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Mattel Drops 420 Tons of Snow for Children at '12 Days of Play'



El Segundo's Mattel headquarters hosted the fourth annual "12 Days of Play," a global series of holiday-themed events. This year, Mattel gave the gift of play to more than 100,000 children in more than 30 countries. In L.A. County, thousands of employees volunteered at inner-city elementary schools and the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, as well as Habitat for Humanity and LA Area Regional Food Bank. Photo courtesy of Mattel.

Council Honors Retiring Deputy Treasurer, Makes RSI Policy Changes

By Brian Simon

At its final meeting of 2013 on Tuesday night, the El Segundo City Council honored long-time Deputy Treasurer II Mary Kobus, who will retire at the end of 2013 after 18 years of service. During her tenure that began as a payroll specialist, she served under four different treasurers--all of whom were in attendance on Tuesday. Current City Treasurer Crista Binder described Kobus as "always positive" and "willing to do anything for anyone in the City." Binder also thanked Kobus for making her feel welcome when the latter took the oath of office last January and for explaining to her "how the City of El Segundo really works." Though looking to "explore other opportunities," Kobus said she wouldn't veer far from El Segundo and would likely look for part-time work in the area.

Also on Tuesday, Council adopted a change to the City's residential sound insulation (RSI) program policy to no longer allow property owners to pay for requested upgrades for additional items beyond what is normally provided under the program. Under the previous policy, owners could pay the City out of pocket for certain extras or cover the difference for alternative products that cost more than the standard ones. However earlier this year, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) expressed concerns and after numerous discussions ultimately decided not to approve requests for additional funding to the City if the latter continued with the owner upgrade policy. LAWA will still honor any designs and agreements in place before a November 12

cut-off date. Citizens who have questions can visit the City's RSI office at 333 Main Street or call 310-524-2384

The City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation will drop by roughly five percent in fiscal year 2014/15 to \$52,847 due to the continued reduction of federal appropriations, according to Tina Gall who administers the program for El Segundo. Participating cities in Los Angeles County receive funding from the Federal Housing and

Urban Development Corporation (HUD) based on population, housing and economic need. In El Segundo's case, the monies will again be used to continue the implementation of ADA-accessible sidewalk ramps at various community intersections. Gall said the grant will cover the period between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 and the City hopes to complete eight to 10 ramps to improve mobility and accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities.

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Council Approves Ballot Measure for Tax Increases

By Brian Simon

It is now official that local residents will be asked to vote on whether or not to increase taxes this coming April. During a special meeting last Wednesday, the El Segundo City Council unanimously passed a resolution to place a single measure on the ballot covering five items with a yes or no option to either pass everything together or nothing at all. Much of Wednesday's discussion centered around Council direction to City Attorney Mark Hensley on how to draft the ballot question that is by law capped at 70 words maximum. After several tweaks, the group settled on the following 69-word text:

"Shall the consolidated tax measure which; increases utility taxes on businesses by 2.5

percent and imposes a 2.5 percent utility tax on residents (both reduced by .5 percent after 3 years); increases transient occupancy taxes on lodging by 2 percent; reduces business license tax credits; and imposes a business license tax on commercially operated parking lots (except office visitor, employee, restaurant, hotel, theater, retail, and validated parking) for all City services be adopted?"

Here is a breakdown of the proposed increases and what would be different from today:

--For utility user taxes (UUT), businesses currently pay 3 percent on gas, electric and water and 2 percent on phone (including cell). With the increase they would pay 5.5 percent on gas, electric and water the

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
65°/50°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
64°/49°



Sunday
Sunny
67°/52°



Calendar

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- Senior Citizen's Holiday Tea Event, 3-5 p.m., ESHS Cafeteria. Free. Hosted by ESHS ASB club.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- Community Christmas Dinner, 12-2 p.m., Joslyn Center, 339 Sheldon St. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

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

ONGOING

- Farmer's Market, Thursdays 3-7 p.m., Main St. between Holly and Pine Avenues. For more information call Val at (310) 615-2649.
- Candy Cane Lane. December 14-23, 7 p.m., 1200 Acacia St, El Segundo, 90245. •

Tax Increases

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first three years and then 5 percent starting in year four. They would pay 4.5 percent on phone the first three years and then 4 percent after that. According to a City comparison study with other municipalities, the average area UUT is 7 percent.

--Residents in El Segundo do not currently pay any UUT and have never done so in the City's history. If voters pass the measure, residents will pay a 2.5 percent tax on all utilities (including phone) the first three years and then 2 percent starting in year four. As of today, El Segundo is one of the only cities in the region that does not charge a UUT to residents. If passed, the UUT changes for both residents and businesses will likely not take effect until July.

--For transient occupancy taxes (TOT), hotel patrons currently pay 8 percent. With the increase, they would pay 10 percent. The average TOT in the area is 12 percent, according to the City analysis.

--Currently, businesses that report sales originating in El Segundo can declare those totals to offset their business license tax (BLT) liability by as much as 40 percent. With the measure, the amount they can offset will reduce to 10 percent for the first three years and then to 5 percent starting in year four.

--Currently, the City does not charge any taxes on fees collected at El Segundo parking facilities. Under the measure, patrons would pay 10 percent (the standard tax imposed in other communities) to leave their cars in airport parking lots. While the Council

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Obituaries

Marie C. Stinnett February 14, 1910 – December 7, 2013

Marie C. Stinnett, 103, born in Vernon, Texas, on February 14, 1910, died in Cottonwood, Arizona, on December 7, 2013. Prior to



a recent move to Arizona, Marie was a resident of El Segundo, California, from 1943 until 2013.

The Grande Dame of 1220 East Walnut for 58 years, Marie provided three generations

"Helping raise five younger brothers during the Depression gave Marie a special patience and insight, which she lovingly dispensed to all who knew her. She will be remembered as a renowned storyteller and a deep listener."

of neighbors with encouragement, loving counsel and friendship. Growing up with an older sister and helping raise five younger brothers during the depression gave Marie



a special patience and insight, which she lovingly dispensed to all who knew her. She will be remembered as a renowned storyteller and a deep listener.

One of the iconic 20th Century women, she was an active member of the El Segundo United Methodist Church, El Segundo Quota Club, the Eastern Star, and the El Segundo Women's Club. Marie survived her husband, James L. Stinnett and son, James L. Stinnett Jr. Together, they owned Stinnett Realty in El Segundo for more than 30 years.

Professionally Marie was the publisher of the El Segundo Herald, assistant postmaster of El Segundo, worked for the Bank of Italy (later becoming Bank of America), and owned



a cattle ranch in Montague, California with her son, Jim.

