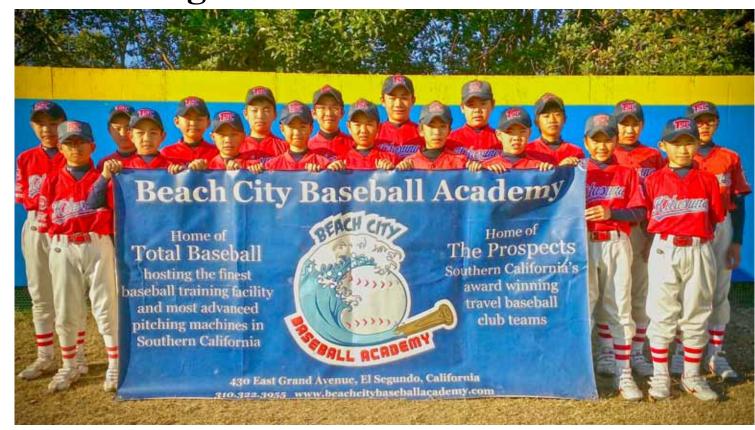
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### Little League Tournament Goes Global



The Kitasuna team, that plays in this weekend's tournament, poses with the Beach City Academy banner before coming to El Segundo.

## Little League World Champions Played in Tournament at Beach City Baseball Academy

By Gregg McMullin

Beach City Baseball Academy of Los Angeles sponsored a very special event this month, which started Friday April 1st through Sunday April 3rd and took place in Manhattan Beach at Marine Field and at Brett Field as well as the softball field at Rec Park. Beach City Baseball Academy brought back the 2015 Little League World Series championship team from Japan to play in its annual International 12U baseball tournament. Twelve local teams participated together with the German National team and the Kitasuna Little League World Champions.

Both the Kitasuna team and the German National teams, will have a weeklong visit that will include a trip to a Dodger game today. During their weeklong stay twentyfour kids from Japan and twelve kids from Germany stayed in local homes and took a trip to Disneyland as well as surfing lessons at a nearby beach. Players from these far away countries got a taste of American culture while their host families got to experience the brilliance of entertaining a child from another country and creating a lasting bond. Both teams spent quality time at Beach City Academy enjoying the generosity of the facility and its staff with an overnight party and breakfast before returning to their homeland.

Kitasuna is a championship Little League Academy that has enjoyed international success. Besides winning the 2015 Little League World Series they have played in the Little League World Series a total of five times and have three World Championships. The team that is coming will consist of Kanta Osada, Hironori Osaka, Mizuki Uchida, Seongrae Kim, Hayato Yumisashi, Aoi Takahashi, Kento Takeda, Masaya Baba, Yoon Choe, Ginji Nakatani, Fukutaro Kiyomiya, Keita Nagami, Ryota Yamaguchi, Yamamoto Ueshima, Asuka Ono, Tsubasa Mochizuki, Taiyo Kuwana, Kanau Sudo, Yuta Kamiya, Kohei Matsuda, Tokito Imano and Irainori Yamaguchi. Two members, Kengo Tomita and his brother Shingo, from last year's championship team will accompany this year's team. The Kengo twins were responsible for hitting mammoth homeruns in the World Series final against Pennsylvania.

If you watched the Little League World Series championship game last summer you may have noticed Yoichi Kubo, the GM for the Tokyo Kitasuna Little League, wearing a Beach City Baseball Academy cap. Kubo is the legendary coach in Japan who has helped guide the Kitasuna teams to their successes over the years. Coach Kubo honored Beach City Baseball Academy by wearing their cap during the final game of the Little League World Series.

Team Germany trains at the Deutsche Baseball Akademie in Paderborn, Germany, which serves the entire nation. The academy scouts, develops and coaches kids from Germany to play baseball. The academy's highly specialized, world-class training prepares students for play in the European Baseball Championships, the Baseball

World Cup and a variety of other high-level tournaments in Europe and around the world. U.S. Major League Baseball players who are former Deutsche Baseball Akademie graduates include Donald Lutz (Reds) and Max Kepler (Twins).

