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## ESHS Students Win Mentor's Award at Design Championships



El Segundo High's engineering team "The E-Lemon-Ators" visited Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Championships of Real World Design Challenge. The students designed a system and a mission that could detect and identify invasive insect species in corn crops. They used graduate level science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts and came up with a business case that would help farmers and create a viable business within two years. Pictured here in front of the 4H Conference Center are (L-R) Mason Buzzell, Greta Studier, Nick Porras, Noah Fleishman, Pawel Gertych, Andrew Miyaguchi, Benjamin Landers. Photo by Steven Eno.

## City Hopes to Get Capital Projects Done Sooner Than Later

By Brian Simon

After putting off key infrastructure projects for years due to continuing and seemingly endless financial constraints, the El Segundo City Council decided that enough was enough and authorized over \$3.2 million of 2014/15 general fund monies to address items deemed critical by staff. With a commitment to fix the infrastructure now in place, the City of El Segundo recently kicked off one of the most ambitious capital improvement project programs in the town's history. All told, 39 projects could be completed in the next two to three years, depending on the amount of Public Works Engineering Division staffing on hand to deal with the workload.

The list of 39 includes typical annual projects such as slurry sealing, curb and gutter repairs, and water and sewer main rehabilitation that receive funding from grants or enterprise accounts. There are also over a dozen previously approved projects slated for implementation, requested or already underway. A chunk of the aforementioned \$3.2 million will cover a seismic retrofit and other facility upgrades to Fire Station #1, Police Department upgrades, exterior painting of the Library, and the long-planned Richmond Street rehabilitation. The Council additionally approved funding for other critical needs including Finance Department software upgrades (January 2015-December 2016), a seismic early warning system at Fire Station #1 (January-December 2015), computer/fiber network upgrades (January-September 2015), and a new City website (January-December 2015).

Figuring in staff time based on current personnel and estimated project duration, Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas believes the entire list will take just under three years to complete—and that's assuming no emergency or other high-priority projects appear on the horizon during that period. In addition to hiring another engineer to accelerate the 39 capital projects, Katsouleas asked the Council to consider hiring a dedicated engineer to handle plan check duties full time in order free up other engineers now bogged down by counter work. "This would allow the other engineers to concentrate totally on capital projects and would potentially reduce the timeline by as much as a year," she said.

In the past, the City's Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC) met periodically to evaluate projects and provide a ranking system to recommend what should be funded. That hasn't been the case as of late. "CIPAC hasn't met for the last three years because we haven't had any general fund monies allocated for capital improvement projects," Katsouleas said, adding that the committee currently only has two members—not enough for the required quorum. "On top of that, the Engineering Division experienced staff reductions between 2010 and 2012 that contributed to a backlog of projects that were already funded but we couldn't get started. We were able to add a water/sewer engineer, which has really helped. The list includes 17 water, sewer and storm water projects."

Of the notable non-enterprise projects, the Richmond Street facelift would start in

early 2017 and take roughly five months to complete, according to the proposed schedule, if no new staffing resources get approved. Staff's preferred new design (plans will likely be approved by next fall, though the Council may opt for other alternatives) for the 100-300 blocks includes narrowing the sidewalks from the current 10 feet to eight feet, maintaining two-way traffic and angled parking on the west side, and restoring parallel parking on the east side. While the recent (and controversial) restriping of Richmond's west side added 19 new spaces to the parking-challenged area as part of a temporary move, the future work will provide a total gain of 45-50 spots depending on the final design considerations. The second phase of the project will include removal of the longstanding ficus trees and complete reconstruction of streets and sidewalks similar to the work done on Main Street over a decade ago. Richmond Street was part of the original Downtown Vitalization plan more than a decade ago, but lack of funding stalled the project. "CIPAC and Council approved moving forward with reconstructing Richmond Street in 2009," Katsouleas explained. "However, funding was rescinded as the City's budget revenues began to fall and the money was reallocated to help cover the general fund shortfall. More recently, the scope of the project has grown to widen the street in an effort to create more parking for local businesses and patrons." The final cost for the Richmond project could exceed \$800,000.

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
74°/55°



**Saturday**  
Mostly  
Sunny  
69°/56°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
67°/56°





School



Spotlight

# Eagles Fight Hunger Holds 4th Annual Food Drive

By Cece Stewart, Sophomore at ESHS

As we give thanks during the Thanksgiving holiday, this past week El Segundo High School club Eagles Fight Hunger held its fourth annual food drive. The food drive brings together the entire El Segundo High School community in an effort to help mitigate hunger in Los Angeles County. Eagle's Fight Hunger was founded by my brother Jamie Stewart in 2011. He is thrilled to see this year's Co-President's Amit Pujari and Miguel Wagner-Bagues moving the effort forward this year with vigor, collecting over 8500 cans of food! This year the club not only held the food drive in school, but also expanded their efforts by accepting the generous donations of the El Segundo

