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## Two Local Food Pantries Supported with Donations



At a recent check presentation, Chevron El Segundo Firefighters donated \$4,000 to two local food pantries. Members from CASE and the Hawthorne Presidents Council were present to receive the donations of \$2,000. Pictured (L-R) are Julie Stalnack, Hector Rupitt, Kevin Tovar, Jason Rosander, Alex Monteiro, Robert Garris, Joe Diaz, Father Smith, Stephen Jolley, Polly Price, June Williams, and Cheryl Landreth. Photo courtesy of Chevron.

## El Segundo School Board Selects Jeanie Nishime as New President

By Duane Plank

The only regularly scheduled meeting this month for the El Segundo Unified School District school board featured the selection of the new board President, and the recognition of District students and faculty members who were recently recognized for receiving the Mentor's award at the Real World Design Challenge.

Jeanie Nishime was selected by the board as the new President, and will-serve a one-year term. Jim Garza was selected as Vice-president, with Bill Watkins rounding out the choices, with the veteran administrator holding down the Clerk position for the next year.

Prior to the selection of the new officers, outgoing president Laura Gabel was recognized by her fellow board members and those in attendance. Superintendent Melissa Moore talked of a state-of-transition in the District over the past year, with a new Superintendent being selected after the previous Superintendent, Geoff Yantz, moved on to a new position last spring, and noted the work that Gabel had put-in during the past year.

Said Gabel: "This year Board has really gelled, and become a family. I appreciate each and every one of you. And I want to say thank you to our District staff. I could not have made it through this year without you. You have made it seamless."

The students who were feted by the Board included Mason Buzzel, Noah Fleishman, Pawel Gertych, Benjamin Landers, Nick Mazuk, Andrew Miyaguchi, Nick Porras, and Greta Studier. Also recognized were faculty advisor Steve Eno and faculty mentor David Reed.

The students, under the tutelage of Eno and Reed, competed in the Real World De-

sign Challenge, and for the second year in a row, advanced to the National Championships after winning the Independent State Challenge. Dubbed the E-Lemon-Ators, the High School students created an Unmanned Aerial System to monitor pest infestation in crops. Their efforts and subsequent business plan were rewarded with the prestigious Mentor's Award, placing them in the top 1 % of engineering students in the country.

Moore then took to the presentation podium, noting the top-flight success of the students, commenting that "our engineering students

are second to none. These students are truly gifted and talented," and then also gave praise to Eno and Reed for their work with the students.

Next-up on the presentation agenda was Moore's entry plan, buoyed by recently compiled District-wide data. She spoke of the importance of the plan by looking through "then lens of our mission statement." Moore said that the synergy between the District administrators, employees, and students is one of the facets that makes the El Segundo

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## Tree Musketeers Still Growing After All These Years

By Brian Simon

The concept that time flies truly hits home when one realizes that the group of El Segundo eight-year-olds who founded Tree Musketeers back in 1987 are now in their mid-thirties. The then-third graders had just planted a sycamore that they named "Marcie The Marvelous Tree" and came up with the seed of an idea that would eventually lead to the formation of the world's first youth-led environmental organization.

Yet while those original 13 eventually moved on to careers and families, Tree Musketeers continues to thrive in its quest to ensure a healthy future for the planet with a new generation of youths taking the helm. While supported by a small professional staff of adults, the Tree Musketeers still remains firmly under the control of

its enthusiastic young leaders. The current six-member Youth Management Team meets weekly to oversee all program activity from inception to completion.

"The leadership ladder at Tree Musketeers begins with LEAD [Leadership, Education and Action Development] courses," said Lina McDermott of Manhattan Beach, one of the Youth Management Team members. Tree Musketeers President and Youth Manager Samantha Cano of South Gate added, "You read often about Tree Musketeers' young executives going off to prestigious universities because this level of leadership and community service is the stuff great college portfolios are made of." General LEAD classes, which take place during the

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Rain  
61°/50°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
61°/48°



**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
63°/51°



# Bob Todd 1936-2014

## Real Estate Icon Built Re/Max Into South Bay Powerhouse

By Brian Simon

Bob Todd, the man who brought Re/Max Beach Cities Realty to the South Bay 32 years ago and turned it into the worldwide organization's largest branch of agents and offices, passed away on Monday after a lengthy illness at the age of 77. He died peacefully in the hospital surrounded by family members.

Born in Hemet, California in 1936 and the son of a housewife and laborer during the Works Progress Administration, Todd went into the Coast Guard after high school and became an electrician, ultimately landing a position with Rockwell Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo. During this stint, he also earned his real estate license and worked weekends selling properties primarily in the El Segundo and Manhattan Beach communities.

Todd eventually married and had four daughters—Kelli, Keri, Britton and Melissa. He made real estate his full-time career after assuming the managerial position at what was then known as Spring Realty in Redondo Beach. Todd converted the company to a Re/Max franchise in 1982, establishing the territorial areas of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and El Segundo along with adjoining communities to the north and south.

Starting out with just two office locations and less than 40 agents, Todd oversaw the rapid expansion of Re/Max Beach Cities to 14 offices and over 700 agents covering all of Southern California with annual sales running into the billions of dollars—this despite the challenging economic times of the early 1990s that devastated the Southland real estate industry. He retired from the day-to-day operations of the company in 2005, turning over leadership duties to daughter Kelli Amundson.

A larger than life figure literally, Todd was

a giant of a man at six-foot-three and about 240 pounds with a personality equally as big according to friends, family and associates. "He was a powerful and magnetic presence with a great sense of humor," said Jim Marak, broker for Re/Max's El Segundo office. "And he had a handshake that felt like a catcher's mitt."

Todd was responsible for launching the careers of Marak as well as longtime El Segundo-based realtor Bill Ruane—one of the most successful agents in the entire country. "I was the first person he ever hired who didn't have any prior real estate experience," said Ruane, who started with Re/Max nearly a quarter-century ago. "He was willing to give me a chance and I guess he saw something in me. He was always there to give me support no matter how busy it got for him with so many offices. I hope I was able to make him proud. He taught me that real estate isn't just a nine-to-five job—that it's a lifestyle seven days a week that requires continual interaction with diverse people."