Team Germany, which was sponsored by the Nixdorf family, included Anton Maximilian de Angelis, Joshua Harrison, Rex Helmig, Lou Helmig, Luca Horger, Ron Hungreder. Tim-Luca Lindemann, Michel Kalle, Paul Schmitz, Moritz van Berger, Yannic Walther and Jacob Boldt. The Nixdorf family is the same family that founded the West German computer company founded by their father Heinz Nixdorf in the early 1950s. It became the fourth largest computer company in Europe, and a worldwide specialist in banking and point-of-sale systems.

This is the fifth year that Beach City
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### **Cleaner Jet Fuel Debuts at LAX**

By Rob McCarthy

United Airlines flights at Los Angeles International have started using a low-carbon jet fuel made from renewable waste, giving new meaning to "when pigs fly."

United Airlines made U.S. commercial aviation history on March 11 when San Francisco-bound flights from LAX began using a low-carbon fuel made from a refining process that uses farm waste and non-edible oil in the blend. The biofuel is a 70-30 mixture, with the higher amount being ordinary jet fuel and the remainder the organic material, according to an airline spokesman.

United has taken the lead on the issue of greenhouse gas emissions from jetliners by voluntarily switching to biofuels on a limited number of daily flights, all originating from LAX. The federal government eventually will force the U.S. airline industry to curb jet-engine emissions, which are believed to be a contributor to climate change. Federal regulations on carriers are believed to be years away.

"We are committed to operating an

environmentally sustainable and responsible airline," spokesman Charles Pannuzio told the Herald. "The advancement of biofuels is not only good for our environment, but it provides us with the opportunity to hedge against oil volatility and helps the communities we serve."

At least three domestic carriers - United, Alaska Airlines and Southwest - have shown interest in converting jet-fuel supplies to include biofuels. United was the first to demonstrate a commercial jet flying on biofuel back in 2009, and then in 2011 it flew one of its planes using a fuel partially derived from algae.

Three weeks ago, United began fueling up to 14 West Coast flights per day with biofuel, made and delivered to LAX from a Paramount refinery operated by AltAir Fuel.

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved jet biofuel and considers it safe. The fuel for United passenger planes meets the same performance standard as traditional jet fuel, ASTM Standard D-1655. The AltAir biofuel is chemically similar, but instead of

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### World Champions

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Kengo and Shingo Tomita, who hit home runs in the 2015 Little League World Series, will accompany the Kitasuna team. Photos courtesy of Richard Murad

has hosted the tournament and it was the largest event they have sponsored yet. The first tournament evolved from the major earthquake in Tokyo five years ago. Originally a team from Beach City Baseball Academy had planned to visit and play a series of games against the Kitasuna team. When the 2011 T hoku earthquake and tsunami struck the coast of Japan the magnitude 9.0 undersea quake caused devastation and essentially the canceling of the Beach City team's trip.

Beach City Academy owner, Richard Murad, brainstormed with others and decided to bring some relief to some very unfortunate people. He invited the Japan team to leave the devastation behind and free their minds of the turmoil that had wreaked havoc on their city and country. He invited the team and their supporters to El Segundo and play a tournament of games against local teams right here at Brett Field. Murad said, "It was the least we could do for all the suffering they had to overcome."

Over the past four years the tournament has gained local, regional and national attention not only because of the International teams playing but the local teams that participate in it as well. According to former El Segundo high school baseball standout Ryan Lopez this year's tournament will be the most competitive and have some of the best teams from Southern California entered.

The Beach Cities Academy has two teams entered and both are highly competitive. Lopez and Sean McNally, another former El Segundo high school baseball great, coach one of the teams. Their team is regarded as one of the top twenty travel ball teams, in this age group, in the country. Lopez's team consists of players from Pacific Palisades, Fullerton, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach and Torrance. He says that this team, which has been together for three years, will be one to watch during the three day tournament.

This tournament has become a popular one to enter and this should provide a glimpse of tomorrow's stars both domestic and internationally. Teams from Riverside, Chino Hills, Anaheim, Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Cheviot Hills and Redondo Beach are all entered. According to Coach Lopez, who oversees the tournament, there is a waiting list to enter and they've had to turn back a number of teams. As it is the three-day event consumes both Brett Field and the softball field as well as a field at Marine Field in Manhattan Beach. . •

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crude oil it is derived from stock feed, nonedible natural oils and other sources that are readily available.