Parshan Soheli (Vice-President), Cece Stewart (that's me, Treasurer), and Ali Rabiei (Vice-Principal), Jaimie Mancilla (Principal), and especially Emily Hirsch (Club Advisor); and also all of the club members including Jake Palmer, Josh Palmer, C.J. Shevlin, Wilem Mostert, and Taz Tauaese. Club officer Parshan Soheli speaks for the club members when he says, "I'm very proud to be part of Eagles fight Hunger. Our club is creates a simple and convenient platform for the students of ESHS to help support a greater cause. When you look at our level of success, I think you can say that we have done our job, but more importantly, you can say that the students and faculty of El Segundo care about helping the less fortunate. El Segundo



Eagles Fight Hunger Club members (L-R): Cece Stewart, Josh Palmer, Amit Pujari, Wilem Mostert, C.J. Shevlin, Jake Palmer, Parshan Soheli. Photo by Kathleen Ramey.

community at the CIF Round 1 football game, where the visiting team Rio Grande also donated generously. In addition, thanks to Cassidy Shevlin, President of the ASB, local businesses Beach Mex and Standard Station put out donation boxes for Eagles Fight Hunger during the food drive week. Also Domino's Pizza, Lucky Donuts and Ralphs each contributed donations for the prize parties for the classes that raised the most cans. A shout-out to the following teachers for raising mass amounts of cans: Mr. Ito, Mr. Gast, Ms. Stucken, and Ms. Davlantis- you are all angels that inspired the ESHS students to give generously to others and mitigate hunger in Los Angeles. Because this is such a monumental effort and so many are involved in this food drive I want to thank the following: Amit Pujari and Miguel Wagner-Bagues (Co-Presidents),

is a generally affluent community and it is easy to develop a "bubble" mentality that is ignorant towards people who may be going through tough times in other areas of Los Angeles. But I believe that there certainly are people in El Segundo who have been directly or indirectly affected by some level of hardship and are motivated to help. It's very humbling for us to see our students and faculty come together and support a greater cause and I am very honored to be a part of it." I wanted to highlight just why our community comes together and spends so much time and energy on this food drive, and that is because of "food insecurity" in America. Food Insecurity is a condition, in which people lack basic food intake to provide them with the energy and nutrients for fully

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## Calendar

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

• Plaza El Segundo Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Returns with "An Elf On The Shelf Scavenger Hunt", \$1000 Raffle Prize and More! Plaza El Segundo invites the South Bay to gear up for the holidays with an evening of family-friendly festivities

from 5-9PM!  
• Join Tree Musketeers' volunteer event at the Habitat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 or over. Contact volunteers@treemusketeers.org or (310)322-0263 for more info.  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND  
• Join Tree Musketeers' tree care event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information and to sign up contact volunteers@treemusketeers.org or (310)322-0263. •

## Correction

### City Council Meeting Correction

Last week in our 11.20.14 issue, Brian Simon wrote that the 200 and 300 blocks

of Richmond Street would probably not be re-painted. However, he meant the 100 and 200 blocks, as the 300 block will definitely be re-painted. We regret the error. •

## Police Reports

### Monday, November 17, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 1200 hours from the 700 block of North Nash Street for identity theft, possession of a controlled substance for sales and conspiracy to commit a crime

One female adult was arrested at 1710 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for identity theft, possession of a controlled substance and conspiracy to commit a crime

One female adult was arrested at 2228 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for one outstanding out of state felony warrant

One female adult was detained at 0030 hours from the 900 block of Sheldon Street and transported to Exodus Recovery Center for evaluation and treatment

### Tuesday, November 18, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0824 hours from Hillcrest Street and West Imperial Avenue for violation of a domestic violence restraining order and possession of drug paraphernalia

A vehicle theft recovery report was taken at 1119 hours from the 500 block of Illinois Street. Recovered was a 2004 black Chevy Tahoe that was reported stolen out of LAPD West Los Angeles Division

A found property report was taken at 1134 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue. Miscellaneous clothing was found at the location

An assault with a deadly weapon report was taken at 1851 hours from the 300 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Suspect pointed a rifle at the victims

A robbery report was taken at 1856 hours from Standard Street and Holly Avenue. Victim's wallet and iPhone were taken at gun point

One male adult was arrested at 2032 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for burglary, identity theft, fraudulent use of a credit card and obstruction/interfering with a peace officer

### Thursday, November 20, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0645 hours from Hawthorne PD for one ESPD felony warrant

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 0827 hours from the 1900 block of East Maple Avenue, vehicle versus pedestrian

One male adult was arrested at 1130 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for possession of stolen property

Vandalism report was taken at 1550 hours from the 300 block of Hillcrest Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke several windows

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 0827 hours at the intersection of Alaska Avenue and Aviation Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicles

Stolen vehicle report was taken at 2005 hours from the 800 block of Hornet Way. A 2005 GMC Yukon was stolen

### Friday, November 21, 2014

One female adult was arrested at 1217 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for prostitution

One female adult was arrested at 1334

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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.

# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### The Wounded Animal

By Gerald Chong

The wounded predator glowered from his lair, arrow wounds everywhere. Angry and cornered, he licked at himself and plotted his revenge against all who challenged him, punishing the country in the process. Without a doubt, a wounded president is the most dangerous predator in the political jungle, capable of wreaking vengeance with fury and extreme prejudice.

