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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
90°/75°



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
87°/73°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
85°/73°



## County Shelter Pet Adoption Day a Success



Late last month, dogs and cats from the Carson Animal Care Center found new homes throughout the South Bay for 10 dogs and six other furry friends, with adoption fees waived as part of Pet Adoption Day at Wilson Park in nearby Torrance. The photo shows State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (who helped sponsor the event with the ASPCA) standing the right with a couple of happy new pup owners. (Photo Credit: Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's office)

## Big Companies, Newest NFL Occupant Have Houston's Back

By Rob McCarthy

The people of southeast Texas and the South Bay are separated by 1,500 miles and two time zones, yet they've gotten close. Houston has the Johnson Space Center, which works closely with the space systems teams in El Segundo and Hawthorne that provide flight and engineering expertise to NASA's Mission Control Center.

The metro areas share industrial DNA through airlines, oil refineries, and now the Los Angeles Chargers. These enterprises have given Texans and Southern Californians a chance to travel and bond with one another. From those interactions grew camaraderie and an appreciation for the similarities and the differences between the two Southwestern states. Texans relocated to the South Bay for the mild weather and the aerospace jobs, and some moved back home after they retired.

Now, the people of Houston—including colleagues at NASA and South Bay transplants to the Lone Star State—are homeless and hurting and South Bay-based contractors, grocers and retailers, and pro sports teams have been quick to offer their help. Boeing and Chevron have pledged \$1 million apiece to the American Red Cross. The newly settled Los Angeles Chargers and its corporate partner Albertson's held a food and supply drive on Wednesday in Los Angeles. Semi-trucks filled with items of need are on their way today to the Houston Food Bank, according to the Chargers.

The National Football League team that returned to Los Angeles this season will play its home games at the StubHub Center

in Carson until 2020, when a new NFL stadium in Inglewood opens. Chargers players directly affected by the storm took time off from preparing for Sunday's season opener to load trucks and greet South Bay residents and football fans who dropped off donations and volunteered at the event. The Spanos family that owns the Chargers also pledged \$500,000 toward Harvey relief efforts from Texas through Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Southern Californians are more accustomed to dealing with earthquakes and wildfires than floods, but that hasn't stopped individuals and locally operated businesses and brands from opening their wallets and hearts for families and entire Texas communities 2,000 miles away. Chargers Chairman Dean Spanos said his family and team wanted to send a message to the storm survivors, rescuers and relief workers that L.A. has their backs.

"Having lived through the devastation of the wildfires in San Diego County, we felt it was important to do something—in addition to a monetary donation—that would provide tangible help in real time to assist those who now suddenly find themselves without a home," Spanos said in a statement on the team's website.

In addition, the team's corporate partner, Albertson's, will match the first \$200,000 donated in stores or online by its customers.

With so much damage done and the flooding and recovery still ongoing, the recovery is expected to take years and climb as high as \$100 billion. The Chargers said the semi-trucks left immediately after Wednesday's

12-hour collection drive at a Vons supermarket on Sunset Boulevard near Hollywood. "We know firsthand this will be a long process of recovery, and every amount of support will help," Spanos said.

The Houston Food Bank identified food and personal care items that Houston-area residents are in critical need of since many of them evacuated their homes and haven't been allowed back because of persistent flooding. They are: pop-top, ready-to-eat items; shelf-stable pantry items such as peanut butter, tuna and soup; bottled water; hand-held snack items such as granola bars; cleaning supplies such as paper towels and bleach; new personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste; and diapers—both baby and adult sizes.

The Los Angeles Lakers who train in El Segundo jumped up with a \$100,000 pledge to the American Red Cross to assist Harvey relief operations. The team encouraged Lakers fans to "help those in need: with a gift to the Red Cross either by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or giving online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

South Bay-based companies and brands have stepped forward either with monetary gifts or pledged matching gifts for southeastern Texas residents affected by flooding and hurricane damage. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce listed corporate donations and offers of assistance to the Harvey relief operations, which was last updated September 1.