Alaska Airlines also experimented with the algae-blend fuel, but discontinued it because of its high cost. United's spokesman said the AltAir biofuel for the LAX-to-San Francisco flights is competitively priced with traditional jet fuel. He did not provide specifics on the cost per gallon.

Southwest announced two years ago that it would begin using biofuel in 2016 in the Bay area. An airline spokeswoman told the Herald the expected started date now is sometime in 2018.

The environment benefits of AltAir's jet fuel, which is blended with renewable wastes from farms and non-edible natural oils, include a 60 percent reduction or more in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. That reduction combines includes the emission totals from refining, delivering, fueling and burning the fuel in United jets, according to United.

United plans to purchase 15 million gallons of AltAir's biofuel over the next three years, enough to power 12,500 flights from LAX to San Francisco, according to the carrier. The AltAir refinery in Paramount created 65 jobs as a result of the contract with United, not including construction-related jobs to reopen the plant. AltAir transformed the underused refinery in Paramount with technology developed by Honeywell's oil-industry unit into a 30 million-gallon-per year biofuel facility, according to United.

Today's jet engines go farther on less fuel, lowering the airlines' No. 1 cost and encouraging more passengers to fly. By 2020, international aviation emissions could be 70 percent higher than in 2005, even if fuel efficiency improves by 2 percent a year, according to estimates cited by the New York Times article.

carrier that wants to begin using a low-carbon jet fuel this year. Southwest agreed to buy 3 million gallons of jet fuel per year from Red Rock Biofuels in Colorado, and deliveries to Southwest's San Francisco Bay airports is expected sometime in 2018, said spokeswoman Lori Crabtree. Red Rock refines the blended fuel in Oregon using leftover trees and wood from logged areas.

The amount planned won't cover much of Southwest's needs, according to the Dallas newspaper that first reported the biofuel deal. Three million gallons is about 60 percent of what the airline uses on an average day, though the paper noted "it might provide a noticeable portion of the fuel needs at Southwest's Bay Area airports — San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose."

Pigs can't fly obviously, but feedstock and soon household trash have practical applications in aerospace and job creation. Carriers such as United and soon Southwest are out in front on reducing greenhouse gases and finding renewable fuel sources that stretch the world's petroleum supply.

United has plans in 2018 to introduce into its flying operations a biofuel made from city garbage, which otherwise would go to a landfill. The biofuel material is converted to jet fuel using a chemical heating process developed by Fulcrum Bioenergy of Pleasanton, Calif. United is working with Fulcrum to set up refineries near the carrier's U.S. hubs.

The airline isn't saying which hubs will be serviced by Fulcrum fuel. Chicago, Dallas, Denver, San Francisco, Newark, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles are the traditional hubs for United. Houston became another hub after the merger with Continental in 2010.

The waste-to-fuel technology can reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent over its lifecycle compared to conventional jet fuel and fossil fuels, according to Fulcrum. United invested \$30 million in the bioenergy company for jet-fuel distribution sites near its five hubs. The refineries when completed could supply the aviation industry with 180 million gallons of jet fuel per year. United holds an option on 90 million of those gallons for 10 years, once deliveries begin in 2018.

Cathay Pacific airlines also is an investor for the company's commercial-grade jet fuel. The Department of Defense also expects Fulcrum to become a future supplier of fuels to the military. A defense department grant and a loan guarantee from the Department of Food and Agriculture are financing expansion of Fulcrum's development and refining capabilities for jet fuels and diesel, the company said.

The New York Times last summer reported about ongoing efforts within the United States by the Environmental Protection Agency to curb jet engine exhaust and greenhouse gas buildup, which has been linked to climate change. Aviation represents about 2 percent of global emissions, a figure that is expected to increase because air travel is more affordable worldwide.