One arrow came from the Gallup poll showing the lowest ever rating for Obamacare: only 37% approve the law while 56% oppose. Correspondingly, the coming enrollment, originally projected to be 13 million people, will fall to only 9.1 million, nearly a 30% failure.

A second arrow came from Jonathan Gruber, one of the architects of Obamacare, who had been paid \$400,000 by the President to structure the program to obfuscate the tax impacts of the program. But now Gruber says the American public is stupid and had been conned into supporting the law. Predictably, Obama claims he never knew the man.

A third arrow came from the Legatum Institute of London, which compared 141 nations' quality of life (opportunity, education, civil liberty, freedom of choice) and found the U.S. had fallen to 21st. In 2009 we had been ranked 9th, so under Obama we have fallen 12 places. Our freedom ranking fell 17%, and the combination ranking of civil liberty + free choice fell 22%. The study objectively validates the feelings we have all shared.

A fourth and most serious wounding came when the public rejected Obama's policies, and

elected a Republican Congress. 'Nuff said. Lashing out, he proposes legalizing and issuing work permits to five million people who had illegally entered the country, adding to the 92 million already unemployed. Polling indicates 74% of Americans oppose this Presidential mandate, which the President himself, speaking as a senator, had previously declared as being illegal. Setting aside the emotional content of the proposal, his own previous position validates creation of an America outside the rule of law and public opinion.

Inexplicably, he entered an agreement with China in which by 2030, we would reduce carbon emissions by 26%-28% from 2005 levels. By contrast, China agreed to peak its emissions by that same date. For the U.S. to reach that reduction, the economy would have to be virtually dismantled, but China can continue business as usual for the next 15 years.

The wounded predator has insisted on turning the internet over to the government for control, so it can be run like the Post Office, the IRS, and the VA -- and of course, be taxed. Even as he promised "No boots on the ground in the Middle East," 1,500 more boots arrived in Iraq, bringing the total count to 3,000. What's more, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs says American boots may join Iraqi troops in the field.

Victor Ponta, the recently defeated candidate for the presidency of Romania, in his concession speech, said, "We are a democratic country. The people are always right." It is unfortunate the wounded predator does not share the same view of the democratic process. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Executive Order on Immigration Issue Will Not Solve the Problem

By Cristian Vasquez

President Obama's proposal to address the current immigration crisis through an executive order is a horrible idea. To start, there are too many details to address in order to solve this problem through an executive order. From border security, to streamlining the process to handle the petitions of people attempting to enter the country legally and even to determining how to properly deal with undocumented immigrants detained in the country. Realistically an executive order can address each and every issue that I just listed; however, a one-sided approach will result in several shortcomings and future complications.

It goes without saying that in the past eight years nothing has been done by either party in order to address the immigration issue. Both sides have claimed to be open to developing policies that would best benefit immigrants and the country. However, they have been so far apart that conversations have stalled at every moment. The best the Democrats and President Obama could offer was the Dream Act, which was nowhere near being agreed upon by both parties. Republican Senators such as Marco Rubio from Florida and Ted Cruz from Texas have been vocal about their approach to solving the immigration crisis, which involves continued efforts by the federal government to deport people, as well as voluntary deportations. This of course goes against the approach by the Democrats who would rather create the famous/infamous path to citizenship.

So here we are on the brink of an executive order that will anger both sides of the political aisle, fail to fix the issue of undocumented immigrants which will more likely than not allow the continued entry and overstaying of immigrants to the country. The reason we keep having people sneak in or over stay their welcome is because the businesses that hire this labor source continue to get away with their crime. As a society we are fast to point the finger and place blame on a person or group at the first sign of trouble. With the immigration issue the focus has always been on the source of labor; we can go as far back as we want in our nation's history and the undocumented workers have always been the target of deportations while business owners receive a slap on the wrist at best.

Now, I'll be clear. The businesses that have gotten away with the slap on the wrist are big businesses; corporations. A small business owner would be likely to lose it all if caught breaking such a law. However, corporations like Wal-Mart, who in March of 2009 paid \$11 million in a civil immigration case to avoid prosecution, get away with using undocumented workers. Forcing a multi-billion dollar corporation \$11 million in civil fines in order for anyone to avoid jail time is a mockery of our laws. It is hypocritical and absurd to criminalize the source of labor but not the source that employs and profits from said illegal source of labor. An Executive Order by President Obama will not fix the immigration problem and based on Congress' record, they won't do it either. •



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# Sports

## Cardinal and Gold Left Feeling Blue

By Adam Serrao

Flash back to the 1990s. That's the last time that the UCLA Bruins took three straight games over their rivals from the South, the USC Trojans. Well get out your pens and pencils because it's time to update the history books. With a 38-20 victory over the Cardinal and Gold last Saturday night at the Rose Bowl, Jim Mora Jr. and the rest of the UCLA Bruins not only kept a strangle hold on the rivalry, but beat their most hated foes for the third consecutive time, a feat that has not been accomplished by the school since 1998. A game that started off close quickly turned into something that resembled more of a rout as starting quarterback and captain of the offense, Brett Hundley, was quite possibly the star that shone the brightest.