In addition to mentoring the careers of countless agents over the years, Todd also made his mark on the world in less publicized fashion. "He was a very giving person and would often help people behind the scenes in ways no one ever heard about," said Re/Max Manager of Events & Special Programs Tory Blazek. "He donated money to a local pantry and the Children's Miracle Network and was known to be a very generous and caring person. Living legends are a dying breed and now there is one less."

Todd is survived by his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as the many people whose careers he helped jumpstart. "Bob Todd was a real estate icon," added Marak. "He shaped so many lives in a positive way and will never be forgotten." •

## Tree Musketeers

from front page

summer, educate the youngsters in personal, people, management and public speaking skills. Youth Tree Planting Supervisor LEAD classes are also on the calendar for January and February.

The South Bay is the focal point of the organization's Hometown Program—with the idea that local kids can implement urban forestry, youth leadership and public education projects that can serve as models for other communities not just in the area but across the country and ultimately internationally. Central to this effort is the Partners for the Planet 3x3 campaign that aims to engage three million young people worldwide in fighting global warming by planting three million trees. "We are about one-third of the way there," reported Youth Manager Talia Gerard from Manhattan Beach, adding that nearly one million trees have been planted so far in 25 states in America as well as 15 countries over five continents. Among the projects is the ambitious planting of 4,000 trees in Zimbabwe by the end of this month.

In the home base of El Segundo, upcoming activities include new plantings on January 24 and February 28 on Memory Row—the area of West Imperial Avenue between Main and Hillcrest streets. The trees serve as living tributes to people or events. The annual Arbor Day event, which draws hundreds of volunteers into the community to plant trees along the south side of Imperial Highway and care for the Trees to the Sea in the median, will take place on March 7. Looking after the Trees to the Sea remains a high priority not just for the organization, but for local residents. "El Segundoans care deeply about the Trees to the Sea and many call or drop in at Tree Musketeers [the headquarters are on Richmond Street just north of Grand Avenue] to voice their concerns at the trees' decline," said Youth Manager Utsa Parikh of El Segundo, who lamented that donations to the cause are few and far between. "As a result, we've had to scale back maintenance activities to focus on

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Volunteers care for trees in El Segundo during Tree Musketeers' bimonthly TLC for Trees event. Photo by Tree Musketeers Staff.

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School



Spotlight

# The STEM Pathway at El Segundo High School

By: **Cece Stewart, Sophomore at ESHS**

This past week I went to a PTA meeting at the high school’s library to learn more about the STEM Pathway at El Segundo High School. It was an interesting and illuminating experience, and they offered delicious gingerbread cookies. During this meeting, engineering teacher Mr. Steve Eno spoke about the Engineering Pathway, which is currently being transitioned into the “STEM and the 21th Century Learner Curriculum”; STEM stands for “science, technology, engineering and math,” which also includes computer science and physics.

The current Engineering Pathway has been at ESHS for 5 years and has 20 kids in the 4-year curriculum. But the current goal at ESHS is to expand the engineering path into a full STEM curriculum so as to include many more kids at El Segundo High School beyond the 4-year engineering kids, and eventually this should include curriculums at the elementary and middle schools. They are trying to make students ready for challenges of the 21st century. In addition, since students are growing up with constant changes in technology, Mr. Eno wants to incorporate technology across the STEM curriculums as technology ties engineering, science and math together.

This is all very important because by 2020 there will be one million more jobs in computer science technology than students educated for those jobs; there will be 1.4 million computer jobs, but only 400,000 computer science students. This is a \$500 billion opportunity! Also, of note, currently only 12% of computer science degrees go to women even though women earn

57% of degrees, so there is a real effort to educate computer science students in general,



Mr. Steve Eno, engineering teacher at ESHS. Photo by CeCe Stewart.

and particularly women. At this meeting, I learned a lot and it was an interesting subject that I personally had not known much about,

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## Letters

### Sad Start to Christmas

I am sad to report that someone stole treasured Christmas yard ornaments from some of my neighbors and me. Some items have a long and joyous family history and can never be replaced. It is not about the dollar amount, but about the breach of the Christmas spirit.

This is a time of joy and outward expressions of our love of Jesus and of our fellow man. We decorate and help to “light up the world.”

In spite of our loss we hope that everyone will decorate (like those on Candy Cane Lane) and make this the brightest, happiest Christmas ever.

– Kathy Atkins

## Police Reports

### Monday, December 1, 2014

Grand Theft report was taken at 0702 hours from the 800 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a TV, radio, data processing equipment and power tools

Stolen vehicle report was taken at 0944 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue. Taken was a 2004 Dodge Stratus

An assault with a deadly weapon occurred at 0835 hours from the 100 block of Nevada Street. A known suspect stabbed the victim and then threatened to kill him and his family

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at Arlington Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle. This was a courtesy report taken for the Torrance Police Department

One male adult was arrested at 2112 hours from the Culver City Police Department for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant

### Tuesday, December 2, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0142 hours from the 100 block of Loma Vista Street

for assault with a deadly weapon, felony vandalism and domestic battery

An on-line petty theft report was taken at 1540 hours from the 400 block of Hillcrest Street. Taken were assorted Christmas decorations

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 1927 hours from the 1600 block of East Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked apartment by unknown means and stole a dog

### Wednesday, December 3, 2014

A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1214 hours at Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1646 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Utah Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle

