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## Annual Fall Family Show Night Delights, Inspires Community



The Annual Fall Family Show Night took place on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Clubhouse. More than 100 guests enjoyed performances by the Youth Dance Program, Carol Well's Tapping for Fun and Exercise Adult tap dancers, Christina Wood's Baton and some of our youth drama kids performing songs from their upcoming production of Oklahoma scheduled for January 2013. Winter 2013 classes will start in January and February 2013. The Winter 2013 Brochure will be available on Thursday, December 13. It will be published in the El Segundo Herald. Pictured are students from the Ballet Basics and Ballet for Girls classes. For more information about the March 27, 2013 Family Show Night please contact Aleta Pottenger at 310-379-9060. Photo courtesy of Sian Vorce.

## Council Gets First Look at Raytheon Development Project

By Brian Simon

One of the largest proposed developments in El Segundo history is now in the early stages of environmental review. During its meeting on November 20, the El Segundo City Council got an early look at a 142-acre, 3.7 million-square foot project brought forth by Raytheon. If approved, the local aerospace giant could enhance its property at 2000 E. El Segundo Boulevard with 1.9 million square feet of potential future development in addition to the existing 1.8 million-square foot campus.

A scoping meeting for the "El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan" took place on November 5 with the public comment period concluding November 28. The future approval process will include a general plan amendment, zoning change and development agreement, among other requirements. A draft of the environmental impact report (EIR) is scheduled to be available by late spring 2013, with the final document coming in summer to address land use, noise, utilities, traffic and other possible impacts. The El Segundo Planning Commission will weigh in on the project in the fall, with the Council to follow.

Though too early in the process to confirm exact uses and final design, the project could include a mix of new single-tenant office space (initial estimates for 1.565 million square feet), light industrial (150,000 square feet), retail/restaurant (133,000 square feet), warehouse (82,000 square feet) and open space.

In a presentation to the Council Tuesday, Planning and Building Safety Director Sam Lee noted that the City's objective should be to have a "well-designed and diverse commercial and industrial development" that also offers "circulation improvements with expansion of the road network and improved

public access." Speaking to the latter point, Lee said the conceptual plan includes an extension of Nash Street to Hughes Way, extension of Continental Boulevard into the site and potentially through to Hughes, and a possible roadway to Coral Circle.

"If approved, the project allows Raytheon to do long-term planning to better utilize their

property," said Lee prior to the Council meeting. "From the City's perspective, it's an opportunity to improve traffic circulation in El Segundo's southeast quadrant, as well as adding jobs and expanding the City's tax base." Because of the early nature of the project, the City Manager advised the

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## Recreation and Parks Guide to be published in the Herald

The City of El Segundo Recreation & Parks Department is proud to announce a new partnership with the *El Segundo Herald*. We will be inserting the quarterly Recreation and Parks Brochure and Activity Guide, as it's own separate section entitled

who picks up a newspaper at one of the 55 El Segundo Herald newspaper racks, which are located throughout the City.

Additionally, the Toyota Sports Center will be featured in a half-page ad as a sponsor of the brochure. Partnerships

*Look for the Winter 2013 Recreation and Parks Brochure and Activity Guide in the Thursday, December 13, 2012, issue of the El Segundo Herald!*

*El Segundo Insider*, in the newspaper. The partnership allows the Department to increase its circulation from 4,000 to over 13,000 copies. Due to budget limitations the City of El Segundo Department of Recreation and Parks relied primarily on the online posting of the brochure coupled with limited distribution throughout the local elementary schools. With the new partnership, the brochure will be delivered to each and every household within the city limits, as well as, be available to anyone

such as these allow the Department of Recreation and Parks to continue to enhance the quality of their customer service, convenience, and showcase all the programs that it offers.

Look for the Winter 2013 Recreation and Parks Brochure and Activity Guide in the Thursday, December 13, 2012, issue of the *El Segundo Herald*!

If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (310) 524-2700. •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly  
Cloudy  
61°/56°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
62°/59°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
62°/56°



# Obituaries

## Joyce Anne Hiller

**Joyce Anne Hiller, 72**, passed into God's care Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at her home in Redondo Beach, CA. Born December 14, 1939, in Brooklyn, New York, she spent her childhood in Allegany, NY, moving with her family to El Segundo, CA in 1954. She graduated from El Segundo High in 1957, from El Camino College in 1959 and majored in Graphic Design at UCLA. She obtained her Cosmetology license in the 1970s and owned two Merle Norman Cosmetic studios, one in Beverly Hills and one in Santa Monica. In the '80s she opened her own facial salon, "New Image", and was the West Coast Beauty Editor for Redbook magazine. She was the make-up artist for several TV shows, including "The Jeffersons." She owned another Merle Norman studio in the 1990s, in Hawthorne, CA. After



brother-in-law, Lois and Donald (Norm) Hagen of Watsonville, CA; three nephews and their spouses: Roger and Kate Hagen, Lilburn, GA; Paul and Tracy Hagen, Fort Mill, SC; and Gary Hagen and Michelle Welk, Burbank. She also leaves a grand-niece and grand-nephew, a great grand-nephew, three aunts, her devoted friend Larry Sellstrom, and numerous cousins and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Ellie Hiller, and her infant brother Richard. A memorial will be held on Thursday, December 6, 1 p.m. at Visitation Parish Center, 6561 W. 88th St., Westchester. Her cremation and arrangements were by Rice Mortuary, Torrance, CA. She will be interred in the Spring in Visalia Public Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, her family suggests contributions toward either the cost