An avid card player, Marie belonged to three bridge clubs and played regularly until after her 100th birthday.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Regina Stinnett, Maria and Kenny Fitzgerald, Jay Stinnett and his wife, Adell Shay and three great grandchildren; Brittany and Dalton Painter and Jessica Stinnett.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the El Segundo United Methodist Church or the building fund of the El Segundo Women's Club. A memorial service will be held in honor of Marie in January. Service information will be published at a later date. •

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Funk Reflects on Eight-Year ESUSD Board Tenure

By Staff Writer

Great Memories Trump Financial Difficulties in Steering ESUSD Forward

El Segundo, CA – Dec. 12, 2013 – Having endured some of the most difficult and onerous financial deficits ever handed down by the State of California, former ESUSD School Board member Robin Funk still has fond memories of that extremely gloomy financial period, attributing her positive outlook to the teamwork and tenacity exhibited by her fellow School Board members when the going got tough.

“Believe me, it really wasn’t the way any of us envisioned our tenure on the Board,” Funk reminisces. “I think all of us came onboard with a great deal of enthusiasm, vision and drive for moving our school district forward. But those ideas had dollar amounts attached to them. Suddenly, we were faced with not only being unable to actively implement our vision, but having to figure out how to keep the district from sliding backwards due to the horrendous budget cuts California legislated.”

Funk feels her strong business background, as well as her tenure as an active PTA member and officer, helped prepare her for this difficult chapter. “My involvement in PTA, and my awareness that our charge was to be advocates for every child in the state of California, made it a little easier for me to be proactive not just at the community level, but also at the State level as a representative of our school district. I just could not sit silent and not let our legislature know how horribly they were shortchanging the next generation.”

Funk credits the Board for banding together to make tough decisions as ESUSD funding continued to plummet. Vowing as a group to keep the cuts as far away as possible from the classroom, great energy went into working

with the City of El Segundo, and especially the El Segundo Education Foundation, to not just continue funding programs so vital to student achievement, but also to add much needed programs such as the “Project Lead the Way” Chevron Engineering Lab, the Murad Biomedical Sciences Lab and the International Baccalaureate Program at El Segundo Middle School.

“Technology inside the classroom was also a major passion of mine, and I am thrilled the iPad program launched spring semester to augment the intensive Common Core State Standards Math training our ESMS and ESHS teachers participated in throughout the 2012-13 school year. Again, being at the forefront of the Common Core was made possible by grants from our Boeing and DirecTV community partners, with a lot of additional technology funded by our hard working PTA parents who never say no to any worthy venture and back it up with hours of volunteer work.”

Always a proponent of “thinking outside the box” when it came to funding, Funk was integral in revitalizing the “2 x 2” committee, a City/School Advisory Group working in partnership to brainstorm ways to most effectively streamline services and functions so as to most efficiently use available finances without redundancy of efforts. “One of the undeniable strengths of this community is

the absolute willingness to reach across the table and work toward a common goal – and happily that common goal has always been ensuring our children get the most top-notch education available.”

Although Funk admits she will miss being part of the School Board now financial difficulties have eased a bit, she wishes the new Board all the best. “Each Board comes together and jells in its own way to meet the particular challenges of their time. Our Board certainly did that, and I’m sure the new Board is currently in the process of figuring out what their particular challenges will be and strategizing ways to overcome them.”

“Sitting on the Board is a 24/7 venture,” Funk continues. “Any time you’re in the community and talking to people, you have to constantly be aware these are the people who will stand with you to move our kids

forward, and I never forgot it was incumbent upon me to serve as an ambassador for our kids’ educations.”

She counts upgrading the athletic and performing arts facilities among her proudest accomplishments. “It was so important to me that our kids could excel in sports and the arts in the safest and best maintained facilities available. It took years of working side-by-side with community members, but all that hard work paid off and I’m so proud and happy the community agreed athletics and the arts are an integral part of a well-rounded education.”

Most of all, Funk says she is “especially proud of all the hard work I expended over eight years of dedicating myself to the community and its children. I wouldn’t have passed up that opportunity for anything in the world.” •

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Winter 2013 Project Update

This year has been very productive for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Team, beginning with the Metro Board of Directors awarding a contract to build the 8.5-mile rail extension to Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC). Running from the Expo Line to the Green Line, the \$1.272 billion project includes two recently added stations, one in Leimert Park and one at Hindry.

Construction

Since September 2013, Metro has been completing final design, mobilizing its team, conducting right-of-way surveys and preparing for major construction, scheduled to begin in Spring 2014.

Scores of utility lines have been relocated. These include an 18-inch sewer line at Crenshaw Bl/67th St, a 10-inch sewer line at Crenshaw Bl/59th St and a storm drain just north of Crenshaw Bl/48th St.

There have been zero accidents, and Metro remains committed to safety. Construction Safety Awareness Training for project neighbors has also begun. Schedule yours now at crenshawcorridor@metro.net.

Additional pre-construction activities include meeting with diverse stakeholders, coordinating construction activities and conducting business profiles in anticipation of construction. The project team has finalized its list of properties to be acquired and acquisition has begun.

The Project Groundbreaking is set for early 2014. Regularly scheduled construction update meetings will begin in February 2014. Be sure to sign up at crenshawcorridor@metro.net, to receive construction notices and invitations to all future meetings.

Delivering on Measure R’s promise of speeding the delivery of transit projects to provide congestion relief, the majority of funding for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project flows from the Measure R half-cent sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in November 2008.

Jobs

Besides building the new rail line, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project will bring many benefits to the City of Los Angeles, particularly jobs and economic revitalization. Construction and administration jobs for the project can be found at: walsh-shea-corridorconstructors.com/opportunities. Metro also offers ongoing employment opportunities and those jobs can be found at: metro.net/about/jobs.

WSCC is a joint venture between Walsh Construction and J.F. Shea Company. Together, they have collaborated on many rail projects in the United States, including systems in Dallas, Phoenix, Charlotte and Chicago. In addition to its October Business Opportunities Summit, WSCC has made an immediate impact in the Crenshaw/LAX community by hosting two food drives and a toy drive for the 2013 holiday season.

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The spaceship landed very quietly and cautiously in Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C. The little green men from that infamous galaxy far, far away peered out with trepidation and took their first steps on Earth, having searched for light years for a planet with intelligent life. To speed their evaluation, they divided themselves into teams, grabbing headlines from various news sources to understand how earthlings thought. Some of those headlines read:

"CBO: Top 40 percent paid 106 percent of income taxes. Bottom 40 percent paid -9.1 percent, got average of \$18,950 in transfers. In 2010, the CBO determined American households in the bottom 40 percent paid negative amounts in income tax dollars using a negative income tax rate."