The EPA has no timetable for airlineemission regulations, but industry observers told the Times it will take years for the U.S. government to roll out proposed rules. •



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## Rec Park and The Plunge Easter Egg Hunts

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## Google's Test Car Makes a Rookie Mistake

By Rob McCarthy

California's self-driving car project went six years and nearly 1.5 million miles without causing a crash until last month when a Google test car sideswiped a Bay area bus. The Google engineers took responsibility for the low-speed impact, and claimed the software-controlled car made a rookie mistake.

It assumed the bus driver would wait.

The Google car and the city bus were sharing a generously wide lane when the software-controlled vehicle encountered "a tricky set of circumstances on El Camino," according the Google team report. El Camino Real is a three-lane boulevard, much like Sepulveda Boulevard, with right-hand lanes wide enough for two drivers. The Google team decided to teach its self-driving car how this is done.

"We began giving the self-driving car the capabilities it needs to do what human drivers do: hug the rightmost side of the lane," engineers said in their report of the Valentine's Day crash. "It's vital for us to develop advanced skills that respect not just the letter of the traffic code but the spirit of the road."

A Google engineer was in the car at the time, however, the software was doing the driving. The vehicle pulled toward the right-hand curb to prepare for a right turn when it detected sandbags near a storm drain blocking its path. The Google car stopped, allowed some other drivers to pass, then angled back toward the center of the wide right lane at 2 mph when it sideswiped the city bus going 15 mph, the report describes.

None of the bus passengers was injured, and a videotape released last week by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency backs up Google's claim it was a minor incident. Passengers appear surprised when the driver asks them to step off the bus right after the incident.

The Google engineer in the car at the time

said that he also expected the bus driver to slow down and let the Google car back to the center of the lane. The videotape showed extensive damage done to the driver's side of the autonomous vehicle, a Lexus sport utility vehicle. Google has 14 of the self-driving Lexus SUVs in Mountain View. Eight are in Austin, Texas, and one car is testing in Kirkland, Wash.

"Our car had detected the approaching bus, but predicted that it would yield to us because we were ahead of it," according to the February Google Self-Driving Car Project report. The engineers called it an everyday type of misunderstanding between human drivers.

"This is a classic example of the negotiation that's a normal part of driving -- we're all trying to predict each other's movements. In this case, we clearly bear some responsibility, because if our car hadn't moved there wouldn't have been a collision. That said, our test driver believed the bus was going to slow or stop to allow us to merge into the traffic, and that there would be sufficient space to do that."

So far, the self-driving car project is a Northern California experiment. Critics of the self-driving car project think the state government and Bay area police should investigate each crash rather than take Google's explanation at face value.

Google says its cars have been hit nearly a dozen times since street testing began up north almost two years ago, and that other drivers were at fault each time. The February bus incident is the first time that Google took responsibility for the traffic collision.

The federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration told the Herald that the need to track collisions isn't necessary because of the limited testing of robot-controlled cars. Spokesperson Derrell Lyles told the Herald the NHTSA is taking a watch-and-see approach to regulating Google's project in the early phase.



A self-driving SUV with a Google employee aboard collided with a metro bus in Mountain View last month. Credit: Google Self-Driving Car Project.

"They are not being driven by the general public. NHTSA remains in close communication with the leading developers of self-driving vehicles regarding the testing of these vehicles. Given this very limited exposure and the controlled nature of the testing, there is no need for a formal system for tracking crashes involving self-driving vehicles at this time," Lyles wrote in an email.

Santa Monica-based Consumer Watchdog isn't so trusting of Mountain View-based Google, which is best known for its web search engine and online tools for analyzing web traffic.

The group issued a demand on March 9 that Google release its videotape of its robotic car crashing into the transit bus, now that the bus authority released its video of the incident.

"Google undoubtedly has its own — and probably better — video showing how its self-driving robot car crashed into a bus," said Director John M. Simpson with Consumer Watchdog's Privacy Project Director. "Google needs to come clean and release their video, as well as all recorded technical details related to the crash."

