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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
75°/62°



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
73°/61°



Sunday
Sunny
72°/61°



Students Receive a New Vision



Last week, 128 students at Anderson Elementary School and 166 students at Rogers Middle School received a free pair of eyeglasses resulting from a partnership between Vision to Learn and the Lawndale Rotary Club. Several students received their very first pair of eyeglasses and were relieved to see the world in a whole new light. Photo Provided by Lawndale Elementary School District

Self-Serve Postage Company Makes Changes

By Rob McCarthy

Dan Frazier makes a living off current affairs, selling political bumper stickers and T-shirts from a small online store that runs 24 hours a day and on weekends. Being affiliated with Amazon, his company has tight shipping deadlines to meet, and Mondays are crucial to fulfilling customer orders and having them out that day.

Frazier says that he almost missed the promised ship date after some weekend sales because the postage company he uses to print stamps was offline for hours on a busy Monday recently. Stamps.com, based in El Segundo, experienced a prolonged website outage that lasted much longer than expected.

Retailers and the small businesses that use the self-printing postage company logged complaints on social media and expressed their frustration that the company told them the service would be restored in 30 minutes. “This service was down for four or five hours today, maybe more,” Frazier wrote in an email. “This is not the first time this has happened, though it is the longest outage that I am aware of.”

Amazon sellers have a two-day deadline to mail certain consumer products, according to a company spokeswoman contacted for this story. She referred to a seller agreement posted online that reads, “Sellers are expected to ship all orders as specified on the offer; however, Amazon requires sellers to ship all Books, Music, Video, and DVD ... products within two business days of receiving the order from Amazon.” Merchants who fail to meet Amazon’s shipping requirement can be suspended from the world’s largest online retail site, and have their accounts frozen. Frazier had it happen to him once when an employee suddenly quit on him.

Cyber Monday--the Super Bowl of e-commerce--had Frazier and other Stamps.com customers singing a happy holiday tune. Printers were humming, turning out shipping labels for packages and stamps for envelopes.

Stamps.com customers pay a monthly \$15.99 fee, which enables retailers and small businesses to print stamps and shipping labels from their offices. It’s a convenient service for a small business owner like Frazier, who otherwise would be making trips to the local post office in Flagstaff, Arizona where he’s based.

The danger for him is when his packages don’t go out on time, Amazon can suspend him and freeze his account, according to Frazier. Being

late, especially on a Monday following a busy sales weekend, has disastrous consequences for a small store like his. “It can be a huge misstep for an Amazon seller,” he said.

Stamps.com is a competitor in the Internet-based postage service business. It contracts with the U.S. Postal Service to sell stamps and postage labels for letters and packages. The company targets its self-printing services to small businesses and home offices, according to its website.

Stamps.com spokesman Eric Nash said the website outage in mid-October that panicked its customers was due to heavier-than-expected Web traffic on that Monday, close to Halloween when sales by online retailers spike. “Staff observed a huge surge of unusual traffic that took us some time to identify, isolate and reroute to another data center,” said Nash, the senior director of online marketing. He said the company has since fixed the problem so that surges in customer traffic won’t take down the website.

So far, the U.S. Postal Service vendor has made good on its promise to improve the reliability of its site. Retailers and business customers on social media reported very few problems in the six weeks following the Monday meltdown. Judging by the few complaints on its blog site and Facebook page, Stamps.com is doing better.

Customers were irritated with the company back in October for not telling them the outage wouldn’t be restored quickly. A message posted on Stamps.com estimated the service outage would be resolved in 30 minutes. However, as the downtime reached five hours, retailers were getting nervous. And they were ticked off, too. “If there is issue please let all of us know immediately instead of chicken out! So we will not waste our time to figure out what’s going on!” one Facebook user wrote on October 17. Another person asked, “Are you guys down?”

An oft-repeated complaint on social media, including the company’s Facebook page, was that information about the October outage was never updated. Without service, some customers--especially on the East Coast--decided they couldn’t wait any longer. Several customers said on Facebook that they too needed information.