"Obamacare exchanges limit access to top hospitals, medical centers. Said an anonymous Obamacare spokesman, 'The President never said you were going to have unlimited choice.'"

The sainted New York Times reported, "On health exchanges, premiums may be low, but other costs can be high. Consumers are finding that deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs are often much higher than what is typical in employer-sponsored health plans."

The Hill reported, "The Administration admitted Obamacare error rate was 25 percent."

The Competitive Enterprise Institute reports, "Government regs estimated to pound private sector with \$1.8 trillion in hidden taxes every year."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 41 percent of net new jobs in November were in government.

The Mercatus Center research reported the private sector shrank in 41 states during the Obama Administration.

Fox News and the American Enterprise Institute predict the number of uninsureds

will grow from a current 45 million to over 100 million due to cancellations of existing policies.

American Thinker stated "Unbelievable incompetence led to NO-BID contract for healthcare.gov."

Nine states, including California are rejecting Obama's "fix" for five million cancelled existing policies.

CBS reports "Only 7 percent of the American public wants Obamacare kept as is. A full 93 percent want the law changed (48 percent) or fully repealed (43 percent).

Breitbart reports, "Thousands of doctors dropped from Medicare Advantage. Underfunded reimbursements will leave seniors with the choice of switching plans or paying more to continue seeing their doctors."

According to Kaiser Health News, CBS News, The Washington Examiner and others, 900,000 individually insured Californians will lose their existing health plan due to Obamacare.

The Association of American Medical Colleges predicts we will experience a shortage of 90,000 doctors over the next 10 years. Combined with an aging population, it's likely your doctor may refuse to see you. Today, only 43 percent of doctors will see Medicaid patients due to low compensation rates.

The government now reports there are 49.7 million on food stamps costing \$78 billion per year, even as the government is on an aggressive campaign to grow the rolls of dependents.

One-third of information being transferred from healthcare.gov to insurance companies is flawed and inaccurate.

Fox News reports the insurance industry is at such risk that President Obama is preparing plans for a possible insurance industry bailout.

The discouraged little green men from the galaxy far, far away skulk away, continuing their search for intelligent life somewhere else. •

Another Man's Opinion

Nelson Mandela's Life Proves Faith Can Overcome Anything

By Cristian Vasquez

This issue's write will vary a bit from the norm. Instead of the typical hit piece or attempt to rally support for some politician or law in our state or county, I will address the recent death of former South African President Nelson Mandela. The death of Mandela on Dec. 5 was a sad event that has moved many people around the world in different ways. I can only be fortunate enough to have witnessed part of his struggle growing up, in a limited capacity, through books and news stories. There are

him to endure the injustice of being restricted of his limited liberties in a country where he had little freedom. Faith allowed him to keep anger, hate and resentment out of his soul and allow him to envision a future in which these were just words rather than feelings toward fellow human beings.

I have never been to South Africa and I am not too familiar with the nation's laws or customs. What I do know is that much like our country, it has a history of racial intolerance. Much like our great nation, South Africa had

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countless characteristics that we can all aim to possess as well as Mandela did, including courage, strength, passion, love and dedication, to name a few. Of all the valuable lessons the life of Mandela has taught, faith is the one that has reached me the most.

When I say that faith is a trait in Mandela that we should all aim to emulate, I mean that in more than the religious sense. The faith that Mandela displayed throughout the arduous journey that was his life was more than a spiritual faith—it was a faith in humanity, a faith in love, a faith in justice, and a faith in himself that led him to experience such a fulfilling and meaningful life.

Having been incarcerated for more than 25 years didn't break the man's faith. Only Mandela knows how much it might have bent, but the strength of that faith allowed him to see what is good about humanity. Faith allowed him to dream of a country where apartheid was not the law of the land. Faith allowed

leaders of tremendous character that despite enormous personal sacrifice dedicated their lives to ending the injustices that plagued each country. In the process, leaders like Mandela in South Africa and Dr. Martin Luther King in America, along with countless average citizens in both nations, set an example of the power that human compassion and unshakable faith can have.

Some people are committed to a career, to themselves or to their families. Very few people are committed to leading the fight for the oppressed. When many tried and gave up because of threats, violence and incarceration, Mandela pushed harder. He sat in a prison for almost a third of his life, mostly as a young adult, and came out just as committed to his cause as the day he went in. If we could all have at least half of that faith in ourselves, in humanity and in the love necessary to make this world a better place, we will keep Mandela's legacy alive. •

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Eagle Winter Sports Preview

By Gregg McMullin

With high school fall sports all wrapped up, the winter sports are in full swing. Seems hard to imagine no football on Friday nights, but now it's time to turn our attention to basketball and soccer.

The boys' and girls' teams in each sport look to improve on last season's accomplishments and get to the postseason again. There is a new girls' basketball coach who has the background credentials, experience and knowledge to take his team to new heights. The boys' basketball team is full of energetic athletes showing promise. The boys' soccer team has made great strides and some of the younger players have helped bolster the roster. The girls' soccer squad looks to be one of the top teams in the Pioneer League with their quick start.

Girls' Basketball

The Eagles boasts a new coach in Jason Ito, a former Fairfax boys' assistant coach under Harvey Kitani. With Ito as an assistant at Fairfax, he helped develop the Lions into one of Southern California's elite programs. Ito takes over for Kelly Evans, who accepted

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the head coaching position at St. Monica back in June.

Coach Ito is excited for a squad that returns nine players from a team that went 15-12 last season and won the El Segundo Tournament. Though they struggled in Pioneer League play, the Lady Eagles advanced to the CIF 4AA playoffs but were narrowly defeated by Marlborough 57-52.

Sophomore point guard Paige Endo is one of the league's marquee players. She was the MVP of the El Segundo Tournament and selected to the All-Pioneer League as a freshman. She was the third-leading scorer on the team and averaged nine points per game. Endo led the team in steals and assists and looks to improve in each of those areas.

Returning starters forward Myia Mosley and guard Kayla Kigawa provide strong veteran senior leadership. Sophomore forward Quinn Adams is a viable threat and was also a volleyball standout.

Paige Endo had 17 points and seven assists and hit four free throws in the final seconds to give El Segundo its first win in the Inglewood Holiday Tip-Off Classic. Kayla Kigawa contributed 12 points and Myia Mosley added nine points.

