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El Segundo PTAs Seek to Earn Grant by Shopping for Students



For the last four years, El Segundo PTAs have received a \$4,000 grant to split between participating school sites, courtesy of the Shopping for Students program at the Manhattan Mall. This year, Shopping for Students points can be earned with receipts dated September 1 to April 30. Receipts must be logged in at the Concierge Booth for credit. Pictured (left to right): Program Concierge, Debbie; Mall Director, Valerie James; Alex Kaiser, ESMS; Beth Muraida, ESHS; Mary Clemenceau, Center St. PTA; and Beth Hapke, Richmond St. PTA. Photo courtesy of Beth Muraida.

City Council Receives Sobering Budget News

By Brian Simon

Unless it takes drastic action to reverse an alarming trend, the El Segundo City Council will be faced with increasing budget shortfalls in the coming years. Two weeks away from adopting the 2012/13 fiscal budget, the Council on Tuesday night received some grim reports about the City's long-term financial outlook. According to a three-year forecast presented by Finance Director Deborah Cullen, the City's structural deficit will balloon to almost \$7 million by 2015/16, as expenditures continue to swell at a higher rate than revenues.

Despite projected upticks in business license, transient occupancy (TOT), property and cogenerated tax revenues, the City will take a huge hit in sales and use tax revenues (a \$2.2 million annual permanent loss) thanks to a reporting change from one major business tenant. Hefty reductions in investment income and electric utility tax revenues plus a \$1.6 million increase in personnel costs add up to a \$4.9 million budget deficit for 2012/13.

To balance the budget, the City will pull various one-time monies from economic uncertainty, maintenance and capital improvement funds—a practice that will prove dangerous if it continues. "The longer we wait to take any action, the more difficult it will become to recover what you would like to see as the safety net for the City," said Treasurer Chris Powell, who warned that barring proactive moves, the Council will be forced to balance future budgets by exhausting equipment replacement and enterprise funds while reducing reserves and available investment capital. To make matters worse, the City had to slash next year's economic development budget as one of a number of discretionary department cuts instituted to help cover the deficit.

Looking into alternative ways to generate money, Cullen outlined the potential revenue gains if the City were to impose a series of tax hikes on commercial and industrial businesses. For instance, a two percent transient occupancy tax increase on hotels would yield an additional \$1.2 million annually. In that scenario, TOT would jump from eight percent to 10 percent—

still two percent below the area average. The utility user tax (UUT), currently at three percent for electric and gas, would garner another \$3.1 million per year if upped by two percent. Even at five percent, the UUT rate would still be below the eight percent area average. And a two percent telephone tax increase would add another \$678,000 to City coffers.

Even if the Council were to entertain thoughts of tax increases—an unlikely prospect given prior statements on the topic by the majority of the members—local residents would still have to approve any such hikes. In 2010, El Segundo voters rejected a UUT measure that would have increased the rate from three to four percent

even though the businesses that would have been impacted by the move endorsed the initiative.

Meanwhile, salary and benefit increases continue to hamper the City's coffers despite major concessions by local bargaining units, prompting the latest contractual changes to the agreement with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) approved by the Council on Tuesday. Under the new arrangement, fire personnel will now pay three percent of the employer portion of their pensions, while future police hires will fall under a second-tier retirement formula of three percent at 55 years of age, compared to

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM Clouds
PM Sun
74°/67°



Saturday
Sunny
75°/69°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
78°/69°



Sustainable El Segundo Program Aims for Greener Community

By Brian Simon

A pioneering municipality in a number of areas when it comes to environmental responsibility, El Segundo recently added another feather in its eco-cap by becoming the pilot city for NRG Energy's Sustainable Community Program designed to help residents and businesses learn how to reduce energy use, save money and clean up the planet.

After an initial start-up campaign that involved engaging focus groups and community partners as well as service providers such as Edison, the Gas Company and West Basin, NRG officially launched "Sustainable El Segundo" on August 15 with a dedicated website (sustainableelsegundo.com), social media outreach and a display at the El Segundo Public Library. On August 29, the first of several planned free workshops (this one entitled "The Good House, a Guide to Greening Your Home") took place at the library, with green building expert Wally Geer on-hand to discuss affordable

opportunities for residents to make their homes more sustainable. The seminar emphasized that homeowners "don't need to have the money of a rock star or the knowledge of a rocket scientist" to make their residences a darker shade of green.

By paying for the services of the non-profit group the California Center for Sustainable Energy (CCSE, which spearheads area efforts in energy efficiency, green building, renewable energy and clean transportation), NRG established the program at no cost to the City of El Segundo. With grant and other funding opportunities likely available down the line, NRG believes the program will become self-sustaining after the first year—although the City won't be obligated to continue it past that point or take on any financial burden.

As part of the implementation process, CCSE Senior Outreach Specialist Lauri Walker has her own part-time cubicle at City Hall near the Public Works office and

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Obituaries

Alberta Maxine Holcomb

Alberta Maxine Holcomb passed away in her sleep early on the morning of August 31, 2012, at the age of 92. She was born Alberta Maxine Keller, to Edson Ralph Keller and Rita Barber, in Los Angeles on February 6, 1920. She spent her entire life in El Segundo and lived on Eucalyptus Dr. almost her entire life. She graduated from El Segundo High in 1937.



retired in the mid 1970s.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Holcomb, who retired from the Standard Oil refinery as a chemist, in 1987 and their only son James E. Holcomb II in the late 1970s.

"Max", as all of her friends knew her, was a loving, thoughtful and giving woman. Her friends were our friends and our friends were her friends. Her heart was as big as Main St. with a sense of humor to match.

Graveside services to be held at Inglewood Cemetery, pending arrangements.

After graduation, she attended Woodberry Business College in Los Angeles. She then went to work for R.B. Drugs as the chief bookkeeper from the early 1950s until she

August 2012 Winner

SMILE awhile



Our Staff Pick for August is Jameson Thornburg enjoying her horse Bellagio. Photo taken and submitted by Jesse Thornburg. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our advertiser "Tavern on Main". Congratulations.

