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ESHS Band Blows Away Competition



ESHS Marching Band won first place again this past weekend at the Capistrano Valley Competition. They are now ranked second going into the last month of competitions. This coming weekend the Field Show Tournament is in Huntington Beach. The Southern California Judging Association State Championship Finals are on Nov 15 and Nov 22 is the Championship Tournament in Huntington Beach. In the photo: John Allen and Kaitlyn Bishay, Color Guard captains, accepting the first place award. Behind them are Steven Moody and Julia Sison, Drum Majors, Alec Veloz, Bass Drum Captain, Joanna Zilk, Pit Captain and Nate Vinzon, Drumline Captain. Photo by Mai Lee.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments: Providing Programs, Saving Money

By Brian Simon

While there are many benefits to autonomy, collaboration with one's neighbors can pay also major dividends. Such is the case when it comes to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)—a 19-year-old joint powers authority comprised of 16 municipalities (plus Los Angeles County) that work together to advocate for regional projects and programs they would be hard-pressed to implement through individual efforts alone. As just a few recent examples of its ongoing mission to protect overall South Bay interests, the SBCCOG negotiated with utility partners to assure policies and actions are fair to cities, advanced city sustainability programs, lobbied the Public Utilities Commission to put the spotlight on South Bay infrastructure reliability programs, and prevented the South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) from paying for a \$100 million Crenshaw Rail Project overrun.

The SBCCOG also provides cost-effective programs that save cities money now and in the future—with energy efficiency and transportation two of the major focus areas outlined in the agency's 2014/15 work program. On the energy side, cities working with the SBCCOG have realized significant general fund savings over the last five years through various utility incentives that also improve the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Just looking at the Herald Publications group of cities (El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale and Torrance), those municipalities reported combined annual savings of nearly \$500,000 and reduced emissions by over 2,100 tons collectively as a result of SBCCOG collaboration. Other regional offerings include energy audits and advice, training, energy action plans, energy leader programs, holiday light exchanges, municipal direct installs, and

quarterly reports so each city can monitor energy efficiency. Municipal direct install—a program for government and non-profit facilities that can cut energy costs by up to 30 percent through on-site energy audits and installation of energy-saving equipment—has already provided well over \$200,000 in combined upfront cost and annual savings for Hawthorne, Lawndale and Torrance. El Segundo and Inglewood also recently joined this program and expect to shave some of their yearly expenditures as a result.

Water conservation programs include Cash for Kitchens, California-friendly landscape training workshops, high-efficiency toilet exchanges, water reliability educational presentations, and

water leak detection (El Segundo and Inglewood were two of four cities receiving grants totaling \$408,000 to address this issue). The SBCCOG also collaborates on climate action plans for the individual cities.

On the transportation side, the SBCCOG fosters the application and funding processes for \$906 million in Measure R (the countywide half-cent sales tax passed by voters) monies earmarked for the SBHP. This led to over \$5 million in Measure R monies allocated for completed transportation projects in El Segundo (Maple Avenue to Parkview Avenue improvements), Hawthorne (Rosecrans arterial

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School Board Welcomes New Director of Human Resources

By Duane Plank

With no special presentation, discussion, or information pending action items on the agenda, the Tuesday night School Board meeting of the El Segundo Unified School District School Board kicked-off with a pre-meeting reception for Dylan Farris, the new district Executive Director of Human Resources.

The consent agenda of the 35-minute meeting featured the approval of a High School softball field trip; two assemblies slated to take place at Center Street Elementary; a Preschool parent education night; the approval of a contract to provide iPad training for Center Street teachers; the approval of a pediatric CPR and first aid training for pre-school teachers and para-educators; and a contract with VoxDJs to provide entertainment at last night's Middle

School Halloween dance.

The High School varsity softball team is scheduled to travel north to Santa Maria from April 9-11, to take part in the Pioneer Valley softball tournament. The approximate cost of the trip for students and advisors is \$350, and is expected to be paid for with softball donations, High School ASB club funds, and other donations.

Center Street Elementary will be hosting two assemblies in the spring of 2015. On March 25, the Music Center Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre of New Zealand will present a double-assembly for the students at a cost of \$2,100. The assembly performance is expected to bring to life the heritage of the Maori people, and feature tribal music and dance, with the performers decked-out in hand-crafted, traditional costumes.

See School Board, page 13

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy
68°/58°



Saturday

Partly Cloudy
65°/53°



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
70°/53°



Obituaries

Patricia Ann Booterbaugh

On Oct. 22nd, 2014, Patti Booterbaugh, left her earthly body and entered eternity.

Patti was born in St. Louis, MO on July 1, 1944. As a young woman she migrated to the California coast where she fell in love with the ocean breeze and sunshine. Here she grew roots and spent her entire adult life ~ forever a California girl!

Patti's jovial, free spirit adventured through life bringing instant joy that sparkled through her eyes and sweet smile. Between frequent visits to kids & grandkids, Patti was tough to keep up with; she played the ukulele; sailed the Pacific; hiked; camped; enjoyed theater, movies, music and dance; learned to speak Italian; tended to organic gardens in the Italian countryside; knitted heartfelt gifts; and most of all made every person she knew feel like they were her favorite. She loved deeply and unconditionally, like her Lord Jesus Christ, and often thanked her "guardian angels" for working overtime through her moments of mischief.

Patti brought just as much life and light to the workplace. From her days as a flight attendant with Western Airlines, then growing into management positions with CalFed S&L and Ralphs Groceries, to her last "gig" after retirement



at the ultimate adventurer's spot REI, Patti shared openheartedly her gifts of service with joy and fun.

Patti's young life of 70 years ended unexpectedly after battling with an aggressive and fast growing form of ovarian cancer. Rather than begin a long treatment path after major surgery, the Lord took her home to Heaven where she is free and bounding once again.