The two rival schools that matched up against each other last weekend are separated by only 12.2 miles. The variety of red and blue colored t-shirts scattered throughout the crowd in the Rose Bowl demonstrated the fact that not one team had more fans present for the game than the other. It was the Trojan fans who showed their might first, however, roaring with excitement as Hundley's first pass of the game was intercepted by USC linebacker Anthony Sarao took the ball out of the air into his hands and never stopped running. Just like that, the Trojans were up 7-0 and hoping to turn the recent tides of this long-lasting rivalry.

Unfortunately for USC, that was one of the last times their fans would be heard in an uproar and may have been the last miscue that Hundley made all game long. 326 yards and four touchdowns (three passing, one rushing) later, the No. 9 UCLA Bruins cruised right past the No. 19 USC Trojans for the third consecutive year, showing their counterparts just who is in control of the Los Angeles college football scene. "It's hard to explain how it feels to win three times in a row versus your rival," Hundley explained. "Everything that goes into the game, each year it gets bigger and bigger, and this year was to top it off. This was the biggest."

Hundley is right. For him, this year certainly was the biggest matchup of the entire rivalry existing between UCLA and USC. This time next year, Hundley will be donning an NFL jersey, quite possibly leading a professional team to victory. For him, this win was everything in his last year at UCLA. For coach Mora the victory was equally as big. Before he arrived on scene the UCLA Bruins were just a pest on the windshields of the Trojans as they fought on to Pac-12 title after Pac-12 title. With this, the team's third consecutive win over the Trojans, Mora has demonstrated

that both he and the UCLA football program are now legitimate and for real. Don't look to coach Mora for any exuberance though. After beating the Trojans for the third year in a row and for what is now a combined score of 111-62, the coach has his eyes on only one prize. "We don't bask in moments," Mora said immediately following the win. "We'll just move on to the next moment."

Confident and focused, Mora and the Bruins' next moment may come this Friday when his team takes on the Stanford Cardinal. A victory will advance the team to the Pac-12 title game where they may even get another shot at the Oregon Ducks. Even more so, advancing to the Pac-12 title game would mark the third time the Bruins have been there since its inception in 2011. All three times will have come under head coach Jim Mora who, should they advance, will have his team in the title game more times than any other team in Pac-12 history. Furthermore, should the Bruins beat Stanford and then advance to beat Oregon in what would be a revenge game, they may even be considered for a playoff spot with an 11-2 record. All of that plus knocking USC out of any possibly contention should certainly have Mora feeling confident that he has turned this UCLA program around for good.

Hundley and the Bruins seemed to get whatever they wanted against the Trojans last Saturday night, gashing USC's defense for huge gains and massive scoring drives as wide receivers were left wide open on more than just one occasion. The Bruins scored all of their points in less than 30 minutes. Thomas Duarte's 57-yard touchdown reception put doubt into all of the Trojan fan's eyes and the game was over when in the second half, UCLA pulled out four unanswered scores to take a huge 24 point lead into the start of the fourth quarter. Should Hundley leave for the NFL after this season comes to a close, both he and his head coach will be undefeated against their rivals and will have put up at least 35 points in every single game played.

It's safe to say now that Mora, Hundley and the UCLA Bruins have completely flipped the nature of this long lasting rivalry in favor of the Blue and Gold. Not only have they beaten the Trojans on the scoreboard, but they have beaten them with physicality on the field and with smarts at the head coaching ranks. The victory bell that now remains in UCLA's possession will be ringing all night long, drowning out the cries of the USC faithful who will vow to be back again next year. Until that time, however, it is safe to say that the UCLA Bruins still run L.A. •

## Officials Clip Eagles' Wings in CIF Playoffs

By Gregg McMullin

Photos by Gregg McMullin unless otherwise noted

In a high school football season our community will remember as one of its greatest ever, the second round CIF Western Division playoff game against Simi Valley will be a game to forget. Oh there was plenty of excitement, dramatic big time plays and highlight hits. There were also plenty of penalties that even had the officiating crew, from the Antelope Valley unit, scratching their heads and huddling after most of the 16 penalty flags that were thrown. In the end the Eagles' magical season came to a crashing halt losing 29-21 to the Pioneers. It was their first loss since losing in the CIF Northwest Division finale last December.

The crew in the black and white stripes did their best but they were obviously overmatched for the caliber of this type of game. The teams, the speed of the game

Pioneers but they could hold their heads up high in between the emotional tears that flowed afterwards.

Simi Valley, which had not advanced to the CIF football playoffs in over 20 years looked like seasoned veterans to open the game. The Pioneers had averaged 45 points per game during their five game win streak coming into the game against the Eagles. The Eagles had one of the stingiest defenses in the CIF Southern section allowing a minuscule eight points per game all season long. The Pioneers demonstrated why their vaunted offense was capable of moving the ball up and down the field.