Endo had 16 points and Kigawa added 15 points and seven steals for the Eagles, who won consecutive games in the Inglewood Holiday Tip-Off Classic--this time against Beverly Hills.

The Lady Eagles are hosting their own tournament this week and had games against Venice and Hawthorne to start the week. The Eagles are attempting to defend their championship and the tournament runs through Saturday. After Christmas, the team travels to Las Vegas to compete against some of the West Region's top teams in the Las Vegas Holiday Classic.

Boys' Basketball

The Eagles have taken it on the chin to start the year, but rest assured their season will turn around. After a close loss to La Serna to start the year, the Eagles dropped three straight in their own tournament.

Still the Eagles have plenty of potential, especially when you consider seniors Eric Chance, Jake Stone, Austin Hunkins, Malcolm Au, D'Marco Wood and Jackson Doering all returned to help lead the team. After missing

out in getting to the postseason, this year's squad looks for a return.

Chance, a standout volleyball player, gives the team a legitimate scoring threat, while senior Drew Redfield and sophomores Wyatt Boyce, James Martin and Andre Allen give the team depth inside. Stone, Wood and Doering can light it up from outside and should provide a three-point intimidation to opposing teams.

Malcolm Au, Robert Eastman, Justin Gonzales, Evan Endo, John Maniquiz and Hunkins give the team enough depth to compete with any opposition. Each has a specific skill that will be beneficial during the season.

The Eagles are in the Foothill Tournament this week before embarking on their Garces Tournament (Bakersfield) during the Holiday break.

Girls' Soccer

Coach Tony Hobbs said he is excited about the senior leadership on his team. El Segundo registered an eye-opening 6-0 victory over Marymount already this season and figures to be in the Pioneer League mix. The Eagles

are ranked 10th in the latest CIF Southern Section Division IV polls.

The team is filled with outstanding athletes and senior Ashley Barden is an integral part of the team's transition game. She moves from midfield to forward and will look to provide a spark and additional scoring up front. Sophomore midfielder Rhianna Rich, a standout softball player, will be an impact player at midfield after missing last soccer season with an ACL injury.

Junior goalkeeper Brenda Cervantes returns in goal and could very well be one of the South Bay's top goalkeepers by the end of the season. She'll get help from Sydney Trump, who seems to be a natural fit in the back as a central defender or sweeper. Others to watch are senior midfielder/forward Kelsey Orseth and right back Deena Strunk. Junior midfielders Julia Freeman and Katherine Burner as well as freshmen midfielders and twins Dominique and Antoinette Saldana have a ton of upside.

Burner scored two goals in the nonleague match against Hawthorne. Niko Van Eimeren also scored a goal. Goalkeeper Brenda Cervantes made five saves in El Segundo's 3-0 win.

The Lady Eagles have a tough schedule this week, facing Palos Verdes yesterday and today at Mira Costa at 3 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

The Eagles have just three seniors on the squad and will need young players to step up if the team is going to compete for a playoff spot out of the Pioneer League. Conor Langlois, Marcos Corrales and Danish Lakhani will lend their senior leadership to the team. Noah Stone returns as the team's leading scorer last season, while Joey Garza--fresh off a CIF finals appearance in football--looks to give the team another big scoring threat. Sophomores Grant Bemis and Keith Mowers add depth for some scoring punch. Juniors Tyler Rayman and Ethan Swanson could be big in the midfield. Goalkeeper Jake Grundman, Shawn Manuocherhy and sophomore Gavin Glynn lead the way on defense.

Through the first few weeks of the season, the Eagles are looking for more offensive production while the defense has played well. The Eagles have started 0-2-2. •

The Kobe Factor

By Adam Serrao

At the mention of the name Kobe Bryant, basketball fans think of a player who is already in rarified air. Kobe, the shooting guard out of Pennsylvania's Lower Merion High School. The same Kobe has been to 15 All-Star games in his 17-year career. The same Kobe is a five-time NBA champion and a two-time NBA Finals MVP. Recently, however, Bryant's legacy has been somewhat pushed aside while his name and ability to lead his team are under scrutiny. The Lakers, who without Kobe were one game above .500 at 10-9 and only one game out of the Western Conference's eighth seed, were said to be exceeding expectations. The addition of Bryant was sure to assist in the Lakers' winning ways. Kobe's emergence into the lineup, however, was accompanied by a losing streak, with three quick defeats in his first three games back, including a 25-point blowout to the Oklahoma City Thunder and home setbacks at the hands of the Toronto Raptors and the Phoenix Suns. Thus, the questions emerged. Are the Lakers really better with Kobe? Or does his presence on the court hinder the abilities of his otherwise young and hungry teammates?

The days of the Los Angeles Lakers walking on the rafters amongst some of the best teams in the NBA have come and gone. That fact is what needs to be noticed first and foremost. These Los Angeles Lakers as we have come to know should still have playoff potential within themselves, especially with one of the best players to have ever played the game on the active roster. The Lakers looked to gaining one of those playoff spots before Bryant emerged in the lineup. With three road wins in a row and as winners of six of eight games, the Lakers, under head coach Mike D'Antoni, looked as if they were onto something. Add into the mix that the Lakers had thus far ventured through the league's sixth-toughest schedule and some might say that the perennially hated D'Antoni was actually earning his keep. By sharing the ball, hoisting up three-pointers, running the pick-and-roll and playing enough defense as any D'Antoni-led team would be

allowed to play, these Lakers were opening eyes around the league.

Those years of winning championships have most certainly come and gone for the Lakers, as we have seen in recent years. But the Lakers looked as if they were capable of winning before Bryant stepped out on the court to reclaim his role as one of the best in the league. Perhaps Bryant, however, is not the reason for his team's lack of success recently. Jordan Farmar tore his hamstring after undergoing an above average start to the season and Steve Blake has been ruled out for six weeks with an elbow injury. Now, the point-guardless Lakers are forced to have Bryant handle the ball. That means things could either get worse or with time, they'll gel together and begin playing as a unit.

"It's a learning experience," Bryant explained. "Since we are a young team, you have to constantly remember that it's a marathon--not a sprint. You have to allow them to play and make mistakes and you have to be there to tell them and go over certain things that they can do differently." Bryant certainly plans to remain in the starting lineup for the foreseeable future, so the fine-tuning must begin. Or at least the attempt.