She leaves a rich heritage of love behind her, survived by her beloved parents Allan & Jane Porteous (age 97!); her sister Carol Jaquess; three daughters: Janey Miley & husband Dave, Chelsea Drake & husband Troy, Jennifer Booterbaugh; and her #1 son, Michael Booterbaugh & wife Naomi. Patti will forever be "the best Gramma ever" to 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren!

All are welcome to join us for a Celebration of Patti's life, officiated by her son-in-law Troy Drake of Calvary Chapel Meridian, Idaho on Saturday Nov. 1st, 3:30 pm at the Neptunian Women's Club @ 920 Highland Ave. Manhattan Beach, 90266.

Memorial donations can be made to:
<http://ovarian.org/>
<http://www.ocrf.org/>
<http://www.stjude.org/>

School Spotlight

A Picture's Worth A Thousand Words: the Skechers Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk

By Cece Stewart, Sophomore at ESHS
Photos by CeCe Stewart, unless otherwise noted.

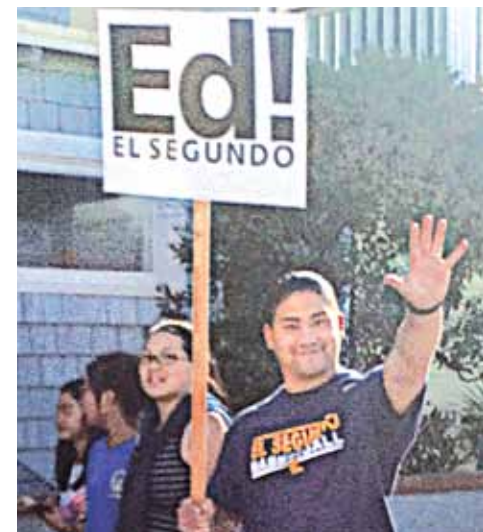
A picture's worth a thousand words, and so I hope you will enjoy the picture story below of the SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friend-

list, but special notation to Skechers and the Friendship Circle and Nickelodeon the leading sponsors of the event.

All of the ES teams enjoyed a sunny, picture-perfect California day, starting at the Manhattan Beach Pier where Tommy



(L-R) Carol Pirsztuk, Ed! Foundation; Dr. Melissa Moore, El Segundo Schools Superintendent; Laura Gabel, El Segundo School Board President; and Gilda Dyckman, PTSA President. Photo by Hannah Gable.



ESHS history teacher Mr. Ito supported the El Segundo Ed! Foundation.

ship Walk held on October 26, 2014, which raised (as of press time) \$1,097,156 for the purpose of supporting children with special needs in the South Bay!

This year a record breaking 15,000 people participated in the walk, and El Segundo was well represented with seven teams: Center Street School, El Segundo ED Foundation, El Segundo High School, El Segundo High School Friendship Circle, El Segundo Middle School, El Segundo Teacher's Association, and the EL Segundo United Methodist Church- Thank you to each group and each and every participant for being a part of this amazing event! As well, thank you to all of the key sponsors of the event, too many to

Lasorda pumped up the crowd with words of gratitude and inspiration. The music was blaring, and sponsors had booths set up, and everyone gathered together as kindred spirits as we joined together with our South Bay neighbors in friendship to enjoy an amazing day, made even more amazing by the purpose- raising awareness and fostering compassion and kindness among all of the precious participants and recipients of the day's efforts. We are truly had a moment of connection as we walked in solidarity. Thank you to everyone for being a friend, and we look forward to seeing even more of the El Segundo community enjoying the Skechers Pier-to-Pier Friendship walk next year. •

For more photos see School, page 12



El Segundo High School Students with a Dodger: (L-R) Liam, Leon, Cece, Chloe, Khyrese, Lizzie, Jamie, Daniel, Papo. Photo by Donna Murphy.

Wedding Announcement



Jamie and Paul Serbin - Jamie Troxel and Paul Serbin joined together in marriage on July 8, 2014, in front of family and friends at the Los Verdes Golf Club. Following their honeymoon in the Bahamas, Mr. and Mrs. Serbin reside in El Segundo. •

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

• Free etching by ESPD on newer model tailgates, catalytic converters and 50/50 third row seats, 9am-2pm, 150 Illinois Street.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER, 13

• South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) annual free Holiday Light Exchange will take place on November 13 and 14 for Southern California Edison (SCE)

and Department of Water and Power (DWP) customers. Lights will be exchanged at the SBCCOG's Environmental Services Center located at 20285 S. Western Avenue, Suite 100, Torrance, CA 90501.

SCE and DWP customers will be able to trade in one working string of old electricity-guzzling incandescent holiday lights for one new, energy-efficient LED string. Old strings will be taken off the grid forever and recycled as e-waste. (Please bring utility bill or driver's license). For more information call (310)371-7222. •

Letters

Gored his Ox

So the El Segundo City Council is complaining their ox is being gored because they are not getting their fair share of property tax.

Well now, isn't that just too bad. Welcome to the club. The El Segundo City Council has been goring my ox for years by making me - a single person - pay atrociously more than my fair share of filthy sewer tax, and it hasn't done a bit of good to complain about it.

The City Council totally ignores me and stonewalls me at every complaint. A former El Segundo Mayor who has had two wives, brags that he has four children, and has an electric motor powered rubbish smashing machine in his house - all to fill and stuff up the sewer pipes - had no public record of ever having paid any sewer tax the last time I checked with the city clerks office.

Yet I - a single person - who uses 95% of my water to irrigate my avocado grove and citrus trees, has to pay a gargantuan and morbidly egregious sewer tax on my water bill. What goes around comes around City Council.

— *George Hoppes*

Phony Candidates and Slate Mailers

Vote for Murray for West Basin Municipal Water District. I received a phony campaign slate mailer titled "Save Proposition 13 Newsletter" with Scott Houston's name and photo in it. It's not a newsletter at all, but a deceptive campaign slate mailer that has nothing to do with Proposition 13.