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retiring, Joyce served as a volunteer tutor of adult literacy at the El Segundo Library, and also tutored children in basic skills. Joyce loved traveling, being a cosmetologist, catching up with old friends, and anything dealing with British History and Literature. She was a member of the Richard III Society for many years.

Joyce is survived by her sister and

of Joyce's final interment, sent to Lois Hagen, 525 Cedar Dr., Watsonville, CA 95076; or to City of Hope, 1055 Wilshire Blvd., LA, CA 90017, Attn: Joe Komsky. Please include a note to City of Hope stating: "This contribution is directed to GI Cancer Program in memory of Joyce Hiller." Go to Rice Mortuary's website, www.lafuneral.com, to send the family messages and to share memories. •

# Business Briefs

## SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATES EACH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

The community is invited to celebrate Chanukah with the giant Menorah lightings across the South Bay. Each night of Chanukah we will be lighting the Menorah at a different location including Plaza El Segundo on Sunday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. (in front of Anthropologie); El Segundo City Hall on Thursday December 13 at 5:30 p.m., 350 Main St, El Segundo. For more information please visit our website [jcmb.com](http://jcmb.com) or call 310-214-4999.

## EL SEGUNDO CONCERT BAND, ESHS BAND PRESENT WINTER WONDERLAND

The third annual Free Winter Wonderland spectacular concert and bazaar is just around the corner on Saturday, December 1, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the El Segundo High School Grounds at 640 Main Street, El Segundo. Want to get a family photo with Santa? Do you like hearing the school bands play and choirs sing? They'll be performing throughout the afternoon and evening along with shopping for gifts from 40 booths and delicious food and treats. Activities for children and teens include a blow up obstacle course, train ride, climbing wall and more. Concluding with a spectacular holiday show conducted by Steven Allen Fox featuring Legacy dancers and surprises. Enjoy a Toyland atmosphere complete with snow for a good old-fashioned holiday celebration. No admission charge. Donations appreciated to benefit keeping the music playing in the schools. [www.esconcertband.org](http://www.esconcertband.org).

## TREAT YOUR TREES: FEEDING YOUR TREES

Scientists discourage us from fertilizing or feeding our trees. If we enrich the soil in and around the planting hole, roots will be less inclined to reach out into the natural

surroundings. This makes for an unstable tree with a shorter life. There are, however, exceptions. Fruit trees require at least annual feeding to increase yield. We also need to amend the soil when we know it is depleted of nutrients or polluted. Such is the case with the Trees to the Sea and Millennium Row. Among recommended natural fertilizers for trees is compost. Spread it on the surface of the tree's root zone before you mulch. Just for clarification, mulch is fresh organic material, and compost is decomposed organic matter. Earn a Tree Caregiver Certificate by taking one each of five free Treat Your Trees workshops. Tree Identification is the topic on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Kids and adults can call Tree Musketeers at 310-322-0263 or email [volunteers@treemusketeers.org](mailto:volunteers@treemusketeers.org).

## CITY INVITES COMMUNITY TO TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Come join in on the fun on Thursday, Dec. 6 by attending the City of El Segundo's Tree Lighting Celebration in the City Hall Plaza and the Holiday Craft Boutique on the 300 block of Main Street. Along with the usually scheduled Farmer's Market in the 400 block, festivities for the Holiday Craft Boutique will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street. There are more than 20 vendors selling a wide variety of hand-made items including ornaments, jewelry, Christmas crafts, candles, lotions, and clothing. The Candy Cane Kids Zone, where kids will be able to enjoy games and crafts, opens at 3 p.m. Local community groups will perform from 3:30 p.m. 5 p.m. at Holly and Main Street on the Showmobile. Shortly after, we invite everyone to sing-along with the Dickens style Carolers in front of the Tree. Don't be late for the countdown as the tree lighting **See Business Briefs, page 12**

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# Man's Hobby Leads to Career

By Cristian Vasquez

For Josh Horton, juggling began as an afterschool hobby that he was good at and genuinely enjoyed. Thanks to the partnership between Illinois State University and his elementary school in Normal, Illinois, Horton was connected to the Junior Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the United States, and was able to learn juggling at a young age. Since then, his childhood hobby has transformed into a career that takes him to different corners of the country.