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Locally Made Web Series *Bullets* Launches Successfully

By Cristian Vasquez

After running a successful Kickstarter campaign, writer/director Ty Leisher and producer Lex Edelman, were able to kick off principle photography of this gritty web miniseries about paralleled relationships and underground poker. The first episode aired on September 2, 2012 on JTS.TV. "It's been a long process," Edelman said. "but we are nothing short of proud of our team's efforts. For all those who continually support us, we can't say thank you enough. No matter what happens with the show, we have learned a great

it whenever Ty would come up to me and say, 'Don't be mad, but I have to cut this person out or cut this scene altogether,'" Edelman said. "I needed a very good explanation as to why, or I fought for it to stay. We don't agree on everything, nobody does, but we'd find our middle ground and make it work somehow. In the end, I think it's safe to say we are both happy with the choices we made."

Keeping up with the schedule was also a challenge, but the production team was able to complete the script with few changes and modifications. "In terms of writing out



Some members of the cast and crew of the web series *Bullets* gathered for a Special three-episode screening at El Segundo's Action Factory LA. The series, written and directed by local Ty Leisher debuted online on September 2. Photo by Cristian Vasquez.

deal about the process of crowd sourcing funds and producing short form quality television, experiences that will only benefit us as we continue down our chosen career paths."

A special screening of the first three episodes of *Bullets* was hosted at the Action Factory LA in the City of El Segundo on Sunday August 26, where cast, crew and fans were able to get a taste of the finished product. Through Kickstarter, an online crowdfunding platform, the *Bullets'* show creators were able to raise just north of 18k and green-light their production. Running a Kickstarter campaign isn't easy. Projects can start off strong with donations but then go stagnant for a large portion of the campaign timeframe. The *Bullets'* team executed their marketing efforts in a way that paid off, and on April 27th, with the clock winding down to it's last few seconds, all the money was secured in place, leaving Leisher, Edelman and the rest of the crew the chance to shoot the series.

"It was kind of weird trying to put together all these puzzle pieces," Leisher said when asked about the planning stages. "One person would only be available for three days and another guy would not be available for two weeks, but they had to be in a scene together so we had to figure out how to make that work. It was a month of pre-production and then we shot everything in 11 days."

Bullets, the story of Hugo and Mark, two bank employees who hatch a plan to steal from a rich man's account to play in an underground poker tournament, has been the center of attention for Edelman and Leisher for the past year. With 12-hour workdays, the cast and crew took on no easy task but managed to get through it all.

"Every day was stressful--I'm a big poker fan, but I don't ever want to play poker again after spending so many days shooting the game and making sure the continuity was right," Leisher said. "If you look at other poker movies like *Rounders*, there are three hands of poker. It's a movie about poker with no poker. We have 12 hands of poker in this series, so it is very much a poker show, at least for the first season."

The end of principle photography led to post-production of more than 100 minutes of footage for the six-episode series. "I would hate

characters, it only happened for one scene because one of our actors was not available for that day and it worked without him being there. It was really hectic trying to find where everyone was going to fit," Leisher said. "Instead of cutting scenes, we ended up shortening them. One scene in particular was originally a three-page scene which would take a few days to shoot, and that was more time than what we had. So I decided we didn't need to see the whole beginning of this particular poker hand, but instead we cut right to the middle of it."

The production team is now on a deadline to enter several festivals, including the International Academy of Web Television, which has a deadline of September 19, others include the Streamy Awards, LA Web Fest, SXSW, and more. By entering *Bullets* in these festivals, the show not only has a chance to win awards and notoriety in the web community, but it provides exposure to possible new fans all over the world. The show has also recently signed a contract deal with JTS.TV, a premium ad-free independent television network online with a Roku distribution deal allowing *Bullets* to stream in nearly 3 million households nationwide.

"I get nervous--I have always been this way," Edelman said. "As a producer, you worry about the show as a whole and how the audience is going to perceive it. We have been married to this thing for a year come September and when you are that close to something it's hard to take a step back and appreciate it differently. Do I love it? Of course I do, but I'm not concerned about what I think. I want a large audience to attach themselves to it because it's entertaining. I want to scare people, excite them, make them laugh and cry. It's got to have an impact on people or else you really didn't do your job."

Leisher added, "I definitely second-guess myself and question if this works. I wonder, will they laugh at this joke? Does this suspense moment play out? But we screened it during the cast party and they laughed when they were supposed to laugh, and they were shocked when they were supposed to be. And that was cool."

For more information about *Bullets* and to watch the series, persons interested can visit: www.bulletstv.com or <http://www.jts.tv/Bullets>.

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, SEPTEMBER 6:

- The meeting of the El Segundo Historical Committee will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the "Rose Garden Room" at the Library, located at 111 West Mariposa Ave. Committee members discuss donations received and plan out the committee's goals. Stop by and help take part in preserving El Segundo's history.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

- Tree Musketeers Seeks Volunteers: Registration open from 10am-Noon, TLC for Trees. Join volunteers of all ages care for trees we've planted in El Segundo at Trees to The Sea on Imperial Hwy. It's a great way to "dig in" to your community and fight global warming. Contact volunteers@treemusketeers.org or call 310-322-0263 for details and to sign up.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

- Job's Daughters Ice Cream Party, girls 9-19 & their families too! Sunday, September 9th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., El Segundo Masonic Center, 520 Main St. Questions: 310-259-6132.

- Re-Opening for Sunday Breakfast, 8 am to 11 am, Gold Crest Rebekah Lodge # 357 Located At 406 E. Grand Ave. 310-322-7359

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

- Tavern on Main, 123 Main St., is offering a "Tailgate Package" at halftime during the Chargers vs. Raiders game. Call The Tavern for details. 310-322-3645.

UPCOMING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Complimentary Easybridge! Class. Everyone welcome. You play in a game your very first lesson. Bring a partner or come alone. You won't be alone long! 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the El Segundo Woman's Club.

Any questions, call Jeff Grotenhuis 600-4275, email jeffgro@gmail.com or visit www.agilebridgeclub.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,

- El Segundo Auxiliary Children's Hospital Los Angeles is hosting it's 8th annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction, from 5-7:30 at the International Garden Center at 155 N. Sepulveda. Tickets are \$45.00 each and all proceeds benefit CHLA. Questions? call 310-640-9932 or 310-748-3373.