This is ironic. The current newsletter of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, founded by Proposition 13 sponsor Howard Jarvis, honors Mike Robbins as a "Hometown Hero" for leading the successful campaign against Measure A and its eleven tax hikes last April, despite city unions contributing \$17,500 to the "Yes on A" campaign. But Scott Houston supported Measure A! See his 3/13/14 Herald letter. And Houston ran for Democratic Party Central Committee on 6/3/08 as a self-described progressive (extreme tax-and-spend liberal).

A call to HJTA confirmed they do not endorse Scott Houston, and have no connection to nor control over that slate mailer. Houston paid to

get his name and photo in it, as indicated by the asterisk next to his name.

Similarly, there are phony "For Republicans" slate mailers sent to Republican voters, endorsing progressive Democrats. Please disregard all slate mailers unless you are sure you know and trust their source.

Houston claims in his Sample Ballot statement his occupation is "Environmental Impact Manager". He claimed it was "Small Business Manager" when he ran for City Council on 4/10/12. He is not a manager. He's a "Customer Service" employee at an envelope manufacturing and printing company.

— *Marianne Fong*

Needs His Space

Who decided that six feet is the width of today's cars?

I am 74 years old and cannot get in or out of my car when parked between two SUV's or other gigantic gas guzzlers.

Can't we restripe with realistic space widths? The result is fewer spaces per block (3 or 4) and we all don't get multiple door dings and scratches? Thank You,

— *Gary Buzzarte*

P. S. why not have Rock and Brews build a parking structure at Franklin and Richmond to accommodate their seating capacity of 150+ when they only have parking for 34 autos?

Honoring the Military

The El Segundo Cares group will celebrate Veterans Day at the V.A. Wilshire hospital on November 10. We are honored to represent El Segundo in this special tribute to our military.

We are very proud of El Segundo. This will be our 5th. trip this year, and it will be the largest amount yet of donated good, clean, clothing, grooming items, and blankets. Great things just in time for the holidays.

Special thanks to all of you that have donated, your generosity is overwhelming! Thanks to the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce for including us in their Salute to the Military program/luncheon, the Methodist Church and Chevron. You are all awesome.

My gratitude and thanks to the wonderful volunteers that will be handing out the donations.

— *Jan Cruikshank, El Segundo Cares* •

Sports Shorts

Eagles Rout Beverly Hills

By Henry Stuart

Saturday, October 25, the Eagle varsity water polo team participated in the annual alumni game, competing against former players still able to get into their Speedos. Predictably, the older players started out fast and used the strength of their arms to establish a lead. However, the Eagles' vaunted counter-attack began to take its toll on the flagging energies of the older alumni players. As the game progressed, the score remained close and eventually tied by the end of the third period. The alumni, although making a good accounting of themselves, began to look like a bunch of tired old men going into the closing period. The final score: 20 to 17.

Friday, October 24, The Eagle water polo team opened up the second round of Ocean League play by traveling to Beverly Hills High School. This contest was held in the noted Beverly Hills Swim Gym, which is a unique facility that features a rollback basketball floor which covers the pool. The swim gym may

be passable as a basketball court, but it is less functional as a water polo facility. The narrowness of the pool and its shallow end hampered the efforts of Eagle players on this day. The halftime, the score stood at 5 to 3, El Segundo leading.

During the third period, Norman aggressiveness increased, and punches were thrown. Game officials then rewarded several Norman players by ejecting them from the game. The Eagles extended their lead 9 to 4. In spite of the excessive hitting, holding, grappling and provocative behavior by several Norman players, the Eagles maintained their poise and went on to win the game 12 to 5. Team Scoring: Matt Marak (4), Anthony Rotolo (3), Paul Bibas (1), Lukas Frerichs (1), Joe Doucette (1), Nick Paz (1), and Wyatt Hogoboom (1). Assists: Joe Doucette (4), Nick Paz (1), Paul Bibas, (1), and Josh Palmer (1). Drawing Ejections: Kyle Crist (1), Paul Bibas (1), Joe Doucette (1), and Matt Marak (1). Goal Saves: Justin Knoll (6). •

Police Reports

Monday, October 20, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0637 hours from Grand Avenue and Main Street for suspicion of receiving stolen property, possession of burglary tools and one outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrant

One male adult was arrested at 0743 hours from the 1000 block of East Imperial Highway for suspicion of receiving stolen property and suspicion of burglary

One male adult was arrested at 1415 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant
A violation of a court order report was taken at 1355 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1118 hours from the 600 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered a carport and removed two bicycles

An identity theft report was taken at 1604 hours from the 500 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Known suspect used the victim's name and social security number to open several fraudulent accounts

A vandalism report was taken at 1646 hours from the 800 block of East Pine Avenue.

Unknown suspect(s) cut two small trees on the victim's front lawn

One female adult was arrested at 1920 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant and two outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrants

A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 2213 hours at Grand Avenue and Nash Street, vehicle versus vehicle

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

One female adult was arrested at 1343 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for identity theft, burglary, possession of fictitious checks, grand theft and forgery

One male adult was arrested at 1543 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue for identity theft, burglary, possession of fictitious checks, false identification to a peace officer and one outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrant

An identity theft/grand theft report was taken at 1536 hours from the 2200 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) impersonated the owner of a business via e-mail and had the company transfer money to the suspect's bank account

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Sixties' Sitcoms

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58												60	
61													63

Across

- de Triomphe
- Cover
- Big butte
- Dairy farm sound
- Marvel Comics mutant
- Sounds of amazement
- Larry Hagman starred in it
- star
- Bad atmosphere
- Average
- McNally (mapper)
- Honey
- Sort
- Not together
- Canal of song
- John Astin comedy
- Succotash ingredient
- Flaky things
- Egg warmer
- Decorative pin
- of Maine (toothpaste brand)
- Kind of dancer
- Wool source
- Raised
- Castaway locale?

