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## El Segundo Girls Win AYSO West Torrance Christmas Classic



The AYSO Region 14 West Torrance Christmas Classic tournament took place at Columbia Park December 21 and 22. The West Torrance Extra Dominators were the top in the final with 4-0, 2-0 and 2-0. El Segundo was the second seed with 4-0, 3-1 and 2-0. The final between these teams came down to the last three minutes of play, knotted at 0-0. El Segundo scored twice in the last three minutes. Pictured with trophies are (Front row, L to R) Zoe Siftar, Emily Nagamine, Trinity Parascandola, Katie Callahan, Ella Tichy; (Back row, L-R): Colette Hewitt, Amanda Clark, Megan CdeBaca, Zoe Fuentes, Coach Stine Johnson, Skyler Pfeifer, Madelyn O'Riley and Coach Kate O'Riley.

## Ballot Arguments Submitted for April Tax Measure

By Brian Simon

All five El Segundo City Council members provided input as well as their signatures on the argument in favor of the upcoming Measure A tax hike initiative that will go before voters on April 8. Submitted the day after Christmas, the document urges local residents to vote yes on the measure or else force the Council to “contract out or cut cherished El Segundo services” such as Police, Fire, Library, and Recreation and Parks, as well potentially stop school support. The argument reports that the City faces a continuing budget deficit of \$5.8 million annually starting in 2014 due to the adverse impacts of low property tax returns (six percent on the dollar), increased pension liabilities and rising expenditures--this despite shaving expenditures via a reduced workforce and implantation of a two-tier pension program for new hires. “Cutting and contracting services to Los Angeles County will be our future should Measure A not pass,” the argument reads. The text also notes that the Council has the right to impose those cost-cutting measures without voter approval. The argument in favor goes on to say that the Council partnered with the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce, business community and concerned residents to craft a modest tax increase that will still keep rates lower than neighboring communities—and that the Council also passed a separate resolution indicating its intent to apply one-third of the tax revenues generated from the measure towards capital improvement/infrastructure repairs.

The City Attorney’s impartial analysis of Measure A breaks down the individual components of the “consolidated tax measure” and includes a comparison between today’s levels and those under the terms of the increase. For transient occupancy taxes (TOT) imposed on those who stay in local lodging facilities, the measure would raise the rate from eight percent to 10 percent. Only businesses currently pay utility

user taxes (UUT), with rates at three percent on electricity, gas and water, and two percent on communication services. The measure would increase the UUT by 2.5 percent the first three years and then by two percent subsequently—so taxes on electricity, gas and water would rise to 5.5 percent in years one through three and then drop to five percent thereafter. Taxes on communication services would increase to 4.5 percent in years one through three and then fall to four percent after that.

Residents do not currently pay any UUT. Under the measure, they would pay 2.5 percent for both EGW and CS (\$2.50 per every \$100 of utility bills) the first three years and then two percent afterwards.

The measure would also impose a new 10 percent parking tax on gross receipts from lots used predominantly for airport parking and also for some similar long-term uses. It will not apply to office visitors, employees, theater and restaurant patrons, retail shoppers, hotel guests and those with self or valet-based validated parking.

Lastly, the measure aims to reduce the sales tax credit businesses can apply to reduce the amount of business license tax (BLT) they owe. Currently, businesses can use up to 40 percent of the sales tax revenue it generates to the City to offset their BLT. As the analysis reads, “If a taxpayer generates \$10,000 of sales tax for the City, it is entitled to credit \$4,000 against its BLT. Beginning January 1, 2015, the measure would reduce the BLT credit from 40 percent to 10 percent; and on January 1, 2018, the credit would be reduced from 10 percent to five percent.”

If the measure passes, the City anticipates annual revenues of \$6.6 million for the first three years and \$5.9 million annually subsequently.

In drafting the argument against Measure A, former El Segundo City Councilmember Mike Robbins maintains that utility taxes will automatically rise as rates increase and that residents will ultimately pay the business tax

increases passed on to them as customers. He reports that the measure creates a new UUT on residents and nearly doubles the business UUT. The argument also specifies that the “communication services” under the UUT encompass “voice, data, audio, or any other information or signals, using any technology including landline, eDSL, cable, wireless, broadband, VoIP, and Internet.” Robbins also criticizes the lack of a sunset clause (where the taxes revert back to the prior rates after a certain period) and the inability of voters to individually approve or disapprove specific taxes since the measure bundles everything together as one item. He adds that there is no guarantee any new tax money will go to infrastructure or that discretionary spending will be controlled. “Even if some of the new taxes are used for infrastructure, where will the rest be spent—on even higher salaries, benefits and pensions?” Robbins asks on the argument. In addition to stating that taxes are already too high particularly in California, he also questions the timing of the ballot measure, contending that it “greatly weakens the Council’s bargaining position when it negotiates new long-term union contracts later this year.” Robbins goes on to note that El Segundo voters already declined residential trash fees and a prior business utility user tax increase. “Measure A will cost residents and businesses much more than what we already rejected,” he contends. Other signees on the argument against Measure A include local residents Jane Friedkin, Richard Switz, Marc Renner and Mike Van Biezen.