The transit company's video can be viewed at http://www.usatoday.com/videos/news/nation/2016/03/09/81526496/

Consumer Watchdog also renewed its call to the California DMV to amend its regulations and require that police investigate all self-driving robot car crashes and that

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## Kings Ready for Another Playoff Push

By Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Kings may have clinched a playoff berth this season, but that doesn't mean that the team is necessarily firing on all cylinders. The Kings have had a tremendous year so far this season, even setting the franchise record for most regular season wins. Now that this is their year to take home the Stanley Cup again, though, Darryl Sutter, Jonathan Quick and company need to iron out a few kinks first. With a 3-0 win over the Calgary Flames last Thursday night at the Staples Center, the Kings not only won the game, but also earned two points in the standings and tied their franchise record for wins. A 3-2 loss to the Dallas Stars in their very next game, though, showed that if the Kings want the Cup, they're going to have to flip the switch yet again and somehow be better than even the league's best teams.

Losing to the Dallas Stars is nothing to be extremely disappointed about. At 48-22-9, the Stars are one of the league's best teams and have the NHL's most prolific offense. The Stars own the league's top rate of 3.26 goals scored per game and put together two scores late in the game versus the Kings to notch a 3-2 victory over Quick and company at the Staples Center. "When the time came down for [the Stars] to make a play and execute, get some gritty goals, they did," Kings defenseman Rob Scuderi said. With only four games remaining on the schedule following their loss to Dallas, the Kings must start getting gritty, making plays, and executing in their own right.

After clinching their playoff berth with a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins, the Kings went on to lose three games in a row while only producing four total goals in those three games. Those three losses don't necessarily suggest that there's something fundamentally wrong with the Kings and their offense, but with first place in the Pacific Division and a top seed in the Western Conference at stake, three-game losing streaks and things of a like kind simply can't happen for Los Angeles. "We've worked for six months and we've been in a spot," coach Sutter said of his team. "And we've been in and out of

1-2-3 the whole time. Might as well finish strong and see if you can be 1."

If the Kings want to stay at 1, they're going to have to fend off the likes of the Anaheim Ducks and the San Jose Sharks in what is now the last week of regular season play in the NHL. Fortunately for Los Angeles, their schedule isn't too daunting, to say the least. Matchups with the Calgary Flames and Winnipeg Jets to end the season are split by only one key matchup with the Ducks that could have postseason implications should everything move in Anaheim's favor this week. The Kings, however, have the ball in their court or, the puck on their ice, if you will, and have the distinct opportunity to roll into the playoffs with momentum on their side. "We want to finish as high as we can," Scuderi said of his team's final regular season push. "We'd like to win the division. Win the conference, if it's possible. We want to do those things, but I do think at this point it's more important about how you're playing. You could be winning games, but if you're winning the wrong way you're not really doing yourself a favor if you think that's the right way to play."

Despite some of the Kings recent mishaps and letdowns, the team is playing the right way and will avoid all of the drama of simply sneaking into the playoffs this year. It's always fun when the Kings barely make the playoffs, enter as an 8 seed, and go on to take home the trophy. This year, however, the team is playing at a better pace, has a very solid foundation, and should find their success in a much different, and easier fashion than Kings teams of past have. The Kings have more Stanley Cup banners (2) than divisional banners hanging in the rafter at the Staples Center. The teams goal is to change that fact with by acquiring another divisional banner at the end of this season. The Kings learned last season that the regular season does, indeed, need a good amount of focus. After missing the playoffs altogether last year, L.A. is poised and ready to go after the Cup in '16.

An 82-game season is a long season to endure. That has shown in some of the Kings play of late where the team simply looks bored and would rather start the much more exciting playoff push. Only one week remains in this year's regular season. You may not expect much fireworks from the Kings now, but once the puck drops in the first game of this year's playoffs, you can certainly expect to see a Los Angeles Kings team that has been there before and knows what it will take to bring the Stanley Cup back on another tour of Southern California. •



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video and technical details of the incidents be made public.

The DMV earlier this year released the nation's first proposed rules for the public use of self-driving vehicles. California's rules are expected to provide a framework for other states and for the federal government to follow as they consider their own policies for self-driving cars.

The proposed rules insist that a licensed driver be present who can take over the controls in an emergency. Self-driving cars must have a steering wheel, brake and gas pedal. The department also says that in the event of a collision, the autonomous vehicle's drive would be considered at fault.