Down

- Independent chieftains
- Isuzu model
- Some trousers
- Stick in one's
- Holy man
- Old fish provide it
- Minor quarrel
- Islam's global gathering
- Medical procedures
- Single-cell organism
- Seemingly forever
- Small piece of wood
- Between ports
- Tol followers
- "It ___ Necessarily So"
- View from Jidda
- Little League coach, often
- Doom
- Love feasts

Across

- Invoice word
- Camera part
- Cheerful tune
- Custodian's collection
- Make permanent
- Pump, e.g.
- Graceful bird
- Commanded
- Australian runner
- TV monitor?
- Deluge refuge
- Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
- Graphics machine
- Fixed charges
- 8 pts.
- Spinachlike plant
- Andrea Doria's domain
- In a strange way
- Eager
- Mangrove palm
- Elated
- Building block
- Attention-getter
- Cambodian currency
- In ___ (actually)
- Ottoman officer

Last Week's Answers

4	3	7	8	2	6	5	9	1
8	1	2	5	4	9	7	6	3
6	5	9	3	1	7	2	4	8
1	2	6	4	3	5	8	7	9
5	9	3	6	7	8	1	2	4
7	8	4	2	9	1	3	5	6
9	7	5	1	6	3	4	8	2
3	4	8	9	5	2	6	1	7
2	6	1	7	8	4	9	3	5

SUDOKU Medium

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			2	9				
6	3					1		2
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	1	6				2	4	
2				1	9	7		
1			4				5	8
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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

Joe Average Breaks Down

By Gerry Chong

Joe Average lay on the psychiatrist's couch, alternately sobbing and shaking. "Now, now," said Dr. Perfidy, "what seems to be the problem?"

"Doc, my rich friends are getting richer in the stock market; my poor friends are getting raises in the minimum wage; and I'm just shrinking. My income is down 15% for each of the last six years, and my net worth is down to where it was in 1989. The price of gas is double what it was in 2008, so my standard of living is awful. I'm nervous and I'm pessimistic."

Nodding, the doctor continued, "Now, Joe, that's just money. You have to rise above that and know there is more to life than that."

"You're right, Doc, but my oldest son is in the 101st Airborne, and they're sending him to West Africa to build 1,700 hospital rooms. They're not going to give him HazMat suits or Ebola protection because they're "confident" he won't be infected. Should I worry?"

"Anyway, the UN says in 60 days Ebola will be spreading at 10,000 cases a week, worldwide. Isn't building 1,700 hospital rooms in Africa just 'spittin' in the wind?' To make matters worse, there aren't enough staff or meds for the new hospitals!"

Rubbing his brow, the doctor asked Joe to continue. "My younger son graduated from college last year and finally landed a minimum wage job for 25 hours a week because his employer did not want to face the Obamacare health insurance mandate. So he still lives at home, making payments

on his \$150,000 student loan. Guess he'll be here for a while, huh?"

Weeping himself now, the doctor nods in understanding. "Then there's my granddaughter," Joe continues. "She attends a failing public school in a system ranked 26th out of 30 in the world. But it's not the teachers' fault or the Common Core curriculum. The problem is Common Language. In her class, one third speaks English, one third speaks Spanish, and one third speaks Arabic. The teacher can only focus on one third of the class at a time, so they all fail.

"In my day, teachers taught us the President should 'protect and defend' the country, but the President is sending out Requests for Proposals for the preparation of 34 million Temporary Worker Permits and Permanent Residency Permits to be issued to those entering the country illegally at the rate of 4-9 million per year. Immigration law be damned. Come one, come all, I guess.

"Despite the fact that 17 African nations, and 30 nations in all, have banned travel with Ebola infected countries, the President allows U.S. travel because it helps keep track of them. Moreover, Judicial Watch claims the President will bring an unknown number of non-citizens infected with Ebola into the U.S. for treatment.

"Will those actions 'protect and defend' my wife and my family?"

A now uncontrollable Dr. Perfidy has pushed Joe aside and joined him on the couch, each sobbing, throwing Kleenex onto the floor, and hugging each other. •

Another Man's Opinion

Money Corrupts Our Elections

By Cristian Vasquez

It is time that we, as voters, stop allowing money to influence our elections. While this sounds idealistic, hear me out a bit. Every midterm and presidential election year we are bombarded with ads and donation requests from the two dysfunctional parties that we vote for. The ads typically vilify the opponent and glorify their respective candidate, which is expected when trying to win said political popularity contest. Funding these campaigns are millions of dollars donated by people, corporations, and other fundraising sources and the truth is that this should stop.

I'm going to omit discussing the impact of the Citizens United ruling and focus simply on the influence that chasing this campaign money has on the elections themselves. It is no surprise to anyone that elected officials have to campaign: it's a part of the job. Simply getting to work wouldn't ensure a reelection, as voters do need constant reminders of what their representatives are doing. However, when the amount of money spent by the national parties on gaining new seats in Congress and winning reelections is enough to balance the budget of several states across the country, we need to question the efficiency of our electoral process.

Granted, said money was raised for the purpose of supporting campaigns and just because it's available does not mean that it will be used to solve the fiscal woes of our nation. Yet, it does show how wasteful and unwise we are being with the extra money that we have. Rather than investing it in our own town or city, overall we are donating

money to one of the two parties to support their agendas at a state or national level. While we as voters may agree with any particular agenda, we are in reality funding a freak show where highly educated individuals work for a fraction of their term and spend a good chunk of time on the road making PR appearances.

The New York Times reported that during the 2012 presidential election, presidential candidates, their national party committees and the primary "super PACs" spent \$992 million (Romney) and \$985.7 million (President Obama). A report by bipartisanpolicy.org (<http://bipartisanpolicy.org/library/report/2012-voter-turnout>) indicated that overall, \$6 billion dollars were spent during the 2012 campaigns for a voter turnout of 126 million voters. That's a little more than \$7 million dollars per vote by each party. It's a waste of resources. Why? Because many of us are tired of the mostly hollow speeches, on-the-go hand shakes and picture poses where a candidate holds and kisses a baby.