Whole Foods is taking donations for the American Red Cross through the Amazon Smile website, and promised to match cash

See Helping Houston page 8



# Finance

## Seeking a Small Business Loan? What you Should Know

(BPT) - Small businesses still struggle to obtain credit; nearly half of those who applied for credit in 2016 didn't get all the funding they sought, and 17 percent of those who didn't apply for financing skipped it because they didn't think they could get what they needed, according to the Federal Reserve Banks' Small Business Credit Survey. However, a growing number of small businesses are turning to alternative sources of financing.

"The process for accessing and receiving funding can be slow and cumbersome and alternative forms of lending are greatly helping to improve the availability of financing for small business owners," says Jacqueline Reses, head of Square Capital. "Ensuring that the financial system is more inclusive and addresses the needs of small business owners who may have been previously underserved by traditional lenders is paramount."

The Federal Reserve study has shown steadily increasing numbers of small businesses, with annual revenues of less than \$1 million, seeking financing through non-traditional sources such as online lenders.

Knowing how much a loan is going to cost isn't always easy. For a small business owner, being able to see exactly how much you will need to repay and accounting for that in your budget is crucial, and you should always look for transparency. Total payback amount is the dollar value that represents all costs, so business owners know exactly what they will owe over the life of the loan.

The ease of repayment is also important to consider and there are some unique options available to small businesses looking for flexibility when it comes to repayment.

Traditional small business loans can take weeks to process from the time you collect all the paperwork to apply, to the time you actually get approved, to when you see the money in your account.

While some funding sources have a reputation for being faster to approve, getting the money can still take time small business owners don't have. Others have been able to tackle both of those challenges. For example, Square Capital can see the health of a small business based on its sales and transaction data, allowing it to evaluate the business's stability and actual ability to repay over time.

Business owners may know how much they need, but be less aware of what size loan they can afford. It's important to accept a loan offer that your business can repay within a reasonable time period while also helping it grow.

Square Capital's ability to use unique data to assess the eligibility of a business for a loan also enables it to provide access to loan offers tailored to a business's cash flow, reducing the risk of businesses borrowing more than they can afford to repay.

Before applying for credit from any lender, it's important to do your research. Know how they present their offers, look for transparency and flexibility that puts the borrower first and understand customer satisfaction and lender dependability.

While online lenders are opening up access to the financing small businesses need to run and grow, it's important to do your homework and carefully determine which financial partner best meets the needs of your business. To learn more about small business loans through Square Capital, visit [www.squareup.com/capital](http://www.squareup.com/capital). •

# Seniors

## 4 Strategies to Grow your Finances in Retirement



(BPT) - Retirement is the time in your life when you can throw off the shackles of your daily responsibilities and truly enjoy the fruits of everything you spent years working toward. It's an empowering feeling and you've earned it. You've planned and you've saved, but now that you're here, don't make the mistake of believing your financial planning is over.

On the day you enter retirement, your financial focus shifts, but its importance doesn't diminish. As a retiree, taking an annual review of your finances is more important than ever. You deserve to live the retirement you want. To be sure your finances are up to the task, here are a few specific items to review in your annual post-retirement financial checkup.

When you first created your retirement plan, you likely discussed an end-of-life age with your adviser that you could use as a benchmark and plan toward. Now it's time to revisit that age again and take an objective look in light of your overall health and any existing conditions you may have. And don't be surprised if you find out you're poised to live far longer than you expected all those years ago.

Look at your life insurance policy. You should take the time to determine if it is still needed or affordable now that you've entered retirement. As you review your life insurance policy, you may determine you don't need it anymore because your children are no longer dependent on you and you have minimal outstanding debts. You may also find that the premiums have increased in recent years and the policy is too costly

to maintain.

It's important to remember that your life insurance policy is your own personal property and you have the right to sell it, just as you would any other financial assets or physical possession. The sale of your policy to a third-party investor is known as a life settlement transaction, and selling the policy could bring you as much as seven times the amount you would earn for surrendering it.

During your working years, you probably reviewed your assets several times, and you may have even done some rebalancing to ensure you had the right mix of bonds, stocks and cash in your financial portfolio. But this practice doesn't end simply because you've entered retirement. Look at your assets and take the opportunity to rebalance - just as you did during your working years - to ensure your money is meeting both your short-term needs and your long-term goals.