- Custom Design & Construction is hosting a remodeling seminar from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided for all attendees. To attend, homeowners must RSVP online at www.RemodelWithUs.com/seminar or by calling (310) 815-4815

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- The meeting of the Friends Of the El Segundo Public Library will take place at 6:30 p.m., in the "Friends of the Library Room" at the Library, located at 111 West Mariposa Ave., El Segundo. The business meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend to discuss library related activities. For further information please call 310-524-2722.

City

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the three percent at 50 for existing employees.

Also on Tuesday, the Council passed a resolution brought forth by Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Fuentes urging Congress to pass and the White House to sign legislation to avert the potential \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board "sequestration" cuts that will automatically go into effect on January 2, 2013 because of the federal budget impasse. While the adverse effects of such cuts will be felt nationwide, they will especially impact California and in particular aerospace/defense programs and jobs, as well as a variety of social service programs. Fuentes noted that unemployment would immediately go up in Los Angeles by 1.5 percentage points if sequestration proceeds. She added that local defense industry and other job losses would be devastating to the El Segundo and South Bay economies.

Police Chief Mitch Tavera reported that his department—in conjunction with Recreation and Parks and Public Works—has developed an operating plan to prepare for the Shuttle Endeavour arrival at LAX scheduled between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on September 20 (though the date could change depending on weather conditions). Warning that the effect on El Segundo "will be severe" that day due to the "large influx of people" as well as media outlets expected to gather along Imperial Avenue to view the landing, Tavera said portions of that

street will be closed to through traffic—including the west end of Imperial (700 block west) and the area between Eucalyptus Street and the old Imperial Avenue School site (where the School District will allow City parking). The shuttle, which will be hitched to the back of a modified Boeing 747, will then remain at LAX for three weeks before being transported through the streets of Inglewood and South Los Angeles to its final destination at the California Science Center. Both Fuentes and Councilmember Dave Atkinson urged local residents—and especially children—to come out on the 20th to witness the once-in-a-lifetime event. Fuentes added that the shuttle will be flying "very low and very low" to make for a spectacular vista.

During presentations, the Council issued a proclamation to the El Segundo High School Choir, which recently sang at the Summer Olympic Games in London. Among other highlights, the 50-plus member group performed at the Southwark and Canterbury cathedrals (with the Archbishop in attendance at the latter church). Though 26 of the choir members were not present at the Council meeting since they had left for college, the remaining singers regaled the audience with a rendition of the ballad "Danny Boy" they had also preformed in London. Choir Director Gianna Summers announced that the choir has been invited to sing at the Presidential Inauguration Festival in January.

Sustainable

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is the community point person for local residents and business owners interested in learning more about becoming greener. "Sustainable El Segundo is geared toward residents and commercial and retail businesses that want to better understand what steps they can take to achieve higher levels of sustainability," said Walker. "We really want to engage the community in a discussion of how we can all work together to create a clean energy future today."

Approved by the El Segundo City Council in May, the Sustainability Program aims to update the local energy infrastructure, foster green building upgrades, provide education and outreach, and brand El Segundo as a green community. Goals include leveraging existing resources, providing technical financial resources, streamlining processes, and demystifying the idea that sustainability is difficult or unaffordable. In that vein, the program will also provide potential funding mechanisms with options to capitalize various projects such as solar panel leasing. After all, figuring out how to pay for it is "number one on everyone's wish list," according to Doug Poffinbarger, Director, Sustainable Communities at NRG Energy. In addition to its large portfolio of natural gas, coal, wind and nuclear generation, NRG is also the largest solar power operator in the country and has invested \$120 million to build an electric vehicle charging infrastructure statewide. It is even investigating locating charging stations in El Segundo as part of a "green corridor" for the community that City officials view as a potential key amenity to attract prospective business tenants.

With Sustainable El Segundo now officially up and running, upcoming phases will include developing/enabling upgrades and savings

through infrastructure, green building, and water and waste reuse/conservation. Additional workshops and events will also be scheduled in the coming months. Those interested can comb the website for up-to-date news and useful data. "The website has lots of information and an area where you can ask the expert," said Walker.

A monthly calendar on the site not only lists El Segundo-based workshops and events, but also programs available to local residents/business owners scheduled in South Bay cities such as Torrance as well as elsewhere in the general region. Options include anything from training sessions on basic energy efficiency skills to seminars on industrial and outdoor lighting applications. The site provides a rundown of useful residential and commercial rebates for items such as refrigerators, water heaters, sprinkler nozzles, natural gas furnaces, ovens, high-efficiency toilets, dry vacuum pumps and air conditioners, to name just a few. The site also contains various educational resources (books, DVDs) available at the library as well as tips on exploring solar energy, saving money on energy bills, water conservation, recycling and electric vehicles.

In addition to its role as the pilot city for a program NRG hopes will expand across the region, El Segundo has built a reputation for environmental responsibility in recent years, with top marks statewide in reclaimed water use and solid waste diversion as well as a variety of eco-friendly programs in place and a dedicated green website (elsegundo.org/esgreen). The community is also home to the first LEED-certified public and government facilities in the South Bay (Fire Station #2 and the Los Angeles Military Entrance Processing Station) in addition to other green buildings.

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

~ George Bernard Shaw

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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Police Reports

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

One male adult was arrested at 0111 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for driving under the influence of alcohol under 21 years of age with a BAC of .05% or above.

One female adult was arrested at 0100 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0146 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0153 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One female adult was arrested at 0200 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One female adult was arrested at 0150 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0210 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0201 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

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One male adult was arrested at 0222 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One female adult was arrested at 0246 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0330 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0310 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0310 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0314 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0305 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC

of .08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0320 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0318 hours from the 100 block of West Walnut Avenue for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was detained 0554 hours from the 300 block of Main Street and taken to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation.

One male was arrested at 0934 hours from the 700 block of Center Street for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, prohibit to own/possess a firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of ammunition.

One female adult was arrested at 0934 hours from the 700 block of Center Street for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 1243 hours from the 700 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for burglary, one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant and two LASD misdemeanor warrants.

A found property report was taken at 1910 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Found was drug paraphernalia.

An attempted robbery report was taken at 2111 hours from Concord Street and West Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect attempted to forcefully take the victim's cell phone from her hand.