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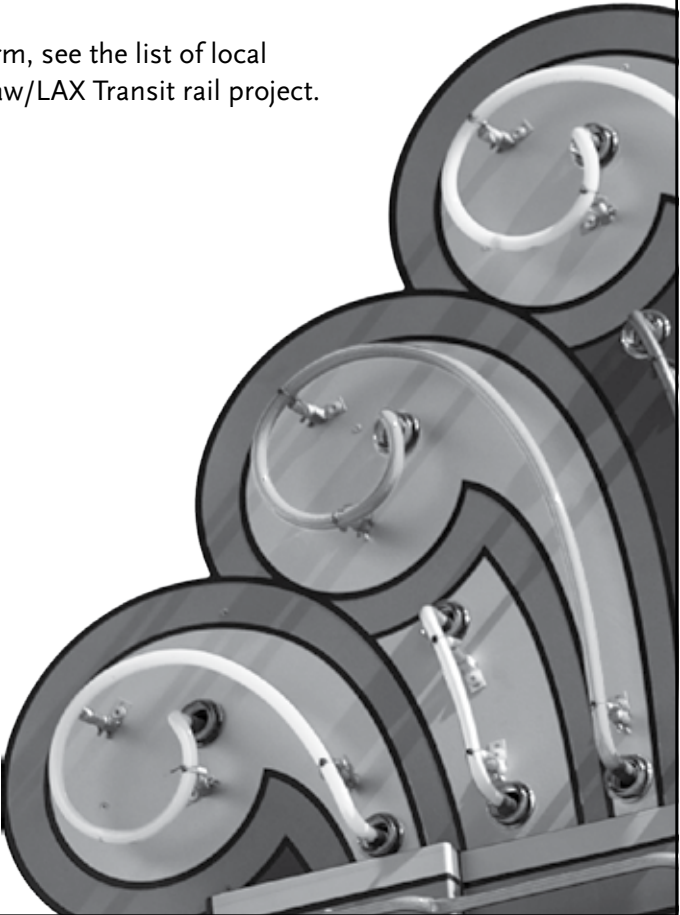
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"Agnus Dei"

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### A Government of Laws

By Gerry Chong  
“We are a government of laws, not of men” – President John Adams

How many times have we collapsed back into our plushy seats in our favorite movie theater, licked our popcorn buttered fingers, slurped a Big Gulp, and watched the latest western morality play? The plot is familiar because it contains an expectation that we have always believed; that we are a nation of laws passed by our elected representatives, and that at the end of the movie, those laws will define our civilization, protecting us against insurrection and mayhem.

The theater darkens, the credits have rolled, and the movie begins: There is a killing on the streets of a small Midwestern town. The killer is a deputy sheriff who claims self-defense. Immediately, outside rabble-rousers invade the town to incite a vigilante mob to insurrection, destroying businesses, many of which are owned by the individual vigilantes themselves.

Correctly, the law focuses on the legal culpability of the deputy sheriff rather than any extraneous grievances of the vigilantes, and finds there is little reason to indict him; but with support from outside agitators the vigilantes sustain their rampage. As the movie ends the rule of law has prevailed but the audience leaves with the very uneasy prediction that there will be another fire in an unknown location at an unknown date, and this one will be bigger than the last.

The vigilantes have a new martyr to stoke their next act of violence. They have a cause and an agenda requiring a government of

men, and not of laws. President Adams’ claim be damned.

Rationally, the question must be asked of the vigilantes, “cui bono”? Who benefits from the insurrections? Certainly it is not the people injured or killed; not the businesses damaged or destroyed; not the local consumers who have lost accesses to goods and services; not government budgets that have been decimated; and not the cause of the vigilantes because civil rights are not advanced by looting and killing.

But it is not senseless violence. There are, in fact many who benefit. Some like Al Sharpton exploit anger to gain elective office. There are others like Jesse Jackson who become wealthy by exploiting minority grievances against major corporations. There is the president, presuming White law enforcement culpability, who sent his Attorney General to the site of the shooting to broadly indict the city and local law enforcement for civil rights violations, even in advance of the city’s Grand Jury decision.

The greatest beneficiary of civil unrest, however, is the political Left. It prospers as long as there are divides that can be exploited between Blacks and Whites; rich and poor; women and men; citizen and illegal immigrant; Christian and Godless; and public sector and private sector dominance. A unified country is the Left’s greatest nightmare.

As this movie ends, ask yourself, “Will there be a sequel?” Did this violence advance the cause of civil rights? Will the next violence bring a positive result? Importantly, who benefits from civil unrest? •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Athletes Should Make More Political Statements, Even if Only Symbolic

By Cristian Vasquez

There has been no lack of commentary about the incidents in Ferguson, Missouri. Regardless of where one falls on the opinion spectrum, I do fully appreciate people exercising their First Amendment right to voice their opinions. Which is why today I want to applaud Stedman Bailey, Tavon Austin, Jared Cook, Chris Givens and Kenny Britt of the St. Louis Rams for their symbolic, yet important, gesture a few weeks ago. These five men walked onto the field before their game against the Oakland Raiders with their hands in the air replicating the “Hand Up, Don’t Shoot” pose being used by protestors in Ferguson.

I applaud the actions of these five NFL players not just because they spoke out against what they consider an injustice, but also because they used their platform as athletes in the biggest, most important league in the world to make a political statement. These five athletes used their position of comfort and to a certain extent privilege [which they earned] to tell a grieving family that their tragedy isn’t going unnoticed; that they stand in solidarity with the victim. As emotional and sensitive as the incident in Ferguson has been on a national scale, to these St. Louis players it was also a local issue.

We don’t have to agree with their opinion but the fact that we live in a culture of mind-numbing social media supported by idiotic reality television, it was refreshing and inspiring to see five athletes make a political statement. The athletes are somebody’s cousin, brother, son and possibly father so none of us have the

right to say they should keep their thoughts to themselves. For anyone that argues that the football field isn’t the place for these types of statements, then what is “proper” the place? And why should there be a proper place? We are blessed with free speech and these men used it through the best medium available to them.

In 2003, did the Dixie Chicks criticize President Bush at the wrong place and time? If they had they waited until 2014 and made their comments at a local radio station, would there not have been backlash? Would it have mattered at that point? The Dixie Chicks much like the five athletes in St. Louis, made comments that a group of people considered wrong and were criticized. Sadly this has happened before in America. Just think about Muhammad Ali, John Carlos and Tommie Smith back in the 1960s. All three athletes were barred from their sport for speaking up for what they believed in but it did not destroy them; it made them stronger and in the end it made our country a better place.