"My elementary school had an afterschool circus program where once a week they taught us the basics of all the different circus skills, and juggling was the one thing that I was really good at and enjoyed the most," Horton said. "So I practiced juggling from elementary school all the way through eighth grade."

After eighth grade, Horton stopped juggling for a while. At the end of his freshmen year in high school, he moved to California after his mother obtained a job at Pepperdine University. Once in California and during his sophomore year in high school, Horton decided to enter the talent show at school and showcase his childhood juggling talent. Little did he know that his participation in the talent show would get him back to practicing the hobby that he was so involved in back in Illinois.

"I began watching YouTube videos, I learned about the Juggling Federation, which is one of the competitions, and I got a trainer that lived nearby who began to train me. That's when I started competing and that's how I got back into it," Horton said. "I was captain of my high school basketball team and I eventually quit basketball to juggle more because I liked it that much more and at that point I was competing."

During high school, Horton was fully engaged in developing his skills and devoted three to four hours of practice every day. At the time he even became more involved in competitions, which further fueled his desire to grow as a juggler.

"It was a combination of fun, addiction and commitment. I was doing a lot of different things and it was very difficult," Horton said. "It is definitely a talent that you have to work at."

By the time Horton enrolled in college, Eastern University in Pennsylvania, juggling would transition from a hobby to a way to make money while he completed his degree

in entrepreneurial studies. However, the change in setting forced Horton to tackle new challenges.

"Halfway through college, I was still very into juggling at that point and decided that I didn't want to do anything else other than juggling," Horton said. "At that point, I had been a gold medalist and world champion. I was one of the best jugglers in the world, but I was a very terrible performer. I was not only scared in front of audiences, but I did not know how to entertain audiences. That took a lot of learning and just as much practice as the particular skills that are involved with juggling."

Creating a show and stage personality were just some of the adjustments Horton had to make for his new juggling career. However, the changes have provided Horton with a lifestyle that he never imagined and that he fully appreciates.

"You can't just make a living out of being a good juggler. You have to deliver a good show, so I had to begin working on comedy, audience participation bits and other unique ways of presenting my show," Horton said. "A lot of people think that for jugglers the dream job is being with a circus, but circus performers do something like 420 shows a year. That would kill me--that would make me not love juggling."

Horton found a home in El Segundo, which makes it easy for him to meet the demands of his busy traveling schedule. However, he is still on a mission to gain more of a presence as a performer in his new city.

"I am trying to get more stuff to do in the city, but I do fly a lot. I am up at San Francisco often, but I am working on it more," Horton said. "There aren't a lot of jugglers in this world and Los Angeles is one of the places that has always had a lot of jugglers. Event planners and corporate and event people have their jugglers whom they have been going to forever, so I just need to make myself more known in the city. I am getting a lot more stuff here."

With his experience as a performer, Horton is confident in his ability to continue growing in the entertainment business and has aptly integrated his juggling, performing and business management skills. "I am a professional out of college. I don't have another job--this is my full-time job," Horton said.

Persons interested in Horton can visit [www.lajuggler.com](http://www.lajuggler.com).

# Calendar

*There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to [escalendar@heraldpublications.com](mailto:escalendar@heraldpublications.com). Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

• Author, Anne Black Gray, will lead the Evening Book Club Discussion, 6:30 p.m., El Segundo Library. For more information call (310) 524-2728.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

• Third Annual Holiday Boutique, 1:30 p.m.-7 p.m., Center Street School Cafeteria. Come join the fun.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

• Free Third Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Concert and Gift Bazaar, 2-8 p.m., ESHS, 640 Main St. School bands, choirs, kids activities, food, Santa. [esconcertband.org](http://esconcertband.org)

• NightLight Benefit Jewelry Sale, 6-9 p.m., at First Baptist Church of El Segundo. For more information call (310) 322-2719.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

• City of El Segundo's Tree Lighting

Celebration and Holiday Craft Boutique. For more information call (310) 524-2700 or (310) 615-2649. [www.esrec.org](http://www.esrec.org).

• 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**

• El Segundo Art Association Winter Show, reception 2-4 p.m., Friends of the Library Room, 111 West Mariposa Ave. For more information call (310) 524-2728. Show runs Dec. 8-Jan. 5.

**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](mailto: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. •

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Starting December 16, Metro is making changes in its bus service to improve efficiency and effectiveness through better use of resources. For complete details, look for revised timetables on [metro.net](http://metro.net) or on buses during December.

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## Police Reports

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

One female adult was arrested at 0914 hours from the 500 block of Center Street for identity theft, elder abuse, possession of a stolen access card, fraudulent use of an access card and possession of stolen property.

