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## Spectrum SportsNet Hosts Women In Sports Night



To celebrate Women's History month last month, Spectrum SportsNet hosted a group of 28 women, all aspiring sports administration, journalism and broadcast journalism students, from USC, CSULB and UCLA for Women In Sports Night at the SportsNet studios in El Segundo. Students were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the studios, edit bays and production booths; watched Access SportsNet: Lakers live in-studio before an informative Q&A panel with Spectrum SportsNet Lakers hosts/analysts Jaime Maggio, Kelli Tennant, Serena Winters, Lindsey Thiry, producer Bettina Shore and Lakers Senior PR representative Alison Bogli. Caption: Students join Kelli Tennant, Jaime Maggio, Serena Winters and Lindsey Thiry on the Access SportsNet: Lakers set for Women In Sports Night. (Photo Provided by Charter Communications)

## City Council Back in Session After Flooding Compromises Sheriff's Center

By Haleemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council was called back into action last Thursday to appropriate funds to an emergency condition, after cancelling its regular scheduled Tuesday meeting due to a lack of pressing business.

With damage and restoration repairs looming after torrential rains flooded the Sheriff's Department Service Center earlier this year, the Council approved staff's recommendation to declare an emergency condition and forgo the usual notice of bids. The Council approved \$20,000 in excess repairs and insurance deductibles not covered by the City of Lawndale's insurance company. The bill will be paid from general reserve funds.

The Service Center sustained damages severe enough to warrant closing it after continuous rain drenched the South Bay in late January. The station took on three inches of water, which damaged carpeting and walls as well as department equipment and files.

During the initial insurance inspection and drying out process, a test for mold in the atmosphere proved positive. The mold was ultimately mitigated, but it was found that water intrusion had compromised the building's roof. Staff recommended the Council approve repairs to the roof, walls and carpeting to prevent further damage.

Development Update

The City received a few Requests for Qualification from companies eager to develop the coveted corner at Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach boulevards, reported

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles. The property has been the topic of discussion at meetings for months, with at least one round of proposals allowed to expire last year as the Council was not satisfied with ideas to maximize the desired retail potential for the mixed-use plot. With this round, the City sought to simply "qualify" developers before choosing a final candidate.

Pullen-Miles said he did a site visit recently with one developer, who deemed the location "pretty attractive, in terms of marketing," and suggested site plans should focus on having the development configured to feature a Manhattan Beach Boulevard address.

City Manager Steve Mandoki confirmed that Sean Moore, Director of Community Development, is reviewing the requests and will likely have a report to the Council in the coming weeks.

**Maneuvering Measure M**

The passage of Measure M in November all but guarantees Southern California commuters will assimilate to rail culture in the coming years. Meanwhile, Lawndale residents will have to wait to hear if Metro honors their wishes—the expansion planned to connect LAX via Torrance is scheduled to run through Lawndale and the City Council has made it clear that run must take place underground.

"We have a preliminary commitment," said Pullen-Miles, who met with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the CEO of Metro last week. "We won't know until the implementation plans have been

completed, but we hope they will honor our call to underground the Greenline through Lawndale."

The final ruling is "a number of years away," according to Mandoki. He says Council members continue to tell Los Angeles County and Metro representatives that Lawndale wants the link between Manhattan Beach and Artesia Boulevards to be underground. "Nothing is final," said Mandoki. "But we hear positive things."

Pullen-Miles added, "It's important," noting the residential segment that would be impacted. "We are concerned with traffic congestion, with noise and vibrations." The current Metro plans call for two grade crossings in Lawndale, which if unchanged would be at street level.

**Operation Safe Streets**

Lieutenant Jorge Valdez confirmed there have been no arrests in the ongoing investigation into the shooting death of a 40-year-old male on March 19 in front of the victim's residence on Firmona Avenue. Sergeant Sandy Nitz confirmed several agencies, including OSS and the Los Angeles Sheriff's main unit, are collaborating on the case. The victim was a known gang member, according to Nitz.

**Dates to Remember**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m., at William Green Park on Firmona and 168th Street.

