

6, 2007, stating their main qualifications, as an educator, a financier, and as a passionate, hardworking manager, respectively in Aleta Pottenger, Tammy Reeves, and Lisa Wilkin. With only two seats to be filled on the El Segundo Unified School District School Board, the voters have a difficult choice to make voting for only two of three qualified candidates. Make your choice and cast your vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, for the two most qualified candidates who will continue to allow for quality education for the students of El Segundo. •

initial action, there is no time requirement, so some firefighters might be out there for 36 hours right off the bat.”

In addition to adverse conditions, communication was also at a premium. “The infrastructure was burned up to support cell phone service,” said Smith, who noted that such service is spotty as it is in rural areas. “It may be only one or two people have any service in such a situation. The strike team leader was responsible to communicate with

their hours to make up for the temporary loss of nine people. The sacrifice didn’t go unnoticed to Smith. “Stepping up when needed is part of the job of a firefighter,” he said, adding that he was proud to see how his department responded during the crisis. “It’s not only the work we were doing out there, but also the work people did here by putting in extra time to support them so they could go out and help our neighboring cities save homes.” •

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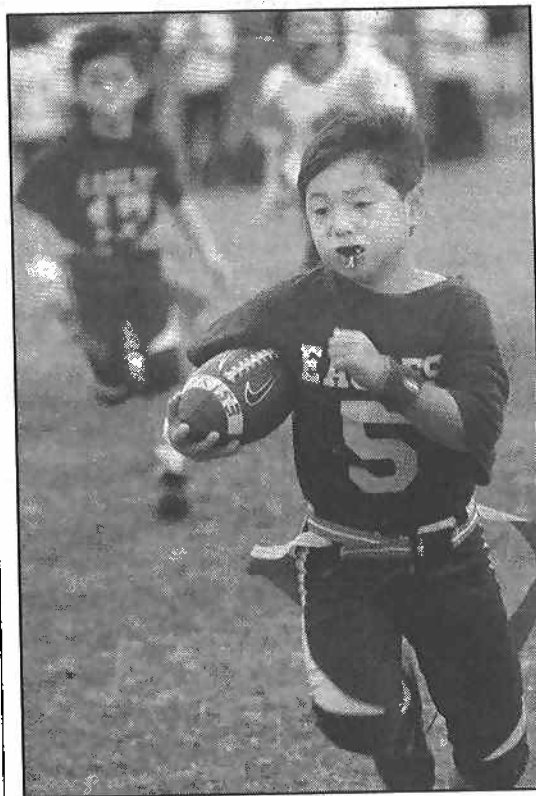
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Jonah Gold runs for the winning 57 yard touchdown late in the game and the Eagles win 18-13 to cap a perfect 8-0 season.

The Eagles answered Palos Verdes’ long drive for a touchdown on their first play after the kickoff. Leyton McNamara took the handoff and found his way outside of the Outlaws defense and ran 60 yards for another Eagle touchdown and a 12-6 lead. But Palos Verdes would not fold and Katakama carried the ball on three straight plays, totaling 65 yards, and ran into the end zone from 23 yards out; the PAT was converted and the Outlaws were up 13-12.

Eagle Head Coach Joe Wang gathered his team together as time was winding down. “I told them that they needed to stay focused and have fun,” he said. The team, which is sponsored by X-Box 360, calls their plays by unconventional names like Xbox, Sponge-Bob and hotdog; names the players came up with. Quarterback Jameson Wang must have called the right play in the huddle as Jonah Gold

again took the handoff and scooted his way on a 57 yard touchdown run. What made the dazzling run so exciting was the fact that he was nearly stopped near the line of scrimmage and then reversed his trek and got by the Outlaws to get into the open. The PAT attempt failed which meant the Eagles would need to stop the Outlaws in their final possession of the game while holding an 18-13 lead. The Eagles defense came through led by Jack McMillan and Matais McClain and stopped Palos Verdes’ bid for a comeback and the Eagles had completed their undefeated season with the win. As time on the clock ran out Eagle players began to celebrate as if they had just won a Super Bowl as family and friends watched with pride.

Coach Wang said that the P.V. team was as good a team as they had played all year long.

Reflecting on the season Coach Wang expressed some real gratification on the way the team played throughout the year.

“The boys worked hard to learn the game and they played with real team chemistry,” he said. He thought back to the game against Lynwood in which the Eagles were down by six points with just less than two minutes in the game. “We ran a no-huddle offense and scored on the last play of the game and then converted the extra point to win it; it was a real team win,” he said with a smile.

This championship team was made up of mostly players from El Segundo and a few players from Manhattan Beach (because they don’t have a team). Coach Wang was assisted by Jeremy Alsop, Brad Gold, Keith McNamara, Mark Wasson, General Manager Kim Gold and Team Mom Carey Wareham-Robertson. Future budding football players are Sage Alsop, Kimani Ewing, Michael Cardenas, Jonah Gold, Mateo Holguin, Mathew Manigian, Dylan Marquez-Wasson, Jared McKenna, Matais McClain, Jack McMillan, Leyton McNamara, Luke Sussman and Jameson Wang. •