In a world where we are quick to criticize athletes, idolize talentless celebrities being chased by cameras all day and where people are brainwashed by consumer culture, it is inspiring to see people in a position of comfort making a bold political statement. Thank you to the Rams and Rams’ Coach Jeff Fisher for not taking disciplinary action against his players and respecting their right to free speech. More than anything thanks to Stedman Bailey, Tavon Austin, Jared Cook, Chris Givens and Kenny Britt of the St. Louis Rams. May their action inspire others in a similar position to do the same. •



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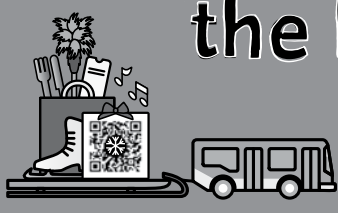
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# Sports

## Girls' Water Polo Looking to Make a Big Splash

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo High School's water polo program has long been long regarded, in the South Bay, as one of the premier programs. Whether it is the boys' or girls' team the Eagles have had storied success. This year's girls' team is looking to continue that tradition with a strong team that will include just two seniors on the roster. Though the team has finished third in the Ocean League the past two seasons before that the team had won four consecutive league titles.

Head coach Riley Brady, a former Eagle standout, is excited for his team and believes they can compete with Santa Monica and Beverly Hills for another Ocean League title run. With a young team last season the Eagles went 13-15 and finished third in the Ocean League. They were eliminated in the CIF Southern Section wild card game against Mayfield. The Eagles were eliminated by Mayfield in the first round of the playoffs two seasons ago 7-5.

Leading the way for the Eagles will be three-year letterman Cassidy Shevlin. Shevlin had a great season last year and was named to the All-Ocean League second team. She along with the other senior, Monet Berberian, will help mentor a team full of talented juniors including Elysse Barriga, Quinn Miller, Annabelle Cloutier Chaine, and Talia Dominic.

Replacing Jordan Stiggers in goal was thought to be a challenge but Coach Brady says the team's junior goalie, Lalya Chamberlin, is expected to play a huge role in the teams success. "Lalya has really picked up her game and we're looking for her to have a solid year."

The offense could be led by Grace Wigginton.

This is Wigginton's first year and has already raised some eyebrow early in the season. In the teams first game she scored five of the team's seven goals and the Eagles defeated West Torrance 7-5.

The Eagles are off to a good start and were 3-2 entering this week before playing Marlborough and Hoover at home on Tuesday and Wednesday. They finished the Newberry Park Tournament 2-2 where they faced some great competition.

The Eagles faced a talented Cabrillo team and fell 13-0. In the second round the Eagles fell behind to Buena of Ventura but finished great only to come up short 7-6. Last Saturday the team played tough and defeated Moorpark 5-2. In their final game the then went on to beat Calabasas 12-1.

Leading the Eagles was Talia Dominic with seven goals and Quinn Miller had four goals. Chamberlain was stellar in goal. She had 15 saves against Moorpark and eight more against Calabasas. According to Coach Brady Chamberlain's play in goal and her passing has been key to the team being able to push their counter attack.

The Eagles faced Hoover today at 3pm at home before playing Peninsula and Redondo on the road next Tuesday and Thursday.

### Boys' Basketball

The Eagles took it on the chin in the tournament they hosted. They fell to El Camino Real, the defending City Section champions; Fairfax, one of the state's top teams; and Crossroads, one of the top teams in the CIF Southern Section's 5AA Division. They did however defeat

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## Lakers More of A One-Man Show

By Adam Serrao

It's no longer the "Lake Show." Now the Lakers have become what is most comparable to a "one-man show." Perhaps something out of a carnival or *Ripley's Believe it or Not*, the traveling circus that has become the Los Angeles Lakers is headed by their ringleader Kobe Bryant. Gather 'round and watch as he tosses the ball through the air with such incredible frequency that more than a quarter of his shots are destined to fall through the hoop. One quarter of the way through the season, the Lakers have done exactly what they have been expected to do this season. With no real talent on the team and a hungry superstar at the helm, Los Angeles should be poised for what will be one long basketball season.

Last Friday night's game against the Boston Celtics was quite possibly a microcosm of the entire Lakers season in general. The team, coming off of two straight encouraging wins over the first place (Atlantic Division) Toronto Raptors and the Detroit Pistons had reason to begin to be optimistic about the season. Maybe the team just needed a little time to gel. Maybe Kobe needed a little regular season time to recover from his injury and learn the tendencies of all of his new players in order to be the player that he could possibly be. A triple-double with 31 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds against the first place Raptors for Kobe certainly looked encouraging. Fast-forward to three days later and those same Lakers wound up losing to the 6-11 Boston Celtics by 17 points on the road. Kobe still

led the team in scoring. Of course he did. He's the one-man show. But his 22 points on the night came at a cost. Not only did he have as many assists as turnovers (three) in the game, but Bryant shot an abysmal 9-21 from the floor, all but negating the rest of his teammates except for the infamous "Swaggy P," who is going to throw up his fair amount of shots no matter where he is standing on the floor. Nick Young finished with 16 points on 5-14 from the field.

Sure, Kobe leads the league in scoring right now, which in itself is always a hard task to accomplish, but I've recently discovered a fun game to play at Kobe's expense. First, go on to Google, type in NBA season leaders, hit the field goal percentage tab and see how many pages you have to scroll through before you get to Bryant's name. He's not on the first page. Nope, not the second either. Yes! Finally, there he is, barely making it onto the third page of results at No. 115 out of the 124 ranked players. That's just below USC's own O.J. Mayo and right above Brandon Jennings. Bryant has a .391 field goal percentage, meaning that he's making well below half of the amount of shots that he throws up. Dating back to before last Sunday's game against the New Orleans Pelicans, Bryant had attempted 447 shots while making 175 of them. To put that in perspective, the next most shots attempted in the league belonged to Monta Ellis of the Dallas Mavericks who put up only 374 shots while making 176 (still one more than

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# Butternut Squash Tart with Fried Sage, Prosciutto and Pecorino Cheese



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Cook Time: 40 minutes

## Ingredients

- 3 slices prosciutto, thinly sliced
- 1 butternut squash (1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 1 egg + 1 tablespoon water, beaten
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 10 sage leaves
- Shaved pecorino cheese

## Preparation

Preheat oven to 425 F and cover a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place prosciutto onto baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes until crispy. Set aside until needed. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F.