Your home is often your most valuable asset. If you own the home where you live, take a moment to assess the amount of equity you have tied up in it. This may be the perfect time to downsize. You could also consider a reverse mortgage, which would allow you to convert some of the equity in your home into cash you could use for other needs.

Your working years may have ended, but your financial management is ongoing. Whether you manage your money yourself or you work with a financial adviser, take charge of your retirement by revisiting your assets and your options. To learn more about life settlements, how they work and whether you're eligible, call 888-521-8223 or visit the LISA's website at [www.lisa.org](http://www.lisa.org). •

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## California Typewriter is a Beautiful Ode to the Tools We No Longer Need

By Cory Madsen for [www.cinemacy.com](http://www.cinemacy.com)

I'll be wholly honest with you. I've never understood nostalgia. I'm more apt to be found with a copy of *The Life Changing Magic Of Tidying Up* than a history book, but here I am hammering away on a *Selectric* I thrifted from my local Goodwill after seeing this film and I can't help but think I'm better for having changed my mind on the importance of the tools we use to create.

Part love letter and part eulogy, *California Typewriter* is, at its base, a trip down memory lane in search of the right keys to press to quell that panging thirst for expression. A series of vignettes that begin as peeks through the blinds at mad men shouting in the street about the dangers of technology end up more like tear-jerking love letters to the tools we use to

vista that director Doug Nichol leads us to is a beautiful view into how the machines that transcribed generations of thought affect us today.

The tools we use to create carry as much the burden of the creation as we do. In part, the technological changes of this century have allowed even more of those important thoughts and letters to fit so neatly somewhere in the digital clouds over a struggling typewriter repair shop outside San Francisco. However, what we've lost may be more important than what we've gained by the convenience of progress. The physical connection to the art we create with words is what we're asked to believe has disappeared with the abundance of all these digital options.

*California Typewriter* is a beautiful ode to the tools we no longer need to use, but should find a reason to keep around for the value they hold above their use. See this film because you like



Tom Hanks in *California Typewriter*. Courtesy of American Buffalo Pictures.

speak to one another and the value of history to art. Somewhere along the line, probably as the search for the first typewriter ever made brings the film to my hometown of Milwaukee, I found a link to the nostalgia I've long been wary to accept, and then the carriage returned.

"The past is a luxurious pursuit," Martin Howard says of his extensive collection of typewriters. The pursuit of the history of the typewriter is the pursuit of the history of more readily available language, love, thought and news. It is more interesting than its listless paragraph in the Wikipedia entry for the "typewriter." The

obscure history. See it because you just want Sam Shepard to break your heart with his words one more time. See it for whatever reason you need to, but see it. It's easy to dismiss something because it's old and seems irrelevant, but to notice it's there is all the more amazing because of that. It's something to be revered, something to be cherished, and something to be remembered. Like your grandparents. Who by the way, would like you to give them a call.

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4400 W. 137TH ST. STORAGE SHED, PUBLIC. Crime Occurred: Sun. 08/20/17 19:30 to Mon. 08/21/17 12:30. Method of Entry: Smashed.  
11600 S. ATKINSON AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Wed. 08/23/17 07:45 to Wed 08/23/17 16:00. Method of Entry: Unlocked.  
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# Jerk-Rubbed Chicken Skewers with Mango Salsa



## Ingredients

- Mango Salsa**

  - 2 cups mango, chopped
  - 1/4 cup red onion
  - 1/4 cup cilantro
  - 1/2 tbs lime juice
  - 1 tsp jalapeno, finely diced
  - 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- Jerk Chicken Rub & Skewers**

  - 3 cloves minced garlic
  - 3 tbs olive oil
  - 1 shallot, finely minced
  - 1 tbs fresh thyme leaves, minced
  - 1 tbs brown sugar
  - 1 tsp paprika
  - 1/2 tsp ground clove
  - 1/2 tsp ground allspice
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  - 1 pound chicken breast, cubed
  - Skewers, soaked in water