One male adult was arrested at 1734 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of narcotics, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

A robbery report was taken at 2350 hours from the 200 block of West Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) simulated having an unknown type of weapon to obtain victim's cell phone.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

A forgery report was taken at 1500 hours from the 500 block of Center Street.

One male adult was arrested at 1721 hours from the 100 block of Main Street for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 2316 hours from 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue for misdemeanor DUI and misdemeanor hit and run.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0725 hours from the 500 block of East Grand Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1456 hours from Illinois Court and Maple Avenue for plain drunk in public and destruction of jail property.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

One male adult was arrested at 0818 hours from the 400 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for one El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 1404 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for identity theft, embezzlement, and grand theft.

Traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1713 hours at Sepulveda Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard, three vehicles involved.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 2105 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place. Suspect(s) entered a clothing store and fled with merchandise valued at \$1,000.

One male adult was arrested at 0025 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Walnut Avenue for child endangerment and misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Missing person report was taken at 1005 hours from the 1500 block of East Maple

Avenue. A female adult was reported missing.

One female adult was arrested at 1119 hours from the 200 block of Arena Street for one El Segundo PD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1426 hours from the 300 block of Center Street for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Vandalism report was taken at 1608 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) scratched the victim's vehicle.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1555 hours from the 600 block of Hawaii Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the building through an unlocked door. Taken were three cell phones and a laptop computer.

Vandalism report was taken at 1802 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) scratched the victim's vehicle.

Vandalism report was taken at 1824 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) scratched the victim's vehicle.

Vandalism report was taken at 1835 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) scratched the victim's vehicle.

Vandalism report was taken at 1907 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Unknown suspect(s) scratched the victim's vehicle.

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 1845 hours from the 200 block of Arena Street. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's residence through a window. Taken were jewelry and other miscellaneous items.

Criminal threats report was taken at 2026 hours from the 300 block of Concord Street. Victim received threats from a known suspect.

One female adult was arrested at 2137 hours from Center Street and Franklin Avenue for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

Identity theft report was taken at 2132 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's credit card to make several fraudulent purchases.

One female adult was arrested at 2313 hours from Center Street and Franklin Avenue for two outstanding Los Angeles County Sheriff misdemeanor warrants.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

One male adult was arrested at 0223 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for possession of a controlled substance.

One female adult was arrested at 1138 hours from the 800 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for grand theft and embezzlement. •

## Local Crime on the Rise in Wake of Prison Realignment Law

By Brian Simon

Local police officials believe California's prison reform law may be the biggest reason for a recent increase in property crimes in El Segundo. While a still dicey economy and reduced police presence in town due to City budget cuts may also be to blame, the implementation of AB 109—the prison realignment bill passed in October 2011—could be the biggest culprit. According to an El Segundo Police Department advisory in September, AB 109 has put more criminals on the streets. "Many prison inmates have been released back into South Bay communities and continue to be released on a monthly basis," the report read.

The main impetus for AB 109 was to reduce California's maxed-out prison population and cut State costs in the process. As explained on Governor Jerry Brown's website, "AB 109 changes the law to realign certain responsibilities for lower level offenders, adult parolees and juvenile offenders from State to local jurisdictions." So in essence, the burden of supervising those sentenced to prison for so-called "triple-non" (non-violent, non-serious, non-sexual) offenses now falls on counties instead of the State. "But the County prisons were already overcrowded—and now with the State releasing prisoners and holding the County accountable, the County is releasing prisoners earlier," explained El Segundo City Councilmember Marie Fellhauer, who is also a board member of the Independent Cities Association (ICA) that has targeted regional awareness about AB 109 as a major priority.

Fellhauer does not take much stock in a report a few months back that the recidivism (former prisoners arrested again) rate for inmates being monitored through AB 109 post-release community supervision is much lower than the State average. According to the July data, 24 percent of offenders released to County probation since the law went into effect had been arrested for new offenses—as compared to a 67.5 percent level statewide. "When you have repeat offenders in State Prison who have committed higher level crimes, that's why they're there," Fellhauer said. "But at the local level, how do we know if there is recidivism if they [former prisoners] aren't being monitored? In the past when someone was released on parole or probation and didn't check in, it was a violation. Now, along with realignment there is also a lack of supervision. They used to have to report in and be monitored by a parole or probation officer and that's not always the case anymore."

Concern about the law extends across the state. In a press release this month from the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation (CJLF), Kern Sheriff Donny Youngblood is quoted as calling AB 109 "probably the worst piece of legislation" he has ever seen. "We were not prepared for this dump of what we got," he went on to say. "We know some of these people are going to re-offend... We know that realignment's going to cause more victims."

