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## LESD Works Towards Educational Equity



Students and families identified as homeless or economically disadvantaged were personally invited to attend Lawndale Elementary School District's "Back to School Backpack Drive" to receive school supplies and referrals for much needed services. LESD partnered with the Lawndale Rotary Club, South Bay Mission Church, Torrance Memorial hospital, South Bay Children's Health Center, Champions for Change, and Skechers to host two backpack drives to provide students with backpacks full with school supplies, health screenings, nutrition education, clothing and shoes. Photo provided by LESD.

## Uptick in Crime in Lawndale Prompts Request For Crime Statistics

By Haleemon Anderson

With four arrests for severe criminal misconduct in Lawndale in as many weeks, Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, at this week's City Council meeting, requested the Sheriff's Department generate a crime statistics profile on the city.

Sheriff's Lieutenant John Hocking updated the council on the incidents prompting this response; both were initially reported in the Daily Breeze. On August 24th, a juvenile Lawndale resident surrendered to police after a three-hour stand-off, in which the subject held a mother and son inside their home, refusing to let them exit the house. The subject had initially been stopped for driving erratically. While two passengers from the car were being taken into custody, the subject managed to flee, running down Osage in Lawndale and into the residence.

SWAT and crisis negotiation teams were engaged, and after three hours the subject came out and was taken into custody. On September 4th, the subject was again arrested at 147th and Larch on armed robbery charges. He accosted a resident, stealing her purse at gun point. As of Tuesday, he is in custody at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey, said Hocking.

The juvenile suspect was not armed in the first encounter, and the family confirmed he did no physical harm to them. The council agreed the escalation in severity is a critical concern. Lieutenant Hocking confirmed he has a detective following up with the subject's family to determine what led to this escalation.

On August 15, a hit and run at 149th and Grevillea Avenue resulted in critical injuries to a 57-year old resident and her 17-year old autistic daughter and 3-year old granddaughter. The victims were hospitalized. A 19-year old man was apprehended at his home in La Mirada, after Traffic Investigator Tim Crise

located the car. Kevin Castellon admitted to the crime, and was booked for felony hit and run and driving without a license. He had been driving his father's Uber vehicle.

Hocking said car theft is up locally, as well as a general increase in crime nationwide. Nevertheless, he said, "This doesn't happen in Lawndale," referring to the severity of the recent incidents.

Hocking said he will pull up crime statistic from the sheriff's departments' of all of the contract cities and prepare a report comparing Lawndale to the surrounding territories.

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The Council heard from Farmer's Market representative Diane Felton before approving a continued licensing agreement, enabling the market to set up in City Hall square for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ms. Felton noted the market, "is a community and business opportunity for the city," despite acknowledging that the best days of the market are probably in the past. She noted loss of the Hawthorne Boulevard location has impacted vendors, who need more visibility to make the market profitable.

City Manager Steve Mandoki pointed out the city supports the market with set-up and clean-up staff, at a budget of \$10,000. Council members questioned whether the market is viable at that cost. Several community members weighed in, expressing support for the market, and asking if more could be done to advertise and get people out.

Mandoki also noted the Veterans Day tribute approved by the council is underway. A website has been set up for participants to

register, and order flags to honor particular veterans. The flag installation will be set up on City Hall lawn from November 11 through 13. Council Member Pat Kearney urged attendees to order flags from the city.

In public comments, Library Manager Don Gould announced his retirement, saying this would be his last city council meeting. The mayor and council thanked him for his service, wishing him well in his future endeavors.

Assistant City Clerk Pam Giamario announced one applicant for the remaining vacancy on the Cable Commission. Mayor Pullen-Miles approved applicant Juqua Nicole Williams and the council approved unanimously.

The council announced disposal of the Ford CNG F150 truck, and approval of funding for the Lawndale teen center. \$40,330 was allocated to finalize design work on the center's pathway, making it ADA compliant. The teen center is set to open in the summer of 2017. Action on both items was included in the consent calendar, and was unanimously approved by the Council. Other items on the consent calendar included revisions to the city's conflict of interest code and routine bill paying of claims and demands at \$1,306,386.

The council convened to closed session for approximately 20 minutes, meeting with principals from Arroyo Seco Development Group for a briefing on contract negotiations for the lot at Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach boulevards. No actionable items resulted from the session. Finalization of plans had been expected from the developer on September 3rd, but ultimately the council may extend deadlines as necessary.

The Lawndale City Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 19th. The council will conduct a workshop with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday September 15th, at noon. •

## Weekend Forecast

### Friday

Partly Cloudy  
75°/62°



### Saturday

Partly Cloudy  
73°/61°



### Sunday

Partly Cloudy  
72°/61°



# PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

## Wowser Schnauzers



McCoy

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 to 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](mailto: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](http://www.msfr.org). If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at [info@msfr.org](mailto:info@msfr.org). Schnauzers! Bet you can't adopt just one.