Microwave the whole butternut squash for 3 minutes. This will not only make the squash easier to peel and slice but aids in pre-cooking. Using a vegetable peeler, peel the squash. With a knife, slice the neck of the squash into 1/8-inch thick rounds. You will need 18 slices.

Roll the thawed but cold puff pastry into a 12-inch square and transfer to a baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Using a pastry brush, brush the puff pastry with the egg wash. Arrange butternut squash slices in an overlapping pattern on top of the pastry leaving a 1-inch border on all sides; season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Bake for 40 minutes until puff pastry is golden.

While the tart is baking, heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Working with five leaves at a time, place the sage leaves in the hot oil and fry for 20 seconds until leaves are bright green and crisp but do not turn brown. Place on a paper towel to drain.

Once the tart is finished, top with crumbled prosciutto slices, shaved pecorino cheese, and fried sage. Drizzle lightly with additional olive oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. •

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Abby's first visit with Santa.



Barbie gives Charia a big Holiday hug.



Sofia is crafting her Santa hat.



Brenda is ringing in the season with the United Methodist Bell Choir.



City council members Dave Atkinson, Marie Fellhauer, Suzanne Fuentes, and Mike Dugan lighting the tree.



Kate is decorating her Christmas tree.



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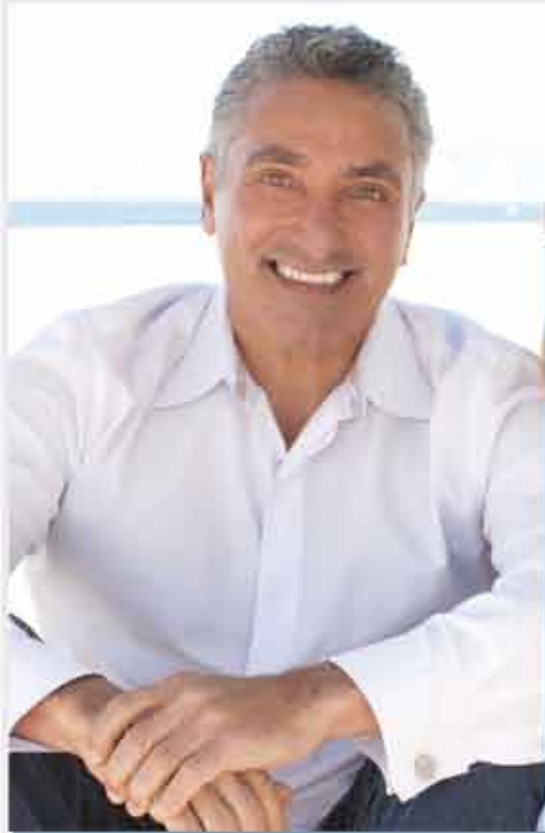
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# Tree Musketeers

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trees in El Segundo.”

In using the term “trees in El Segundo,” it’s notable that the Trees to the Sea are technically located in the City of Los Angeles. Despite the fact that the section of West Imperial serves as a crucial gateway to El Segundo, making headway in beautifying the area continues to be a major logistical challenge. “It took 17



Youth Manager and President Samantha Cano directs volunteers at Arbor Day 2014. Photo by Tree Musketeers Staff.

years and three generations of youth leaders to take the dream of a green Imperial Highway off the shelf and set it in motion,” said Tree Musketeers founder Tara Church. “Acting as a nonprofit liaison between the two cities of Los Angeles and El Segundo, Tree Musketeers’ young executives of 2004 secured permission to plant trees on the barren median strip that separates the airport from the South Bay.” Initially, the City of Los Angeles agreed to care for the trees, but then reneged on the deal shortly before the first planting. That left maintenance duties to Tree Musketeers with limited financial means. Extensive fundraising provided a recycled water irrigation system and three years of care resulting in 500 trees planted between 2005 and 2008. But the money ran out in 2011, leaving the area in jeopardy not only due to lack of resources to continue to fill in vacant sites with new trees but also hampering the ability to properly care for the larger mature trees that are most instrumental to the environment—but are in dire risk of dying. Inadequate care can shorten the life span of such trees from over a century to under a decade. To address the issue, a GlobalGiving campaign is underway to raise money for Trees to the Sea care. As of press time the organization remains short of the \$12,500 goal, but hopes to make

a final push as the year wraps up.

Also critical to Tree Musketeers’ cause is to engage young students. “There are opportunities for any school service club to get involved with Tree Musketeers by scheduling to volunteer with us during our regularly scheduled events or to schedule a volunteer day specifically for their group,” said Youth Manager Raquel

Gerard of Manhattan Beach. “All of that is handled by our Volunteer Manager.” As an example, the DaVinci Innovation Academy—a Wiseburn Unified School District school located in Hawthorne—recently held a volunteer day for a first grade class and a few of the room moms reportedly got their hands dirty taking care of trees. “Our Urban Forester Luke Midura taught the class about tree care activities such as watering and mulching and said that the group was enthusiastic and hard-working,” said Youth Manager Fernando Aguilar (Gardena), who added that several Torrance schools also hosted volunteer events with West High School students digging in on a regular basis.

