

*The Balding Eagle*

ESHS Class of 1944

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**Widen's World** – El Segundo is now my immediate world and it is fun getting re-acquainted with the town. I've talked about the many trees and new wild life in previous newsletters. In this issue I would like to discuss some of the "happenings" that are taking place.

Thursdays from 3PM until 7PM there is a "Farmers Market" on main Street between Holly and Pine. The street is blocked off and the vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, other food items and a variety of other goods set up canvas covered booths. The weekly event during the summer months gets good crowds and the prices are reasonable. It adds a bit of color to the community and some character too, I suppose.

Movie companies are still frequent visitors, using various parts of the town for a shooting. The High School is often used. A current movie now playing with some financial success is one titled "Superbad." There are a number of shots of the High School. The movie was filmed here this past spring, I understand. I almost never go to movies any more. This one, however, was one my grandson and his girl friend wanted to see, and I was Shanghaied to the movie after we had dinner at P.F. Chang's China Bistro right across the plaza from the movie theatre. I had no idea what the movie was about, let alone that a large number of scenes were filmed at good old ESHS. It is a story about a group of high school seniors about to complete their high school days and preparing to go off to college in the Fall. There is lot of coarse language, alcohol, drug stuff, and sex woven throughout the script. Very funny in many parts, but shocking to this member of the Balding Eagle set. Not that I haven't been exposed to such stuff, but that it has become the culture of the high school set was news to me. "Where has innocence gone." Or was it ever here in the first place?

Of interest to all of you former beach rats will be the news of El Segundo Beach. As you drive west along Grand Avenue over the sand dunes and down to Vista Del Mar. you ran straight into the parking lot of El Segundo Beach. It is a nice stretch of clean sand. Not many people there the day I visited but likely go become more popular when the City installs permanent flush toilets and showers.