The Council also submitted a rebuttal to the argument against Measure A with the reasoning that while “no one LIKES to raise taxes,” lowering and losing services is even worse. The rebuttal notes that the Council has cut employee compensation, reduced staffing, adopted a two-tier pension system and lowered long-term costs, but emphasized that existing

See **Ballot Arguments**, page 3

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly  
Sunny  
69°/50°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
69°/51°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
73°/50°



# Obituaries

## Cristina Shaushkin

**Maria Cristina Shaushkin**, 65, died Friday, December 27 in her El Segundo home. She was born December 11, 1948 in Manila, Philippines, the daughter of Albert and Celia Bernal. Cris grew up in New York and the D.C. area and attended college in Kentucky. Several years later she moved to California. She had been an El Segundo resident since 1975 and was heavily involved in both Center Street and St. Anthony schools. Cris was a world traveler, consummate hostess and passionately loved her family.



Jose, daughter Jennifer and Jeremy Madson of El Segundo, and two treasured grandchildren, AnnElise and Nasai.

Mass/Celebration of Life has been scheduled for Saturday, January 18, at 11:00 a.m., at Saint Anthony's Church in El Segundo, CA.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be sent to Heifer International, who will provide animals and sustainable training to villages in need. Web site can be found at: <http://heiferregistry.heifer.org/mamacris>.

Survivors include her husband Michael, son Christopher and Vanessa Shaushkin of San

## John R. Schmidt

**John Richard Schmidt**, also known as "Dutch," a long-time resident of El Segundo, CA, passed away peacefully at home on December 17, 2013, at the age of 89. He was born in 1924 in Marshalltown, Iowa, and served in the South Pacific as a Marine Corporal during WW II.



El Segundo home and built all the cabinetry. John was a member of the Westchester Elks Lodge. He passed away after a yearlong illness.

He is survived by his sister Betty Mae Butler of Martinsburg, PA; daughter, Janet Ingersoll, El Segundo; daughter Jane Dreiling and husband

David, Torrance; grandchildren Robert Ingersoll and wife Raquel, Cypress; Sarah Dreiling, Torrance; Annie Heredia and husband Zoran, Harbor City; and great-grandchildren Eric Crossman; Robert Ingersoll, Jr.; and Kayla Ingersoll. Preceding him in death were his parents Conrad and Bertha Schmidt; his wife Ella; and his brothers Percy and Howard. A chapel service commemorating his life was held at Douglass & Dunaway Mortuary in Hawthorne, CA on Saturday, December 28, 2013, followed by interment at Inglewood Park Cemetery. Donations of Bibles in honor of John may be made to The Gideons International, [www.Gideons.org](http://www.Gideons.org).

After discharge, he worked for the Newton, Iowa Fire Department, and then moved to California in the mid-1950s. He was hired by the El Segundo Fire Department in 1956 and retired after 28 years in 1984, having worked as both a fire fighter and engineer. He designed and built the handball/racquetball court at the El Segundo Fire Department Station #1, which stands to this day. He enjoyed vegetable gardening, as he was always an Iowa farmer at heart. In his younger days, he was an avid handball and racquetball player, winning many competitions through the Westchester YMCA. He was also a sought-after handyman and a skilled woodworker, having remodeled his

# Community Briefs

## A 99-Year-Old's Rap

By Arlene Kirkwold

Now that I'm well past ninety eight,  
What's left, then, on my plate?

Twenty-four blocks are within my reach,  
Just watch me down at the beach.  
Then, if you agree I've tested my mettle,  
I'll gladly accept breakfast at the Kettle. •

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# Calendar

There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to [escalendar@heraldpublications.com](mailto:escalendar@heraldpublications.com). Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

• City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Council Chambers. For more information call (310) 524-2306.

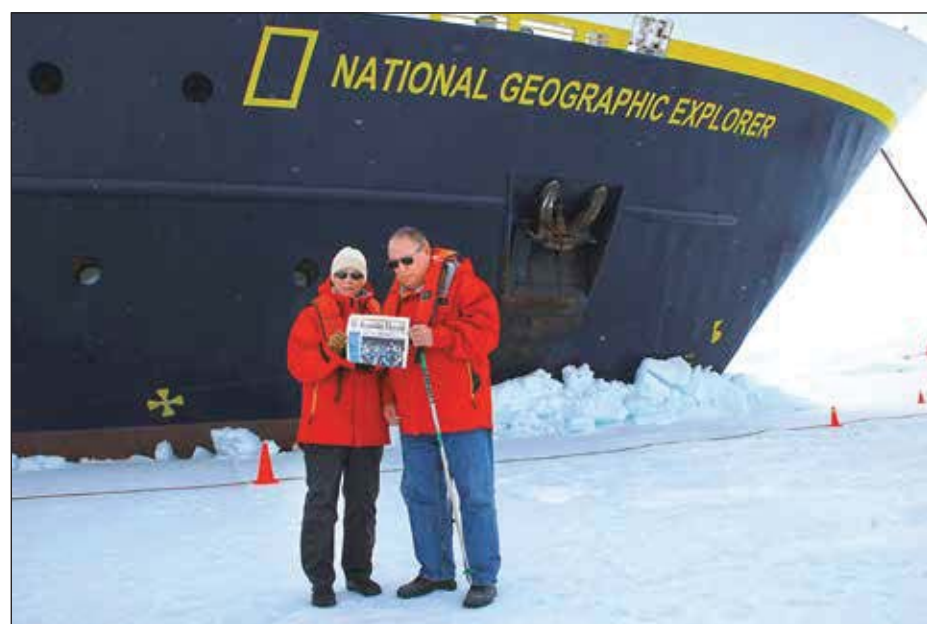
## ONGOING

• City of El Segundo's Free Tax Preparation

Assistance Program for low income and senior citizen tax payers. Appointments available Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 339 Sheldon Street, from February 4- April 8. For more information or to schedule your appointment, call the Joslyn Center at (310) 524-2705.