The Eagles were ranked and seeded second but may have come into the game as an underdogs. The Pioneers' size advantage on both sides of the line, their line averages 270 pounds, was at times taxing on El Segundo's offense and created some confusion on the defensive side for the Eagles.

Simi Valley quarterback Davis Pinkston



Coach Heck comforts Joey Garze and Nick Scott after the game by telling them how well their season has been. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

and the talent on the field were obviously a bit more than their officiating skill level. The Eagles were on the wrong end of a game-changing, questionable at best, pass interference call, two holding calls and they were denied a takeaway touchdown after an interception in the end zone.

Make no mistake about it, this game was hard-fought on both sides. And, in this bout it was a match of a heavyweight versus middleweight, this was David versus Goliath, your big brother taking it out on your little brother. But the Eagles played vibrantly and played as if they weren't underdogs. In the end they not only gained the respect of the

completed four consecutive passes to set up a 44-yard touchdown run by Drew Moore. Just like that, with the fans barely in their seats, the Pioneers had a 7-0 lead. It was not only the quickest any team had scored on the Eagles but by the end of the first period it was the most points any team had scored on the Eagles in the first quarter this season.

On El Segundo's first play from scrimmage Lars Nootbaar found Taz Tauaese open for a 47 yard pass reception. But penalties on back-to-back plays made it first and 43. True to form Nootbaar engineered another precise series of plays to get into the end

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# Sugar Cookie



## Ingredients

- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) unsalted sweet butter, softened
- 2/3 cup Sugar In The Raw Organic White
- 1 large egg plus 1 yolk at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup Monk Fruit In The Raw Bakers Bag
- 1/3 cup Sugar In The Raw, for decoration

## Preparation

In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt, and set aside. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer on medium-high to beat the butter until fluffy, two minutes. Add the white sugar and beat until the mixture for three minutes. Add the egg, then the yolk and vanilla, beating well between additions. Add the Monk Fruit and beat until just combined. Reduce speed to low and gradually add the dry ingredients, until the mixture is clumpy. Stop blending and use a flexible spatula to complete mixing the dough. Turn the dough out onto a counter and divide it in half. Shape each half into a log 6-inches long and 2-inches in diameter. Wrap the logs in plastic wrap. Chill the dough for at least two hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Place the sugar in a small bowl. With a sharp, thin knife, cut each log into quarter-inch slices. If the logs have flattened on one side, use your fingers to gently shape the slices into rounds. One at a time, lightly press one side of the cookies into the Sugar In The Raw, then place it sugar-side up on the prepared cookie sheet, leaving 1 1/2-inches between cookies.

Bake on the center rack for 11-13 minutes, until the cookies are firm when pressed in the center and evenly pale gold in color. Let the cookies rest for 1 minute on the baking sheet. Transfer the cookies to a wire rack and cool completely. Keep tightly covered in a tin, for up to one week. •



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Eagles

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Jackson Walz tackles Drew Moore. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

zone. Tauaese picked up 12 yards on a swing pass and Nootbaar scrambled his way 32 yards for a first down. Then Nootbaar tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Brett Medford for the tying score.

Defense played a big part in the next couple of series of plays. Dewayne Polk pressured Pinkston on third down and the Pioneers punted back to the Eagles. The Pioneer's defense was just as harassing and sacked Nootbaar on consecutive plays to force a punt.

Simi Valley took over with great field position on the El Segundo 43-yard line. The defense that had been so impressive all year long made the Pioneers settle for a 21-yard field goal to take a 10-7. The Pioneers took a 17-7 lead with their next possession. Pinkston's 3-yard TD run was set up by a 41-yard pass completion.

The Eagle's defense stepped it up again near midfield on the Pioneer's next possession. On third and short Pinkston ran an option and was met at the line of scrimmage and hammered

and ran 43 yards for a touchdown to cut the deficit to 17-14.

That fumble for a touchdown didn't deter Simi Valley. They took their ensuing possession 60 yards in seven plays to stretch their lead to 23-14 after Tyler Stephens blocked the PAT.

El Segundo's defense was hampered with a couple of injuries to key players so the offense would have to keep the game close. Nootbaar, who has won more games as a starting quarterback for the Eagles in school history, found Miguel Wagner-Bagues open for nine yards. A major penalty moved the ball into Simi Valley territory. Then Nootbaar threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Hassan Hendricks to make it 23-21 with 43 seconds remaining in the first half.

Eagle head coach Steve Shevlin was upbeat at halftime but said the offense needed to stay on the field longer and give the defense a rest. "We needed to find a way to finish off drives, not commit ill-timed penalties and do what got



Jason Kehl stands tall in the pocket after taking over for an injured Lars Nootbaar. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

by Shane Van Pelt who knocked the ball loose. Joey Garza came up with the loose ball

us to this point of the season." The second half would be a chess game of



Lars Nootbaar gets helped off the field after twisting his knee. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

sorts with each coach making strategic moves. The Pioneers attempted an on-sides kick to start the second half but it was recovered by Joey Garza at the 46 yard line. The Eagles couldn't take advantage of the short field and punted it back to Simi Valley.