“Monday and it is not working for me either. Not a good day to be down,” wrote a woman who was dealing with stress and deadlines for getting out packages in the mail. Another wrote at midmorning on October 16 that she was in

the dark about when--or if--the service would be restored. “Down and so much to ship,” her post read.

Stamps.com last week promised to do a better job of communicating to customers when service goes down. It responded to the flood of complaints that its Web application and communication to customers need improvement by creating an system-status page on its website. Rolled out on December 5, the page shows if the postage-print services are running. The feature will offer real-time information, thus avoiding what happened in October when customers had to rely on old information about when service would be restored. The new page promised, “If there are any interruptions in service, a note will be posted here.”

Frazier is happy with the changes and said he’ll remain a customer despite the website hiccups that sometimes make it impossible for him and his lone employee to print postage before the end of the business day. “This is so much simpler than going to the post office,” explained Frazier, who decided not to switch companies.

Stamps.com says it was the first company to be licensed by the U.S. Postal Service for home- and office-based printing of postage, but it has got competition. Indicia, ShippingWorks and ShipEasy are among the companies that also sell self-printing postage to business and retailers in the U.S. and Canada.

Online companies have a responsibility to be honest and timely with information about technical problems that interfere with normal business operations, says associate professor Nelson Granados at Pepperdine University. Customers are more interested in knowing when service will be restored than in any technical talk. “The best approach is to be forthcoming to clients upfront,” said Granados, who teaches about information systems and is director of the Center for Applied Research at the Malibu campus. What sets off customers is silence or, in the case of Stamps.com, leaving an old message on a customer service phone line up on the website. “The best approach is to be transparent,” Granados said, to reduce the backlash from nervous and irate clients.

The website *Isitdownright now.com* can reveal if a site is working or whether the client’s computer system is the problem. It’s also a place to view comments left by customers about technical issues and any suggestions. •

Film Review

Let Yourself Be Swept Away in the Romance of *The Shape of Water*

By Ryan Rojas
for www.cinemacy.com

Imagine the timeless love story *Beauty and the Beast* set in 1960s Cold War America, and the beast is an amphibian-man desired by the U.S. and Russia for weapon-utilizing purposes. Here you have director Guillermo Del Toro's latest film, *The Shape of Water*, or the basic outline, at least. The special ingredient in this affectingly heart-filled film is its achingly dutiful ode to classic romantic movies of the past. *The Shape of Water* feels like the ever-magisterial Del Toro was swept up in the same intoxicating aroma as spellbound director Damien Chazelle with the Hollywood backlot homage, *La La Land*. This holiday season, let the feel-good, achingly beautiful *The Shape of Water* color your heart anew--even if that color is a seafoam green like our fin-covered friend.

Audiences should know (and not mind) that in the classical tradition, this period piece does away with an intricate storyline for a more classic, familiar one. And why should it be anything but a simple tale of two star-crossed lovers? Anything more would weigh down this otherwise beautifully buoyant film, whose best quality is a lightness that keeps the fireplace warm. This tone and spirit stem directly from the performance of Sally Hawkins, who plays Elisa--a mute janitor who works at an underground facility in 1960s Baltimore. Meek in demeanor, she works alongside her co-worker, Zelda (Octavia Spencer)--with whom she has clearly gotten comfortable.

Elisa's routine and unassuming lifestyle, which includes waking up in her one-bedroom apartment, enjoying herself in the tub and clocking in for work suddenly becomes upended when she actually meets "the asset"--the Amphibian Man resembling the creature from

the Black Lagoon. A timid courting begins between both silent creatures. She teaches him to sign simple phrases to communicate while the Amphibian is chained in his iron-cast tank. The two also enjoy late-night indulgences of hard-boiled eggs and jazz records.