• Farmer's Market, Thursdays 3-7 p.m., Main St. between Holly and Pine Avenues. For more information call Val at (310) 615-2649. •

## Herald In Antarctica



Dennis and Jennifer Lord of El Segundo visit Antarctica in December (Summer at the South Pole) and took a copy of the Herald. We have been all over the world, but this trip was special. •

# Business Briefs

## Announcing the City of El Segundo's Free Tax Preparation Assistance Program

Free Tax Preparation assistance is available for low income and senior citizen tax payers. Appointments are available Tuesdays from 11am-3pm at the Joslyn Center at 339 Sheldon Street, El Segundo from February 4- April 8, 2014. Call the Joslyn Center to schedule your appointment at (310)524-2705. This program is offered by Volunteer Tax preparers and sponsored by the City of El Segundo. Qualified taxpayers must bring records of all income and deductions including W-2s, 1099s, pension and social security statements, interest and dividend income, and previous year tax records to appointment.

Limited appointments are available Tuesdays 11:00am-3:00pm; last appointment at 2:45pm. Call early to reserve your space at (310) 524-2705.

## Xceed Financial Lunch Fundraiser Brings In More Than \$800 For Kids In Need

To kick off the 2013 holiday season, Xceed Financial Credit Union wanted to do something to rouse the spirit of giving amongst its associates, members, and members of the community. So, on November 26, the Credit Union hosted a midday fundraiser, Lunch for a Cause, in its corporate headquarters parking lot in El Segundo. All of the event's proceeds – a total of \$803.63 – went to Xceed Financial's charity of choice, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

The fundraiser featured a food truck serving up burgers from the popular California fast food chain In-N-Out®, cookies, a raffle, and a visit from the Credit Union's superhero mascot, Numbers Guy. Guests purchased lunch for \$10 and cookies separately for \$1 each.

Lunch for a Cause drew a crowd of approximately 100 people, including Xceed associates and their family members, Xceed members, and workers from local businesses. Donations were also accepted on-site, and



Xceed Financial Marketing associates Huang Halpin, Paris Chevalier, and Risa Auger pose with Numbers Guy at the Credit Union's Lunch for a Cause fundraiser on November 26, 2013.

several of the Credit Union's key vendors contributed a total of \$650 to the cause.

"We're committed to supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals year-round, but the holidays are the perfect time to put in some extra effort to help kids who need it the most," said Teresa Freeborn, President and Chief Executive for Xceed Financial. "Our Lunch for a Cause fundraiser was a fun way to bring in cash for our charity of choice, and I'm very proud of all the Xceed associates who helped make it a success."

So far in 2013, Xceed Financial has raised a total of \$27,013.82 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Aside from hosting fundraisers throughout the year, the Credit Union supports the charity by sponsoring the Credit Union Miracle Day Family of Races and allowing associates to wear jeans to work on Fridays when they make a \$5 donation. •

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**Dinner** - Sammy's Woodfired Pizza And Grill  
**Happy Hour** - Rock & Brews  
**Pizza** - Hank's Pizza/Sammy's Woodfired Pizza  
**Italian** - Deluca Trattoria  
**Chinese** - Canton Low Restaurant  
**Mexican** - La Paz Mexican Restaurant  
**Japanese** - B.A.D. Sushi  
**Unique Store** - The Container Store  
**Sandwich** - Subway Restaurant  
**Gift Store** - Beadtopia  
**Phy Therapy** - Davis & Derosa Physical Therapy  
**Flooring** - Kirk Flooring  
**Yogurt** - Yogurtland  
**Ice Cream** - Rite Aid  
**Male Realtor** - Bill Ruane  
**Handyman** - Bill Henrichon  
**Video Rental** - Redbox (Inside Ralphs)  
**Nail Salon** - Queen Nails



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**Beauty** - Eriss Salon  
**Jewelry** - The Jewelry Source  
**Clothing** - R. Chameleon Clothing Boutique  
**Computer** - Best Buy  
**Flower Shop** - Natural Simplicity  
**Hotel** - Hacienda Hotel At Lax  
**Construction** - Paul Miracle  
**Coffee** - Blue Butterfly Coffee Co  
**Female Realtor** - Lynn O'neil  
**Ins Agent** - Aaa  
**Bank** - Wells Fargo Bank  
**Dentist** - El Segundo Dentist  
**Physician** - Providence Medical Institute  
**Pharmacy** - Walgreens  
**Auto Repair** - Simon's (Redondo Bch)  
**Barber** - Marcy's Barbershop  
**Pet Care** - El Segundo Animal Hospital  
**Fitness** - 4 Star Gym  
**Plumber** - Mattucci Plumbing  
**Painting** - Rick's Painting

## Ballot Arguments

from front page

pension liability is determined by State law and is not under the Council's control. It also states that the "Council is committed to fair negotiations" with bargaining units "while taking into account the City's economic position." Additionally, the rebuttal points out that the new utility taxes will actually decrease after three years, that the Council can choose to lower taxes at any time and that the group also passed a resolution to dedicate one-third of the tax monies towards "repairing facilities like parks, streets, sidewalks and curbs." The rebuttal also states that "in 2012, El Segundo voters resoundingly voted 'No' to transfer El Segundo Fire to Los Angeles County Fire despite millions of dollars of City savings. Voters understood the personal financial impact because Los Angeles County Fire contracts its transport services to private ambulance companies, averaging \$1,500 or more per transport. Should Measure A fail and fire is transferred to Los Angeles County, those fees would be the residents' responsibility."