Other law enforcement officials cited in the report confirmed they too were experiencing upticks in property crimes. Even worse, they see a rising trend of more dangerous criminals on the loose. The press release quoted Kern County Probation Chief David Kuge as saying, "We've seen close to an increase of about 800 more felony probationers than we did at this time last year... We are not getting low-level offenders...we're getting very serious, and dangerous, and violent people back to supervise at the community level." Sonoma District Attorney Jill Ravitch added that she "fears the elimination of prison reduces the incentive for some people to obey the law. Most felonies are no longer prison eligible and people sent to jail are serving half time because of a change in the way credits are accrued."

In El Segundo, ESPD officials point to a sampling of cases in recent months as evidence of an alarming trend. In the hours between the evening of September 1 and the following morning, local officers responded to 11 reports of theft from parked vehicles. Though many of the cars were not secure, the sheer number of violations in such a short time stood out. Over the same weekend period, officers also made several arrests—including three suspects with extensive criminal records. One spent jail time out of state and the other two were on active parole from the California State Prison system. On September 15, police discovered that three burglary suspects arrested that day on Utah Street were on probation for felony offenses and had extensive criminal records. Then on September 18, patrol officers responded to a call from the 700 block of Washington Street about a suspicious male walking in the area. Police eventually picked up the man on Sepulveda and found the latter in possession of stolen cell phones and money. The suspect had been recently released from State Prison under Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) that is part of AB109.

"With the implementation of AB 109 (realignment), coupled with prison overcrowding, El Segundo has seen a dramatic increase in arrests for crimes committed by persons on active parole, probation and those released from State Prison under the PRCS program," another ESPD advisory noted. "Residents are asked to continue their vigilance in reporting suspicious activity or persons in their neighborhoods."

According to year-to-date data, Part 1 crimes (major offenses including homicide, rape, robbery, felonious assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson) are up by eight percent—42 more incidents compared to last year at the same time—in El Segundo this year. While those under the PRCS program don't get directly released to El Segundo, it doesn't mean those former prisoners don't find their way into the community eventually. "Over 90 percent of the people we arrest for Part 1 crimes that occur in El Segundo are committed

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# Sports

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### Eagle Boys' Basketball Preview

By Gregg McMullin

The high school basketball season is upon us and the El Segundo Eagles can't wait for the opening tipoff. The team has been earnestly preparing for the 2012-13 campaign with participation in a number of summer leagues, a high-profile summer tournament and early morning workouts.



Eagle head coach Craig Gast has high hopes for this year's team.

The Eagles' summer schedule included games against teams that challenged them. They played Bay League power Leuzinger tightly for the first half before running out of gas in the second half. The team ended up with a 13-7 record overall and was very competitive in the Palm Springs Tournament.

Head coach Craig Gast is in his second year and has high hopes for this year's team. His expectations of turning this team into a legitimate Pioneer League contender are even greater. The team has experience, size and leadership, according to Gast. But the area he feels the team has a decided edge over last year's squad is cohesiveness. The players have bonded so tightly, according to Gast, that they do everything together as good teammates on and off the court.

"For the seniors and Brian Hayes [a junior], I have coached them for the past three years," said Gast. "In that time, they have grown and matured as basketball players and they are really a close-knit team. The seniors have really stepped it up and become leaders."

Gast has a number of players returning from a team that missed out on the playoffs last year. Players like Mike Olson, Brian Hayes, Gage Engle and Wajeeh Mahmood will see that the team returns to playoff form. A year

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ago the Eagles struggled through their Pioneer League schedule, but did spoil league champion North Torrance's undefeated league schedule run with a dramatic 45-44 win. It was the only league victory for the Eagles.

Gast's team has improved in each area of the game. They'll be much bigger up front. Hayes returns as the center and the 6'7" junior looks to be more agile with a better shooting touch than a year ago. His presence in the middle could be intimidating because of his size and reach.

According to Gast, the Eagles' success will run through forward Mike Olson. Though only 6'3", this senior sharpshooting forward has a great basketball mentality and plays with as much defensive intensity as anyone around. Gast will lean on him to be the court leader and unless he's in foul trouble or in a blowout, expect to see Olson on the court for most of the game.

Helping out at the other forward will be Ovie Tomikili. He is a promising player who has improved his game dramatically. With a keen shooting touch and good defensive skills, Tomikili should give opposing teams all they can handle.

The Eagles' guards are quick, have good ball-handling and passing skills and can shoot from beyond the three-point line. Mahmood returns and will play the point guard position and direct the offense. This two-year starter has great court vision and has developed a knack for penetrating the ball inside and kicking out precision-timed passes. Engle is another player who has developed into a nice shooting guard, especially from long range. His ball-handling skills will also help break opposing teams' full-court presses. Jake Stone is another player that Gast believes will contribute and has one of the best shooting touches on the team. "He's a pure shooter," said Gast.

A year ago, teams tried pressing the Eagles and caused plenty of turnovers. With the changes Gast has made and the improvements of his players, he believes that could play in his team's favor. "Teams will try pressing us like last year, but it'll be more difficult for them to do--and if we execute, we should turn it into points," said Gast.