Tree Musketeers hosts several corporate team-building and service projects each year. After organizing one such activity for DirecTV employees, Danielle Foley (who handles procurement for the company) commented that “everyone on our team loved the event today. It was an overwhelmingly positive action.” Other ongoing El Segundo programs include restoration of wildlife habitat below Clutter’s Bluff, planting and maintaining public trees throughout town and a residential tree service from which the proceeds support the non-profit’s mission. A tree map will also soon be featured on the organization’s website to allow

site visitors to view the location, species and other particulars of public trees throughout El Segundo. Residents will be able to add to the tree database over time. Looking a bit further into the future, Tree Musketeers is working with Inglewood Unified School District to bring youth leadership and Arbor Day 2016 to La Tijera School.

That database doesn’t begin to encompass the two million trees planted worldwide over the past 17 years and the more than 1.3 million youth participants who have played a role in creating a better environment thanks to the outreach efforts of Tree Musketeers. Little did that original group of eight-year-olds know that their idea would pan out quite like this...•



Managers Raquel Gerard & Lina McDermott with Adult Partner Dodie Gomez gather tools and signs for volunteers on Arbor Day 2014. Photo by Tree Musketeers Staff.

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The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed Bids for Projects RSI 14-32 (Group 66 Re-Bid of the Residential Sound Insulation Program) in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

Bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall's West Conference Room located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245 if they did not attend at least one of the pre-bid meetings for the Group 55-68 projects. Bidders are strongly encouraged to arrive early as the meeting is expected to start promptly. Any bidder who arrives after the start of the meeting will not be considered in attendance.

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This Project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The Contractor must post copies

of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

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Lakers

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Kobe) to give him a .471 percentage from the field. The field goal percentage leader in the league is Brandon Wright, also on Dallas, who comes in at .741 (compared to Kobe’s .391).

Fans of the Los Angeles Lakers are getting used to losing. After the worst season in franchise history last year, it took five games to get a win for the Lakers this year. “It’s not easy after the games,” first-year Lakers head coach Byron Scott stated. “I think people in L.A. can tell you. They know it’s not easy after a loss.” Well, it’s getting easier and easier as the losing is becoming more and more frequent. While the Lakers are losing, however, Bryant is attempting to prove that he can still dominate the NBA in the twilight of his career. “I’m a true competitor,” Bryant said. “When I say that, I mean, when things are difficult, I compete even harder.” The harder Kobe tries, the more it isolates his own team. Sure, he’s racking up the numbers and will soon pass Michael Jordan on the all-time scoring list, but the legacy he is leaving behind is one that is traveling in the exact opposite direct of Jordan’s.

Kobe’s triple double made him the fastest player in league history with 30,000 points and 6,000 assists. An incredible accomplishment in its own right, but the individual statistics fail to help the team. He can find shots anywhere on the court and he is one of the greatest players in league history, but what was once a championship Lakers basketball team in the not so distant past has no become a one-man traveling sideshow. Before this year, the Lakers hadn’t started a season with five straight losses since they moved to Los Angeles 54 years ago. The only time it had ever happened, as a matter of fact, was during the 1957-58 season when the team was still based in Minneapolis. The championships have come and gone since then: 11 of them, to be exact. The playoff appearances were many: 51, to be exact. It is becoming increasingly obvious, however, that those days have been left well-behind in the rearview mirror. Kobe being good is good for Kobe and Time Warner Cable. The Lakers, on the other hand, may have to wait a couple more years before they can set their sights on the Larry O’Brien trophy once again. •

School Spotlight

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and it swayed my opinions about what classes to take towards the engineering side next year.

The current Engineering Pathway of 20 students is a set of classes that uses the national Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Curriculum to help introduce students to engineering and prepare them for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) career. This Pathway includes the following classes at ESHS: 9thIntro to Engineering Design; 10th Principals of Engineering; 11th Aerospace Engineering; 12th the Capstone Course Engineering Design and Development. The students who complete all 4 years are designated with an orange sash during graduation.

However, the full STEM curriculum offerings at ESHS has 150 students participating and includes the following classes: 9th Algebra 1; Intro to Engineering Design; Biology; Principles of Biomedical Science; 10th Geometry; Principles of Engineering; Chemistry; Human Body Systems; 11th Algebra 2; Aerospace Engineering; Medical Interventions; 12th Pre-Calculus, Engineering Design and Development, and AP computer science. This is a pretty impressive set of classes for a small school and sets ESHS apart as a STEM destination school in the South Bay. Add on that ESHS has partnerships with UCLA and USC and internships with Jet Propulsion Lab, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, SpaceX, and as an ESHS

parent or student we should be very thankful for this amazing program available to our students.

Ultimately, Mr. Eno tells me that “the classes prepare students for college and careers by exposing them to design thinking that helps them solve problems in any major or career. They learn about solving problems through design thinking while also getting exposed to engineering content that they wouldn’t normally see in high school.” The results are apparent: of the current Engineering Pathway students that graduated last year, Mr. Eno estimated that “75% are studying engineering in college, and are going to schools like University of Colorado Boulder, Stevens Institute of Technology, LMU, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly SLO, Johns Hopkins University, UC San Diego, and UCLA.” Additionally, this year at The Real World Design Challenge, the El Segundo High School E-Lemon-Ators won the independent state champions, and the national mentors award!

I would like to thank the main sponsor of this initiative, Chevron, for their grant to the STEM curriculum, and the Ed! Foundation as well, which funds much of the Robotics program. We are very fortunate to have such an impressive program at El Segundo High School, and I encourage everyone to look into these classes as we all aim to grow as 21st century learners. •

Finance

4 Things You Should Know About Choosing Your First Credit Card

(BPT) - Whether you are headed to college, joining the armed forces, or simply looking to take greater control of your finances, you might be wondering if it’s time to open your first credit card.

Although credit cards are not for everyone, they have some important benefits you should consider. First, responsible credit card use is a great way to start building a strong credit history, which can be key in qualifying for a car or the home you dream of owning one day. A credit card with rewards enables you to make the most of everyday purchases by earning points on your expenses. And for those who live life on the go, credit cards will help you take advantage of emerging payment technologies that offer more secure and faster ways to pay.