In Robbins' rebuttal to the argument in favor of Measure A, he writes that the Council raised Chevron's taxes by an average of \$8.5 million annually for 15 years and that the City can save

millions per year in public safety employee special compensation. He notes that police and fire personnel make \$150,000 to \$300,000 per year in total compensation and that the Council increased pension costs through "excessive raises and special compensation." Robbins maintains that the Council can come back in November after negotiating new long-term contracts with unions. He goes on to call talk of transferring services to the County an empty threat, contending that this would actually reduce services—and points out that 90 percent of local voters rejected a measure to contract with the County for fire services. "We can do a referendum against an ordinance to outsource services," the rebuttal reads. As for the partnership with the business community on Measure A, Robbins states that the Chamber did not allow its general membership to vote and take a position on the matter. He concludes by stating that the Council resolution on how to spend the tax monies is non-binding.

Ballot pamphlets, which will also include information on City Council candidates as well as Measure A, will be mailed to residents in March. •

# Police Reports

### Friday, December 27, 2013

One male adult was arrested at 0231 hours from 100 block of West Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was detained at 0830 hours from the 100 block of South Aviation Boulevard and transported to Harbor UCLA Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

Dead body report was taken at 0750 hours from the 600 block of Bungalow Drive. An adult female passed away due to natural causes.

Vandalism report was taken at 1029 hours from the 1000 block of East Imperial Avenue. Graffiti was found on a wall.

Traffic accident (with no injuries) occurred at 1242 hours at the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Found property report was taken at 1547 hours from Imperial Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard. A Fire extinguisher was found in the roadway.

One male adult was arrested at 1702 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for misappropriation of found property and displaying fraudulent vehicle registration tabs.

### Saturday, December 28, 2013

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 0732 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet from a hotel room.

Domestic battery report was taken at 0953 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue. Known suspect pushed the victim.

One female adult was arrested at 1157 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Douglas Street for possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and driving with a suspended license.

Criminal threats report was taken at 1538 hours from the 900 block of Eucalyptus Drive.

Found property report was taken at 2253 hours from the 1400 block of East Walnut Avenue. Found was a white Apple iPhone.

One male adult was arrested at 2345 hours from Grand Avenue and Nash Street for one ESPD misdemeanor traffic warrant, one LASD misdemeanor traffic warrant, one LAPD misdemeanor traffic warrant and one Hawthorne PD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One male adult was detained at 2226 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard and transported to Harbor UCLA Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

### Sunday, December 29, 2013

One male adult was arrested at 0201 hours from the 700 block of Center Street for one El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0241 hours from Grand Avenue and Sheldon Street for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a narcotic controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0340 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Sycamore Avenue for plain drunk in public and resisting/delaying an officer.

One female adult was arrested at 2227 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI, giving false information to a peace officer, and driving with a suspended license.

One female adult was arrested at 0033 hours from Imperial Avenue and Main Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above and driving without a license.

### Monday, December 30, 2013

One male adult was arrested at 0948 hours from the Franklin Avenue and Nevada Street for one outstanding Riverside County Sheriff felony warrant.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0950 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) entered the business and took clothing without paying.

See Police Reports, page 11

## FREE Shred Event / Identity Theft Prevention Campaign

To help prevent identity theft, The City of El Segundo and the El Segundo Police Department in conjunction with Consolidated Disposal Service will be holding a Community Shred Day. The event will take place on Saturday, January 18th, from 10am until 1pm in the City Hall parking lot on Standard Street and is open to all El Segundo residents.

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Somewhere along the Yellow Brick Road, the Mad Hatter stopped to have tea with Alice. "Well," said Alice, "what do you have planned for 2014, Mad Man?"

"This is going to be an exciting year," replied the Mad Hatter. "You know, Alice, it's

*"They could offset higher wages by reducing their workers' hours, avoiding Obamacare costs."*

terrible for the rich to be getting richer and the poor to be getting poorer--so I'm raising the minimum wage. In Washington state one city raised its minimum to \$15 an hour, so the poor can enjoy life too."

Alice, the owner of Alice's Restaurant (but that's another old story, isn't it?), calmly responded, "Hatter, it seems to me that businesses could respond in several ways: They could offset higher wages by reducing their workers' hours, avoiding Obamacare costs. Second, they could invest in automation to replace workers because machines reliably report to work, don't require vacations, sick pay, or Obamacare--and machines never generate a blizzard of taxes and regulations. Third, they could cut back on planned expansions because opening new restaurants raises corporate overhead too, causing profit margins to shrink."

A furious Mad Hatter slammed his hat on the ground and stomped on it, screaming, "Alice, you're a heartless, soulless money-grabber. Shame on you!"

Calmly, Alice responded, "Okay, let's assume I don't do any of the three options I had just listed, and pay your new minimum wage to my newest, least skilled employees. But that's just the beginning of the story, isn't it? Now I

have to raise the pay of their supervisor, and the supervisor's supervisor, and everyone else on the employee chain even remotely related to minimum wage workers. To that sum, I have to add all the taxes and regulations caused by the cumulative salary increases. Moreover, I have to add my overhead and profit on those

increases since I need to support my family too. Ultimately, I will have to increase the price of my burger, but I have to be cautious that my price increases not cause customers to switch to lower-cost fare. After all, if I am pushed out of business the minimum wage worker could return to the unemployment rolls. Consider this too, Mad Man: Since the biggest consumer of my hamburger is the minimum wage earner, he will earn more, but he will pay more for what he consumes as well.