We shouldn't have to pay \$2,000 to attend a dinner function to hear an elected official that wants my vote, talk about doing everything for the people. I am personally tired of candidates lecturing us on other candidates spending too much money on their elections. The truth is that money fuels our election process and as a result we receive watered down versions of the representatives that we should really have because they are forced to run around from one fundraising to the other. Money is always a great resource to have but it without a doubt hurts our election process. •



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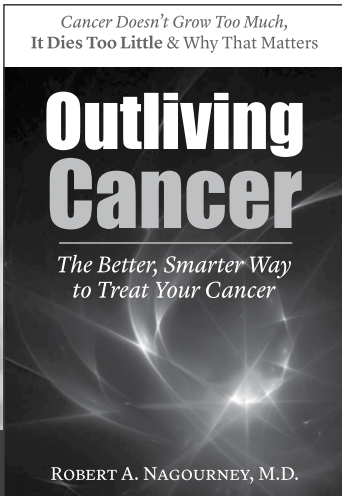
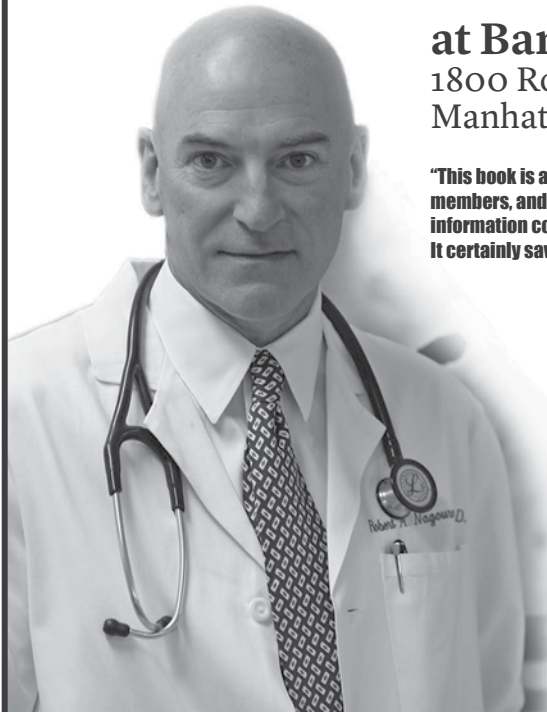
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Sports

Nash Gone, Lakers Move On

By Adam Serrao

Steve Nash came to the Los Angeles Lakers two years ago on Independence Day. Since his arrival here in Laker Land, there has been anything but fireworks for both Nash and his fans. With news coming down last Thursday that the point guard will be out for the season with nerve damage in his back, it is clear to see that Nash has simply not been able to find any freedom from the injury bug. Playing in just 15 games last season and being unable to even make it to the season opener this year, Steve Nash's illustrious NBA career has now most likely come to an end. In his prime, there may not have been a better point guard in the league, but Nash's injury is actually a good thing for the Lakers as a franchise.

The Los Angeles Lakers haven't necessarily been one of the most successful franchises in the NBA over the past couple of seasons. In fact, they've been quite the opposite. Coming off of the worst year in franchise history last year, it was clear that the Lakers needed to do something to get things turned around. The only problem was their reluctance to do it. It is always sad to see someone of Steve Nash's stature get injured. The point guard out of Canada gave it his all to end his career on the right foot. Unfortunately, degenerative nerve damage is something that you simply can't outrun and Nash has now learned that the hard way. Injuring his back while doing something as simple as moving a suitcase has ended the season for Nash, and perhaps his career. But it has also allowed the Lakers to find themselves a clearer sense of direction.

This year would have been Nash's 19th season in the NBA and perhaps his last one. It was his mission to go out on his own terms and finish his career as at least a semblance of the player he once was. "Being on the court this season has been my top priority and it is disappointing to not be able to do that right now," said Nash. "I work very hard to stay healthy and unfortunately my recent setback makes performing at full capacity difficult. I will continue to support my team during this period of rest, and will focus on my long-term health." What Nash needs now is rest. Basketball is his passion, but his health should be his focus. The Lakers, on the other hand, can now look to forward and attempt to find their next point guard of the future.

For this season, that appears to be Jeremy Lin. If Nash was healthy, Lin would have been limited to somewhat of a backup role. With Nash out, however, the reigns will be handed over almost completely to Lin in what is the last year of his current contract, giving the young point guard a chance to show that he can play at a high level in this league. Lin has consistently been both a scorer and distributor throughout his career and will look to be more of the same this year with the Lakers. "Jeremy makes a huge difference . . . creating shots for others," said Kobe Bryant. We've got somebody else who can penetrate, make plays for others and put pressure on the defense. It's a really big difference." Ronnie Price will also get a chance to prove himself, presumably as Lin's backup.

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Ocean League Title in Sight for Eagles

By Gregg McMullin

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The El Segundo football team has hit uncharted waters. Starting the season 8-0 for the first time in school history has this team on a roll, especially with a league title in sight. The Eagles, ranked second in the CIF Southern Section's Western Division, destroyed Hawthorne 67-21. In the process the Eagles have virtually assured themselves a post-season

13-play drive that covered some 80 yards. Taz Tauaese caught a bubble screen and went 34 yards for the go ahead score.

Shaman Moore, who had two interceptions, picked off his first one to setup the Eagles' next score. Moore returned the ball to the Cougar's 20-yard line. Four plays later Wagner-Bagues caught a pass over the middle for a 5-yard TD pass from Nootbaar.

The Eagles used some timeouts and time management along with some edgy defense.



Tim Fayollat is on his way of the first of two touchdown runs against Hawthorne.

playoff berth. The real test for the season will be in the next two games against Lawndale and Santa Monica.