Whether the Lakers are better with or without Kobe may not be known until the key players on the roster are healthy. One thing is for sure--the media and fans here in L.A. want to see Bryant on the court. Most fans, if posed the question of whether or not they would take 40 wins with Kobe on the team, or 45 without him, would unquestionably take the 40 wins with Kobe. The fact is, these Lakers are not championship material either way, but Kobe is the show. The best the Lakers will possibly do is make it into the playoffs as a seventh seed, like last year, and inevitably get swept by one of the league's powerhouse teams as in the last two seasons. Even if the team is worse off with Kobe as the show, the fans will get what they pay to see. The Lakers may even be lucky enough to get a lottery pick and escape the purgatory in which they currently find themselves. •

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Police Reports

Monday, December 9

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0821 hours from the 500 block of East Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by smashing a window. No property was taken.

One male adult was arrested at 1415 hours from the 400 block of West Acacia Avenue for domestic violence.

A vandalism report was taken at 1359 hours from the 600 block of North Nash Street. Unknown suspect(s) spray painted a business sign.

A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1457 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Standard Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

A found property report was taken at 1513 hours from the 700 block of Bungalow Drive. A syringe was found and booked for destruction.

One male adult was arrested at 1625 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Nash Street for public intoxication.

A sexual battery report was taken at 1623 hours from Sheldon Street and Oak Avenue. Unknown suspect grabbed the victim from behind and then fled the scene in his vehicle.

Tuesday, December 10

One male adult was arrested at 0709 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Campus Drive for burglary and grand theft.

One male adult was arrested at 1150 hours from the 900 block of McCarthy Court for suspicion of burglary.

One male juvenile was arrested at 1150 hours from the 800 block of Maryland Street for suspicion of burglary.

Wednesday, December 11

One male adult was detained at 1131 hours from the 200 block of East Imperial Avenue for criminal threats and making a false bomb threat while on a bus. The male was subsequently transported to Harbor General

Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

Petty theft (vehicle) occurred between 1900 hours on 12/10/13 and 1200 hours on 12/11/13 from the 300 block of Loma Vista Street. Taken were a cellular phone and an iPod.

Thursday, December 12

A misappropriation of lost property report was taken at 1932 hours from the 700 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. A wallet was reported missing.

Friday, December 13

One female adult was arrested at 0301 hours from LAPD Van Nuys Division for one ESPD felony warrant.

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One female adult was arrested at 0835 hours from the 1000 block of East Grand Avenue for domestic violence, battery on a peace officer and violently resisting a peace officer.

Misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1448 hours from Grand Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus light pole.

One female adult was arrested at 1207 hours from SMPD for identity theft and burglary.

Identity theft report was taken at 1604 hours from the 1300 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's information to open an account.

One male adult was arrested at 1726 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public.

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A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1833 hours at the 1300 block of East Rosecrans Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 2144 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Utah Avenue for misdemeanor DUI. •

Tax Increases

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wishes to gear this tax specifically towards airport parking, the tax may also potentially include other types of long-term parking. As a result, Hensley noted that the ballot question cannot simply mention airport parking but must instead specify the exceptions noted above for various categories. "There may be other similar transportation parking that may be subject to the tax over time--for example, rail, bus, etc.--and other long-term parking that may be subject to the tax," Hensley explained. "To the extent that these are somewhat similar types of parking, that it is more defensible from a legal point of view to treat these types of similar parking the same for tax purposes. Currently, it appears that most if not all of the tax would be imposed on airport-related parking."

The proposed increases very closely coincide with amounts supported by the business community based on input the Council received from the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce over the last few weeks. The final dollars will veer slightly from the Chamber's original recommendations of \$6.48 million annually the first three years and \$5.88 million starting in year four. "There was an issue with some of the assumptions that the Chamber made related to the BLT tax credit that are completely understandable as they [the Chamber] do not have access to confidential sales tax info," said City Manager Greg Carpenter. "In order to address the issue, staff suggested a change, or reduction in the BLT tax credit, that differed from the Chamber's recommendation that could result in the City receiving approximately \$6.58 million in years one to three and \$5.91 million thereafter. City Council accepted staff's recommended change and the Chamber had also approved the modifications. All numbers are estimates and will vary based on a number of factors." On behalf of the Chamber, David Herbst said earlier this month that the organization will reach out to residents through a campaign supporting the ballot measure.

According to the latest forecast, the City will face a budget deficit of \$5.8 million in 2014/15, followed by \$5.7 million and \$5.5 million respectively the following two fiscal years. The amounts include a \$2 million annual expenditure to maintain facilities, streets and equipment at acceptable levels. Staff also identified a need for \$4.4 million annually over five years, plus another \$3.8 million in one-time monies, just to catch up

with deferred infrastructure projects. The Council concluded that the proposed tax increases are the only viable way to resolve the budget shortfall, or else the City will face severe service cutbacks that will adversely impact public safety, parks, library, public works, and other areas. In explaining the rationale for reducing the BLT sales tax credit, Carpenter said the credit's original purpose was to provide an impetus for businesses to come to El Segundo since the City could not lure companies with redevelopment money. Now that redevelopment no longer exists in California, the City no longer views the credit as an incentive. Before agreeing to the latest reduction the Chamber initially asked to maintain the full 40 percent, arguing that the credit is still a major economic development tool.

Also last Wednesday, the Council approved a resolution separate from the ballot measure indicating its intent to dedicate a portion (one-third) of the tax monies collected towards capital improvement projects, per the Chamber's request. The Council also agreed to allow the Chamber to recommend two preferred business members for the City's Capital Improvement Project Advisory Committee (CIPAC), though the final decision will be up to the Council.

According to the City Clerk's office, the deadline for submitting the City Attorney's impartial analysis (not more than 500 words) and ballot argument (not more than 300 words) is December 26. Council members Dave Atkinson and Marie Fellhauer will draft the ballot argument with input from their colleagues and the business community. Each of the five Council members plans to sign the ballot argument in support of the measure. Any rebuttal arguments (not more than 250 words) are due by January 6. The April 8 election will also include two open spots for the City Council. The filing period for would-be candidates to pull nomination papers kicked off last week (December 16). January 10 is the deadline to file completed paperwork and submit a 200-word candidate statement. March 10 is the first day for mailing permanent vote-by-mail voter ballots. From March 10-April 1, voters may request vote-by-mail ballots with regular applications. March 18 is the last day to mail sample ballots and March 24 is the last day to register to vote. Election Day is April 8. •

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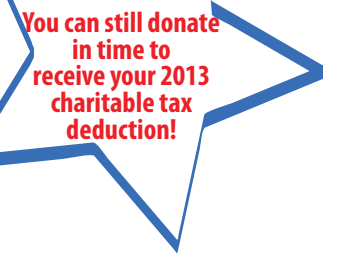
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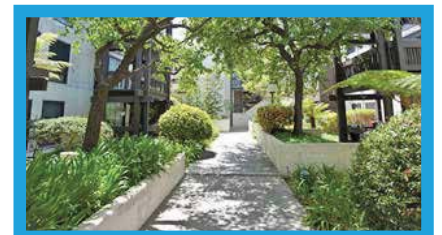
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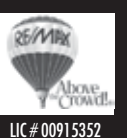


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After the Board recognized former President Ann Coles on Tuesday, Dec. 10, Dr. Jeanie Nishime, former Board Clerk and newly elected Vice President, swore in the recently elected members – returning member Dr. Bill Watkins and new members Emilee Layne and Jim Garza. Laura Gabel, first elected to the Board in 2011, was elected the new President. Garza was selected to fill the Board Clerk position.