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## Preparation

Servings: 4-6 skewers

### Mango Salsa

1. Combine all ingredients.
2. Let sit and allow flavors to meld while you prepare the chicken.

### Jerk Chicken Rub & Skewers

1. Mix all dry ingredients together in a bowl.
2. Coat cubed chicken well with the rub. Marinate for 30 minutes or more.
3. Skewer 4-6 pieces of chicken per stick.
4. Cook on a grill pan at medium high heat. Turn frequently to avoid burning. Cook for about 15 minutes or until juices run clear.
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017214514**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRINITY ACUPUNCTURE, 4305 TORRANCE BLVD., SUITE 208, TORRANCE, CA, 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TRINITY ACUPUNCTURE, INC., 4305 TORRANCE BLVD, SUITE 208, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2013. Signed: SOU YEONG KIM, PRESIDENT. SOU YEONG KIM/TRINITY ACUPUNCTURE, INC. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 7, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune Pub. 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7/2017 **HT-1683**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017209020**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) SECURITY TRUCK LOCKS, 10827 ACACIA AVE., LENNOX, CA 90304. 2) P.O. 91114, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90009. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): RAUL BARBA INC. 3327 W. 112<sup>TH</sup> STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. CA. This business is being conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/1992. Signed: RAUL BARBA INC, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 2, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 2, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 2, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood Daily News Pub. 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7/2017 **HI-1684**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017219766**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) KWIKSHOPS, 13003 ARCTURUS AVENUE, GARDENA, CA 90249. 2) KWIKSHOP INDUSTRIES, P.O. BOX 4029, CULVER CITY, CA 90231. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): VURNE BOBBS JR., 13003 ARCTURUS AVENUE, GARDENA, CA 90249. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2017. Signed: VURNE BOBBS JR., OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 10, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 10, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 10, 2022. 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 Pub. 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7/2017 **H-1685**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017201329**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) STIX & STRAWS, 310 GRAND AVE., STE 108, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): YACOOB & CARIM INC., 1811 SCHILLING CT, TORRANCE, CA 90501, CA CORPORATION. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2017. Signed: YACOOB & CARIM INC, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JULY 27, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JULY 27, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JULY 27, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE Pub. 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14/2017 **HT-1686**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017229052**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as R & K MUFFLERS, 4623 ARTESIA BLVD., CA 90260, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): RONY ALFREDO GOMEZ, 5015 W. 133 ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2017. Signed: RONY ALFREDO GOMEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 18, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 18, 2022. 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). LAWNDAL TRIBUNE Pub. 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14/2017 **HL-1687**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017230258**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) NUTWOOD ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, 807 EAST NUTWOOD STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301; 2) P.O. BOX 1331, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90308, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) JONATHAN BRIEN, 807 E. NUTWOOD ST. 1, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. 2) ANA AGUILAR, 807 E. NUTWOOD ST. 2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301; 3) QUENTRELLA JACKSON, 807 E. NUTWOOD ST. 3, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301; 4) ARTURO MARTINEZ, 807 E. NUTWOOD ST. 4, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. This business is being conducted by an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/1994. Signed: JONATHAN BRIEN, TREASURER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 21, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 21, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 21, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS PUB. 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14/17 **HI-1688**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017231114**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LUIS DETAIL, 1732 AVIATION BLVD. #116, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LUIS BARILLAS, 4715 WEST 260<sup>TH</sup> ST., LAWNDAL, CA, 90260. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2017. Signed: LUIS BARILLAS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 22, 2022. 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 Pub. 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21/2017 **H-1689**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017236018**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CREATIVE ENDEAVORS, 731 W. SYCAMORE AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TONI A. HONSOWETZ, 731 W SYCAMORE AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: TONI A HONSOWETZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 24, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 24, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 24, 2022. 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: Pub. 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21/2017 **H-1690**