Gast is the consummate teacher and this team works as hard as any that he has coached. While he has seven or eight players in his rotation, his entire roster is capable of coming into the game and contributing in some positive way. "We don't have a lot of depth as far as size and experience is concerned, but anybody we bring in will certainly make a positive impact," said Gast.

Eric Chance is a two-sport star (volleyball) and should get plenty of playing time sparing Hayes in the middle. This 6'7" junior is a defensive specialist who can also post up. During scrimmages, he has made Hayes that much better by pushing the latter to the limit on both offense and defense in practice.

Senior Dominique Naea is a returnee who possesses good skills as an off guard. He's definitely a three-point shooting threat. Other seniors such as Chris Curcio and Justin Gray are players who have worked hard and have plenty to offer coming into the game off the bench. Curcio gets position inside for rebounding purposes while Gray's tenacity should equate into playing time.

Juniors Jackson Doering, Austin Hunkins and Malcolm Au are newcomers who bring different elements to the team. Not only do they push themselves in practice, but they help challenge the starters. Doering and

Au both can shoot from beyond the three-point arc while Hunkins is a strong inside rebounding threat.

The future, according to Gast, comes in the form of 6'5" swingman Wyatt Boyce. He is another budding two-sport star (baseball) who is still learning the new offensive sets. With his athleticism and competitiveness, he should play anything but like a freshman.

It all adds up to a promising season for the Eagles. Though Gast won't make any bold predictions, he does believe the Pioneer League is wide open. "Lawndale has the size and Torrance is small, but they will have the quickest team," said Gast. "South Torrance is well-coached, but we matched up with them during the summer. We beat them two out of three times."

The Eagles' season started this past Tuesday with a game against La Serna and they play in the El Rancho Tournament starting next week. They'll open up with Hawthorne followed by Nogales and View Park during pool play. The Eagles host their own tournament for the first time in three years, beginning on Wednesday, December 11 and running through Saturday, December 15. •

## Frankly Plank

Duane Plank

So didn't check out the emails much over the Thanksgiving weekend. If you sent, sorry for the tardy reply. Just kind of wanted to shut down a tad bit and enjoy the time with family and friends. Cuz that is what Thanksgiving is supposed to be about, right? Not necessarily camping out in front of some brick-and-mortar retailer to save a few shekels on the latest electronic gizmo that the marketers will later tell us is darn near obsolete by President's Day?

And, as some of you who know me would surmise, didn't take advantage of any of the Black Friday deals. Not my style. Not sure what is my style.

Watched a lot of football over the elongated weekend--laughing at the latest implosion by the NY Jets and Dallas Cowboys. They stink, they are done, they are almost as embarrassing as that other team that ESPN likes to drone on about--the Eagles. Enough is enough. How about celebrating the teams that actually win more than they lose? Falcons, 49ers, Ravens, to name three.

Tapping out this tome, watching the normal civil war that takes place on the plasma at the mansion when the NY football Giants tackle with the Green Bay Packers. Kind of different this Sunday night, what with the Kid and Packer fan headed back to make his mark in college at UCSB, and the Wife, veteran New York fan, rooting quietly for her Giants.

My football-watching Sunday included hanging out for a tad bit with a Bears' fan who took great pleasure in watching her Monsters of the Midway jump out to a nice early lead over division rival Minnesota,

and coast to a somewhat easy victory in an important middle-of-the-season contest.

And then my Rams splattered the patheticness that is the Arizona Cardinals. Still not sold on the Rams, but at 4-6-1, still amusing this scribe. Who will be watching anxiously on Sunday as they play host to the division-leading 49ers. 49ers by 10..

As for the habitually losing Raiders, ha, ha, ha. That's what St. Nick says as he slides his fat tush down the chimney, right? Keep the words short so that their very loyal fan base doesn't get confused with my pithy ruminations.

So did not get to attend the USC football debacle against the numero uno-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish last Saturday, despite all of my pleading. Much like I did not get to attend the RUSH concert the week prior. Seems that I am not all that successful at this point in getting hooked up. Guess that is a me problem, eh?

The Trojans' performance was tepid at best, and now the only pro football team in L.A. awaits an invite to some nondescript December bottom-feeder bowl. Maybe the Holiday Bowl in America's finest City?

Course the Bruins forfeited their final regular-season home game to the Stanford Cardinal and now must travel to Palo Alto Friday night to try and cement their Rose Bowl bid. Pick here: Stanford by 10.

