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LA Rams, Special Olympics Team Up for Football Camp



On September 14, the Los Angeles Rams and Special Olympics Southern California hosted a FUNdamentals Football Camp and Punt, Pass and Kick Challenge. The event featured 70 Special Olympics athletes and 15 coaches from Los Angeles, with a special appearance by Rams' all-pro punter Johnny Hekker (facing the group in the photo). Photo by Will Navarro

Lawndale City Council Hits Wall In Honoring Unsung Heroes

By Halemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council hit a snag in confirming this year's nominees for the Wall of Distinction, taking exception at Monday's meeting to the list of names submitted this year by the nominating committee. City Manager Steve Mandoki said clarification is needed on specific criterion for the honor. "The staff recommendation is to review the names provided by the Nominating Committee," said Mandoki.

"The intent was to de-politicize this," said Councilmember Jim Osborne. He pointed to the original language of City Council Policy 101-16, noting guidelines establishing the wall as a means to honor "unsung heroes"--individuals who had not been and would not likely be honored by other means.

City Director of Community Services Mike Estes explained that applications were screened and proposed nominees were made ineligible if a facility or building was named after them.

Confusion arose in part because many elected officials of the city do not have buildings named after them, but have been honored with plaques and other postings throughout town. "We need to go back to the original intent," said Councilmember Bernadette Suarez. Osborne agreed. "We need to adhere to what was said by the Council at that time," he said.

Discussion and public comment on the matter continued after Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid's motion to approve the agenda item, with Councilmember Pat Kearney giving the second.

Doris Hofman, resident, said she agreed with Councilman Osborne. Resident Pam London questioned the wording of the policy. "How do you interpret 'spirit'?" she asked, referring to another subjective term associated with the policy. "Let's make sure the wording is clear and not open to interpretation."

Resident Steve Koontz said, "If the Council wants to debate it, don't forget the initial understanding of 'unsung hero.'" Koontz said the decision should focus on the criterion of

someone who contributed greatly to the city.

Melanie Bell, also a resident, focused on the issue of de-politicizing the honor. "If you want to recognize members of this council, call it a wall of fame, not a wall of distinction," she said. Charmaine Doty, a member of the nominating committee, questioned whether only non-elected officials fit the criterion.

The vote was taken, with Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles and Councilmembers Osborne and Suarez opposing approval of the item. Staff was directed to bring back a policy that reflects the original intent of the honor. "We will revise the policy to reflect no elected officials," said Mandoki.

"We have implemented this policy as it is, several times," said Reid. "I totally disagree."

In the public safety report, Captain April Tardy gave the Council a detailed presentation on recent legislative measures AB109 (2011) and Propositions 47 (2014) and 57 (2016). Targeted to reduce penalties and jail time for non-violent crimes and ultimately reduce overcrowding in California state prisons, Tardy said an uptick in crime state-wide may be an unintended effect of these measures.

"I'm not surprised," said Osborne. "Voters bought a bad bill of goods when they voted this in," he added, noting the Council opposed both propositions. Reid agreed, saying the conversation needs to get started on "how do we get this repealed."

In other business, agenda item number six asked for Council direction on regulating recreational vehicles parked on city streets. The request was brought by Councilmember Kearney, who said vehicles should be required to have a DMV printout and utility bill connected to a residence to legally park.

Municipal Services Director Debbie Holland addressed the issue, saying, "We do have an ordinance." She explained vehicles need to have a City-issued visitor's permit and that permits are issued for a particular residence for a limited

time. Violations are frequent, however, said Holland. "We receive weekly complaints and several are from the same locations."

Kearney said this is a persistent issue throughout the area, and it is exacerbated by the homelessness crisis. He noted Torrance allows no RV parking except by permit, and allows only a three-day permit. Kearney asked the Council to implement a code change, and issue residents two parking passes a month and only five per year.

Pastor Murray, of Christian Heritage Church, informed the Council that his congregation had purchased 12 special tactical vests for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Murray said he was thrilled to provide this level of protection to the department. He presented Captain Tardy with one of the vests, saying the gear gives Lawndale a bit of an edge over some of the other local departments.

Mayor Pullen-Miles reported on a statewide youth advisory committee that is being proposed by legislators. He said he observed a youth engagement program that included a professional development component. He would like to see this implemented in the Lawndale Youth Advisory.

Library Manager Jose Parra announced a series of computer classes for adults at the Lawndale library beginning on October 11. Teen Read week starts October 9. There will be daily activities including poetry and a scavenger hunt.