For the first time all season Hawthorne gave the Eagles a vision of what it's like to play from behind. The Cougar's Jamaal Neal returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown. That was an eye-opener for the El Segundo sidelines. Through the first seven games they had never trailed in a game.

Not to worry; El Segundo's offense needed just two plays to even the score. Lars Nootbaar hooked up with Nick Karsseboom for 33 yards and then Miguel Wagner-Bagues, who had 208 rushing yards on the night, scored on a 20 yard run.

On the Eagles' next possession Nootbaar aired out a deep pass to Hassan Hendricks for a 63 yard touchdown pass. Nootbaar's pass was easily in the air for fifty yards and appeared to overthrow Hendricks but the speedy receiver caught it in stride and outran the defense. The Cougars tied the game 14-14 on a long pass play but after that it was all El Segundo.

It must have been a wakeup call because the Eagles scored on their next three possessions to end the first half. Nootbaar orchestrated a

With the benefit of a poor punt the Eagles got the ball back. One play later Tauaese caught a 35 yard pass out of the backfield for another score and 34-14 halftime lead.

Eagle head coach Steve Shevlin liked the adversity that his team had finally faced. "We hadn't been tested all year long. Then to find ourselves behind to start the game and then tied 14-14 woke us up. It was something we needed."

Nootbaar was clicking on all cylinders completing 8 of 10 passes for 201 yards and four touchdown passes in the first half. "I had great protection and Nick (Karsseboom), Taz (Tauaese) and Shaman (Moore) made me look good," Nootbaar said.

The defense was once again in dominating fashion. Other than a long pass play for a touchdown it was business as usual for Coach Dan Heck's defense. The Cougars gained a mere 34 yards on the ground. When you factor in two sacks, for a minus 12 yards, that's a whopping 22 yards the Cougars gained rushing the ball. For the game the Cougars gained just 54 yards rushing the ball and 112 yards through the air; 64 of them on the long pass play for a touchdown.

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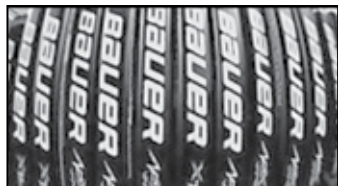
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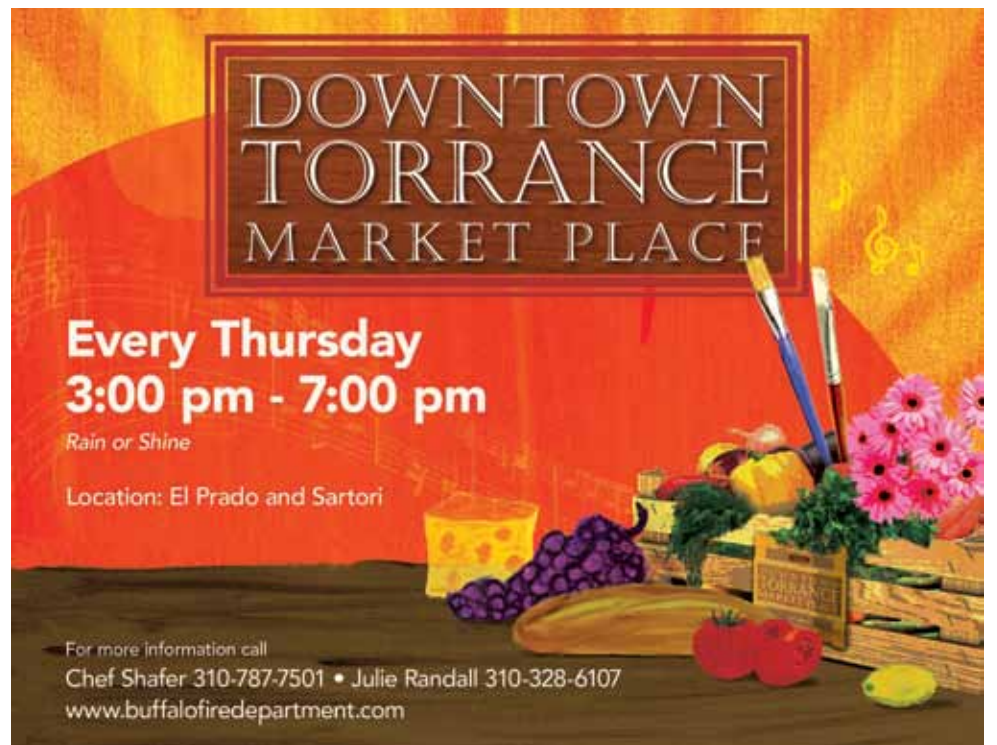
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Catalytic converters and third row seats do not have serial numbers or identifiable markings, making it very difficult for law enforcement officers to return the property to the owner when suspects are arrested with these stolen vehicle parts in their possession. To help combat these thefts, the El Segundo Police Department is offering FREE etching on newer model tailgates, catalytic converters and 50/50 third row seats. As a way to identify these parts, the California vehicle license plate number will be etched onto the heat shield of the catalytic converter and/or the metal and plastic portion of the third row seat. This identifiable etching will help law enforcement officers identify the victim of the theft and return the property to the owner.

This free service will be offered on Saturday, November 8, 2014, between the hours of 9am and 2pm, and appointments are recommended. Persons who choose to receive free etching on a drop-in basis may experience delays. The etching service will be conducted at the City of El Segundo Maintenance Facility, 150 Illinois Street. This offer is only available to El Segundo residents and persons who are employed at businesses in the City of El Segundo. If you have any questions regarding this FREE service, or if you would like to make an appointment, please contact El Segundo Police Detective Danowitz at (310) 524-2258.

Community Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a fun event for the entire family. Make sure to follow these Halloween safety tips to ensure your Halloween is safe and enjoyable.

For Trick or Treating: Plan your route ahead of time; trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods, carry a flashlight with new batteries after dark. Always trick or treat in groups with an adult. Stay on sidewalks and out of streets; cross only at designated crosswalks. Obey all pedestrian laws; use the sidewalk.