One male adult was arrested at 0021 hours from Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for resisting/obstructing a peace officer and one ESPD misdemeanor warrant.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

A dead body report was taken at 0649 hours from the 500 block of Eucalyptus Drive. A female died of natural causes.

A grand theft auto occurred between 1830 hours on 08/30/12 and 0651 hours on 08/31/12 in the 1000 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's vehicle without permission.

An annoying phone calls report was taken at 1230 hours from the 400 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Known suspect harassed the victim with phone calls.

A traffic accident report (with injuries) was taken at 1534 hours from Park Place and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Realignment (AB 109) Update

By Dylan Little

Readers, this is one of a number of articles, we will be publishing, which contains a recent overview of Governor Brown's Realignment Law (AB109) and how it's affecting the State and our local communities. We will do our best to keep you updated on this legislation's development and any ramifications it may have on the cities we cover. Questions and comments may be emailed to management@heraldpublications.com and will be included with further posts.

AB 109 MOVES SENTENCES FOR OVER 500 CRIMES TO COUNTY JAIL

Under AB 109, the prisoner realignment act passed in 2011, more than 500 crimes have had their sentences changed from state prison sentences to county jail time. Due to the influx of new prisoners and infrastructure that wasn't built to handle prisoners for more than short stays between court dates, many of these prisoners are being released after serving only half their sentences.

AB 109 was passed in anticipation of a negative ruling by the United States Supreme Court on whether California state prisons were overcrowded to the point of violating the prisoner's constitutional rights because of inadequate medical care. In addition, the law is also a cost savings measure for the state government, because under AB 109 a huge chunk of the cost of housing prisoners and supervising them after release is moved to county level budgets. Currently only about 70 crimes result in a state prison sentence, the rest have been moved to a list of more than 500 non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual crimes.

However, some in the law enforcement field dispute that all of the crimes on the list are truly non-violent, non-sexual and non-serious. Torrance Chief of Police John Neu has pointed out a large number of crimes that are supposedly non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual are in fact very serious.

"The state representatives that wrote this law have said all of the 500 plus laws that have been reclassified are non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual," said Neu. "That's a flat out lie."

Some of the supposedly non-violent crimes are offenses like brandishing a gun or deadly weapon with intentional infliction of serious bodily injury, battery with serious body injury, assault with a stun gun or less lethal weapon. Even in cases where there are additional circumstances that logically should mandate harsher penalties, these crimes are still on the books as jail – not prison – worthy offenses. These include crimes like, making a credible threat to use force or violence against a witness in a trial, vehicular manslaughter due to intoxication (without gross negligence), extortion with force or threat of force and even inflicting cruel or inhuman corporal punishment on a child.

"In what way are these non-violent and non-serious?" said Neu. "Whose interpreta-

tion is this? How about we use the victims interpretation."

There are also inconsistencies on what constitutes a non-sexual crime. Included in the list is child molestation in which the perpetrator unlawfully either entered a home or had a specified prior conviction. Also included are two crimes involving sexual intercourse with minors, one with a minor three years younger than the perpetrator, and another with minors over 16 having relations with an adult over 21.

Hawthorne police chief Robert Fager said that crimes like these are crimes that affect the average citizens on a regular basis. Crimes like grand theft of an automobile, Second degree burglary (also known as commercial burglary), sale of a firearm to an ex-felon, reckless driving with injury and sale of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a school are all crimes that happen frequently and have a negative impact not only for the victims, but in many cases the whole community.

"These are really the crimes that affect quality of life, even more than some of the more serious crimes," said Fager.

Other crimes on the list tie-in to some of the major challenges facing the country. In the wake of a massive economic meltdown, AB 109 moves mortgage fraud of less the \$400,000 to a county jail offense. Likewise after years of fighting terrorism, possessing a weapon of mass destruction, use of explosives in acts of terrorism and terrorism with hate symbols (burning crosses and swastikas) have all been realigned to end up in county jail, instead of state prison.

The problem with giving these crimes county jail sentences instead of state prison sentences is that county jails are not designed to house prisoners for long terms. They are designed for prisoner movement and transfer, not housing prisoners for multi-year sentences. Also, just like the state prison system, the county jail system is also overcrowded, meaning de facto shorter sentences, with the average prisoner being convicted of a sentence of between 19 and 26 months and getting out in half the time.

"Now if you are guilty, the penalties are lesser," said Fager. "The chance of you staying [in county jail] for three years is minimal. The old adage of a revolving door, it's completely accurate."

These individuals are then released into Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for rehabilitation. While both Neu and Fager are supporters of rehabilitation, both of their departments have been impacted by influx of people in the PRCS system. According Neu, statistics show that for many in PRCS rehabilitation isn't working.

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So did you get an opportunity to watch Mitt "The Glove" Romney give his Elephant Party acceptance speech on the third night of the weather-plagued Republican National convention that took place in Tampa, Florida? Unfortunately, I didn't get to see it. Or, more correctly, I didn't get to see the speech and opine on the virtues of Romney's most important televised commercial before the presidential campaign kicks off in earnest. Because a couple of inches of rain threatened the area a few days before the Republican festivities were set to kick off and everything was set back a day. So the not-so-telegenic, somewhat-stilted Romney gave his speech on Thursday night.

Was able to see the speech made by the Elephant Veep candidate before my filing deadline--the young and debonair Paul Ryan from the cheese-head state of Wisconsin. The 42-year-old Congressman Ryan, the youngest vice presidential candidate in the past quarter century, extolled the virtues of Romney, saying that "our nominee is sure ready. His whole life has prepared him for this moment."

Course, I was easily confused, thinking maybe the gadfly, ex-presidential perennial candidate Ron Paul, was the second banana on the ticket. Luckily, the Kid came into the front wing of the mansion, glanced at the plasma and noted that the ancient Ron Paul was not the youngster on the tube making election-year promises that he can't keep.

Paul Ryan just said something somewhat interesting, I guess, but didn't seem to strike a chord with the young partygoer/convention goer--a pretty blonde who first yawned big-time on camera. Then, like a Stepford wife,

she rose to applaud the comment that I am sure she hadn't paid attention to at all.

And I liked the catchy penning that Ryan mouthed, courtesy, I am sure, of one of his speechwriters: "After four years of getting the runaround, America needs a turnaround. And the man for the job is Governor Mitt Romney."