"The bottom line is that the minimum wage earner's income will remain constant relative to other employees, so he will have not gained any income advantage. Business costs will inflate, causing the cost of products to increase, so the minimum wage worker will earn more in income but pay more for what he buys. No, Mad Man, even the most naïve know the way to reduce unemployment is to lower wages--not raise them. Wage inflation is not an economic plan. Instead it's simply a political ploy to give more benefits to your voter base at the expense of the public--another 'free stuff' benefit before the 2014 election."

Walking away, the exposed political manipulator dusted off his battered hat muttering, "Hillary is right. Capitalism is a failure." •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Parking Meter Law Gets Much Needed Change

By Cristian Vasquez

With Assembly Bill No. 61 in effect, localities will no longer be able to continue to adopt ordinances or resolutions that would prohibit or restrict the ability of a vehicle to park at an inoperable parking meter. As the law was formerly applied, cities were allowed to cite and fine drivers who parked where

high probability that this individual is going to be spending money at a local business. This is not an absolute truth, but a more likely than not reality. If the city responsible for this parking meter is so concerned about the income derived from the meter parking machines, then these machines should be fixed immediately. It is already bad enough

*"The truth is that for far too long, the issuing of tickets from parking enforcement agencies have been a way to gouge the public with little that the drivers can do about the situation."*

meters were not functioning. Thanks to the bill introduced by Assemblyman Mike Gatto and signed by the Governor on August 12, getting fined for parking at an inoperable meter will no longer be allowed. This is, in my mind, long overdue.

The truth is that for far too long, the issuing of tickets from parking enforcement agencies have been a way to gouge the public with little that the drivers can do about the situation. This does not mean that parking enforcement is not needed? Not at all. This agency is certainly needed, especially when you have healthy adults parking in handicapped spots, or people double parking because they feel their vehicle is God's gift to them and should not risk getting scratched. Even more, if a driver fails to feed coins into a meter, then he should be cited. However, if a meter is broken and the city has failed to fix it, the general public should not be deprived of that spot.

If there is a driver searching for a parking spot in a part of the city that requires one to pay for metered parking, there is a very

that in some cities, being out 30 seconds after your meter expired will result in a \$75 fine. Having a parking space go to waste in a city where finding parking is like winning in Las Vegas is as absurd as citing someone for using said space.

For anyone who wants to argue that the city needs time to fix said meters, point well taken. However, a city's inability to fix something fast should not result in a loss of business for a store, restaurant or any other merchant that would benefit from a potential customer parking at the site of a broken meter. The meter being broken is already bad because the city is losing some income and that's never good. However, making it to where customers and local businesses can't connect also affects the city as much as the business owners. The lost sale means less sale tax being generated, which also hurts the city.

If any city believes that citing a driver for parking by a meter that the city has failed to fix is the right thing to do, then we should all thank Assemblyman Gatto. •



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# Sports

## Sports

### The Other Professional Team in Town

By Gregg McMullin

There have been a number of professional teams that have headquartered, practiced and



Stella-Luna Tovar takes her winning shot during the Dress, Dribble and Shoot contest

otherwise made the South Bay their home. First there was the Los Angeles Raiders followed by the LA Express. Then came the Los Angeles Lakers followed by the Los Angeles Clippers. Now the Los Angeles D-Fenders of the National Basketball Association's (NBA's) Development League (D-League) call El Segundo home.

Not only do the D-Fenders workout at the Toyota Sports Center, located at 555 North Nash Street, but they play all of their home games there too. This is also the same building that is the practice facility and headquarters of the Lakers. When you attend games here, you'll see the retired Lakers jerseys hanging on the wall as well as view the 10 NBA championship trophies on display.

The D-Fenders are not new to El Segundo, as they've been practicing and playing their home games right here in our backyard for years. For the third consecutive season, the D-Fenders will play their home games at the Toyota Sports Center.

The Los Angeles D-Fenders are the first franchise in D-League history to be owned by an NBA team (Los Angeles Lakers) and they are returning for their seventh season in 2013-14.

The D-Fenders franchise has quickly established itself as one of the top producers of NBA-ready talent. Just with the D-Fenders, there have been a total 15 NBA call-ups and development of 14 Laker assignment players since their inaugural 2006-07 season.

The Lakers have been without guards Kobe Bryant, Steve Nash, Jordan Farmar and Steve

Blake all out due to injuries. So the Lakers recently signed Kendall Marshall out of the D-League. He had been leading the Delaware 87ers in scoring with a 19.7 point-per-game average and 9.6 assists before he was activated by the Lakers.

Marshall was a lottery pick by Phoenix in 2012. The North Carolina product made little impact with the Suns, who traded him to Washington, but he was waived before the season started. He set the ACC's single-season record with 351 assists in 2012, so he could be an impact player for the Lakers.

The D-Fenders are currently headlined by five players who have previous NBA experience including Jamario Moon, Kareem Rush, Manny Harris, Terrence Williams and James Southerland. The team was also the first in league history to win the Development Champion award (2011-12). This is an honor given to the team that best embodies the D-League's goals of developing NBA basketball talent via call-ups and assignments.

As Evan Kaplan, Public Relations Coordinator for the Los Angeles D-Fenders explains, the D-League is the official minor league for the NBA. Baseball has its minor leagues that canvas all across the nation in small communities to mega-metropolitan cities. Basketball has mirrored that concept



Manny Harris shoots over Bakersfield's Ian Clark for two of his game high 27 points

by placing franchises in 17 locales from Los Angeles to Sioux Falls to Maine.