The DMV requirement that autonomous cars have manual controls guards against a software hack, and would allow the passive driver to switch the vehicle into a manual mode so the controls aren't hijacked.

The Google car that sideswiped the metro bus had manual override controls, but it wouldn't have mattered.

"Our test driver, who had been watching the bus in the mirror, also expected the bus to slow or stop," the Google project report said. "And we can imagine the bus driver assumed we were going to stay put."

Google engineers ran simulation tests after the bus crash along El Camino Real in Mountain View and said they refined the

street-navigation software. Their cars will "more deeply understand" that buses and large vehicles are less likely to yield to them than other vehicles on the road, the report

Beware of human error, says a blog for drivers-training web site DriversEd.com. Assuming that someday autonomous cars are legal on public streets,it won't be ideal conditions for the robot. There will be a mix of human- and robot-controlled vehicles - the same driving conditions that exist in Mountain View where the Google car and the bus got tangled.

"And when driver-controlled and driverless cars have to share the road, it's not necessarily going to be safer for everyone" warned a blog posted Jan. 20 to announce the DWC rules for self-driving vehicles.

"In fact, it may be more dangerous, as drivers will have one more kind of road user to accommodate, and autonomous vehicles will have to respond to the one factor that can never be fully predicted: human behavior."

Distracted driving isn't going to disappear either because of self-driving vehicles either, the blog adds. "Even with the option for the driver to take over in an emergency, a licensed driver who wants to be chauffeured probably isn't going to pay close attention to the road ... what would be the point of giving up control in the first place?" •

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### 517 California Street El Segundo

Excellent Opportunity to have Rental Income or Great Mother-in Law Quarters! Front House is large 2 bed, 1 bath, large living room with brick fireplace. Spacious kitchen, dining, laundry, and off-street parking.

Rear House is 1 bed, 1 bath, kitchen, living room and a HUGE yard, 1-car garage.

1714 sq.ft. on large 7000 sq.ft. lot! Great location in South East corner of town. Walk to schools, park. Offered At: **\$1,089,000** 



### 863 Washington Street

Spacious and bright 2 bedroom, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> bath. Large living area with fireplace, dining, private atrium

Wood laminate floors, freshly painted, shutters and loads of storage. 2-car private garage. Small 12 Unit Complex with tennis court. Low HOA dues. Asking: \$669,000





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### 515 LOMA VISTA INCREDIBLE 5 BED 4.5 BATH OCEAN VIEW HOME!









Custom built estate has 180° ocean and mountain views from second floor and rooftop deck. 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 3 car garage. 12' coved ceilings, recessed lighting, 6" walnut, limestone and riverstone flooring, Caesar stone counter tops and dark African exotic wood cabinetry. Doors and casement windows are wood interior and fiberglass exterior. Venetian plaster, multicolor glass mosaic tile, custom mirrors with limestone surround in the bathrooms. Whole house filtration system and Thermador professional appliances. Stairway has steel casing, walnut skirting and steps designed with handmade Armenian tiles. Master bath has enclosed shower, Koehler spray tiles and a Koehler infinity tub. The master has French doors to the balcony. Both family rooms have fireplaces and direct access to the back. The top deck has lighting and surround sound. No details were spared. Call for private showing.



353 Valley St, El Segundo 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2000 sqft. Completely remodeled! Across from Holly Park.



400 Bungalow, El Segundo 6 bed 4 bath. Corner Lot. Harwood Floors. Updated Kitchen. Near schools and park. Call for Private Showing.



414 W. Walnut, El Segundo 4 bed 4 bath, 1,000 sqft. Second story private deck, Jacuzzi, Updated Kitchen. Incredible 1,500 sf. garage/workshop. Call for Private Showing.



13317 Doty, Hawthorne 3 bed, 1 bath. New Flooring. Fully-Renovated Bathroom, Upgraded Kitchen and Spacious Yard. \$399,000



303 Kansas Unit C, El Segundo 3 bed 2 ½ bath, three level townhouse in desirable location close to parks and award winning schools. \$939,000



521 Vernon Ave, Venice, CA 90291 Modern custom built estate. 3 bed, 3.5 bath, formal dining, living & family room, large courtyard. Call for pre-sale details.