Estes gave an update on the Lawndale Blues and Jazz Music Festival. The all-day fest will be held at Jane Addams Park, Saturday, September 23, at 11 a.m. Five bands are scheduled, with four food vendors and seven non-profit organizations providing food and information services. Estes said the weather is forecast to be in the mid-70s.

The Lawndale City Council meets the first and third Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. The next regular Council meeting is on October 2, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chambers. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
70°/61°



Saturday
Sunny
71°/60°



Sunday
Sunny
77°/63°



PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Wowser Schnauzers



Glory

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs that are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach, 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!

"They call me **Glory** and I certainly am in mine now that I've been rescued. I kept hearing about the impending Fourth of July fireworks, so I thought I'd best find a place to hide before they started. Little did I know that so many houses looked like mine and therein lies the reason for my getting lost. I wandered around and eventually ended up at an LA county shelter. They called me a stray, but I'm really a three-year old female Schnoodle—a Schnauzer/Poodle mix who is just a tiny, 14-pound cutie. When I arrived, I must admit I was a real mess--filthy, dark gray, matted dreadlocks is the only way to describe my coat. After a bath and something called a grooming, even I didn't recognize me. Who was this beautiful gal with the glistening white coat and huge, dark eyes? I even had someone who was going to adopt me, but then sadly they didn't show up to take me home and I still can't figure that out

because everyone says I'm cute as a button. However it was really fortuitous because the folks that rescued me are helping me find my forever home. They tell me that I am wonderful with other dogs, I'm high-energy and very playful...so I could be just the perfect addition to your family!"

If you're interested in Glory, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"My name is **Faye** and I'm a 10-year old female Chihuahua that was rescued from an LA county shelter after my owner surrendered me. Honestly, I have no idea why they just left me and went away, but



Faye



Rachel

it broke my heart. We had a wonderful, happy life together and then they no longer wanted me even though I loved them with all my being. It couldn't be I was cranky because even though I may be a bit older, I still get along well with other dogs and am a very sweet and easygoing lady. I'm at my ideal weight of eight pounds, so I'm easily transportable and don't take up much room. Basically all it takes is a little walk around the block, a soft bed and a human to love me to make me happy. If you're looking for a mature, petite little gal that is serene, excels in good manners and will be able to

provide years of companionship, please won't you open your heart and home to me? I'm a dignified gal with a tad of mischief in my eyes and lots of love to give. I can be seen by appointment at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo. Call 310-606-5507, or email southbaydoggie@hotmail.com for an appointment or more information."

"Let me introduce myself. My name is **Rachel**. I'm a stunning three-year-old, female purebred Miniature Schnauzer that was rescued from an LA county shelter. I was feeling a bit frumpy and decided I needed a new look--so while I was out looking for a groomer, animal control found me and delivered me to the shelter calling me a stray. Seriously? I'm very sociable and get along great with other dogs, but that did zero to get me adopted. I had several folks lined up to adopt me, but no one even showed up for an introduction and I'm sure it was my looks. After MSFR rescued me, I had my makeover and what a difference! The groomer did such an awesome job that now all of the gals are asking for the 'Rachel Cut.' I'm still a bit shy at initial meetings, but with my newfound confidence I warm up very quickly. Since I'm only 15 pounds, I'm a great lap dog and will spend time being super affectionate and giving lots of kisses. If you would love to have the gal who started the Rachel Cut and are looking for a real great companion, please come visit our adoption fair and ask for me--everyone knows me."

If you're interested in Rachel, please email info@msfr.org for more information. •

Happy Tails



Congratulations to Jack and his new life!



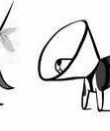
Another experience where a lot of love, patience and perseverance paid off. Jack was one of our older, special needs dogs that was difficult to place. He had to have an eye removed after being hit by a car and his remaining eye required drops twice a day. At one time we thought we had found him a home, but he was returned because he took his job as protector of his family a little too seriously. His defensive nature when meeting strangers could be a bit off-putting, so we had a trainer work with him to improve his introduction manners. While adoptions didn't reveal his finer attributes, he was loving and patient with his caretakers and that is who opened their heart to Jack. Despite his issues, Jack's caregiver, who works at Yellow Brick Road, fell in love with Jack. She continued working with him and started taking Jack home at night to acquaint him with her two dogs, one of which is an MSFR alumni.




They like Jack and Jack likes them and they are all now one happy family. Congratulations to Jack and his new life. We wish you all happy times and great memories. •

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

THE YELLOW 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!