But as we all know, the kindred-spirits-finding-companionship story needs its villain, which Michael Shannon deliciously delivers as Strickland--a hell-bent overseer of the facility and self-appointed torturer of the asset. The film plays to its expected path: Elisa sets in motion a plan to break the creature free with help from her similarly sheepish illustrator neighbor (played by a wonderful Richard Jenkins--seriously, this whole cast rocks!). Conventional and comforting, but also adventurous and erotic (sensual scenes between Elisa and the Amphibian Man are not shied away from), *The Shape of Water* is everything we wish the film would be.

Del Toro has shown with his previous work that he can create some of the best fantasy-creature movies ever made, like the modern-day masterpiece *Pan's Labyrinth*, which portrayed his dark extraction of children's fantasy, as well as comic book shoot-'em-ups like *Hellboy*. But where those films were considerably more action-filled, *The Shape of Water* is decidedly affection-filled and sure to imprint a soft smile on dotting audience's faces. For a film about two creatures who won't let anything--politics, danger, or the fact that they're two different species--stand in their way, that's something that audiences should let themselves snuggle up to this season.

119 min. *The Shape of Water* is rated R for sexual content, graphic nudity, violence, and language. Now playing at the Landmark and ArcLight Hollywood.



Sally Hawkins in *The Shape of Water*. Courtesy of Fox Searchlight.

Seniors

Don't Let the Flu Bug You this Year



(BPT) - Flu season is upon us, and many healthcare facilities are urging you to start preparing now with vaccines. Ironically, one of the places where you need to be careful is at the doctor's office or healthcare clinic.

The number of people in and out of clinics this time of year increases the chance that someone will leave behind a harmful pathogen. Being in close proximity with people who may already have the flu can put you and your family at risk. You can reduce this risk by following some simple instructions from healthcare cleaning experts.

"Healthcare-acquired infections can be a threat to everyone, especially the elderly and young children," said Steve Zimmerman, director of healthcare services for ServiceMaster Clean, one of the nation's leading cleaning and janitorial service providers. "Most facilities do a good job of sanitizing their waiting areas, but sick people can spread their illnesses through the touch of a door, magazine or pen - leaving you vulnerable to pick up germs you can't see."

The Centers for Disease Control estimate that 9 million to 35 million people will get the flu each year, 140,000 to 710,000 will be hospitalized because of it, and 12,000 to 56,000 will die from the illness. The CDC recommends a vaccination each year for those six months of age and older.

While the vaccine may help protect you from the flu, cleaning experts urge everyone to avoid high-touch areas as much as possible.

What are high-touch areas? In a healthcare

setting, Zimmerman defines high-touch surfaces as anything that multiple people will likely touch during their visit. Some high-touch surfaces are hard to avoid, such as door handles and chair armrests. That's why it's wise to wash hands often and use hand sanitizer when necessary. But there are other high-touch areas you can avoid, such as:

- Magazines. These are nearly impossible to disinfect once they have been contaminated. Don't pick them up while you're waiting.
- Toys. Bring your own toys to help prevent your child from picking up an illness from another child.
- Restrooms. They can harbor lots of pathogens unless cleaned often. If you must go, limit touching surfaces in the restroom, wash your hands thoroughly and use hand sanitizer if it's available.
- Ink pens. Think about how many hands touch the ink pens in facilities - whether signing in or filling out paperwork, bring your own and eliminate the possibility of sharing germs.
- Coffee urns. For many Americans, coffee is a must. If you pick up a coffee pot or stop in your favorite coffee shop, take hand sanitizer with you and use immediately after you pour a cup.

Zimmerman also points out that if you schedule visits for the early morning, you are less likely to contract the germs that typically accumulate, since cleaning crews often perform a deep clean at the end of each day.