The NBA D-League season is made up of 50 regular season games plus a postseason and it runs from November to April. The league consists of 17 teams including the Austin Toros, Bakersfield Jam, Canton Charge,

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### 2013 A Work in Progress for Dodgers

By Adam Serrao

While looking at the Los Angeles Dodgers' 2013 season in a macrocosm, thinking back it seems as if it was a very successful year. The team wound up in the National League Championship Series, found and promoted rookies that will serve to benefit the club for years to come--and took some relatively old, washed up has-beens and re-solidified their careers. If you extend the microscope a little further, however, and delve in deeper into the Dodgers' season as a whole, you'll realize that there was one strict turning point that turned the tides for everyone cheering on for the "Boys in Blue." In just three months time, the Dodgers went from the cellar of the National League West as one of the worst teams in the entire league to celebrating a league championship victory in Arizona's outfield pool. A midseason turnaround truly had everything to do with the Dodgers' success this year.

If you've followed the Dodgers closely at all since the 1990s, then you know that you never quite know what you're going to get from the team. They could have all of the power, pitching and potential in the league and yet somehow still let their fans down come the stretch run or playoff time. Last year was the epitome of "not knowing." Again, with all of the potential in the world coming into this season, the Dodgers started things off by letting their fans down. With manager Don Mattingly's job in question and a \$230 million payroll, the team began the season as one of the worst in the entire league. It didn't become that way solely by chance, however. With brand new players on the team like Zack Greinke and Yasiel Puig trying to fit in and stars like Adrian Gonzalez and Hanley Ramirez still needing time to get their feet wet, team chemistry began at a record low, to say the least. Then out of the blue, the injury bug bit.

Seventeen players made 24 trips to the disabled list in the 2014 season. If that doesn't spell disaster, then quite frankly what does? Josh Beckett, Chad Billingsley, Scott Elbert and Shawn Tolleson were all lost for the entire year. Matt Kemp might as well have been lost for just as long with injuries plaguing his former All-Star physique for the entirety of the season. Ramirez was out before the season even began with right thumb surgery before going down again with a strained right hamstring and then playing through injury in the playoffs when hit by a pitch--reducing the fulcrum of the team to what appeared to be almost nothing. And who could forget Greinke's story? In a spat with Carlos Quentin of the San Diego Padres, the newly acquired All-Star pitcher broke his collarbone and was sidelined for well over a month. Needless to say, Dodger trainer Sue Falsone had her work cut out for her. She resigned at the end of the season.

That's when things were looking bleak. In the cellar, injured and almost utterly destroyed, the Dodgers somehow, somehow found life. On June 22, 9.5 games out of first place, the remarkable happened. Puig was called up from the minor leagues and almost like a shot in the arm (no steroid reference intended), the Dodgers were reinvigorated. The team went on to win 42 of its next 50 games, including 15 consecutive road games, to jolt the players awake and reignite a (at the time) lackluster fan base. The 50-game stretch was the second greatest in baseball history and the 15 consecutive road wins proved to be a Los Angeles record. The Dodgers, coming from out of the depths, wound up being the first team in all of baseball to clinch their division last year and finished the season with their biggest margin of victory over the second place team in L.A. Dodgers history with an 11-game lead over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Aside from their remarkable ascension into baseball greatness towards the end of the season, the Dodgers were able to find many diamonds in the rough. Puig, for instance, was one. The energy that the rookie brought back into the stadium was rivaled only by Manny Ramirez's arrival and possibly Eric Gagne's remarkable saves streak, but may have been even greater than each of those individually. His potential, combined with the pitching prowess of rookie Hyun-Jin Ryu, who had 14 wins and a 3.00 ERA as the third starter, created a foundation for the team that will make the Dodgers successful for years to come. Juan Uribe woke up, Kenley Jansen solidified his role and the bullpen rounded out into better shape than it has looked in years.

With some work certainly still be done, the Dodgers have already strengthened their bullpen even more by locking up Brian Wilson for another two years, re-signing J.P. Howell, and bringing in former Cleveland Indians' closer Chris Perez--all while retaining the services of Paco Rodriguez, Chris Withrow and Brandon League. Truly, we won't know what the Opening Day roster looks like until the first pitch of the season is thrown, but the management of the Dodgers is what has brought reliability back into the franchise. Faith is restored in the Dodgers and an attendance that in 2011 sank below three million for the first time since 1995 jumped up 27 percent last year to nearly 3.75 million with 29 sellouts--the most since 1983 and seemingly overnight. Now, there is something to believe in around "Dodgertown" once again. Aggressive moves led by an aggressive ownership have reawakened the fans of Chavez Ravine and there is no doubt that in this new year of 2014, a championship is in the works. •



The Laker Girls perform during timeouts and between each quarter.



Josh Magette is the D-Fenders point guard. Photos by Gregg McMullin.

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While it may be tempting to take advantage of every incentive program available in your local area, experts recommend taking the time to assess your home's overall performance. A home inspector or certified Energy Rater can inspect your home and provide cost-effective recommendations that provide immediate and long-term savings and efficiencies.

For example, one area homeowners often overlook is their home's envelope - that is the walls, windows, ceiling and floors. Gaps and cracks within the building envelope can add up to the size of a basketball. While that may not seem sizeable, the U.S Department of Energy Savers suggests that air leakage from these areas can account for up to 40 percent of the energy lost by your home. Air leakage could potentially cost thousands of dollars annually.