8120 Glider St., Westchester 2 bed 2 bath. Corner lot. Heated swimming pool. Harwood floors. \$959,000



520 Washington Front House: 3 bed 2 bath. Back House: 2 bed 2 bath. 4 car garage. \$1,490,000



149 Standard Street Creative space. Built in 2007. A live/work loft in Smoky Hollow. 2100 sq ft. 1 block to Main Street.



1042 E. Imperial Ave

Incredibly rare 6 unit building with 7 enclosed garages and a laundry room. Airport Residential Sound Installation Program completed with new doors and windowed installed. Over \$150,000 in upgrades. Across from green belt and short distance to schools and retail.

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## PETSPETS LECUSETS PETSPETS Wowser Schnauzers



Donald

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway Redondo Beach 90277, from noon-3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! Bet you can't adopt just one!

Hi there, my name is **Donald** and I'm a lovable, 17-pound, 5-year-old, male purebred Miniature Schnauzer who has had a pretty eventful life. One night I was out for a stroll and the next thing I knew I was in a LA county shelter. I was told that I ended up there after sustaining some nasty injuries when a car hit me. Since I was a stray and injured I wasn't going to be adopted so I was very lucky to be rescued by the MSFR folks. They took me to their Vet who took x-rays and found that that I had several fractures in my pelvis. The surgery, on Feb. 10, to repair my pelvis required a plate and six screws. I have completely recovered from surgery and am now on a mission to find my forever home. My visit to the groomer has transformed me into quite a good-looking guy. My eyes and my natural tail are my best features but my sweet temperament is what will win you over. If you are interested in Donald, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

If you're looking for a quiet girl, who has good manners and gets along with everyone, just come to adoptions and ask for Lainey! I'm a 6-year old, female purebred Miniature Schnauzer. I was rescued from an inland empire shelter after the adoption coordinator contacted the MSFR folks inquiring if they would rescue me. I had a hernia that needed surgery and the shelter knew my best chance





to find a forever home was to be rescued. My hernia was repaired and I had a dental resulting in the extraction of four teeth. I have a beautiful, natural tail and even though I'm a "full figured" gal, 21-pounds, there's just more of me to love. I'm looking for someone to love me as much as I would love them back. If you are interested in Lainey, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

The call me Gibson and I am a most unique looking little guy. I'm a 2-year old, male "Schnoodle" (Schnauzer/Poodle) mix.



Folks think that the "mix" could be a touch of Lhasa Apso but we really don't know for certain. Whatever my questionable heritage is everyone thinks I'm cute as a button with a personality to match. I was rescued from an LA county shelter where they called me a stray. I'm an absolute delight to have around and I'm considered a real treasure. I'm super sweet and I get along splendidly with everyone. I have to admit that I am a bit on the shy side and a tad submissive but when you're only 13 pounds, I call that being cautious. If you are interested in Gibson, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

My name is Lorena and I'm a friendly, easy-going, female Pit mix. I was rescued from a high-kill Inland shelter where I was called a stray. The reality is that I got lost trying to run away from all of the noise on July 4 and never made it home. The folks at the shelter thought I could be about 5 years old but my foster Mom said I'm closer to 3-years old. I am a good-natured gal and I'm very teachable because I want so much to please. I'm pretty smart and have learned some great manners. I'm crate trained, well behaved in both the house and the car and I'm super great on the leash. I would be happiest in a home as an only dog. I know that I will make an excellent companion and bring years of happiness to the family who is lucky enough to adopt me! If you have questions or are interested in Lorena, please email emread@verizon.net. •

### Happy Tails



A "Very Special Happy Tails" for Tracey!

Often times our rescues come to us, via shelters, after being abandoned by their owners when the dogs become old and/or are in failing health. While there are plenty of these heartless, contemptible people in the world, there are also some who are the exact opposite. That's why this is a Very Special Happy Tails for a dog who, despite a terminal medical problem, captured the hearts and now the home of some truly wonderful people.