Also liked the Ryan comment, speaking of businessman Romney: "Being successful in business, that's a good thing!"

Slight correction, Mr. Ryan. Romney isn't the Governor of anything at this point. Just a rich guy running for the presidency. Nitpicking maybe. And it was nice to see Ryan point out his starstruck family, who had to be incredibly incredulous to be ensconced in a favored spot at the Tampa convention, basking in the post-selection limelight, much like the Palin clan four years ago.

And finally, nothing like a little salacious political stuff to finish off another boffo column. Former North Carolina Senator Terry Sanford gave notice that he was tying the marital knot with his ex-mistress, the very lovely Argentinean lass Maria Belen Chapur. Sanford, who at one time was considered a possible player in the 2012 Republican presidential horserace, got his "Mitt" caught in the ringer a few years ago when it was brought to light that the married Guv was having a cross-continental affair with Ms. Belen Chapur.

Scandalous! Not the first time such shenanigans have occurred between very consenting adults. And so help me, Slick Willie Clinton, doesn't necessarily disqualify one from running for the highest office in the land. Alas, the Sanford for President, 2012 campaign, petered out...

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The battle flag hung limp from the pole, its previously vibrant blue field faded and tattered, and the red and white orb now nothing more than the perfect metaphor for a setting sun. Republicans had bashed him effectively with facts and responsible approaches to problem solving at their convention while accusing him of personal self-aggrandizement. The One sat with his head in his hands and called for his chief advisor. "What have you done to me?" he wailed.

Into the room slinked a figure dressed wholly in black, from his pointy-eared hat to his cape and his four black shoes. Magically, Carlos, my neighborhood talking cat, had transformed himself into the sinister Alley Cat...the new prince of darkness!

"Fear not," he said, "my plan is just starting. I was the one who got the Democratic National Committee to depict a faux-Paul Ryan pushing a wheelchair-bound granny off a cliff. I know your level of ethics better than anyone, so I tailored your campaign to your standards.

"I convinced ol' Uncle Joe to warn Blacks against Romney returning 'y'all to chains,' and I selected Maria Ciano to star in the ad representing Republican women defecting to Obama. I knew that Maria has been a Democrat for six years, but I made a point, right?"

"Give me some credit, Mr. President. I was the one who got Harry Reid to accuse Romney of not paying any income taxes for 10 years--an accusation so sensational it had a news cycle life of one week and

diverted the media away from the misery of your economy. No one else has done anything this good for you, Mr. President.

"Speaking of the media, I got them to put their fingers to their lips and go 'ssshhhh' so they wouldn't report that personal incomes had fallen more during your economic recovery than during the recession.

"I got the DNC to open your convention with a Muslim invocation.

"Your Super PAC accused Romney of killing Mrs. Soptic, your supporter's wife. Remember, Romney had left Bain Capital to run the Olympics in 1999. Bain had closed a business in 2001, costing the woman's husband his job. Subsequently, he found another job that offered them both medical coverage, but he declined to cover her because of the coverage's cost. When she died of cancer in 2006, I made that Romney's fault. Brilliant!

"I got Stephanie Cutter, your deputy campaign manager to publicly confess, 'I'm just going to make S%&t up about jobs.' She accused Romney of being a felon and was hammered by CNN's Anderson Cooper for misquoting the *LA Times*, but said, 'It doesn't matter.' In all, she has been your worthy representative, sir.

"Of course, your condemnation of private enterprise, saying, 'You didn't build that' was brilliant.

"So you see, Mr. President, I have faithfully led the 'spitball' campaign your Chicago-style ethics require, so let's keep our chins up and keep the Obamanation flag flying!"

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Sports

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Zeman Has Eagles Soaring Through the Air

By Gregg McMullin

Finally, the high school football season is upon us. There's nothing like high school football, the band playing, a big home crowd to root the school on and the expectations of a team looking to prove itself. That's just what happened for the El Segundo Eagles in their home opener against a much-improved Lynwood Knights team. Though El Segundo took its time putting it all together, the end result was a 41-17 win for the Eagles.

What started out as a lackluster beginning turned out to be something exciting. The Eagles spotted the Knights a 10-0 lead on the strength of an opening drive that resulted in a 37-yard field goal and a seven-yard touchdown run by Rodney Wilkerson.

The first quarter was dominated by Lynwood and it looked like the tone was set for a long evening. The Eagles ran just six plays and had a net of two yards. Perhaps the turning point of the game came early in the second quarter.



Senior Seth McKenna avoids the tackle.

Lynwood was driving for another score and on three consecutive plays, picked up first downs. On first and goal Wilkerson fumbled the ball forward into the end zone and Jamie Stewart recovered for the Eagles, nullifying what was a great drive for the Knights.

The Eagles couldn't convert the turnover into points, but when they were forced to give the ball up, El Segundo punter Seth McKenna pinned Lynwood back on its six yard line. After a three and out for Lynwood, the Eagles got great field position near midfield. On fourth down and four yards to go, junior quarterback Daniel Zeman connected with Stewart for a first down. McKenna caught a pass for 18 more yards to the one yard line. Austin Brasher took the handoff for the one-yard plunge to cut the deficit to 10-7. On their next possession, the Eagles once again had great field position and Zeman quickly went to work. He found Stewart open for 28 yards on the first play and Austin Brasher for another 21 yards. Two plays later, Zeman found Stewart in stride for a 28-yard touchdown strike to make it 14-10 just before halftime.

Eagle head coach Steve Shevlin was guarded about the first half, especially the first quarter. "We just couldn't run the ball effectively enough in the beginning when we wanted to establish the run," he said.

With the defense showing its capabilities after a sluggish first quarter, Lynwood's struggles continued to start the second half. The key to the opening series was Austin Kurke's sack of Lynwood quarterback Jamal Tate, forcing the Knights to punt from deep in their own territory.

El Segundo took full advantage of the field position at the Knights' 34 yard line. Brasher rumbled for seven yards and then on fourth and three, Zeman found sophomore sensation Kaylin Franklin for a 26-yard pickup. Brasher

then found an opening in the line courtesy of a Christian Rivera's block and went into the end zone to give the Eagles a 21-10 lead.