The Eagles caught a break when the Pioneers were backed up to their own 5-yard line because of penalties. Then Pinkston directed an 11-play touchdown drive that was helped along by a questionable pass interference call in the end zone on third and eight at the 14-yard line. If anything the call could have gone against the Pioneer's much taller James Cuillard who jumped over the Eagle's Midgey Hale. The penalty gave the Pioneers a more manageable third and one at the El Segundo 7-yard line. From there Moore followed his big line and took it in for a TD to give Simi Valley a 29-21 lead.

Midway through the third quarter, Nootbaar attempted for a tying touchdown drive ended on a tipped pass that went for an interception. Late in the third quarter the Eagles had a

for an apparent El Segundo touchdown. The officials huddled and ruled a touch back for the Pioneers. During the play and commotion Nootbaar had been injured when his knee was hit on the play. After several minutes on the turf he was helped to the sidelines.

With Simi Valley taking control their offense marched the ball down field. But on fourth and five at the El Segundo 31 yard line Nick Karsseboom intercepted a trick play option and returned it to the Eagle's 26-yard line.

To the wonderment of the fans, Nootbaar returned to the field appearing a little more like Kirk Gibson rounding the bases on his home run trot. Looking in obvious pain this would be his last series of plays of his high school football career. After another penalty backed the Eagles up for a third and 21 Nootbaar's last pass was completed to Tauaese for 10 yards and the Eagles punted.

J.P. Rubalcava unleashed a career best 58-yard punt that would give the Eagles hope after pinning the Pioneers back on their own 17-yard line. The defense allowed a few big



Eagle captains Lars Nootbaar, Jackson Walz, Michael Rincon and Miguel Wagner-Bagues head to midfield for the coin toss.

golden opportunity with a fumble recovery. The Pioneer's Cole Hauptmann caught a pass but Garza hit him so hard it jarred the ball loose and Taz Tauaese recovered the ball at the Eagle's 44-yard line. Could this be the defining moment in El Segundo football lore and the comeback that Eagle fans were waiting for?

Wagner-Bagues caught a pass for five yards and Karsseboom picked up 31 yards on another pass reception. Ryan Kelly picked up eight yards to get the Eagles to the Simi Valley 12-yard line. Confusion on the part of the offense resulted in a delay of game penalty that brought up a third and seven at the 17-yard line.

Nootbaar went back to pass, looking for someone open in the end zone, when he was chased out of the pocket. He lofted a pass to Tauaese in the end zone but Colby Banks intercepted the ball and attempted to advance the ball out of the end zone. As he crossed the end zone line he was tackled by Tauaese; the ball came loose and rolled back into the end zone where it was recovered by Tauaese

yardage plays and the Pioneers were knocking on the end zone door. Pinkston fumbled a snap on third and short and then he was sacked by Duncan Papalii and Shane Van Pelt for an 11 yard loss.

Junior quarterback Jason Kehl took over for Nootbaar and looked like the confident leader of an experienced quarterback looking to rally his team. Kehl completed one pass to Tauase and had one dropped that would have given the Eagles a first down.

El Segundo got the ball back once more with 1:25 remaining in the game. Kehl completed a pass to Hassan Hendricks for 11 yards to the 29-yard line and Karsseboom picked up 14 more yards on a pass completion. Kelly kept the Pioneer's defense honest with an eight yard run. Kehl then threw an incomplete pass that was dropped near the Simi Valley 20-yard line. On the Eagle's last play of the season Kehl's pass was tipped and intercepted by Banks at the Simi Valley 13-yard line with 41 seconds

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Hassan Hendricks catches a touchdown pass. Photo by Marcy Dugan.

# Sports Shorts

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Noah Hale ripping up the wave.



Jason Magid in the boogie boarding division.



Mason Bemis in the short board heat.

## Eagles

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left. Banks was injured on the play and was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital. As Banks was being tended to and with the game all but over Simi Valley players on the field celebrated and then consoled El Segundo players waiting for the last play of the season. Afterwards Coach Shevlin was still upbeat and praised his team’s efforts for a magical season. “We weren’t as sharp as we should have been because we were dealing with some

injuries and illnesses. Simi Valley was the better team tonight.” He added, “Still, to be Ocean League champions, seeded second and ranked third in the South Bay, after nobody gave us much of a chance before the season started, says volumes about the character of this team. I couldn’t be more proud of each and everyone of these players,” he said. Indeed this season’s team will rank as one of El Segundo’s greatest football teams. •



Joey Garza (on the ground and Jake Barone (35) stop Simi Valley’s Drew Moore for a short gain as Jackson Walz (19) and Tyler Stephens (31) close in.



Jason Kehl gets pass protection from George Hayes.



Eagle quarterback Lars Nootbaar eludes Simi Valley’s Dillon Daste.



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Three Simple Ways To Kick The Stress Out Of Holiday Shopping

(BPT) - Traveling, cooking large meals, planning and surviving holiday office parties, and managing relatives - the holidays are stressful. Add in the time and money demands of holiday shopping, and you may be tempted to keep a therapist on speed dial.