Tracey is our 6-year-old boy who was rescued in November. We removed a huge melanoma tumor on his back but because of narrow margins, there were no guarantees the cancer wouldn't reoccur. Follow up x-rays and test results continued to provide good news and kept us hopeful. A few weeks ago all that changed when nodules appeared and the biopsy showed that the cancer was back and had spread. There isn't anything medically we can do for this little guy because it's so aggressive but he's still very active and happy.

His adopters have been in constant communication with MSFR since they first spotted Tracey on our website. They immediately wanted Tracey and even after hearing the latest news, nothing could change their minds. These folks have huge hearts, generous spirits and a never-ending compassion for these unwanted dogs. They are previous adopters and most, five of the six, dogs they adopted have been seniors or special needs, who probably never would have been adopted, adored and loved beyond belief for the remainder of their lives. These extraordinary people know that he's in "hospice" care and may only have 6-12 months left but they are determined to make those the best years of his life. In addition to his Mom and Dad, Tracey joins MSFR 2012 alumni Atticus (now named Buddy).

Being in rescue, you meet some despicable, selfish, uncompassionate people but then when you meet the ones like Tracey's adopters well, it restores your faith in humanity. •

# PETSPETS PETSPETS Purrefect Companions



hare springtime with a wonderful feline friend and adopt your purr-fect match. Not ready to adopt, but need your "kitten fix"? Check out our Kitten Cam and watch this beautiful mama and her five kittens who we recently rescued from a city shelter - http:// explore.org/live-cams/player/kitten-rescuecam.

**Hiccup** and the rest of the "how-to-trainyour-dragon kittens" were rescued from the streets of Los Angeles. It is very scary to be scooped up and whisked off to the unknown, but this little pipsqueak is positively adorable! Hiccup loves to cuddle with your ankles, whether on the bed at night or hanging out watching TV. He will sit on any ankles available, including the ankles of a stranger if that's all he can find. Hiccup is a bit flighty when it comes to sudden movements, so a calm, quiet home would be best. He would not do well with small or energetic children. Hiccup would do best with a confident, outgoing kitty who can continue to show him how to be brave. He needs a forever feline friend as he loves to cuddle with other cats.

Hookfang (another of the "how-to-trainyour-dragon kittens") is a handsome little guy who is incredibly sweet and loving. He would do best in a calm, quiet home where he can continue to learn just how awesome people really are. Hookfang sleeps on the bed, loves to play with toys, and will snuggle on your legs when you watch TV on the couch. . He loves one of his foster friends, Dita, but can be adopted with any kitty. Hookfang would likely do best with a kitty friend, but could be a single with someone who is home all day and can give him lots of love and attention.

Little **Dita** was rescued from the LA City Shelter system when she was very small. Tragically, she was the only survivor from her litter as they were very small, malnourished, and sick when rescued. Dita, however, has flourished and is rapidly turning into a stunning little kitty. This girl is a spunky, diva with hints of an alpha personality. She bosses all the other kitties around, always bouncing through every room, and clambering all over her foster mom. Dita loves to burrow under the covers, attack the strings on your hoodie, perch on your keyboard, and snuggle in your lap. She loves other cats is a mega cuddle bug. Dita needs a forever kitty friend in her home. She'd love to be adopted with one of her foster friends or can go to a home with a resident kitty who will let her be the boss.

Stella and Bella are two stunning eight month old sister kittens. Together since birth, these two are truly best friends and inseparable. They love to run and play and







Hookfang

be loved. They like to look outside and sleep under the bed. Stella and Bella are very good with children and tolerant of other pets! Just like a couple of pups, they are trained to come for food when you whistle. These gorgeous girls are waiting for their forever home; come and meet them!

Willie was rescued with his four siblings and another litter of kittens from a storage facility. He was one of the tiniest of the group, but has since grown into an amazingly handsome boy reflecting his mixed Maine Coon heritage. This little love bug loves cuddling and playing. Being raised with so many siblings, Willie would do best in a home that already has a resident cat or kitten. Or he would happily be adopted with one of his siblings or cousins.

These kitties 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, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website 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 Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •



Willie

### THEYELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a YELLOW RIBBON or something yellow on the leash, this is a dog who needs some space. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.









There are many reasons why a dog may need space: **HEALTH ISSUES** IN TRAINING BEING REHABILITATED

SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU! Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!

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