The Lawndale City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 17 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chambers at 14717 Burin Avenue. •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
64°/53°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
64°/54°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
64°/55°



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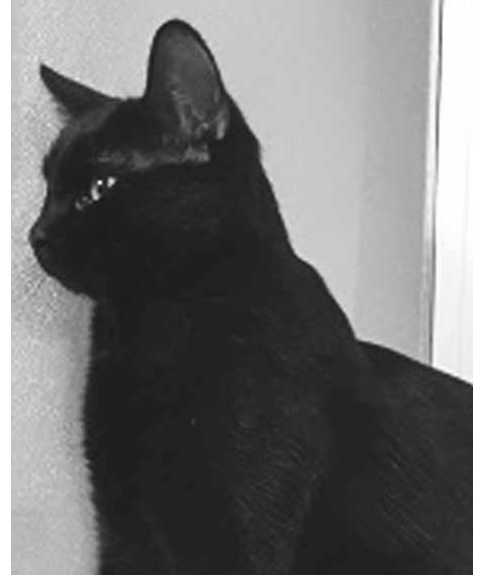
## Purrrfect Companions



Fidget



Nina



Duchess

Every second of every minute of every day, a helpless animal is put to death just because no one was there to take them home. Give one of these kitties a second chance for a lifetime of love in a new forever home.

**Fidget** is a very sweet little boy who loves to cuddle and snuggle with his favorite kitties. He loves to suckle on the other cats, including his sister! Fidget is very easygoing and low-key. His personality vibes with most any other personality. He loves to romp and play and because he is so young, he's very energetic and silly. Fidget needs a calm, quiet household with someone who understands cats. He cannot be a single cat, and would do best with a very outgoing, confident, people-loving playmate. Fidget sleeps on the bed and loves to hang out with you on the couch. The remainder of his day, he is busy exploring the house and playing with his other feline friends.

**Lucie** is an adventurous little kitten looking for her forever home. Her adorably inquisitive nature makes her an instant hit with everybody she meets! She's fun, friendly and super sweet! Equal parts cuddly and curious, Lucie is the purr-fect kitty combination! A little love bug, she's always purring and loves to shower you with kisses and affection. When she's not taking a nap on your lap, she's excitedly exploring and playing with her foster brother. As much as Lucie loves spending time with you, she's overall very low-maintenance and independent. This adorable, happy, healthy girl can't wait to become part of your family!

**Nina** is a sweet girl who loves attention and loves everyone. She likes to play and is curious, confident and opinionated. Nina is looking for a home with no other animals-she wants to be the "only." This gorgeous girl is an adorable delight! She is very social and friendly with everyone. Nina is also easily adaptable and curious. She will come running to the door when you enter the room. Enjoying attention, she likes her independence too. Nina prefers to be the only pet. When you tell her "no," she

understands and listens. Our fabulous Nina is a fantastic cat for someone looking for an adorable playful companion. She would love a peaceful home with cool people or would be content as an office kitty.

**Duchess** is a compact cat who lives up to her name. She is truly royal and will not hesitate to let you know! She may be small, but she is mighty! Also incredibly sleek, she is the picture of elegance. Duchess likes to run the show, but this sweetheart also loves to cuddle and sit next to you on the couch. She's very chatty and as most duchesses, she is very well-spoken. She will tell you all about her adventures throughout her day. Duchess will be a great companion for a single person or a couple. Although she does well with other cats, she prefers to cuddle and play with dogs. This charming girl will be the perfect addition to a great home!

**Philippa** is a slim, sleek, and an oh-so-dainty calico who has enough energy and charisma to rule a kingdom. At first, she may seem wild and carefree, but as soon as you hold her she melts into a puddle of purrs and pure love. Little Philippa loves romping, kisses and heights! She has a high metabolism and must live in an environment where she is allowed to climb. Her favorite pastimes include getting piggyback rides on her foster parent's shoulders, bird watching, and running on a One Fast Cat Kitty Exercise Wheel. She would love to be adopted with her foster sister Figaro. Her sensitive stomach requires a strict raw food diet.

**Figaro** is a silky-soft, long-haired tuxedo with a silly and sweet disposition. This little goofball is mellow, quiet and inquisitive and has more fluff than she knows what to do with. Figaro is downright adorable and very loving. She likes to be close (especially if you've got snacks), but prefers to sit with you rather than on you. She may be low-energy, but she loves her toy mice and her little fishing pole toy! She would love to be adopted with her best friend Philippa. Her sensitive stomach requires a strict raw food diet.

**Abba** was rescued with his four siblings and another litter of kittens from a storage facility. He was a little shy at first, but is now a loving, rambunctious little boy who loves to sit on laps and give kisses. He may still be a bit shy when he first meets someone, but quickly loses that shy side to let out his playful and loving nature. He would love to be adopted with one of his siblings or cousins.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All 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](http://www.kittenrescue.org) or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org). Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 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. •

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



Philippa



Lucie



Figaro



Abba