Last add: Trying to drum up some amusing gossip about the normal column cast of characters, but seems like either those folks haven't been doing their job to make column news, or have been bobbing and weaving away from Plank's prying eyes... •

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# Make Your Holiday Gatherings Sizzle

(BPT) - The holidays will be here before you know it, and if you're not sure how you're going to wow your friends and family this year, Betty Crocker offers up this idea - inspired by the hottest food trends of the season. Layers. Layers. Layers. 18 Layer Red Velvet Cake: This year has been all about layers, in everything from food to fashion. Take your holiday celebration to impressive new heights with a stunning 18-layer cake that guests will go gaga over.

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### Ingredients

#### White Cake

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist white cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs

#### Red Velvet Cake-

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist German chocolate cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa
- 1 bottle (1 ounce) red liquid food color (about 2 tablespoons)

#### Frosting

- 2 1/2 cups marshmallow creme (from two 7-ounce jars)
- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 4 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 3 (8-inch) round cake pans with cooking spray. Line bottom of each pan with cooking parchment paper. Spray parchment paper with cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, beat White Cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Loosely cover and refrigerate.
3. In another large bowl, beat Red Velvet Cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally.
4. Spread 1/2 cup red velvet batter in bottom of each pan. Loosely cover and refrigerate remaining batter. Place all 3 pans on oven rack positioned in center of oven. Bake about 8 minutes or until cake is set when lightly touched in center.
5. For next cake layer, spread 1/2 cup white batter evenly over each baked red velvet layer. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cake is set when lightly touched in center.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5, twice, baking 9 to 12 minutes per layer or until top of cake layer is set when lightly touched in center.
7. Cool 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans; remove parchment paper from bottoms of cakes. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
8. Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat marshmallow creme, butter, vanilla and 1 tablespoon milk with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in powdered sugar until fluffy. If necessary, beat in more milk, a few drops at a time until spreading consistency.
9. To assemble, stack cake layers, spreading 1/2 cup frosting between each layer. Spread remaining frosting on side and top of cake.

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### ACROSS

1. Recipient
6. Winston Churchill's "\_\_\_ Country"
10. Be a kvetch
14. Flip
15. Latest thing
16. Carbamide
17. Cross query
20. Misjudge
21. Emolument
22. \_\_\_ out a win
23. Not req.
24. City in Central China
25. Stage item
27. It's given on the stand
33. Long bones
34. Flat-bottomed boat
35. Fancy neckwear
36. \_\_\_ box
38. Didn't hold
41. 100 kobos
43. Approval
45. No cross allowed for him
50. Furnace button
51. Berry
52. Hotel sign
53. Rel. leader
56. Affect. with "to"

57. Kind of approval
60. Testify out of court
64. Bookkeeping entry
65. Canyon in Utah
66. Young hooter
67. Hollows
68. Swerves at sea
69. Choker

### DOWN

1. Cry softly
2. Takeoff artist
3. Four quarters
4. Word with loose or back
5. Skyscraper, e.g.
6. Silver, in heraldry
7. Query list, for short
8. Fit of fever
9. Need a bath
10. Injured
11. Melodic passage
12. Look into again, as a cold case
13. Buttery
18. Kempt
19. Printing flourish
24. Swell place
26. Global fin. overseer
27. Name

28. U.N. working-conditions agcy.
29. Messenger \_\_\_
30. Swift work
31. Word with bum or bunny
32. Square one?
36. Central
37. Web browser entry
38. Kvass ingredient
39. Balaam's mount
40. Figs.
41. Watchman \_\_\_, Chinese Christian author
42. Bone cavities
43. Booster \_\_\_
44. Singer DiFranco
45. Gelid
46. Enumerate
47. Gets revenge
48. Black Marias, e.g.
49. Locks up
54. Irascible
55. A constellation
57. Pastry dough
58. Buck passers?
59. Part of A.M.
61. German spa
62. Nave bench
63. First prime

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### Last Week's Answers

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## SUDOKU *Medium*

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

# Council

from front page

Council that it would be inappropriate for the members to discuss their opinions at this juncture.

Also on Tuesday, a representative from Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA or Metro) updated the Council on four mass transit options currently under evaluation to connect the Metro rail system within a five square mile area to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Possibilities include a light rail branch extending off the Crenshaw/Green lines with two or three stations inside the airport terminal area, as well as a light rail trunk that moves the Crenshaw/Green lines under the airport with a station in the terminal area. The study also includes options for an Automated People Mover (APM) from Century and Aviation and Bus Rapid Transit.

For part of the funding, the project will use \$200 million in voter-approved Measure R monies, with an estimated opening date of 2028—though there is considerable interest to accelerate the construction process. Meanwhile, MTA opted to delay starting its environmental impact statement until next summer to allow more time to coordinate with Los Angeles World Airports for the latter's projects, work with federal agencies and engage local cities and stakeholders.