While you may not be able to avoid difficult relatives or the annual end-of-year trip to a client you'd rather not see, it is possible to reduce holiday shopping stress.

"In my opinion, the best deals are post- Black Friday," says Peggy Blum, a former retail trends forecaster, past Seventeen Magazine editor, and current lead instructor for the Fashion Retail & Management program at The Art Institute of Austin, a branch of The Art Institute of Houston. "Black Friday will have some deals, but it won't be the end-all of sales through the season." With that in mind, here are three holiday shopping tips that are sure to help.

You have no idea where to start or what to buy: Kate Campbell, a former buyer for Dillard's, suggests starting with a search of hot lists or top-pick lists. Campbell currently serves as the director of the Fashion Marketing & Management program at The Art Institute of Tampa, a branch of Miami International University of Art & Design. Whether it is toys, apparel or electronics, major retailers and brand-specific websites are publishing "hot holiday lists" and top picks for almost anything. "I've seen top picks by Amazon, Toys R Us, and PC Magazine for electronics,"



says Campbell. "There are even top pick lists for cosmetics and best buys for kitchen ware."

Blum adds that novelty gifts are also a great way to make an impact and a good place to start. She challenges shoppers to step away from the large retail stores and buy from privately owned businesses like local boutiques and mom and pop stores.

"People really respond to unique gifts, and it puts the magic back into gift-giving," she says. "Think outside the box, anything from craft beers, to personalized yoga mats, to craft jewelry could all make great gifts."

Looking to save time and money: If you're constantly on the go and prefer to rely on some

preliminary shopping via your cellphone or mobile tablet, many apps can make shopping a bit more organized and convenient.

"There are apps for apparel such as Wanelo and Wish, and major retailers or brands also have their own apps such as Pink Nation for Victoria's Secret," Campbell says. Need to keep track of all your online purchases? There's an app for that! The larger shipping services like UPS and FedEx have their own apps, but you can also try the Slice app or the Posted app depending on your needs. Campbell warns that shoppers should plan for extra time on their delivery schedule when purchasing online or via an app. "Online

and app shopping will save you the hassle and time, but you need to plan for shipping delays," she says. "Some of your items could easily be coming from China and take a whole month to arrive."

Blum recommends surfing products online for a cost difference from store prices. If you print out the shopping cart you intended to purchase, and bring it in store, the retailer will often honor the price savings. Knowing and shopping the promotions before you go to the store is a different way of couponing.

Want additional savings? Blum recommends the Amazon app for your smartphone. Just scan the in-store item's barcode and the app will tell you if Amazon has the same item for less. She cautions that the Amazon app doesn't work with generic brand items.

Complete your shopping in one place or in one day: Pick and choose where you think you may spend the majority of your holiday budget, and join the loyalty programs for coupons and reductions. "Be choosy and make sure you register with the loyalty programs that will really deliver savings and unique purchases as opposed to spam mail," Campbell says.

The key to holiday shopping is to avoid impulse buying. Make a list, and start early. Go online or ask your loved ones and friends about their hobbies. Stress relief and savings are the result of doing the homework. If you don't, the worst will happen - you'll force yourself to buy out of desperation. •

Police Reports

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School Spotlight

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According to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey as part of the "Map the Meal Gap" study, people struggling with hunger would need about \$56 more each month on average to address the shortages in their food budget; this shortfall represents an estimated \$750 million in Los Angeles County. Thus every in-kind donation in the form of a can of food that our little school raises makes one less person hungry. As Club Co-President Miguel

Wagner-Bagues says "It is truly awesome to see the community of El Segundo rally behind such a good cause. The students here at El Segundo have a lot of compassion and are eager to help those in need." I agree: human compassion demands that we all as citizens of this earth care to help our fellow citizens have food to eat.

Beyond human compassion, Ann O'Leary Director of Los Angeles based Center for the Next Generation illustrates why this should matter to each and every Californian from an economic standpoint with the statement that "We can't honestly separate our state's economic future from current poverty rates among our kids. Our ability to thrive as the world's ninth-largest economy depends on having an educated, healthy and stable next generation of workers." So, as I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, I also want to say thank you to our little town of El Segundo, each of you who donated a can, for helping touch lives, and in turn help our country and state work toward a next generation of economic prosperity. •



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City

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The current timeline for the Fire Station #1 seismic retrofit anticipates a six-month planning phase through the first half of 2015, with construction completion set for the end of 2015. Other station upgrades will run into the middle of 2016, though the seismic early warning system (which would provide just enough advance notice before an earthquake to ensure that doors will be able to open to allow engines to leave the building) could be in place by next fall. Meanwhile, police facility upgrades are at this point set to start about this time next year and wrap up by the summer of 2016.