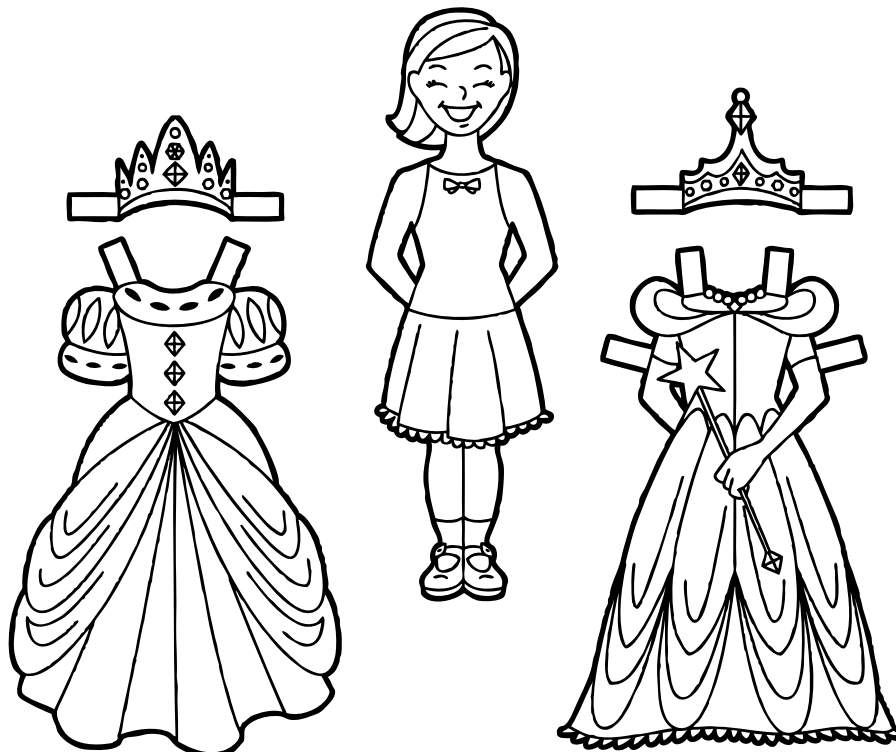
**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017215946**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CHAMPIONS REAL ESTATE GROUP SOUTH BAY, 16412 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LAWNDAL, CA 90260, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s) :CHAMPIONS REAL ESTATE GROUP SOUTH BAY LLC, 16412 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LAWNDAL, CA 90260. This business is being conducted by a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CHAMPIONS REAL ESTATE GROUP SOUTH BAY LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, YESENIA CHICAS. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 8, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 8, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 8, 2022. 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). LAWNDAL TRIBUNE: Pub. 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21/2017 **HL-1691**

**Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017218018**




The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) DOCTOR SMILE 2) DOCTOR SMILE DENTAL, 11976 AVIATION BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): H DAVID DENTAL INC., 11976 AVIAITON BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: H DAVID DENTAL INC, PRESIDENT, HOSSEIN JAVID. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on AUGUST 9, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on AUGUST 9, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to AUGUST 9, 2022. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD NEWS: Pub. 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28/2017 **HI - 1692**

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# Saturn Plunge Nears for Cassini Spacecraft

NASA's Cassini spacecraft is just days from its mission-ending dive into the atmosphere of Saturn. Its fateful plunge on Sept. 15 is a foregone conclusion—an April 22 gravitational kick from Saturn's moon Titan placed the two-and-a-half-ton vehicle on its path for impending destruction. Yet several mission milestones have to occur over the coming two-plus weeks to prepare the vehicle for one last burst of trailblazing science.

“The Cassini mission has been packed full of scientific firsts, and our unique planetary revelations will continue to the very end of the mission as Cassini becomes Saturn’s first planetary probe, sampling Saturn’s atmosphere up until the last second,” said Linda Spilker, Cassini project scientist from JPL. “We’ll be sending data in near real time as we rush headlong into the atmosphere—it’s truly a first-of-its-kind event at Saturn.”

The spacecraft is expected to lose radio contact with Earth within about one to two minutes after beginning its descent into Saturn’s upper atmosphere. But on the way down, before contact is lost, eight of Cassini’s 12 science instruments will be operating. In particular, the spacecraft’s ion and neutral mass spectrometer (INMS), which will be directly sampling the atmosphere’s composition.

In its final week, Cassini will pass several milestones en route to its science-rich Saturn plunge:

September 9 -- Cassini will make the last



of 22 passes between Saturn itself and its rings—closest approach is 1,044 miles above the clouds tops.

