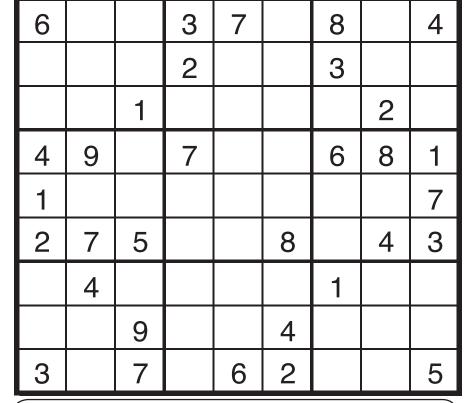
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City's Notification System Helps Capture Felon

By Cristian Vasquez

On November 7, El Segundo Police Department officers responded to a stabbing that took place on the 100 block of Center Street. By the time officers arrived, the suspect had fled, setting off a search that was aided by the department's mass notification to the public about the suspected criminal at large. Several minutes later, a business located on the 2200 block of E. Maple Avenue that received the notification called police to report an individual matching the description, allowing officers to arrest the fleeing suspect.

Everbridge, the mass notification system to disseminate information that led to the capture of the suspect, is just one of several resources used by the department to ensure the community's safety. In this case, using Everbridge resulted in the almost immediate apprehension of a suspected violent criminal who was charged with attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, burglary and petty theft.

"Even though we knew who he was, our fear was that someone would fall victim to more crimes--and it turns out that in this case, more people did fall victims to other crimes," El Segundo Police Department Captain Bob Turnbull said. "He was out of our city, at the farthest northeast border on Aviation and Imperial. We got lucky because we received the call from that business and it was only because he was informed through our emergency notification program."

Everbridge alerts businesses and residents alike of emergency situations unfolding in the community through a reverse 911 directory that allows a mass phone call to go out describing the situation at hand. The program allows the department to pick a geographical area to send the message or it can simply disseminate the notification to the entire city if necessary.

"In this case we had a fleeing felon with a weapon that was in the area and we didn't know if he was contained within a certain geographic area, so we decided to send out a mass notification to all residents and businesses," El Segundo Police Department Lieutenant Raymond Garcia said. "That notification indicated that there was a crime that occurred in our city and it gave a description of the suspect, what he was wearing and why we were looking for him."

The department also has the ability to take similar steps in nonemergency situations through a program known as Nixel. However, in order for the department to be able reach residents and business owners through Nixel, residents and business owners must opt to be part of that notification system. For Nixel, residents can visit the police department's website where people can register to receive routine notifications that don't necessarily rise to the level of emergency. Persons interested must provide an e-mail address and contact number as to where they would like the message delivered, such as a cell phone or regular landline.

"We had an accident over by Chevron with four people in the car and we had a road closure. Those are types of notifications that we will put out through Nixel," Captain Turnbull said. "We can tell residents we have a road closure and when the roads open again, we will notify everyone that is opening up. The other day we put up a message on Nixel because it was brought to our attention that Prius cars are now being targeted for certain parts--whether it be airbags or side view mirrors, they are becoming costly and people are getting ripped off. It is a cyclical kind of theft, kind of like the catalytic converters were several years ago. They become epidemics."

On the City's webpage residents can access Alert El Segundo, powered by Everbridge, which allows them to receive notifications about emergency situations. Residents can sign up for alerts and manage their profiles based on cell phones, family plans, with a preference in the manner in which messages are received. To receive Nixel notifications, residents can visit the department's webpage, on the bottom lefthand corner. Both of these systems are part of the department's efforts to remain interactive in emergency and nonemergency situations with El Segundo and surrounding communities.

"When we post to Nixel, it automatically goes to Facebook and it automatically goes to Twitter. So if someone is a Facebook person, then they befriend the page and receive information," Captain Turnbull said. "Our press releases all go out through Nixel and the cool thing about Nixel is that I can sign up to a specific police department or I can sign up for a zip code. I can put in 90045 and get Westchester updates. I can put in 90250 and receive Hawthorne updates. That way, you kind of know what is going on. Torrance is very active putting out advisories and they have a great PR department. In my profession, it is nice to know what people are doing around you. You need to know what types of crimes are occurring in the surrounding communities. We use it to better ourselves and to provide a better service to our community."

So far the response from the community has been positive and the department continues to seek ways to keep citizens engaged and informed. "A lot of times residents and business owners want to know about street closures, they want to know why helicopters are flying overhead and the things that are happening routinely every day," Lieutenant Garcia said. "For them to obtain that information directly to cell phones, their smart phones or on their computers is simply great."