Lynwood continued to be frustrated by an Eagle defense that allowed just 67 yards of total offense in the second half. And while Lynwood's woes continued, El Segundo's offense kept clicking. Zeman directed a seven-play drive from his own 45 yard line. McKenna caught a pass for a first down, Henry Doby rushed for nine more and Brasher picked up a first down on fourth and three. That first down led to another touchdown pass from Zeman to Stewart for a 27-10 score.

With just over three minutes remaining in the third quarter, the Eagles took over on their own 43 yard line. Zeman found Franklin open for 19 yards and then hit a streaking Stewart uncovered for a 40-yard touchdown reception.

In the meantime, the Eagle defense continued to toy with Lynwood's offense--allowing a few yards here and there and then sacking the

quarterback. Bryce Harvey found his way to the backfield and brought down the Knights' QB for a loss. Kurke, who had two sacks on the night, tracked down the Knights' Tate for another loss to force a third and long situation. Matt Keener then intercepted a pass on the Eagle 40 yard line.

It didn't take long for another Eagle score. After Keener's short reception gain to the 19 yard line, Zeman and Stewart hooked up one final time on a 15-yard touchdown reception to make it 41-10. The Knights would get a concessionary touchdown with 2:18 to go in the game to make it 41-16.

It marked the first home opener win since 2008 with the Eagles' 3-0 win over West Torrance and just the second one in more than 10 years. "It's nice to get the first one out of the way--to win at home in front of a big crowd made it that much nicer," said defensive coordinator Dan Heck.

Coach Heck was a little animated in the first quarter when his defensive unit was playing down a notch. "We corrected the problem and it changed the whole dynamics of the game," he said.

Offensively speaking the Eagles attempted to establish the run, but found success through the air. Zeman was 22-of-32 for 350 yards and four touchdowns--easily his career best. His favorite target on the night was Stewart, who caught 10 passes for 120 yards and three touchdowns.

The Eagles travel to Cantwell Friday night. The Cardinals ousted El Segundo from the playoffs a year ago and this would be the opportunity to spoil their home opener. The Cardinals, who fell to Whittier Christian a week ago, are led by quarterback Tim Walsh who threw for over 2,000 yards and 24

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Frankly Plank

By Duane Plank

Hope that you had a great Labor Day? Didn't have to work? The old idea of Labor Day was that us worker-bees didn't have to toil, got paid to take a day off and do whatever. Not so much now, when "working" can be a 24-7 deal. Progress, I guess.

Big news in the sporting world, the kickoff of the football season, with the UCLA Bruins opening up on a Thursday night down in Texas playing some weak squad from Rice. Bruins came away with a 49-24 victory, which I am sure made their powder blue and gold pompom-wavers ecstatic, but in reality proved very little.

Rice was overmatched from the start and may have trouble this season beating one of those Texas high school powerhouses that used to dot the schedule of the Dillon Panthers during the five-season run of the TV show *Friday Night Lights*. The Rice fans didn't seem all that fired up about the start of the season--announced attendance was about 23,000.

Well, one group of fans who were fired up for the start of the football season gathered inside and outside of the venerable L.A. Coliseum last Saturday when the number one-ranked USC Trojans took to the gridiron, playing host to the pathetic Hawaii Warriors. Nothing like starting off with a creampuff squad like the Norm Chow-coached Warriors to pad the resume, as the finally-off-probation Trojans cakewalked to a 49-10 win.

Was able to attend the festivities, with about 93,000 others, on a great freeload, courtesy of old high school buddy Andy, who has switched

allegiances from the Trojans to the Bruins, then to the Michigan Wolverines and now back to the Trojans. Which is good for...me. Once we parked and entered the area surrounding the Coliseum, we found our table that was located just outside of the Sports Arena and partook in a nice freeload all-you-care-to-eat feast that included beverages.

Got to meet ex-Trojan and Ram Coach John Robinson, shook his hand and thanked him for his years of football service. Then the players arrived, hopped out of the bus and walked through an alleyway of giddy fans to their locker room. Quarterback Matt Barkley looked like he was enjoying the meet and greet. Not so much Coach Lane Kiffin, who appeared all-business as he entered the stadium to take charge of the pummeling that was obviously about to occur.

The Trojans travel to New York to take on Syracuse this Saturday at 12:30 and are favored by 25 points. The Bruins tangle with the Nebraska Cornhuskers later that afternoon in their home opener at the old Rose Bowl. The Bruins, who may end up feeling like the road team in this contest because of the expected arrival of Cornhusker fans, are about five-point underdogs. Trojans in a rout, Bruins take a tumble.

As for the pros, a couple of Sunday match-ups that caught the eye: San Francisco at Green Bay and Pittsburgh at Denver. Look for the Packers, still smarting from their playoff flameout in January, to beat the Niners by 10...and the Broncos, led by new QB Peyton Manning, to notch a double-digit victory over the Steelers. •

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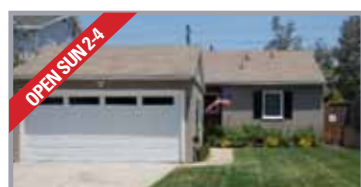
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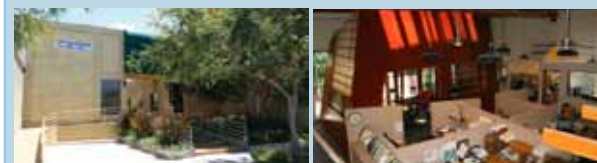
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By Jason Alderman



Until last year, Social Security sent taxpayers an annual personalized statement showing a complete record of their taxable earnings as well as estimated retirement, disability and survivor benefits based on those earnings. Unfortunately, budget constraints brought put an end to those yearly mailings.

But there's good news: Social Security has resumed mailing paper statements to workers 60 and older who aren't already receiving benefits. And, they recently launched a new Social Security Statement tool that allows you to access the same information online.

Once you've created an account, you can log in anytime and:

- Estimate the retirement, disability and survivor benefits available to you under different work, earnings and retirement age scenarios.
- Estimate benefits for which your family would be eligible when you receive Social Security or die.
- View a list of your lifetime earnings to date, according to Social Security's records;
- See the estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid over your working career.

• Find information about qualifying and signing up for Medicare.

• Review topics to consider if you're 55 or older and thinking about retiring.

• Apply online for retirement and disability benefits.