Homeowners can reduce air leakage in several ways. Ensuring your home has a polyolefin plastic house wrap is one common method to minimize air leakage. Caulking and sealing is another simple, common and quick approach that provides some relief to rising heating and cooling costs. Another consideration for homeowners is high-efficiency windows.

The U.S Department of Energy Savers says that air leakage through windows equates to around 10 percent of the energy lost in the home. High-performance, low-emissivity, double-glazed windows can help homeowners conserve energy, reduce heating and cooling bills, and add value to their home.

One of the most effective methods to eliminate air leakage and live greener is replacing your home's traditional fiberglass insulation. Traditional insulation types are prone to sagging, leaving gaps as well as absorbing moisture which can have significant health impacts on occupants. Replacing your home's insulation with a high-performance material such as spray foam insulation will both insulate and air seal the entire home and lead to major cost savings. Insulation experts from Icynene suggest that quality spray foam insulation can noticeably reduce heating and cooling costs, in some cases by up to 50 percent.

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NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 25, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 25, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).  
El Segundo Herald: December 19, 26, 2013 and January 2, 9, 2014. **H-1015.**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2013259693

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PINK WORKS, 214 MAIN STREET, #408, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Emblemworks LLC, 214 Main Street, #408, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Emblemworks LLC, Chief Executive Officer, Linda Kim. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 27, 2013.  
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El Segundo Herald: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1030.**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2013263750

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. GARDEN MAVEN DESIGNS, 2. DENISE MAYNARD DESIGN & STYLING, 1720 GATES AVE, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. Registered Owner(s): Denise Maynard, 1720 Gates Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: January 01, 2012. Signed: Denise Diane Maynard, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 12, 2013.  
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El Segundo Herald: December 19, 26, 2013 and January 2, 9, 2014. **H-1024.**



**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2013254676

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA MECHA RESTAURANT, 7831 S. ALAMEDA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. 1675 E. 111<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. Registered Owner(s): Maria Elizalde, 1675 E. 111<sup>TH</sup> Place, Los Angeles, CA 90059. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Maria Elizalde, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 9, 2013.  
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Hawthorne Press Tribune: December 19, 26, 2013 and January 2, 9, 2014. **HH-1023.**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2013265802

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 111 CATAMARAN STREET, 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013.  
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El Segundo Herald: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1031.**



**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2013251875

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 111 CATAMARAN STREET, 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013.  
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El Segundo Herald: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1032.**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2013265803

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 111 CATAMARAN STREET, 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013.  
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El Segundo Herald: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1032.**

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name**  
Case No. YS025583

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles  
Petitioner of: Meghan Michelle Sepanik for Change of Name  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner Meghan Michelle Sepanik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Meghan Michelle Sepanik to Jaskaram Kaur Khalsa  
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 2/14/14, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: B, Room: n/a  
The address of the court is Superior Court Southwest District 825 Maple Avenue Torrance, CA 90503  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles  
Date: 12/23/13  
Mark S. Arnold  
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**HT-24082**

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## Sports

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Erie BayHawks, Fort Wayne Mad Ants, Idaho Stampede, Iowa Energy, Los Angeles D-Fenders, Maine Red Claws, Reno Bighorns, Rio Grande Valley Vipers, Sioux Falls Skyforce, Santa Cruz Warriors, Springfield Armor, Texas Legends, Delaware 87ers and Tulsa 66ers.

Each of the NBA teams has a D-League affiliate and in some cases a D-League team is affiliated with more than one NBA team. There are three teams that boast more than one NBA affiliate including the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, Iowa Energy and Bakersfield Jam.

The teams are divided up into the Western, Central and Eastern divisions. Each division winner and the five "wild card" teams with the best records regardless of division will qualify for the playoffs.

The NBA prefers to call the players in the D-League prospects and believes they each have an opportunity to be called up. Most of the players on the D-League rosters have either been drafted and released from their team, signed as a free agent or have been with an NBA club and have been sent down for some additional seasoning.

The league itself has been operational since the 2001-02 season. Prior to this season, 286 call-ups have been activated to an NBA team. Some players have been activated a number of times and to different teams. The D-League has proven that it develops talent. Last season, almost 30 percent of all NBA players had D-League experience. Each of the 30 NBA teams featured players who had played at some point in the D-League.

More than 40 percent of players drafted into the NBA since 2005 have played in the NBA D-League. Ten former NBA players are in the NBA D-League coaching ranks this season. The prospects in the D-League dream of playing for an NBA team.

Unlike in baseball where a player is owned by their parent clubs and can be traded from team to team, it is much different in the D-League. There are two different types of players in the D-League--those who are on assignment from NBA teams, and free agents. While assigned players can only be recalled

by the NBA team that owns their rights, free agents can be signed by any NBA team at any time during the season. That's what happened with Marshall.

The assignment system went into effect just prior to the 2005-06 season. It allows NBA

enterprise provides an NBA team control of the D-League team's basketball operations while local ownership maintains control of the business aspect.

There are a few ways to attend, view or follow the D-Fenders. Of course, taking in

like being at Staples Center. The Laker Girls perform at courtside and during timeouts and you can hear the legendary Laker PA announcer Lawrence Tanter announce the game.

Along with great ticket prices, the team has a number of promotional nights scheduled. The next one is Family Day 2014, set for Monday, January 20 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 (adult) and \$10 (kids) and includes game ticket (seating within the first seven rows), pre-game court time from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Laker Girl autographs, post-game autographs, a photo opportunity with Lakers' 3-Peat trophies and a chance to participate in on-court contests.