Captain Turnbull added, "The great thing about things like Facebook, Nixel and social media in general, is that they are devices and tools that we are able to use on a daily basis. Whether it is an emergency or not, it is there to provide a service to our community." •

D-Fenders Victorious Over Stampede In Season Opener

The Los Angeles D-Fenders opened their 2012-13 season with a 112-98 victory over the Idaho Stampede on Wednesday night at Toyota Sports Center. Guided by new head coach Reggie Theus, the D-Fenders limited the Stampede to just 35.4 percent shooting to improve to 5-1 overall in regular season openers. in 15 points, seven rebounds, three steals and three blocks off the bench for the D-Fenders (1-0). Additionally, Courtney Fortson (14 points, 7 assists), Robert Sacre (10 points, 13 rebounds), who was assigned from the Lakers earlier today, and Jarrid Famous (10 points, 8 rebounds) all registered double-digit scoring

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Lakers assignee Darius Johnson-Odom totaled a game-high 30 points (11-15 FG, 5-7 3FG), six rebounds and four assists, Orien Greene tallied 25 points (10-16 FG), four rebounds and three assists, and Gary Flowers pitched efforts in the win.

The Stampede (0-1) were paced by Durrell Summers (21 points, 8 rebounds, 5 steals), Justin Harper (18 points, 4 rebounds), and Justin Holiday (15 points, 6 rebounds) in their season opening contest. Meanwhile, Sean Evans added 11 points, a game-high 14 rebounds and two blocks, former D-Fender and Laker player Coby Karl recorded 10 points and six assists, and Jai Lucas posted 10 points and five assists in the loss.

The win marked the third consecutive victory and the sixth win in seven games (dating back to January 14, 2012) for Los Angeles over Idaho.

The D-Fenders next embark on a three-game road trip beginning this Friday that includes games against Maine, Springfield and Bakersfield before returning home on December 7th. Tipoff for the game on Friday versus Maine is slated for 7 pm ET. Follow all the action live online on www.d-league.com. •

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Her skill level as a player has only gotten better and she should be one of the Eagles' statistical leaders.

Rounding out the starting lineup will be freshman guard Paige Endo. She might be short in stature at 5'1', but don't let that fool you into thinking she can't play. She played for a travel all-star team during the summer that competed all over the country. She was one of the top freshman guards to play at the Nike National Invitational. Endo's ball-handling skills and quickness on defense will help spell success.

Sophomore guard Sydney Hongo is a returnee who played in nearly every game as a freshman. She is set to come off the bench as the sixth player, but could crack the starting five at anytime. She gives the Eagles another speedy guard with exceptional ball-handling skills.

Nonoguchi will be in the back-up point guard role and her knowledge of the game, passing abilities and energy and fearlessness on defense will be a spark off the bench.

Morgan is Stephanie Gee's younger sister. She is still learning the game, but looking to be a bright spot on defense with her long frame. Adams has a great basketball IQ and is like a sponge when it comes to learning the game. Coach Evans is looking for her to be a great rebounder and make smart plays offensively. Finally, Euyoque may be the best athlete on the team and has all the potential in the world, according to her coach. However, she has an injury to her shooting hand that will keep her out until January.

Evans doesn't believe that throwing the balls out and letting her players scrimmage or just shoot free throws during practice is the

"The Lady Eagles will use their improved ball-handling skills to push the ball up the court and run an up-tempo offense. Their hope is to run opposing teams ragged and get into position for easy layups or open shots."

Lisa Chen is the other junior on the team that will lend her varsity knowledge to this roster. Though she had limited playing time as a sophomore, Chen will challenge to break into the starting lineup.

Arianna Anderson is another sophomore who will be making a much-needed contribution to an undersized team. She has developed nicely into an all-around player, especially on the defensive end. She had nearly three times as many defensive rebounds as on the offensive end of the court a year ago.

Four other freshmen have made the roster, including Hannah Nonoguchi, Morgan Gee, Quinn Adams and Melissa Euyoque. Though their limited high school basketball experience will be apparent, they have all solidified their positions on the team. Each will bring a measure of quality and specialty to the team. Overall they figure to push the starters to get better while earning playing time themselves.

way to improve. She has brought in a skills coach to help teach technique and develop the basics. This includes passing and dribbling under pressure and defense as well as other areas that get overlooked until you get into a game. This is where Jamie Hagiya comes in a couple times a week to work with the team on special skills and drills.

Evans likes her team's chances, but is guarded on how it will do. The team finished 15-13 overall a year ago and went to the playoffs. El Segundo ended up losing its last five games, including a first round CIF Southern Section Division IV-AA game to one of the top-seeded teams.

The Lady Eagles started their season this past Tuesday in the St. Monica Tournament that ends on Saturday. They will host their own tournament starting Tuesday, December 18 through Saturday, December 22. After Christmas, the Eagles compete in the Cantwell Tournament from December 26-31. •



Sophomore forward Sarah Chang will help lead a young team.

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