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City Council

from front page

In an item brought forth by Mayor Bill Fisher, the Council adopted a resolution in hopes that the Boeing Company will bring the 777x Jetliner assembly work to Long Beach. The Long Beach facility is one of several sites (with locations in Alabama and South Carolina also in the running) under consideration for manufacture of the aircraft. Fisher noted that the resolution was “very important” as part of the effort to keep the South Bay region a world leader in design and manufacturing of advanced commercial aircraft, allow Boeing to compete for decades to come, and stimulate the area economy by providing new employment while averting layoffs. “We need to pull together to make a point that Long Beach is important to the South Bay,” said Fisher.

The Council also directed staff to open the recruitment process for positions on committees, commissions and boards that will expire at various times in 2014. Single slots will be open on the Recreation and Parks Commission, Environmental Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Senior Citizen Housing Corporation Board, El Segundo Community Cable Advisory Committee and Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee. Those interested in applying may contact City Hall at 310-524-2302.

During presentations, South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Vice-Chair Denise DiPasquale provided an update on the agency’s activities over the last quarter. The SBWIB provides employment and

training services to El Segundo and eight other participating neighbor cities through its One-Stop Business and Career Centers. DiPasquale reported that over the last three months, SBWIB staff provided information to 23 El Segundo residents at City Hall and the local library, and also held recruitments on numerous occasions to help staff the new Farmer Boys restaurant opening on the east side of town. Additionally, the SBWIB submitted its five-year local plan to provide leadership to establish sector partnerships to drive economic and employment growth in manufacturing, healthcare, construction and trade, and transportation and utilities. SBWIB also received a grant to pilot the Bridge to Manufacturing Careers Program in partnership with El Camino College to

prepare 42 at-risk youth between the ages of 19-21 for entry level certification and employment in machine tool technology and welding. DiPasquale encouraged El Segundo youth to apply. She also noted that qualifying El Segundo residents who are unemployed may also apply for the Cisco Networking Program at West Los Angeles College. Starting in January, an allotment of individuals will be available through the Transitional Subsidized Employment Program (TSE) in which SBWIB will cover 100 percent of the wages if the participant performs work for the City, and a portion of the wages if it’s for local businesses.

Due to the holidays, the Council will not meet on Jan. 7. The group will reconvene on Jan. 21. •

2013 El Segundo Herald's Best of the Best Awards

Herald Publications Best of the Best Awards gives the community an opportunity to let their voices be heard. The rules are very simple. All one has to do is submit a completed entry form to Herald Publications’ office by *December 27, 2013. Results of this survey will be published in the January 9, 2014 issue with special sections highlighting the winners to follow.*

Each individual in the community is invited to vote one time only. The completed form must be on an original page of the newspaper. No photocopied entries will be accepted.

To include your entry in our contest, simply fill the name of your favorite establishment(s) and the city in which they are located, in the blank below each category. Then, mail or bring in your completed entry form by *December 27, 2013 at noon to:*

