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ting practice pitcher Plank who was out and about researching on Friday evening. And that strenuous researching was accomplished after watching a couple of races at Hollypark and the kid’s high school baseball game--another walkover against the team from Lawndale.

More on the Hollypark experience down the road. The researching was very trying also, what with my Halos coughing up another win against the dreaded Yankees. The Angel bullpen is very dicey at this time. To say the least. Okay, they stink!

Anyway, the Mariners sleepwalked through the start of the game, allowing the Yankees to take the early lead. It was 4-0, if I remember correctly. No guarantee there. I was a little sidetracked that morning, what with the Kentucky Derby coming up. Had to figure out who I was betting on, didn’t I?

So we mounted a comeback in the middle innings, but I as the third base coach, made a big screw-up and got one of our runners thrown out at home by about 55 feet, which wasn’t a good thing. And the next guy that found third base was also tagged out at the plate when a potential wild pitch bounced right back to the catcher, who tagged out our kid. I’ll take the blame for that one, too.

Maybe I should do less researching the night before a 9 a.m. doubleheader? You think?

But the kids picked me up and came back to win the game. And then they proceeded

Eagles

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Hutchinson. Hutchinson leads the South Bay with over 125 strikeouts but the Eagles’ lineup made him look ordinary including Ben Doucette who led the Eagles with two doubles and a pair of RBIs, Palmer who went 2-for3 with two doubles and three RBIs and Logan Erickson who had a pair of hits including his two-run homerun in the first inning. Jake Booterbaugh, Brice Savage and Jimmy Quiñones combined to five hit the Cardinals and limited them to just a run while combining to strikeout five.

El Segundo played in the championship game of the Redondo Tournament for the first time in nearly 20 years. The Redondo Tournament boasts one of the largest (44 teams in two pool play divisions)) and most competitive tournaments during the season. The Eagles faced Newberry Park another team from the perennial powerhouse Marmonte League on a chilly night. The Eagles won the tournament with a 7-2 win over the Panthers on the strength of Richard Seigal’s two-run homerun.

With the Eagles trailing 1-0 in the third inning Nigel Nootbaar and Joey Schaffhauser singled and Ben Doucette drove in Nootbaar with a sharp single to centerfield. In the fourth inning Logan Erickson, Nootbaar and **Seigal** each had hits to scratch across another run to take the lead but the Panthers pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game at 2-2.

to fall behind early in game two, but rallied to sweep the doubleheader. It’s never over till the fat lady sings, goes the cliché. Saw the fat lady at the snack stand Saturday and she wasn’t singing, but ordering up a double cheeseburger.

The Mariners are in first place at this time, but with a double-elimination tourney that includes all six teams starting in a couple of weeks, it ain’t how you start; it’s how you finish. We play both Friday and Saturday nights this week, so don’t blame me if my research for next week’s *FP* is a bit dodgy. Maybe I’ll get Dodger Girl or RJ the Golfer to help fill in the blanks.

On second thought, don’t know how wise that would be. Trust Dodger Girl implicitly, but not so sure about the Golfer, who owes me a buck or two because he apparently is tapped out. Even though he hit a Pick 4 at Hollypark last Saturday... Pay up, dude!

Gotta end with this ditty. “Reefer” Rex Hudler, Angel announcer, was apparently overwhelmed by a fantastic play made by shortstop Maicer Itzturis. Mighty Maicer ranged far into the hole to snare a grounder, leaving his feet to corral the horsehide. His one-bounce throw was short-hopped by first baseman Kendry Morales. Said Reefer Rex: “Morales picked that one like he picks his nose!” I kid you not. I can’t add anything to that... •

The Eagles’ big inning of the night came in the fifth when they scored five runs to take a 7-2 lead. Brice Savage and Doucette singled and Erickson drilled a two-run single up the middle to make it 4-2. Jake Booterbaugh’s RBI single made it 5-2 and **Seigal** hammered a first pitch curveball 390 feet onto the street for a two-run homerun.

Once again the offense put up some big numbers especially in the hit column against some pretty good pitching. Led by Savage who was 2-for-4 with a triple, Erickson’s 2-for-4 two RBIs and scored twice night and **Seigal** who banged out two hits including his second homerun in two games the Eagles had 13 hits.

Joey Schaffhauser, who came in relief for Doucette on the mound in the third inning, was masterful giving up just one unearned run in five innings to get the win and the Eagles (17-7) celebrated their first tournament championship in a couple of years.

The Eagles faced North Torrance yesterday in a key Pioneer League match up and again playing the Saxons at home on Friday at 3:15 p.m. With the season winding down they play Peninsula at home on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. and then wrap up the season next week on Tuesday at home (3:15 p.m.) and Thursday at South Torrance.

**Eagles News and Notes**

Former Eagle baseball standouts Billy Traber and Robi Estrada are playing minor league baseball for their parent teams’ affiliates. Traber, who comes out of the bullpen for the Pawtucket Red Sox is 1-1 in the seven games he has been in while Estrada is playing second base for the Bowling Green Hot Rods, the Single-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. •

Community Briefs



Members of El Segundo Rotary, ESHS Interact Club and family and friends paused during a long day of planting 14 trees on the Center Street School Campus.