September 11 -- Cassini will make a distant flyby of Saturn’s largest moon, Titan. Even though the spacecraft will be at 73,974 miles away, the gravitational influence of the moon will slow down the spacecraft slightly as it speeds past. A few days later, instead of passing through the outermost fringes

of Saturn’s atmosphere, Cassini will dive in too deep to survive the friction and heating.

September 14 -- Cassini’s imaging cameras take their last look around the Saturn system, sending back pictures of moons Titan and Enceladus, the hexagon-shaped jet stream around the planet’s north pole, and features in the rings.

September 14, 2:45 p.m. PDT -- Cassini turns its antenna to point at Earth, begins

a communications link that will continue until end of mission, and sends back its final images and other data collected along the way.

September 15, 1:37 a.m. PDT -- The “final plunge” begins. The spacecraft starts a five-minute roll to position INMS for optimal sampling of the atmosphere, transmitting data in near real time from now to end of mission.

September 15, 4:53 a.m. PDT -- Cassini enters Saturn’s atmosphere. Its thrusters fire at 10 percent of their capacity to maintain directional stability, enabling the spacecraft’s high-gain antenna to remain pointed at Earth and allowing continued transmission of data.

September 15, 4:54 a.m. PDT -- Cassini’s thrusters are at 100 percent of capacity. Atmospheric forces overwhelm the thrusters’ capacity to maintain control of the spacecraft’s orientation, and the high-gain antenna loses its lock on Earth. At this moment, expected to occur about 940 miles above Saturn’s cloud tops, communication from the spacecraft will cease, and Cassini’s mission of exploration will have concluded. The spacecraft will break up like a meteor moments later.

“The end of Cassini’s mission will be a poignant moment, but a fitting and very necessary completion of an astonishing journey,” said Earl Maize, Cassini project manager at JPL. •

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE**  
**CASE# 30-2010-00401614-PR-OP-CJC**  
In the Superior Court of California, for the County of Orange  
In the matter of the Christian Corona Special Needs Trust  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at Private sale to the highest and best bidder, subject to confirmation of said Superior Court, on or after the 15TH day of September, 2017 at the office of Lee Ann Hitchman at 120 Tustin Avenue, Suite C, Newport Beach, CA 92663 all the right, title and interest of said Christian Corona Special Needs Trust in and to all the certain real property situated in the city of Lawndale, County of Los Angeles, State of California, particularly described as follows: Lot 46 in Block 1 of Lawndale, in the City of Lawndale, County of Los Angeles State of California, as per map recorded in Book 9, Page 122 of Maps, in the office of the County Recorder of said County  
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Dated: 8/22/17  
Lee Ann Hitchman, Trustee, Personal Representative of the Christian Corona Special Needs Trust  
Attorney(s) at Law: Melinda S. Bell, Law Office of Melinda S. Bell, 31877 Del Obispo St. Suite 210, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
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HL-25717

**Notice of Intent to Administer Estate of Benny Viguera**  
**Case #17STPB06122**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the estate of: Benny Viguera A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marie Shute in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marie Shute be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent with full authority under the Independent Administration Of Estates (IAEA). A HEARING on the petition case #17STPB06122, will be held on September 22nd, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA. 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the

personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.  
A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner: Cherisse Lanier Attorney at Law, 235 E Broadway, Suite 1140, Long Beach, CA 90802 (310) 941-1460  
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 8/24, 8/31, 9/7/17.