• Access a printable version of your Social Security Statement.

To create your online account, go to www.ssa.gov/mystatement and follow the directions. You must have a valid email address, Social Security number, U.S. mailing address and be at least age 18.

You'll need to verify your identity by providing personal information (birth date, Social Security number, current address, etc.) and answering several questions whose answers only you should know. Social Security contracts with credit bureau Experian to design these questions based on their records about your credit history.

Once your identity has been verified, you can create a password-protected account. Social Security emphasizes that you may sign into or create an account to access only your own information. Unauthorized use could subject you to criminal and/or civil penalties.

It's important to review your Social Security statement at least annually to ensure your

on-file information is correct. For example, make sure that your taxable earnings have been reported correctly by your employer – or you, if self-employed. Otherwise, when Social Security calculates your benefits at retirement, disability or death, you could be shortchanged; or, if your earnings were over-reported, you could end up owing the government money.

If you spot any errors, contact Social Security at 800-772-1213, or visit your local office. You'll need copies of your W-2 form or tax return for any impacted years.

Another valuable piece of information found in your statement is an estimate of what your retirement benefit will be at age 62, at full retirement age and at age 70. Use those numbers to start estimating your retirement needs. These online calculators can help:

The Retirement Estimator at www.ssa.gov/estimator automatically enters your earnings information to estimate your projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projections, etc. You can also download a more detailed calculator to make more precise estimates.

AARP has a retirement calculator at www.aarp.org that helps determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs.

Bottom line: Understand what Social Security benefits will be available to you and how much more you'll need to save in order to have a comfortable retirement.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

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~ Ovid, Heroides

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touchdowns last year. Jared Gonzales takes over as the lead running back. A year ago, he rushed for 775 yards and five TDs in a part-time role.

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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.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0027806 Doc ID #000945097992005N Title Order No. 08-8-123476 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 4139-028-140 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/29/2005. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BRYAN E. DRAPER AND COLLEEN N. DRAPER HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 06/29/2005 and recorded 7/27/2005, as Instrument No. 05 1777324, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 10/01/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, 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 and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1325 EAST GRAND AVENUE UNIT D, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs,

expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$596,487.66. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. 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 a 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 that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0027806. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: -- Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4293788 09/06/2012, 09/13/2012, 09/20/2012 El Segundo Herald: 9/6, 9/13, 9/20/2012 H-23466

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR THE**AVIATION BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT (EL SEGUNDO BLVD. TO 116TH ST.)****IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO SPECIFICATIONS NO.: PW 12-02**

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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

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.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required.

Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.

The City of El Segundo will deduct a ten percent (10%) retention from all progress payments as specified in Section 9-3.2 of these Specifications. The CONTRACTOR may substitute an escrow holder surety of equal value to the retention and the CONTRACTOR shall be beneficial owner of the surety and shall receive any interest thereon.

The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

In entering into a Public Works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the CONTRACTOR, or SUB-CONTRACTOR, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the

Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the CONTRACTOR, without further acknowledgment by the parties.

Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside:

"SEALED BIDS FOR SPECIFICATIONS NO.: PW 12-02 IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL"

The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than **ten percent (10%)** of the amount bid for the base contract.

No bid will be accepted from a CONTRACTOR who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For this project, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A", "C-12", or "C-32". The successful CONTRACTOR and his SUB-CONTRACTORS will be required to possess Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.

The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of **sixty (60) calendar days**.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El Segundo.

BY ORDER OF the City of El Segundo, California.

Tracy Weaver
City Clerk
City of El Segundo
El Segundo Herald: 8/30, 9/6/2012
H-23459

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0044315 Doc ID #000801123112005N Title Order No. 12-0079463 Investor/ Insurer No. 080112311 APN No. 4132-021-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/16/2004. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JAMES W MAST AND SHARON K MAST, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS TO UNDIVIDED 70% INTEREST AND SHANON M. MAST-MCPHERSON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 30% INTEREST ALL AS TENANTS IN COMMON, dated 12/16/2004 and recorded 12/23/2004, as Instrument No. 2004-3326669, in Book , Page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/17/2012 at 11:00AM. By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, 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 and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 220 EAST ACACIA AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$423,038.47. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0117575 Doc ID #0001004504682005N Title Order No. 09-8-347190 Investor/ Insurer No. 100450468 APN No. 4139-011-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/22/2005. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by LESLY MAYABELL SWANSON, AND LYNN R SWANSON, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 04/22/2005 and recorded 5/2/2005, as Instrument No. 05 1015700, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/17/2012 at 11:00AM. By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, 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 and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1119 EAST ACACIA AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 902452602. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$580,565.70. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts

in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. 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 a 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 that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0044315. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4282052 08/23/2012, 08/30/2012, 09/06/2012
El Segundo Herald: 8/23, 8/30, 9/6/2012
H-23452

created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. 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 a 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 that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 09-0117575. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4289570 08/23/2012, 08/30/2012, 09/06/2012
El Segundo Herald: 8/23, 8/30, 9/6/2012
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012161609

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. MERIT CAPITAL GROUP 2. MERIT CAPITAL MORTGAGE. 17203 ALFRED AVE, CERRITOS, CA 90703. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Joey Gonzaga, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 10, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 10, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 10, 2017. 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: August 16, 23, 30, 2012 and September 06, 2012. **H-786**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012149355

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CORNERSTONE REALTY ANALYSTS. 2421 W. 205TH STREET, SUITE D201, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed July 5, 2003. Signed: Robert Draves, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 25, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 25, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 25, 2017. 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: August 16, 23, 30, 2012 and September 06, 2012. **H-789**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012168170

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ELBOW DEEP, 620 WHITING ST., 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: Corey Kelly. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 21, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 21, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 21, 2017. 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: August 23, 30, 2012 and September 06, 13, 2012. **H-791**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012176241

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ONE WAY PAINT & DESIGN. 612 WHITING STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed. Signed: Daniel R. Tron, President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 31, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 31, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 31, 2017. 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: September 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012. **H-799**.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT EIR FOR THE CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY COKE DRUM RELIABILITY PROJECT