**ROTARY CARES DAY**

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Rotary Clubs around the world celebrated “Rotary Cares Day” which is a worldwide day of Rotary Clubs completing hands-on projects within their local communities. The El Segundo Rotary Club celebrated this special day with the planting of fourteen large trees on the Center Street School campus. Approximately forty Rotarians, family members, El Segundo High School Interact Club members, Center Street School principal, Marisa Janicek and her children spent the day planting trees. The biggest helper of the day was Dan Montrose of Digger Dan’s Backhoe Service, who graciously volunteered his time and backhoe for moving the trees to their planting sites and digging the fourteen large holes needed for planting the trees.

Early in the school year, Mrs. Janicek knew her school campus was in desperate need of shade for her students and teachers, but she lacked the financial resources needed to bring the trees to fruition. After having a conversation with a Julie Stolnack, Center St. parent and Rotarian, the tree project was quickly adopted by the El Segundo Rotary Club in celebration of “Rotary Cares Day”. The club members got behind the project right away, started planning the tree placement, selected and provided five different types of trees, and then jumped in with all of the volunteers needed to plant the fourteen trees in one day.

The trees have become an instant hit with the students and teachers. Teachers are educating the students on the importance of trees as well as teaching them to respect the trees and the environment. These trees will be on this campus for years to come and for all to enjoy their beauty.

Principal Janicek stated: “The trees show commitment to beautification and pride of Center Street School... In a time of such remarkable unpredictability it is so refreshing to have groups like Rotary that are willing to fund and work to better our schools and bring smiles to our students faces. Thank you Rotary!”

**SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT THE ESEF**

The Automobile Driving Museum will hold the second annual car show “Car People for Education” to benefit the El Segundo Educational Foundation on Saturday, May 30, 2009. The Automobile Driving Museum is providing a perfect venue for the car show, a community fundraiser to benefit the ESEF’s campaign to Foster Excellence in Education. Former USC and NFL football great Anthony Davis will highlight the day’s festivities as the honorary head judge. This year’s sponsorships include Title Sponsor, Servicon and Event Sponsor, Inner Space Constructors.

The Automobile Driving Museum is located at 610 Lairport Street in El Segundo. Admission to the car show is \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and students, children under ten are free and a special family rate of \$25 will be offered for up to five persons. Vehicles will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lots adjacent to the museum. Refreshments will be available for purchase

throughout the day.

The show will feature 10 classes, including surf wagons, pre and post 1975 sport cars, pre and post 1960 pure stock, custom and modified cars, hot rod, motorcycles, classic cars 1925 to 1942 and vintage cars 1910 to 1930. Over half of the cars on display will be provided to the show by El Segundo residents. The highlights of the show will include ten classes of vehicles ranging from early vintage to hot rods, customs, surf wagons, and late model sports cars. The event judging committee will present 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Awards for all classes and special awards for “Best of Show”, “People’s Choice” and ESEF Sponsors Choice. Guests will also be able to observe the El Segundo Boy Scouts race their Pinewood Derby cars on the scout track.

To enter an automobile, please download an entry form from the ESEF website.

For event information or sponsorship opportunities, please visit: [www.elsegundoedfoundation.org](http://www.elsegundoedfoundation.org) or [www.automobiledrivingmuseum.org](http://www.automobiledrivingmuseum.org)

**KIDS DAY INTERNATIONAL**

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 communities worldwide will participate in the 15th Annual “Kids Day International™,” a Health, Safety, and Environmental Awareness Day. Dr. Vincent Marcel will be sponsoring the event locally from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm at Body Doc Healing Center, 1924 East Maple Avenue, Suite B in El Segundo.

The event will provide essential information on crime prevention, child safety, and environmental awareness. The El Segundo Police Department will be on hand to provide free fingerprinting of all the children. Additionally, there will be special appearances by Sgt. Cameron and his K-9 officer Arthur. The Fire Department is bringing a fire truck and will teach fire safety tips to the children. The Electronic Recycling Services will bring their 15ft. recycling truck for the community to donate such items as cell phones, printers, VCRs, computers, etc. Dr. Marcel will provide free health screenings, scoliosis checks and will be distributing vital information on disease prevention and health promotion.

There will also be an Ukelee performance, yoga for children, exercise training for kids, balloons, snacks, jumpies and fun for everyone. Former Los Angeles Raider Greg Townsend will be on hand to sign autographs. There will be a silent auction and raffle prizes every half-hour. “This event is for a great cause,” states Dr. Marcel. “The community has really joined forces to help raise money for the El Segundo Educational Foundation.”

The event is free, and “this year is especially exciting for Kids Day International™”, as it is being represented nationally by celebrity spokesperson Jonathan Lipnicki, star of such films as *Jerry Maguire* with Tom Cruise, and *Stuart Little 1 and 2*” commented national event founders Drs. Theresa and Stuart Warner. “We encourage the entire community to join Dr. Marcel by participating Saturday at this unique, fun-filled community awareness event!”

For more information on Kids Day International, please call Diane at 310-546-6863. •

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