HH-25702

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Billboard Agreement 2017BA02**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter:  
**BILLBOARD AGREEMENT 2017BA02:** A recommendation to the City Council to approve an agreement to allow for the construction of a new digital billboard within the Freeway Overlay Zone.  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** 14901 Inglewood Avenue, (APN: 4149-001-146) on the side of the San Diego 405 Freeway, City of Hawthorne, California.  
**MEETING DETAILS:**  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** September 20, 2017  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers  
4455 West 126th Street  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
Those interested in this item may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments. Written information pertaining to this item must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to 5:30 PM September 19, 2017, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to cpalmer@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact Christopher Palmer at (310) 349-2970 or at the email noted above.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Billboard Agreement 2017BA02 is consistent with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15332. The proposed project is exempt from the requirements of preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration because the project meets the criteria for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15332, (In-Fill Development Projects) of CEQA. This provision exempts projects that are consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. In addition, the proposed billboard project is covered by the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Freeway Overlay Zone (Billboard Overlay) and adopted by the City Council on September 13, 2016, through Ordinance 2122, in that the proposed project meets design guidelines and restrictions created by the Freeway Overlay Zone.  
**PLEASE NOTE** that pursuant to Government Code Section 65009: In an action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul a finding, determination or decision of the Planning Commission or City Council, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised at the public hearing in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or City Council at or prior to the public hearing.  
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 9/7/17  
HH-25729

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**RICKY STEPHENSON**  
**CASE NO. 17STPB07717**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL, or estate, or both of RICKY STEPHENSON.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DEBRAH Y. CARAWAY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DEBRAH Y. CARAWAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/28/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state

your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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T.S. No. 055851-CA APN: 4076-021-025  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/14/2005. 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.** On 9/27/2017 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/22/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2840203, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: DEBORAH H. HERRIES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIERS CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported

to be: 4165 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD LAWNDAL, CA 90260-2257 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$209,448.87 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are

the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOST-ING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 055851-CA. 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117  
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**HULL ID #:** YDV53553E606  
**DATE OF SALE:** 9/22/17  
**ADDRESS:** 7625 ROSECRANS AVE.  
PARAMOUNT, CA 90723  
**INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS: 9/7/2017**  
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**ABANDONMENTS:  
\$125.00**

**ABC NOTICES:  
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**DBA  
(Fictitious Business Name):  
\$75.00**



Helping Houston

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donations of up to \$1 million. American Airlines is giving loyalty-program members 10 miles for every dollar members donate to the Red Cross, with a minimum donation of \$25. Apple is accepting donations of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$200 through iTunes. Every donation is passed onto the American Red Cross, and Apple gave \$2 million to the Red Cross and offered to match employee donations at a 2:1 rate.

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is donating \$1 million to support Harvey relief efforts, including a \$250,000 donation to the Red Cross. Bank of America will also match employee donations of \$1 or more until September 30.

Boeing made a \$1 million pledge to the American Red Cross, and Carnival Cruise Lines and its philanthropic division also said they would give \$1 million to Harvey disaster relief, without specifying which organizations would receive the gift. Carnival 's Chairman Micky Arison and his wife matched the cruise ship company's \$1 million gift with a donation of their own.

Chevron is making a \$1 million contribution to the American Red Cross, and the

California-based refinery said that the Chevron Humankind fund will match the personal contributions of the company's U.S. paid employees and retirees. Valero did the same with a \$1 million gift and gave away free gas in the Houston area during and after hurricane Harvey that set a storm-driven rainfall record of 51.88 inches for the 48 states.

Southwest Airlines donated 100 round-trip tickets to help move volunteers from disaster response organization Team Rubicon into Houston once flight operations resume. The Dallas-based carrier supplied catering services to support the shelter at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in downtown Dallas, and made a \$500,000 donation to the Red Cross. United Airlines is encouraging passengers to donate to the relief efforts by offering three million bonus miles to MileagePlus members who made a donation. The carrier said it will match the first \$100,000 in donations to the American Red Cross or AmeriCares.

Raytheon wasted little time, announcing two days after Harvey made land on August 25 that the company would make a \$250,000 grant to help residents affected by

the hurricane and flooding. Raytheon's gift included \$50,000 to the American Red Cross and a matching grant of up to \$100,000 for all employee donations to ongoing disaster relief in the region. Last week, nationwide retailer Walmart made the largest pledge to date, offering \$20 million for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. This includes \$10 million for support of American Red Cross shelters and \$2 million in support of a relief fund at the Greater Houston Community Foundation. The Arkansas-based retailer promised to match customer donations two to one up to \$10 million in cash and products.