At a recent game, the promotional on-court activities with fans included a free throw contest, a dance-off and a dress-dibble and shoot contest. Also the team has giveaways that include free tacos to everyone in attendance if the D-Fenders make a three-pointer in the final two minutes of the second quarter. Local restaurant Britt's BBQ gave away a free pulled pork sandwich to fans at the game when the D-Fenders held the Bakersfield Jam to under 100 points. The Jam had four players with NBA experience playing.

Another way is to follow on YouTube. The league shows over 350 live games on the NBA D-League YouTube Channel and NBADLeague.com. Fans can get a glimpse of the players, coaches and officials competing to ascend to the NBA's ranks. The D-Fenders will show 23 of their games locally on Time Warner Cable Sportsnet.

The D-Fenders recently trailed 32-15 against Bakersfield in the first quarter before making an improbable comeback to win 107-94 to improve to 7-7. It was the team's fourth win in a row in front of a sellout crowd of 415 people. It is fun, exciting basketball and as D-Fenders head coach Bob MacKinnon says, "This is a players' league and anything can happen."

For more information on the D-Fenders home schedule and tickets, you can visit their website at <http://www.nba.com/dleague/losangeles/> or by calling (310) 426-6000. •



Stella-Luna Tovar gets dressed during the Dress, Dribble and Shoot contest. Photos by Gregg McMullin.

teams to assign first- and second-year players to their D-League affiliate, thus insuring their protection from other teams.

Six of the 17 teams are fully owned and operated by their NBA parent club, including the LA D-Fenders. An additional seven other franchises are what they call a hybrid relationship with their parent team. The hybrid

a game at the Toyota Sports Center is one. This venue is small, but affords fans the luxury of being upfront and close with the players. Ticket prices are modest compared to attending a professional basketball game at Staples Center. Here, parking is free and the concession stand is more than affordable.

Attending a D-Fenders game can also be

## Police

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A petty theft report was taken at 1120 hours from the 600 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was an unknown amount of kitchen grease.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1404 hours from the 300 block of Center Street.

One male adult and one female adult were arrested at 2043 hours from the 105 Freeway and Prairie Avenue for burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Tuesday, December 31, 2013

One male adult was arrested at 0109 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Mariposa Avenue for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0236 hours from Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above and driving with a suspended license.

One male adult was arrested at 0259 hours from Virginia Street and Franklin Avenue for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above, driving with a suspended license, and one outstanding LAPD felony warrant.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1159 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Suspect entered a business and took \$47.83 in cash.

One female adult was detained at 1725 hours from the 100 block of West Walnut Avenue and transported to Harbor UCLA medical center for evaluation and treatment.

A burglary report was taken at 1829 hours from the 1000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into a storage unit by picking the lock. Taken was a vase.

One female adult was arrested at 0051 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and El Segundo

Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above and driving with a suspended license.

One male adult was arrested at 0039 hours from the 700 block of West Palm Avenue for public intoxication.

### Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 0237 hours at El Segundo Boulevard

and Sheldon Street, vehicle versus power pole.

One male adult was arrested at 0317 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Sheldon Street for felony DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0437 hours from the 700 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for burglary.

One male adult was arrested at 0511 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue

for public intoxication.

A dead body report was taken at 0954 hours from the 200 block of West Maple Avenue. A male adult passed away.

An attempt burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1608 hours from the 800 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to burglarize a vehicle by opening the rear passenger door. Nothing was taken. •

## PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
APN: 4139-015-055 Trustee Sale No. 1376627-31

(ATTENTION RECORDER: PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3, THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.)

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED  
TRA: 3710  
REF: POST, JEFFREY J. UNINS  
Property Address: 844 CALIFORNIA ST, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED November 06, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN

EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER  
On January 29, 2014, at 11:00 am, CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded February 12, 2007, as Inst. No. 20070291208 \*\*, in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JEFFREY J. POST AND SUSAN Y. POST, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION

TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CALIFORNIA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST  
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 844 CALIFORNIA ST EL SEGUNDO CA 90245  
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publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$477,613.02.

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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware

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Riley

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Sheba

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Max, at the sanctuary.

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**Brennen** is a purr monster who loves people more than anything in the world. He is a total sweetheart, always grooming you when he isn’t bouncing around playing. This precious little kitten is extra special because he is mostly blind. Brennen requires no special care beyond having a stable environment where the furniture doesn’t move frequently and the floor is fairly uncluttered. Brennen can see vague shapes and can differentiate between light and dark. Brennen is completely undaunted by his vision limitations, taking everything

in stride and being all the more outgoing and confident perhaps because of it. He walks right up to dogs and will pounce on strange cats without care. Brennen loves big toys, especially noisy ones, as they are easier for him to chase after. He has a raspy meow and likes to tell you about his day, as well as call out in a strange game of Marco Polo when he loses track of where you are.

**Tristan** is the world’s most personable kitty. He is a handsome two-year-old boy who is harness and leash-trained. Very easygoing, Tristan loves belly rubs and can’t get enough petting. He is a good traveler, hanging out in his carrier without a fuss for however long the drive is. With his loud purr and adorable soft, green eyes, Tristan would be perfectly happy as a single cat or in a home with another kitty. He is good with dogs once he gets to know them, other cats, and gentle children.

These kittens/cats 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, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at [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 care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

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Brennen

and family of their own. Adopt a homeless pet in 2014 and consider donating to Kitten Rescue or the rescue group of your choice to help them continue their work on behalf of cats like Max and other homeless animals

who deserve a second chance.

When you adopt a “pet without a partner,” you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •



Max enjoying life in his new home.