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified above. The Draft EIR includes a project description plus an analysis of potential adverse environmental impacts that could be generated from the proposed project. Chevron Products Company is proposing to replace the six existing coke drums that are reaching the end of their useful life cycle with six new coke drums of the same size and location within the El Segundo Refinery. The proposed changes will occur in the Delayed Coker Unit at the Refinery. The purpose of these changes is to increase reliability of coke drum operations while taking advantage of industry changes in coke drum design, which have improved over the more than 40 years since the installation of the existing coke drums. "Air quality," "noise," and "transportation/traffic" are the environmental topic areas that may be adversely affected by the proposed project. The analysis of impacts indicates that emissions due to construction activities may exceed the SCAQMD's daily significance threshold regarding air quality and noise. The proposed project was also concluded to have less than significant

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012156227

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRECISION BUILDING INSPECTIONS. 17622 BROMLEY STREET, ENCINO, CA 91316. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Goran Milunovic, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 03, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 03, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 03, 2017. 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: August 16, 23, 30, 2012 and September 06, 2012. **H-788**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012162804

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTH BAY LINE-X, 721 E. EL SEGUNDO BLVD., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed 08/13/12. Signed: Mitten, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 13, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 13, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 13, 2017. 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: August 23, 30, 2012 and September 06, 13, 2012. **H-790**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012169717

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SIAM BAY. 130 E. GRAND AVE, #D, 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: Somsak Maneesaeng, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 22, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 22, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 22, 2017. 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: August 30, 2012 and September 6, 13, 20, 2012. **H-792**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012164313

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ENGAGING WITH ART. 10633 KINNARD AVE., #18, LOS ANGELES, CA 90024. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Mary Carosello, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 15, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 15, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 15, 2017. 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: September 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012. **H-800**.

transportation/traffic impacts during construction. The analysis of potential operational impacts indicate that impacts are considered less than significant for aesthetics, air quality, agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, solid/hazardous waste, and traffic/transportation. Copies of the Draft EIR can be obtained at the SCAQMD's Public Information Center located at SCAQMD Headquarters: 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Copies can also be obtained by calling (909) 396-2039, or accessing the SCAQMD's CEQA website at http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/nonaqmd.html. Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, or other environmental issues relative to the environmental document should be sent to Mr. Jeff Inabinet (c/o Office of Planning/CEQA at the above address). Comments may also be faxed (FAX: 909-396-3324) or e-mailed to jinabinet@aqmd.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., October 16, 2012. 9/6/12
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Please join us at a special event at the Liberty Art Gallery in Long Beach, Saturday, September 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring a free pet psychic! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Animals Rule. This is the closing reception for "Best in Show-Art Goes to the Dogs." Further details are on the home page of our website.

There is something magical about **Havana Joe**. His personality is contagious and his



Havana Joe

heart is genuine...there is simply no other way to describe him. When we pulled him out of the Carson Shelter, he needed a complete amputation of his right front leg due to nerve damage/injury. Being left at the shelter, he surely would have met his fate. Joe will make a full 100 percent recovery, his bushy white hair will grow back and his scar will never be seen again. As you can see on his YouTube video, he gets around just great. This cool little Corgie mix is around one to two years old and just the *niciest* dog ever--so gentle, sweet and kind-spirited. He is very happy-go-lucky in his personality and will make an absolutely fabulous addition into any home situation. Havana Joe is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and good with kids. Donations towards his care are tax-deductible.

Wendy is darling Terrier mix who is about two years old and weighs 13 pounds. She is a pretty little girl with her white, wirehaired coat and apricot ears and saddle. She was running near our rescue as a stray and her partner had already been hit by a car. She is very sweet, soft-spoken and loving. Wendy

gets along with other dogs and is fine with cats too. In foster care, she has learned to use the doggie door and is completely housebroken. She walks about four miles a day on multiple treks and is friendly with everyone she encounters. Wendy is a sweet, loving little girl and will be a great addition to your family. Wendy is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, and would be best with children over six.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be



Wendy

made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •

There is an unending variety of kittens and cats available through Kitten Rescue from fluffy longhaired to sleek and slender shorthaired. Just let us know--we are sure to have your "purr-fect" match.

Matthew is a gorgeous gray and white Tuxedo kitten. This sociable little boy *loves*



Matthew

his humans! In fact, Matthew is a sweet talker and a total charmer who is eager to please and wants to make sure you know he loves you. He will follow you around the house going from room to room with you. Matthew is perfectly content to sit on your lap for long periods, but is fine with short sessions too. His favorite playmates are his brother Christopher and his foster friend Athena. If you want a little lover, then Matthew is the one for you! Matthew would love to be adopted into a home with his brother Christopher or with his friend Athena, or into a home that already has a young kitty looking for a friend. He is just too social to be a single kitty.

Christopher is a darling, medium-haired, gray Tabby with warm, hazel eyes and a heart of gold. He is a beauty with a lion's heart and has charged himself with watching over his brother Matthew and the other fosters in his foster home. He thinks it is his job to protect the ones he loves and that includes watching out over his humans and making sure that they are safe. Like all kittens, Christopher

is extremely playful and he loves to romp and run around the room chasing his toys and wrestling his kitten friends. Christopher is a little charmer and will steal your heart with his sweetness and affection! Christopher would love to be adopted into a home with another kitten from Kitten Rescue or into a home that already has a young kitty.

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, or email us at 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 3:30 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.

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •



Christopher

Happy Tails

Reba, aka Ellie, was our gorgeous little red-haired Pomeranian--hence the name "Reba" McEntire. Her sweet personality landed her a home with a Pom-loving family and her new friend Missy...

"Ellie is doing really great with us. She had her first grooming with her new friend Missy. The groomer said she did very well. Ellie is sitting on her new daddy's [Paul] lap and Missy is with her mom [Katy]. She is fitting in really well. She has advanced into the big bed with the rest of her family and has found her spot. Missy and she are doing really well together. They have not started playing together, but it has only been a week and two days that she has been with us. She gets along with our cats really well...I believe our cats think they are seeing double.

This is our first experience with a rescue dog and it has been a pleasant one. Animals Rule Rescue is a very well-organized organization. Shannon and the rest of the ladies were very helpful the day we went to get Reba, aka Ellie. We picked the name Ellie because it seems to be a soft and sweet name just like her. Thank you for saving her so that we were able to adopt her." -- Paul and Katy.

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.



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