I'm the real **McCoy** or so I've been told. That must be what they call a 3-year-old, male Miniature Schnauzer/Poodle mix that may even have a touch of Cocker Spaniel in his pedigree. The tad bit of Cocker would explain my slightly elongated but adorable ears. I was rescued from a L.A. area shelter where I ended up as a stray with my friend Skyler. I'm embarrassed to admit that I was such a mess I was originally listed as a female. It wasn't until I was shaved down that it was discovered – Oops I'm a he. After two weeks of shelter life, my time was up so when I tell you that I am very grateful to have been rescued, please believe me. A trip to the veterinarian took care of business (neutering) and my dental resulted in a beautiful pearly white smile. I'm 25 pounds of affection, a sweet temperament and I enjoy the company of

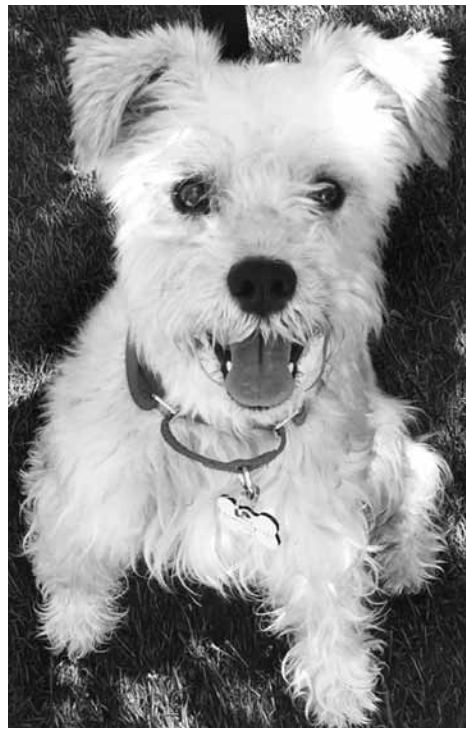
other dogs but would love to find my forever family. If you are interested in McCoy, please email [info@msfr.org](mailto:info@msfr.org) for more information.

Did you know that **Skyler** is of Dutch origin meaning "scholar?" Well, this 4-year-old, female Miniature Schnauzer/Poodle mix has learned a valuable lesson. If you hang out on the streets with friends, you'll eventually end up in an L.A. area shelter hoping you'll be adopted. I wasn't adopted but the MSFR folks, whom, by the way, are great detectives, rescued me. They figured out that since I looked as bad, or worse, than McCoy; I had a consecutive impound number to his; I was picked up on the same date and in the same city that we were probably picked up together and suspected we're related. We have the same type of ears and curly, Poodle-like coats so folks are thinking we could be mother/son or siblings. Neither McCoy nor I are confirming their suspicions - it's just our secret. The differences are that McCoy is considerably larger than my petite 14 pounds and I have the classic Schnauzer coloring. I too had a dental and now have a sparkling smile to match my personality. I get along great with dogs and would be a great addition to your family. If you're interested in Skyler, please email [info@msfr.org](mailto:info@msfr.org) for more information.

When I found out that my folks were getting divorced, I was so upset. I didn't know which one I would choose to live with because I loved them both so much. Can you imagine how destroyed I was when I found out that neither of them wanted me so they



Skyler



Leia

just dumped me at an L.A. area shelter? Here I am a 4-year old, female Miniature Schnauzer mix who was worried about them and now I'm the one looking for a forever home. Oh, by the way, my name is **Leia** and I'm a very friendly little gal, however, I am tad bit nervous at first meeting but settle in nicely after I know you're not going to dump me. I'm only 17 pounds so I'm very transportable, I have a great smile (thanks to my dental) and I'm really cute. I do get along

with other dogs but I'm not very playful and would rather be with my "people". If you are interested in Leia, please email [info@msfr.org](mailto:info@msfr.org) for more information.

Hola. My name is **Peso** and I am a very unusual, but precious, mix of breeds. My friends think that I am a Corgi/Pug mix but you'll have to see for yourself if you agree. One thing I know for sure is that I am an 8-year-old male who was rescued from the Baldwin Park Shelter after being picked up as a stray on Thanksgiving Day. I spent six weeks at the shelter before being rescued and I am now anxiously looking for my forever home. One look and I know you will fall in love with me. I have such beautiful, soft, thick, chocolate fur and a most animated face that you won't be able to resist snuggling with me. I get along great with other dogs and make friends quickly with strangers. I am good-natured and content to be with my people. Since I am not very big, only about 20 pounds, I can easily accompany you on any adventure you choose. Peso can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo. Call 310-606-5507 or email [southbaydoggie@hotmail.com](mailto:southbaydoggie@hotmail.com) for an appointment or additional information. •

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



Peso

## Happy Tails



Tissue alert! Happy tears for Pokey and Pebbles!

Congratulations to Pokey and Pebbles and their new mom and dad. Pokey and Pebbles are the bonded pair that we rescued after the dogs owner had passed on. We didn't hold much hope of getting them adopted together but we got our miracle. A previous adopter who lost their dog came to Petco looking for a new family member. They were very taken with Pebbles but after hearing their story decided to do a meet and greet with both girls. The visit went extremely well, however, two dogs is a big responsibility so they wanted to think about it. The next morning we received the best email ever. They had discussed it in depth and decided that they really wanted to adopt the pair. At best, placing pairs is difficult and usually it's takes months but we're happy to report that Pokey and Pebbles, now named Patty and Penny, are living in Los Alamitos. Mom is newly retired and will have lots of time with these two lucky gals – Pokey (Patty) on the left and Pebbles (Patty) on then right. Wishing them a wonderful life of happiness and love. •