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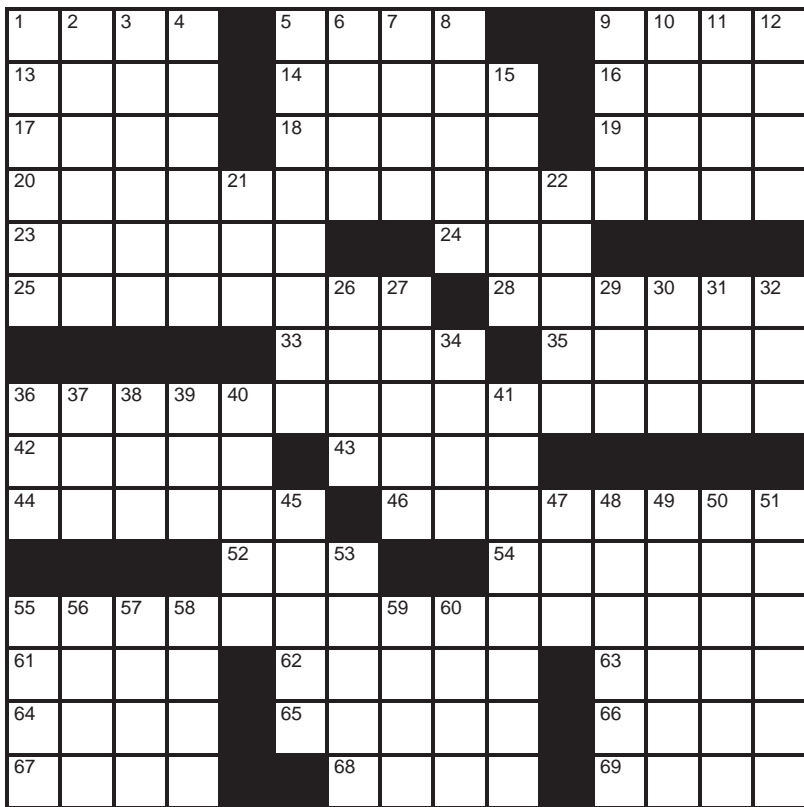
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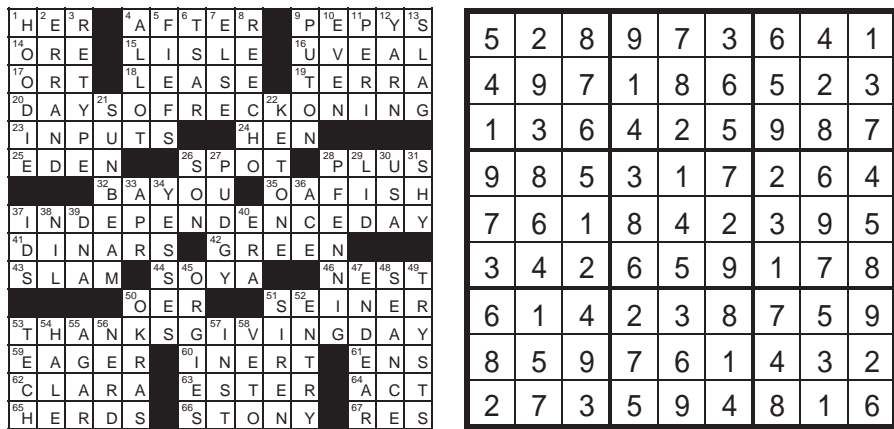
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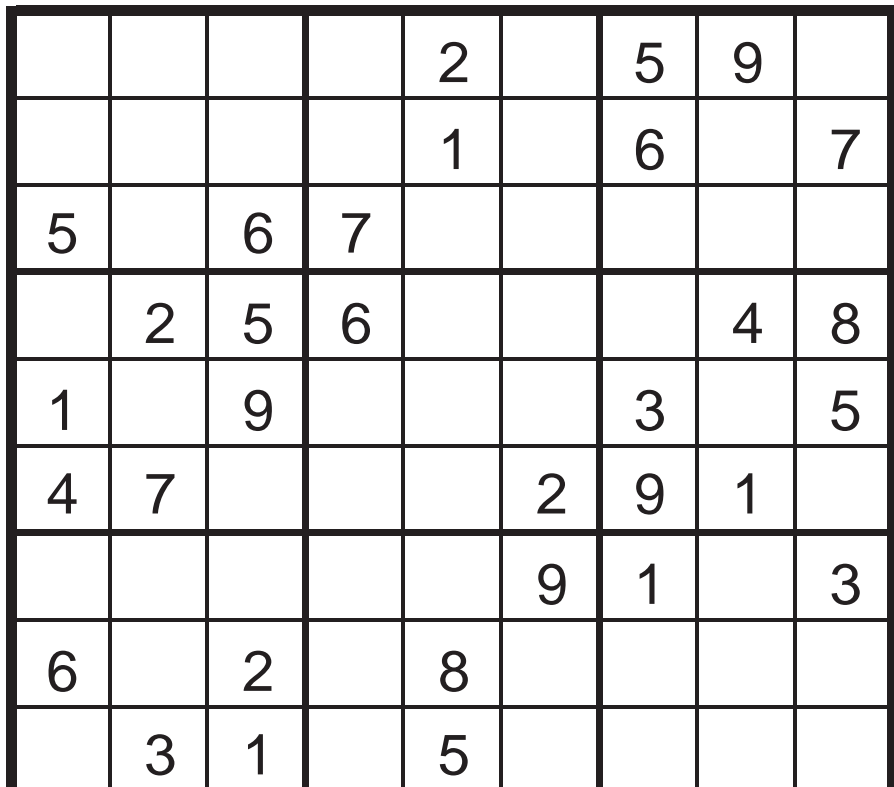


- Across**
- 1. North Atlantic fishes
 - 5. Asset
 - 9. Kuwaiti, e.g.
 - 13. Circle
 - 14. Blood line
 - 16. One of three vessels
 - 17. Caspian feeder
 - 18. Man of many words
 - 19. Bygone title
 - 20. Izzard album title
 - 23. Bowls
 - 24. Game piece
 - 25. Australian mimic
 - 28. Interweave
 - 33. Some votes
 - 35. Army attack helicopter
 - 36. He or she
 - 42. Sitting spot
 - 43. Islam denomination
 - 44. First-aid item
 - 46. Invigorate
 - 52. Toupee
 - 54. Thesis type
 - 55. Source of grammatical debate
 - 61. Animal house
 - 62. Buoy
- Down**
- 1. Posterior
 - 2. Solar system model
 - 3. More indifferent
 - 4. Like tears
 - 5. French native
 - 6. Swag
 - 7. Spur
 - 8. Benefit
 - 9. One who hasn't turned pro?
 - 10. Microprocessor type
 - 11. Analytic, for short
 - 12. Empty
 - 15. Take ___ (travel)
 - 21. Bag
 - 22. Public util.
 - 26. Shag rugs
 - 27. Indian metropolis
 - 29. Waiting period, seemingly
- Across**
- 63. Came down to earth
 - 64. After-lunch sandwich
 - 65. Gold braid
 - 66. Some male dolls
 - 67. ___ Station
 - 68. Discounted
 - 69. U2 guitarist
- Down**
- 30. Blood letters
 - 31. French vineyard
 - 32. Chinese dynasty
 - 34. "Wheel of Fortune" choice
 - 36. Fraternity letter
 - 37. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
 - 38. Delicacy
 - 39. Break down
 - 40. Eyeball benders
 - 41. Daredevil's trait
 - 45. Percussion instrument
 - 47. Samoan staple
 - 48. Amount eaten
 - 49. Stirred up
 - 50. Amy or John
 - 51. African menace
 - 53. Distort
 - 55. Hogwash
 - 56. Excoriate
 - 57. Bank claim
 - 58. Like some wills
 - 59. Enthusiasm
 - 60. Egyptian fertility goddess

Last Week's Answers



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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of El Segundo invites sealed bids for the above project and will receive such bids in the offices of the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, up to the hour of 11:00 a.m. on:

TUESDAY JANUARY 28, 2014

at which time they will be publicly opened.

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans And Specifications are alternately available electronically via http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, at 10:00 am, at the City Council Chambers, 350 Main Street in El Segundo, CA 90245. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is mandatory. Questions regarding the bid shall be submitted by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 to http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GO2LAX4LESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. 1. 12035 S. BROADWAY #B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. 2. P.O. BOX 1884, HOLLYWOOD, CA 90078. Registered Owner(s): Jorge Alarcon, 12035 S. Broadway #B, Los Angeles, CA 90061. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Jorge Alarcon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 05, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 05, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 05, 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). Inglewood News: December 12, 19, 26, 2013 and January 02, 2014. **HI-1019**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 20132511080

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MEGISYS, LLC. 8429 HOLY CROSS PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045-2634. Registered Owner(s): Megisys, LLC, 8429 Holy Cross Place, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2634. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: December 19, 2005. Signed: Megisys, LLC, Carla Ann Cuadros Pera, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 06, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 06, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 06, 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). Inglewood News: December 12, 19, 26, 2013 and January 02, 2014. **HI-1020**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013244102

