

MORE UP-GRADES, MAYBE

Two efforts are currently underway here in El Segundo that, if successful, could be of great benefit to our community and students.

The School Board has placed on the November ballot a 14 million dollar bond measure. The proceeds, if successful, would be used to renovate and upgrade the 81 year old auditorium and the various athletic facilities.

The back stage area of the auditorium hasn't changed since day one. It will be virtually stripped to the bare walls, including the fly area (the up top hoists, lift cables, etc.) New up-to-code electrical and plumbing will be installed in the restrooms, and dressing rooms. Electrical for the entire auditorium, including the projection booth will be replaced. Seating was previously renovated, and will not be affected.

The football field, which is reseeded each summer, and then totally worn out by Thanksgiving, will be replaced with all-weather artificial turf. The field is used for football practice and games, girls and boys soccer, Pop Warner football, phys-ed classes, and just can't hold up under that kind of use.

The current dirt running track will be replaced with a modern all-weather track.

Of course, all this hinges on the ability of the School Board to sell the bond measure to the electorate. We will see in November.

Another matter that is of great interest to the schools as well as the general population is a two million dollar donation made to the city by the developer of Plaza El Segundo. The donor designated that the funds should be used for an aquatics center. There appear to be at least two ways to go with this matter. One being the demolition and replacement of the existing 70 year old plunge. (Would surely want to keep the existing facade).

The other concept would be to construct a totally new facility at another location. Finding and acquiring a site could be very difficult because of availability and cost of land here. One possible site that is being considered is next to the water reservoir at Hilltop Park. Lots of parking is available on the roof of the reservoir.

Should the second concept be adopted, the question becomes, what to do with the old plunge?

HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

The Hall of Fame program is well under way this year. Chairman Barbara Briney and her committee have received nominations submitted by Alumni, and have chosen three for induction into the Hall. One of the three being a pair of brothers, Bill and Bob Meistrell, Class of 1947. The other two are Sherwyn Hyten '53 and Thomas Vargo, MD '55.

The Meistrells served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, and founded the Body Glove Co., the world's premier producer of surfing equipment. They have given generously financially and in service to local civic and charitable organizations,

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and have received many awards. Bill, unfortunately, passed away before receiving this well deserved recognition.

Sherwyn Hyten was onsite manager for Wyle Laboratories' Huntsville, Alabama program, and manager of Wyle's Cape Canaveral facility for the Mercury and Gemini moon landing project. In the early 1970's as a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he was responsible for improving safety and reliability of nuclear power plants. Sherwyn retired as Senior Vice President and General Manager of Wyle's Huntsville Alabama facilities.

Thomas Vargo, MD, served as Medical Director, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Texas Children's Hospital, and as Chief of Cardiology, Pediatric Service, Harris County Hospital. He has been instrumental in development of pediatric cardiology techniques and procedures. Currently he is Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor University.

PASSINGS

We are saddened to report the passing of the ESHS grads listed below. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to their family and friends:

Clive Jordan '48 - April 3, 2008
Christopher Crabbs '78 - June 5, 2008
David Frizelle '98 - June 2, 2008
Tim Mortesen '64 - August 18, 2008
J. B. Wise '62 - August 5, 2008
Ralph Gerard - '39
Bob (George) Selvidge '39 - Aug 08
We would like to add to this list the

name of Helen Mac Donald, who, while not an alum, was involved in the lives of many of us who grew up in El Segundo. She taught thousands of local youngsters how to swim at the local plunge from 1957 thru 1975.

If you know of others who have passed away, please let us know so we can acknowledge it in an upcoming newsletter. Please include an address for the next of kin. We would like to forward a sympathy card to the family.

HELP NEEDED

Wilton Kanode is looking for class reps. Contact him at wkanode@bellsouth.net if you are willing to serve in that capacity. A job description is available.

ANNUAL MEETING

All ESHS Alumni are invited to the Annual meeting, Saturday, October 11, at 9:30 A.M., at the . Public Library. Please come, and learn what's going on.

HOME COMING

Homecoming this year is Friday, October 10th. The usual events, the Homecoming parade and football game, will be held, the parade at 5:00, and the game at 7:00.

From 2:00 until 5:00, all Alums living in or near El Segundo are invited to meet in the Hall of Fame Room for light refreshments and the opportunity to visit with your fellow grads. Then you can watch the home coming parade.