Of course, these benefits of owning a credit card are quickly offset if you are unable to make on-time monthly payments. Navy Federal Credit Union, among other financial institutions, encourages its members to pay off their balance in full each statement period. If you feel confident about your ability to use a credit card responsibly and you are ready to begin your search, consider these tips:

1. Go with an issuer you trust. “You may not know all about credit cards right away, and that’s okay,” says Randy Hopper, vice president of credit cards at Navy Federal. “You should choose a financial institution you feel has your interests at heart. They should be

a greater number of credit card offers, you still have plenty of options. Look for a credit union or bank that will qualify you for a credit card not just based on your credit score, but based on their overall relationship with you. Some financial institutions like Navy Federal offer what is called a secured card, created in large part for consumers who have not had the opportunity to develop credit history.

3. Find a straightforward offer. By reading the fine print of an offer carefully you can determine whether the credit card offer is straightforward and excludes certain “gotchas.” Be mindful of the fees associated with the offer and whether your rate could potentially increase after an “introductory period,” a specified period of time on some offers, usually lasting a few months.
4. Find a product you can be proud of. “Do your homework and make sure you find a credit card with a low rate,” says Hopper. “Although some great cards do carry an annual fee, try to find a credit card that requires only a low fee or no fee at all.”

Rewards are also a big part of this equation. Make sure your rewards program is both simple and easy to use. You should be able to quickly determine the cash or travel value of your current points, at what rate you can earn points, and find easy options for claiming your rewards. Look out for programs that place a cap on your ability to earn points, set an expiration date on your points or



willing to walk you through your questions over the phone or in-person, any time.”

2. Limited credit history? You still have choices. So you don’t have a long record of on-time mortgage and car payments, resulting in a strong credit history. Although people with stronger credit tend to be eligible for

require a certain points balance before you can claim rewards.

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School Board

from front page

School District so special and so successful, and noted that “we have the right people on the bus.”

Moore was followed to the presentation podium by the Ed! Foundation CEO Carol Pirsztuk, who showed the board a video about the Ed! and Murad funded Biomedical Science Pathway at the High School, as well as promoting

the Ed! Guys Night Out festivities that will be taking place on March 6.

The consent agenda items followed next, highlighted by the approval of three agenda items involving the highly-regarded Junior Achievement program that will be taking place in the District.

At the High School, the Junior Achievement

professionals will have their entrepreneurial and job shadowing program folded into the Business Math and Business Economics courses at the school. A total of four classes will receive interactive lessons to help the students start their own entrepreneurial venture while still in high school. The lessons will help the students to experience business fundamentals as they operate a student-led company.

The Middle School will be participating in a Junior Achievement program dubbed “Finance Park.” A month- long program that will introduce the students to personal financial planning and career exploration, “Finance Park” is scheduled to be visited by all seventh and eighth grade students as they develop their own commitment to a personal budget and put into practice what they have gleaned from their immersion in the Junior Achievement program.

Funding was also approved for a Junior Achievement Day that will take place on Friday, February 20, at the District Elementary school sites. Parental participation is a key facet of the day, with the cornerstone being the encouragement of parents with different educational and professional backgrounds to spend the entire day at school and teach the

young learners about business skills needed to succeed in the 21st century, stressing hands-on activities, and real-world at-work business examples.

The action item portion of the two-hour meeting featured the approval of a resolution declaring December 8-14th as computer science education week; the certification of the District’s first interim financial report for 2014-15; and the approval of an agreement to earmark \$7,500 to have the District-owned Imperial Street property appraised.

Andrew Power of CBRE, Inc. Valuation Services was selected to appraise the value of the long-dormant Imperial Street so that the Board can know how to best proceed with the future disposition of the land.

Moore then listed highlights on the District’s informational calendar, including the upcoming Holiday break.

Board member reports followed, with newly elected President Nishime commending the board for their efforts over the past year, and noting that “without family, we couldn’t do what we do.”

Moore’s Superintendent report closed out the meeting before the newly elected President Nishime ended the gathering. •



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Little **Lizzie** is an adorable 4-month-old female terrier mix who was found as a stray. Another sad case of having no collar or tags, was not microchipped and unable to locate her owners. Lizzy is a spectacular little pup with very polite play manners. She loves everyone she meets and plays well with all the other dogs at the rescue. Lizzy loves toys and is becoming a great little walker on leash. She is all puppy and will need a



Lizzie is a terrier mix with polite manners.

family who has enough time on their hands to train her properly as she is not currently housebroken. Lizzie is spayed, current on vaccinations, dewormed, and microchipped.

**Captain** is a gorgeous 4-month-old German Shepherd. He was originally bought from a breeder and the family soon realized that they had no extra time to train him. Captain is a very smart pup who is a good boy, an excellent listener and a quick learner. With his fabulous disposition, he is playful with the other dogs at our rescue, good with children and will make an excellent addition into any family. Captain is neutered, current on vaccinations, dewormed, and microchipped.

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Captain is a German Shepherd who would make a great family pet.

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Kiki loves to be spoiled and admired.

To help more loving kitties get “Home for the Holidays”, Kitten Rescue is offering 50% off adoption fees in December for all cats 2 years and older.

**Kiki** is a gentle and sweet cat with looks that just won’t quit. Like a glamorous Hollywood starlet, Kiki enjoys being showered with attention and admiration. She is cuddly, affectionate and she loves people. As an easygoing, low maintenance cat, she would be ideal for somebody looking for a companion to spoil. Kiki would be happy as an only cat to enjoy the love and affection she gives to and receives from her humans.

**Neeko** is a sweet boy who is equal parts goofy energy and adorable cuteness. Everyone who meets Neeko falls in love with his gorgeous blue eyes and equally spectacular personality. He doesn’t seem very reactive to dogs, so he likely would adapt to a home with a cat friendly dog. Neeko can often be found upside down taking a nap. He definitely needs another cat in the home, as he would be pretty lonely without someone to wrestle and nap with.