Watch out for open flames in jack-o-lanterns. Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings. Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Don't enter any houses unless you know the people. Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals. Don't cut across yards and stay out of backyards. Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk. Always watch for cars backing up or turning. Never accept rides from strangers. Don't eat any candy until it has been inspected by an adult.

Avoid candy that has loose wrappings or is unwrapped. Avoid candy that is homemade or has puncture holes. Teach children their home phone number and make sure they know how to call 911 in an emergency.

Costume Safety: Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater nighttime visibility. Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.

When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, look for and purchase only those that have a label indicating they are flame resistant. Consider a loose-fitting costume to allow for warm clothes to be layered underneath, should the evening be chilly.

For Motorists: Drive slowly! Remain cautious and drive slowly through the community. Look for children walking or running on the street. Do not use a cell phone while driving. Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully. Do not Drink and Drive! Always report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or police. •

Eagles

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Nick Karsseboom makes an acrobatic catch for a first down. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

game well in hand and Hawthorne's second string defense in the Eagles made the most of the opportunity. Wagner-Bagues carried three consecutive times for 27, 10 and 32 yards. With less than a minute to go and first and goal the Eagles enigmatically poured it on instead of taking a knee. Wagner-Bagues made it 67-21 on a 3-yard dive play; the officials would not allow the PAT attempt.

It's hard to gauge how really good this team is. Having defeated teams with winning records such as Cantwell, Torrance and South Torrance the real test of the season begins at home tonight. The Eagles (8-0, 3-0) host the Lawndale Cardinals (5-3, 3-0) with the winner assured of at least a share of their first Ocean League title.

The Eagles and Cardinals routinely play each other tough. Though the Eagles have beaten Lawndale 10 consecutive times the game isn't usually decided until the second half. Last year's game saw the Eagles overcome a halftime 12-10 deficit and go onto win 29-18.

Lawndale is a running team and quarterback

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Taj Balogun has helped lead the Frosh/Soph Eagles to a 6-1 record.

In the second half the Eagles demoralized the Hawthorne Homecoming Game crowd. Wagner-Bagues broke off a 50 yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage to make it 41-14. Jackson Walz caught a 39 yard pass for a touchdown to make it 48-14.

The Cougars wouldn't go away and used a ten-play drive to get into the end zone to make it 48-21 in the third quarter. That's when the whole game unraveled with a 15 yard touchdown strike to Tauaese to make it 54-21. Then the back-breaker that forced the game into running clock mode: Cougar quarterback Marte Mapu handed off to Saladin Davis, who was tackled by Shaman Moore and DeWayne Polk. The ball was jarred loose and Polk recovered the ball at the 29 yard line and went the distance to the end zone cover 64 yards for a 61-21 El Segundo lead with just over eight minutes remaining in the game.

Hawthorne turned the ball over on downs with the clock in running mode. With the



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3 Easy Ways To Warm Up Any Bedroom

(BPT) - As the weather cools down, people are preparing for cozy nights indoors. Perhaps nowhere is the desire for warm, comfortable living spaces more important than the bedroom. Fortunately, it only takes a few simple tricks to warm up any bedroom in just one weekend.

STEP 1: SWITCH TO DOWN AND FEATHER BEDDING

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STEP 2: OPT FOR A WARM COLOR PALETTE

Don't underestimate the psychology of color. Warmer colors, such as shades of red, orange and yellow, can heat up a room. Choose rich tones to create an inviting feel. Popular colors this year include cayenne shades of red, deep oranges, and bright, botanical-inspired yellows.

Accent walls or warm, richly-colored



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accessories are excellent options for those not ready to commit to such a bold color in the entire bedroom. Throw pillows and blankets, rugs or art can be easily changed with holidays or seasons.

STEP 3: SELECT WARM, EFFECTIVE LIGHTING

Warm up your bedroom and create an

inviting living space with strategically placed lighting. When selecting artificial light, avoid bulbs that cast blue tones and select bulbs with yellow hues that light the space with a soft glow. Keep in mind that sometimes overhead lighting can be harsh, especially in a bedroom. Place table lamps on bedside tables or add a standing lamp

near a comfortable chair.

Candles are a simple and inexpensive way to add a warm glow. If desired, pick an inviting scent that complements the season - apple cinnamon for fall or evergreen for winter. And don't forget to take advantage of natural light by selecting window treatments that let in sunlight, such as transparent curtains.

Just these few simple changes can warm up the bedroom during the cold days ahead. Not only will you keep toasty warm at night, but you'll enjoy the inviting space during the day as well. •

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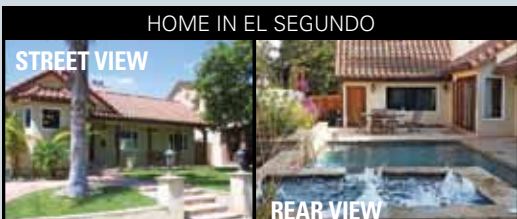


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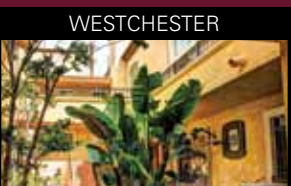
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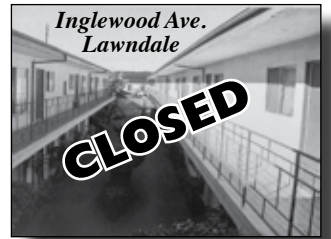
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South Bay Cities

from front page

improvements) and Torrance (Maple at Sepulveda intersection improvements) over the last couple of years. In 2014/15, Measure R will subsidize \$25 million for 11 highway projects in Torrance alone, with another \$4 million-plus to cover nine total projects in El Segundo, Hawthorne and Lawndale.