Other projects on the list include the long-deferred City Hall remodel that will take a year to complete and is currently scheduled to start in the spring of 2016, Park Vista awning deck repairs and painting (2017), and water plant carpeting (by the end of 2014). On the recreation side, pool sandblasting will take place at the beginning of the coming year. Upgrades are also planned for the Recreation Park fire pit/picnic grounds (early to mid-2015) and playground equipment (late 2015 to early 2016). “Even if we can expedite all of these projects, we still have a long way to go in addressing our infrastructure issues,” Katsouleas said. “But this is definitely a good start in the right direction.” •



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**Toby** is a stunning, tri colored, pure bred, male Saint Bernard who was originally bought from a breeder as a puppy. He knows a lot of tricks such as sit, shake, lie down and will roll onto his side for a belly rub. This big boy walks very well on leash too. Toby was surrendered to us because he figured out how to climb chain link and escape his back yard. He would wander the neighborhood looking for anyone who would pay attention to him and then always return home when he was done. So, we are looking for a non-chain link fencing in your back yard (at least 6 feet would be good). Toby is a wonderful dog who loves people, attention and affection. He is neutered, current on vaccinations, microchipped, fine with other dogs, and would be best with children over the age of 6.

**Ginger** and **Maryann** were found abandoned in an empty lot with their mom Lovey. MaryAnn is a beautiful gold and white

colored terrier mix. She is a sweet little girl, shy at first, but comes around fine. Maryann has good play manners with the other dogs here at the rescue and at her foster home. She loves to be held and snuggled with. With her little tail always wagging, Maryann walks well on leash. Her sister, Ginger, is a beautiful cream-colored terrier with golden-toned ears. She also is a little shy at first meeting, but with patience, she warms up to you. Ginger is still a pup so she likes to play and has some puppy energy. She is fine with all the other dogs here at the rescue and loves to go for walks. She is a soft-spoken little gal who loves to cuddle in your lap and snuggle up when carried around. Ginger is wary of children, so an all adult



Maryann is a sweet pup who loves to be snuggled.

home or a home with teenagers would suit her best. These sweet pups just celebrated their first birthday with a wish for families of their own. MaryAnn and Ginger are spayed, current on vaccinations, and microchipped.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at [www.animalsrule.org](http://www.animalsrule.org). If a dog is on our website, it’s available. Come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible; we are a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Ginger is a shy girl who needs a patient family.



Mowgli is a serious climber and jumper.

Add a little love when you adopt your purrrfect partner. During the month of November, the adoption fee for tuxedo cats and black cats is only \$60!

Meet **Mowgli** aka “The Ninja”! Rescued from the LA City shelters with his mother and four brothers, Mowgli was the smallest of the litter. Yet that didn’t stop him from being the first one to try new things and show some serious climbing and jumping skills—hence his nickname, The Ninja. He is such a lovely little guy. Mowgli truly loves to play with store-bought toys. Cat owners know the frustration of buying a bunch of cute toys only to find out that their cat ignores it and ends up playing with a dirty sock or candy bar wrapper. But not Mowgli! He has been caught on numerous occasions snuggling with stuffed animals while he naps. He is adorable!

**Gracie** (Grace Kelly) is a lovely black and white short hair tuxedo kitty. She loves to play with toys and other kitties. She has a more reserved personality, but is also very interested in what is happening around her. Although she doesn’t really like to be held, Gracie loves to be petted. She is also quite entertaining as she love to chase flies and other insects. Gracie is hoping you will give her a forever home.

**Olivia** is a sweet and playful girl. She loves to chase strings and toy mice or wrestle with a friend. She was rescued off the street with her mom, brother and sisters. Olivia can be a bit shy, but bring out some toys and she’s all yours. She has been living in our kitten cam room at the Kitten Rescue Sanctuary and you can see more of her online: <http://explore.org/live-cams/player/kitten-rescue-cam>.

These kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional



Gracie is reserved and dignified like her namesake, Grace Kelly. information and to see these or our other kitties, please check our website [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org) or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org). Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

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Olivia is a little shy but loves to play!

# Happy Tails



Brandy and Josie are together again.

On June 23, 2014, **Brandy** and her “sister” **Josie** were separated when Brandy found a wonderful new home. Since these two sweet kitties were rescued together at the end of the “No Kill LA” Super adoption event the previous month, letting them be separated was a tough decision. So Josie stayed behind and was moved between various foster locations. Little did we know a miracle was soon to come.

When Brandy was adopted, her new mommy said that if all went with the introduction, in a few months she would be back to see if Josie was still available. On October 23, Kitten Rescue received an email from Brandy’s mom asking if Josie was still looking for a home! She came and adopted Josie that Saturday with everyone praying the reunion would go well. This is the update on the

wonderful reunion...

“We just received the attached photo of Brandy and Josie!! Who would have thought when I made the tough call to separate them back in June that they would be together again as if they had never been apart. Rescue is always difficult, sometimes all we can do is take a chance and hope for the best. Thank you to the wonderful caretakers at the West LA and Stevenson Ranch enclosures, especially Renee for giving Josie an enclosure break at her home and giving Josie so much love and attention. Seeing these girls together again brings more joy than I can articulate. Cynthia, Kitten Rescue Foster Coordinator.”

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