In response to a recent lawsuit, the Council unanimously approved an "urgency ordinance" to remove parking restrictions on food trucks on public streets. Up to now, the City's code limited vending from any parked vehicle, wagon or push cart to 10 minutes only. Under the urgency ordinance, food trucks no longer have to comply with the 10-minute limit. City Attorney Mark Hensley explained that local police issued a ticket to a food truck vendor several months ago, prompting litigation against the ordinance by the Food Truck Association. Because there have been no public safety issues from food trucks, Hensley saw no reason to fight the lawsuit and recommended the urgency ordinance as a stopgap measure until staff comes back in three to six months with alternatives for a general code revision.

During presentations, the Council recognized Mattel for sponsoring the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting for the third consecutive year. The event will take place on Thursday, December 6 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Civic Plaza. Santa Claus and Barbie will be on-hand, with each child receiving a Mattel toy from St. Nick. Festivities will also include free train rides, games and crafts for kids, local groups performing holiday songs and carolers strolling along the streets. Shoppers can buy items from the Farmers Market and craft booths. The actual Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m.

Speaking on behalf of the El Segundo Concert Band, Linda Cohen noted that the third annual Winter Wonderland will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the El Segundo High School quad. The free outdoor event will feature snow, activities for kids such as a train and rock-climbing wall, and performances by all the various school bands in town. Cohen noted that last year's event drew 2,500 people and that it benefits the instrumental music program at all the El Segundo public schools.

In another presentation, Sue Carter asked for the community's help in The Friends of the El Segundo Public Library's "Saving El Segundo's Community History" project. As a "gift to the Library and the City," The Friends kicked in \$24,000 of its own money to digitally convert thousands of *El Segundo Herald* editions going back to 1916 preserved on now-deteriorating microfilm rolls as well as printed copies from 2008 to today. Carter reported that so far 24 rolls have been converted, with 10 more in process. But The Friends needs another \$20,000 to get the *Heralds* on the Library's website and has asked for donations from local citizens and businesses. Imagining the possibilities once the project is completed, Carter noted that "you could be sitting at home looking at a paper that was written in 1918" and that in going through the old editions, "you can see why we we're called 'Mayberry by the Sea.'" •

# Sports Shorts

## D-FENDERS HOST FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC FOR YMCA YOUTH

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the D-Fenders hosted a basketball clinic prior to their preseason game in Ontario for 50 kids from a local YMCA. The kids were treated to a free clinic with some of the D-Fenders rising basketball stars. The Los Angeles D-Fenders pulled out a dramatic 120-117 overtime preseason win against the Bakersfield Jam on Saturday night in the first-ever NBA Development League game at Citizens Business Bank Arena. The D-Fenders, the reigning Development Champion award recipient (given to the team that best embodies the D-League's goals of developing NBA talent), start the regular season on November 28th at home versus Idaho. Tip-off is slated for 7 pm. Photo by Allison Tolladay, D-Fenders Community Relations.



## AB 109

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by people from outside our city," said Police Chief Mitch Tavera. "People released from realignment or early from the County come into our city and other cities to commit crimes. That is a huge concern for police chiefs throughout LA County because you will have as many as 30,000 people who should be incarcerated going back into the streets."

Lack of support staff is another major issue, Tavera pointed out. "These people [released prisoners] cannot live within society's norms, so we are setting them up to fail because there is no support structure for them," he said. "Only violent felons now go to the State Penitentiary and those considered less serious go to County jail, but I don't consider them less serious. It is incumbent on law enforcement to deal with these people through area and regional approaches."

The ICA hopes the city councils of its participating municipalities will pass resolutions speaking out against the effects of AB 109. Fellhauer plans to bring the document to her Council colleagues at an upcoming meeting.

"This law could impact independent cities like ours more than the contract cities," Fellhauer noted. "Some of the money that the State will collect from Prop 30 will go to subsidize law enforcement, but there's speculation that the lion's share will go to counties rather than independent cities to handle their jails. This realignment has a ripple effect and the cities are feeling that as well. There's a problem here and we have to get it addressed."

Meanwhile, the ESPD's plan of attack is to "proactively impact crime through directed patrol tactics, specialized deployments, apprehension of suspects, and public education and awareness efforts." The task at hand is a challenge given that the department now has just 58 personnel compared to 71 two years ago. "We are looking to hire, but it's a long process that does affect us," said Tavera. "When you have more personnel, you can commit more resources to quality of life or crime impact issues. We're not as efficient as we'd like, but we will continue to do everything we can." •

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### Memory Lane



El Segundo Little League Parade approaches. Left, Minor League Cardinals Gene Johnson sits on El Segundo Fire Truck fender with 1959 El Segundo fireman Gary Rogers. The Fire Station sponsors Cardinals. Billy Holt, right, of Major League Red Legs sits near sponsor Mr. John Hessell of Hessell Chevrolet in El Segundo. •

### Business Briefs

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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. Back on the Main and Holly Stage after the Tree is lit are the Wonderelles with their Rockin Christmas Revue. Come join in

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