Blending transportation and energy efficiency, the SBCCOG has put an emphasis on promoting the electric vehicle movement, with current programs in place for battery (BEV) and plug-in (PEV) cars and efforts to secure additional funding for PEV readiness as well as for an NEV (neighborhood electric vehicle) large-scale project and non-profit demonstration. The SBCCOG also orchestrated the Car2Go vehicle-sharing program now operating in El Segundo and Torrance. "The COG's interest in EVs and non-traditional transportation such as car sharing and NEVs comes from research showing that in the South Bay most trips--other than the commute trip to work--are less than three miles," said SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach. "This makes them too long to walk and too short for transit. Also, while biking is encouraged, not everyone can bike... so other alternatives are of interest."

Bacharach, who oversees the SBCCOG's

day-to-day operations and a staff of 13 employees plus several consultants, added that much of the organization's funding comes from grant dollars. "Another key area of success noted in our work program is that we leverage our dues with outside funding, raising 10 times the amount of funds from dues," she said.

SBCCOG also provides training and networking opportunities for city staff members, during which department heads meet to discuss issues of mutual interest and learn from one another. As examples, the new Social Media Working Group and the Senior Services Working Group recently launched. "Discussions at these meetings focus on what cities need to know and how they can do better for their constituents from working together," said Bacharach, who added that the SBCCOG's main networking event is its Annual General Assembly that is next scheduled for February 15 of next year. It is a full-day program with speakers and discussion periods. This year's theme is "A View From the Front Porch: Neighborhoods in the South Bay."

Individual Council members from each participating city serve as delegates (with alternates also appointed) who attend SBCCOG meetings. The list includes El Segundo Mayor

Suzanne Fuentes, Hawthorne Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Valentine, Inglewood Councilmember Ralph Franklin, Lawndale Mayor Pro Tem James Osborne, and Torrance Councilmember Kurt Weideman. SBCCOG board meetings

take place the fourth Thursday of each month (dark during February and November) at the South Bay Environmental Services Center at 20285 Western Avenue in Torrance and are open to the public. •

Lakers

from page 6

Seeing a player's career cut short by injury is never an easy thing to see. Especially when the player is a person and athlete like Steve Nash. Players like Nash don't come around often. If this is, indeed, the final act of his magnificent career, Nash will have finished third on the all-time assists leader board with 10,335 assists. He's also the all-time leader in free-throw percentage at 90.43% and one of only 14 players to ever have attained more than one MVP award. Those statistics certainly shine light on what kind of player Steve Nash was, but also tell you what kind of player the Lakers thought they would be getting. Since he has arrived in Los Angeles, Nash has been a shell of himself and the trade that the Lakers put forth has looked like a bad one. With only 65 total games under his belt in his Laker career, Los Angeles can finally look forward and move on from Nash and the \$9.7 million that he took up on the books.

The Lakers' dream of Steve Nash, Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol and Dwight Howard never quite came true the way that they wanted it to. A lineup that seemed destined to contend for championships simply fell apart right before our very eyes, as did the health of Nash. With those dreams gone, however, seeing a healthy Kobe and Nash play alongside one another this season for what would have seemed like the first time would have been a treat for everyone. It certainly is sad to see a player like Nash slowly begin to fade into the background of a league that he was such a prominent fixture of for over the last decade and more. For the Lakers though, it is just one more domino that has fallen which allows them to prioritize for the future and attempt to at last get back to their championship winning glory. For Nash, there may be a position in coach in his future, beginning with a spot as an assistant on the Lakers bench this season. •

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Eagles

from page 8



George Hayes opens a hole for Miguel Wagner-Bagues. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

Chris Murray is back. Last year against the Eagles he rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries. He also went 4-for-7 for 56 yards and an interception.

Look for Austin Manigo to be a threat to run the ball for the Cardinals. Last year against El Segundo, Manigo ran for 152 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries in his first full game at running back. The Eagles complete their regular season on the road next Friday

Walz, Sydney Wilbanks, Cathy Doherty, Brenna Yob and Mekah Pope led the Lady Eagles. The freshman team came up with a personal best and finished fourth. Karina Kramer finished third, Jamie Christian placed fourth while Helen Liang, Emily Lopez and Lauren Clark helped their team to its impressive finish. The Eagles have their sights on the Ocean League finals set for next Thursday at the grueling Hahn State Park course at 2:30pm. •



Shaman Moore, Midgie Hale, Jackson Walz, and Jake Barone converge on a Cougar receiver. Photo by Marcy Dugan.



Defense is happy to see Isaac Luna return from injury to stop a Cougar running back. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

at Santa Monica with the game scheduled to be played at Santa Monica College at 7pm.

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The Eagles had started the season 6-0 before losing to Culver City. So they took out their frustrations on the Hawthorne and defeated the Cougars 60-28. Four different players scored rushing touchdowns for the Eagles including Andrew Arroyo, Kyle Freeman, Taj Balogun, Jess Caravello and Tim Fayollat who rushed for two. Quarterback Jared McKenna threw a touchdown pass to Brenden Casillas to help ignite the offense.

Cross Country Update

The boys' varsity, led by Gavin Glynn's second place overall finish with a 16:29, helped the Eagles to a very respectable fourth place finish (out of 31 teams in their division) at the Mt. SAC Invitational. Nolan Sharp, Scott Willis, Nick Ostler, Oliver Chen, Alex Fowler and Nathan Vinzon were all instrumental in propelling the Eagles.

The juniors had a nice showing and finished fourth out of twenty-four teams. The Eagles were led by Kevin McMullin, Izacc Cadez, Jesse Chavez, Drew Bonney, Gianni Bullo, Liam Kacvinsky and Carter Thompson.

Evan O'Conner paced the sophomore team to a first place finish along with Daniel Gutierrez, Harmon Khinda, Thomas Lynch, Pierce Nebel, Todd Yeaton and Patrick Elliott. O'Connor placed fifth, Gutierrez sixth, Khinda ninth, Lynch eleventh and Nebel twelfth.

The junior girls' team fared well, placing third. Mikyla Pirsztuk, Laura Feldman, Catherine

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