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE CHEESE SHOPPE. 1915 VOORHEES AVE. #1, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. Registered Owner(s): 1. Allan Kelemen, 1915 Voorhees Ave. #1, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. 2. Susan Garza-Kelemen, 1915 Voorhees Ave. #1, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Allan Kelemen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 26, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 26, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 26, 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). Torrance Tribune: December 05, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **HT-1011**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013243212

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. DANCEWEAR U. 2. COSTUME U. 3. KIDPACK U. 640 LOMITA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Cindy A. Beckett, 640 Lomita Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: September 01, 2013. Signed: Cindy A. Beckett, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 25, 2013. 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 2013248294

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BULLDOG FARMS. 555 W. 5TH STREET 31ST FLOOR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. Registered Owner(s): Christopher J. Hamner, 555 W. 5TH STREET 31ST FLOOR, Los Angeles, CA 90013. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: November 30, 2013. Signed: Christopher J. Hamner, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 04, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 04, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 04, 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). Inglewood News: December 12, 19, 26, 2013 and January 02, 2014. **HI-1021**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013235961

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JOEYWATTS.COM. 813 CENTER STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Joseph Conley Raymond Watts, 813 Center Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Joey Watts, Owner/Registrant. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 14, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 14, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 14, 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 12, 19, 26, 2013 and January 02, 2014. **H-1017**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013254676

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. 222 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. #2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 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. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 12, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 12, 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-1024**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013243089

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MODERN TWIST BARBER SHOP. 4563 W. ROSECRANS AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Adrian Saldaña, 720 Steppney Place, Inglewood, CA 90302. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Adrian Saldaña, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 25, 2013. 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). Hawthorne Press Tribune: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **HH-1016**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013245336

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JJ AND M COLLISION CENTER/TOWING. 4963 ALHAMBRA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Registered Owner(s): Kimathi Sweeney, 2401 W. Caldwell St, Compton, CA 90220. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Kimathi Sweeney, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 27, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 27, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 27, 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). Torrance Tribune: December 05, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **HT-1012**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013251875

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA MECHA RESTAURANT. 7831 S. ALAMEDA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. 1675 E. 111TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. Registered Owner(s): Maria Elizalde, 1675 E. 111TH 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. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 9, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 9, 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). Hawthorne Press Tribune: December 19, 26, 2013 and January 2, 9, 2014. **HH-1023**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013244289

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARRIAGE HOUSE MODELS. 5237 W. 138TH PLACE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Patrick Strong, 5237 W. 138TH Place, Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Patrick Strong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 26, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 26, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 26, 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). Hawthorne Press Tribune: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **HH-1013**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013244643

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BRONZE BAR. 2041 ROSECRANS AVE #170, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): C. Ashley Davis, 707 Hermosa Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: C. Ashley Davis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 26, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 26, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 26, 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 12, 19, 26, 2013 and January 02, 2014. **H-1022**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013249828

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BALLERS. 140 E. TAMARACK AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Registered Owner(s): Nima Nicholas Shafiee, 32650 Nantasket Dr #96, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Nima Nicholas Shafiee. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 05, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 05, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 05, 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). Inglewood News: December 12, 19, 26, 2013 and January 02, 2014. **HI-1018**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013231393

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE BIBLE CHURCH OF HIS WILL. 1. 2000 E. MARIPOSA AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 2. P.O. BOX 91603, LOS ANGELES, CA 90009. Registered Owner(s): The Bible Church of His Will, 2000 E. Mariposa Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: November 12, 2003. Signed: The Bible Church of His Will, e.uche nyche, president. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 7, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 7, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 7, 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 05, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **H-1014**.

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Let's see if we can give these furry kids a Happy Tails ending of their own!

"Hi I'm Garth and I've had more than my share of neglect during my eight years. My owner was arrested and I was terrified, but that turned out to be the best thing

that could have happened to me. The MSFR folks rescued me from an LA County shelter and they took me in even though I was pretty disgusting. I was mortified because I hadn't been bathed or groomed in so long that I was a matted, filthy mess. First stop on my road to a new life was a trip to the vet where I had to have 21 teeth extracted because they were so rotten the stench was terrible. Then I had to have a senior screen for bladder stone surgery. When the vet X-rayed me to check for stones, they also found out that I had been shot with a BB gun and had a BB lodged in my hip muscle. You can't believe how much better I look and feel now that I've the proper care, but I am going to have to be on Rx dog food to prevent reoccurring stones. Other than being a



Garth

little overweight (21 pounds), I'm ready to start living life again. I'm a real people guy and I'm looking forward to making some new doggie pals. My one wish is to find a family that will appreciate my sweet disposition and adopt me. I know that not everyone is neglectful and I'm ready to give all my love and share my life with a family who will love me back."

Great things come in small packages! If you come to our adoption fair and ask for **Becky**, you'll see that it's true: "I was rescued from an LA County shelter where I was called a stray, but now I'm looking for my forever home. I'm a friendly, two-year-old female that is most likely a Miniature Schnauzer/Shih Tzu

mix, but that's only a guess. My pedigree might be questionable, but one thing that's certain is that I am as cute and cuddly as can be. I may be petite, just under 10 pounds, but my personality and desire to find a family to love is huge. I have lots of love to give and I know you'll want to take me home once I've stolen your heart."

"Aye, my name is **Mac-Tavish** but my friends call me Tavy. I got me name because I have a charcoal face and remind folks of a Scottie! I'm a

15-pound, one-year-old, male, Miniature Schnauzer mix. Before I was rescued, I spent several weeks at an LA city shelter after coming in as a stray. I'm not afraid to admit that I was a tad overwhelmed by it all and kept to myself during me stay there. 'Tis probably why not many folks were interested in meeting me. Once I get to know you, and that doesn't take long, I'll be your best friend and a loyal, loving companion. I get along well with other dogs and the ladies say I am cute as a button! I'd love to meet and greet you at our adoption fair, so stop on by."

"Hello. I'm **Lady** and that's exactly what I am. I'm a two-year-old Terrier mix who is a petite 7.5 pounds. Some may call me timid, but I like to think of myself as reserved. I was rescued from the Devore shelter in San Bernardino several weeks ago and now spend my time with the lovely volunteers at Yellow Brick Road. I must admit that I



MacTavish

have bloomed under their care and I love to be held and cuddled. I get along well with both the large and the small dogs at Yellow Brick Road. I'm not a barker, I walk well on a leash and ride well in a car. I would be a wonderful addition to any household, but especially for an older person who wants a loving little companion to hold on their lap. If you would like to meet me, I can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo. Call 310-606-5507. •

Lady



Becky



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