This is not meant as a complete listing of companies and brands involved with the corporate giving to the Gulf region. A full listing, which is updated regularly, can be found at [www.uschamberfoundation.org/aid-event/hurricane-harvey](http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/aid-event/hurricane-harvey). Companies that wish to have their donations and fundraising drives added to the list can do so by using the form on the Corporate Aid Tracker. The page also lists past disasters and the level of corporate support for recovery from past disasters and emergencies in the United States and in foreign countries. •



A volunteer hands cleanup kits to residents in a flooded neighborhood in southeastern Texas. Photo Credit: Chuck Haupt/The American Red Cross

Sports

Los Angeles Angels Praying to Ascend into Postseason

By Adam Serrao

Don't look now... but despite a horrible start to the season, the Los Angeles Angels are making a strong push toward a postseason appearance this year. The reason that the

team is making its push may not be for the reason that most people would immediately assume. The Angels haven't necessarily been obliterating their competition this year. Instead, the competition has been just as mediocre as

the Angels have been. Whatever the reason may be, though, Los Angeles is certainly in the hunt. And one thing that we all know from playoff competition is that once you make it into the race, absolutely anything can happen from there.

When looking at the MLB standings at any given moment, you're more likely than not to see the Angels record at 5-5 over their last 10 games of play. That may not come as a surprise being that the team has hovered right around a .511 win percentage for the majority of the second half of play. At this point and time, it's safe to say that the Angels don't have what it takes to catch a Houston Astros team that has been at the top of the American League all season long. With Mike Trout back to full health and a roster full of players who are finally hitting their respective strides, though, the Angels just might have what it takes to beat out a list of other mediocre teams vying for the last remaining Wild Card spot in the American League.

August was the Angels' most impressive month of the entire baseball season by far. The Halos jumped out to a four-game winning streak to start the month before another six-game streak and a three-game sweep over their divisional rivals from Oakland rounded things out. Though it's late in the season, Los Angeles has been playing its best ball of the year at precisely the right time. The team's recent impressive showing has done its part to not only put it into competition for a shot at the Wild Card, but to also make the Angels one of the frontrunners vying for the last available spot.

One massive wrench in the Angels' plans to take the American League West this year was the injury to their star--and arguably the game's best player--Mike Trout. Naturally, it would have been easy for Los Angeles to give up without its leader on the field, but instead of folding, the team found a way to stay in contention. One of the ways it stayed within reach was the play of shortstop Andrelton Simmons. The infielder's defense has never been a question, but this year Simmons has been having a career year at the plate as well. He has been hovering around a .300 batting average, which is well above his career .266 showing. He is also approaching his career

high in home runs (17) and has already broken his season high in RBIs, which was previously set at 59.


Though the Angels haven't looked like much of a World Series contender for a good majority of the season, general manager Billy Eppler stayed strong and kept hope. Instead of selling off assets, he decided to bolster the lineup in hopes of making a playoff run. "This team showed a lot of fight over the course of the year," Eppler explained. "Their play warranted continued investment in the club, which we were able to do when [owner] Arte [Moreno] gave us the green light."

That green light led to the signings of both Justin Upton from the Detroit Tigers and Brandon Phillips from the Atlanta Braves. The moves immediately gave depth to a team that was obviously lacking in that area, with Upton specifically bringing much-needed power to the lineup in front of Trout. "The lineup looked good," Simmons said last Friday night after Upton and Phillips played their first game with the team. "We put up really good at-bats, scored a lot of runs. That lineup showed what it can do."

That lineup will have to continue to show what it can do in order to back up a pitching staff and a bullpen that have been less than stellar this year, to say the least. Despite the Angels' nine-run output with Upton and Phillips in the lineup for the first time, starting pitcher Tyler Skaggs was only able to go two innings while giving up six runs. The bullpen gave up another three in a 10-9 loss that was awfully reminiscent of many games that the Angels have lost this season.

As of last weekend, Los Angeles was still hovering just above the .500 mark, well behind Houston in the American League West standings and just barely on the outside looking in at the last spot in the American League Wild Card standings. The Angels' front office has now done all that it possibly could do in order to put the team in a position to make a run at the playoffs this year. Now, it's simply up to the players--new and old--to produce on the field. Unfortunately for the Angels, producing is something that the team has been awfully mediocre at all season long.

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1 tired worker  
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