**Maid Marian** is an adorable little princess who was born with big green eyes and a unique peach-beige coat. She loves attention and is happiest on your lap or being held by your heart. Along with her outgoing, playful nature, Maid Marian has a big endearing personality in a tiny package. She gets along very well with other adult cats and kittens. If you don’t already have a kitty, she would love to be adopted with her brother, Barry,



Neeko needs lots of company (but not a dog!).



Maid Marian has a sweet, outgoing personality.

or her best friend, Magique.

**Magique** is a magical kitten who brings lucky change into people’s lives, granting wishes and giving kisses. With her black obsidian coat and twinkling golden green eyes, she is a tiny package of warm cuddles. She loves to sit you or on the back of the couch, wrapping her body around your neck and shoulders, nuzzling into your hair. At her young age, she needs a kitty companion in her new home. If you don’t already have a cat, Magique would love to be adopted with one of her brothers or with her best friend, Maid Marian.

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 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

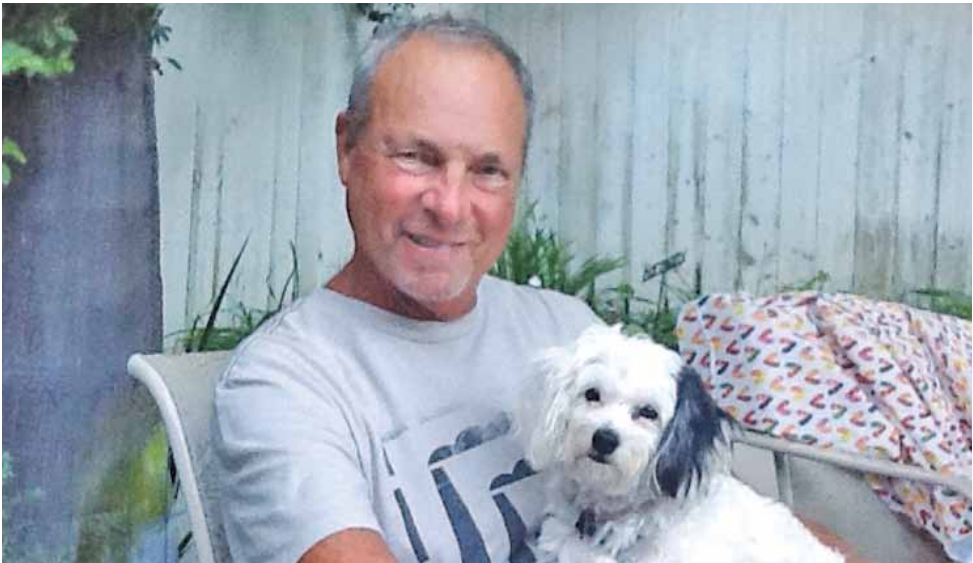


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## Happy Tails



Bella loves her new Palm Springs home.

It was her lucky day when Beautiful **Bella** and her new family met at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair.

“Bella has been with us a week now and we just love her! She is doing great with the crate and is so good we took her to Palm Springs overnight. She has also been out to lunch twice and is perfectly behaved. She

is still pretty quiet, but every once in a while has these puppy bursts of energy and runs in circles around the house. We are just thrilled with her. -- Karen”

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*Saving one animal won’t change the world,  
but the world will surely change for that animal.*

Eagles

from page 6

Westminster after putting up some good numbers in the first half and then holding off the Lions. Things looked to be just as challenging this week when the Eagles play in the University Tournament. They'll face the host Wildcats (6-2), then Windward (3-0) a team that has played for a CIF title two consecutive years and St Bernards (4-1).

Girls' Basketball

The Eagles have been off but return to action in the Bell/Southeast Tournament starting today and finishing up on Saturday. Next week they travel to face Palos Verdes on Tuesday and Mira Costa on Thursday at 7pm.

The team has started strong with a 3-1 record. They'll be challenged in this week's tournament and look to pay back Mira Costa for their defeat at home last season when they meet next week.

Girls' Soccer

The Eagles played in the prestigious South Torrance Tournament, one of the top tournaments in Southern California. The Eagles faced Lancaster and Lakewood but at the end of regulation in both matches they were tied. Both games went to a tiebreaker but the Eagles fell in both games.

Head coach Tony Hobbs said his team played well against two teams that are legitimate powerhouses. " We are showing we can compete with anyone and we're hoping this preparation is good for league play down the line."

Sports Around Town

Former Eagle football standout Jamie Stewart, who plays receiver for Harvard University,



Senior captain Cassidy Shevlin was a second team All-Ocean League selection and will help lead the Eagles. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

was the only freshman on the travel team this season. Stewart was the only freshman to play in each of the team's games and helped the Crimson finish off a perfect 10-0 season.

Another former Eagle making a name for himself at the collegiate level is Matt Keener, who is playing at Concordia University in Nebraska. Keener is a defensive back and led the team in punt returns with an impressive 10.6 yards average return for the Bulldogs.

The El Segundo AYSO playoffs have been underway at Campus El Segundo and it is culminating with championship games on Saturday. Championship Saturday has a full slate of games scheduled including the girls U-10 at 10am, boys U-10 at 11:30am, girls U-12 at 1pm, boys U-12 at 2:30pm, girls U-14 at 4:30pm and boys U-14 at 6:30pm; all games



Former El Segundo standout Jamie Stewart, a receiver for Harvard University, holds a copy of the El Segundo Herald after Harvard defeated Yale. Jamie is surrounded by his mother Courtney Jane and grandfather Gene. Jamie earned his Harvard letter for playing in all of the team's games and was recognized as a "Major H" recipient at their awards banquet.

will be played on the east field.

The El Segundo In-Line Hockey League is almost half through their winter season. The league is split into three divisions including the Mites, Squirts and PeeWee. Weather permitting the teams will be back in action on Saturday at the El Segundo Rec Park hockey rink. This will be the final weekend of play before the Christmas Break but there are games scheduled for next week on Tuesday and Thursday. •

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