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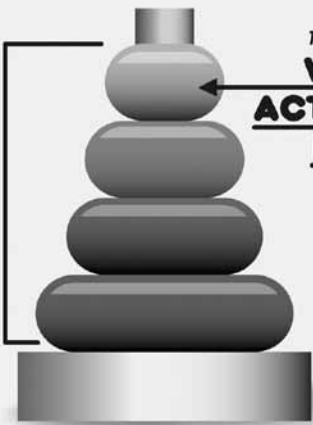
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Hawthorne Happenings Classifieds

News for the City of Good Neighbors from an Old Guy named Norb Huber

WINTER WONDERLAND SPECTACULAR

The Hawthorne Parks and Community Services Department of the City is sponsoring a “Winter Wonderland Spectacular” for kids of all ages on Thursday, December 21st from 6 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Park. There will be a snow slide, winter play area, carnival games and prizes. Santa will be there for photos with the kiddos. Hot cocoa, food and much more are all on the schedule. The cost is \$5 for ages 1-11 years and \$7 for 12 years and older. So mark your calendars. There will be a 21 day countdown for Santa to arrive, so be on the lookout for Santa sightings throughout Hawthorne.

HAWTHORNE BUSINESS EXPO

Council member Olivia Valentine is spearheading the event once again this coming year to help our local businesses succeed. The date is set for January 24th at the Memorial Center. We look forward to having even more vendors there to provide excellent information and offer services to allow our small business owners an opportunity to not only survive but to thrive. (That sounds pretty good for a “wantabe” columnist.)

ANOTHER “HAWTHORNE STORY”

Life is full of stories. Every one of us have stories to tell from our past. Some of us have lived in Hawthorne for a few years, so we have “Hawthorne” stories to look back upon. Maybe it was the day we got street sweeping tickets on all three of our cars parked out on the street because we thought it was a holiday and they were not going to give out tickets. Maybe it was when we went to the Hawthorne Plaza mall and bought some Christmas presents at the



May Company and walked over to the movie theater and watched a Star Wars movie. Anyway, eight years ago on December 7th, 2009, I was sworn in as city clerk at the city council meeting held that evening. That was an emotional day for me. Not because of being sworn in but because of what took place

early that morning. At that time my nativity business was operating out of my garage and I had loaded up my 2002 Tundra with nativity boxes to take to FedEx that morning. I started my truck up in my driveway and went back inside because I had forgotten something. I came out of the back door and low and behold someone was backing my truck out of the driveway and taking off with it. I started to yell and tell him to stop. I ran down the street chasing after him. My neighbor was going to work and told me to hop in his car and we took off after the would be truck bandit. I dialed 911 and called to ask for police help. We raced up Inglewood Avenue, followed him over to the 405 freeway, and after 15 minutes of pursuing him he lost us in traffic on the 405 going north. The 911 operator told us to stop chasing him. Still no sign of police cars. I told my neighbor to exit the freeway and we returned to my neighborhood. Hawthorne PD finally caught up with us to take my report as I was standing in front of Rite Liquor. Two nights later, I got a call asking if I was the owner of a white, Tundra. Luckily, authorities had interrupted the stripping process before it had gotten too far. I got my truck back. The question that we all have had ever since is what was the reaction of the bandit was when he tore open our boxes to find Jesus in the box instead of big screen televisions. The Lord works in strange ways. Now you know the reason why I started having cold ones. •

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Dodgers Preparing for Another Successful Season After Near Title

By Adam Serrao

It may be difficult for fans of the Los Angeles Dodgers to even think about baseball once again after the team’s heartbreaking defeat in last season’s World Series. After making it to the very last game that they possibly could have played, the Dodgers once again came up short of their goal of attaining the team’s first championship since 1988. Despite their shortcomings, Dodgers president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman and general manager Farhan Zaidi have already begun to discuss moves for the 2018 season and remain optimistic about their team’s chances. In fact, the Baseball Winter Meetings took place this week and by the time this article comes out, the Dodgers may very well have made a deal or two. Though it may indeed be difficult to think forward to next October, what the Dodgers do in this offseason may just be what gets the team over their horrific postseason nightmares from seasons past.

“We’re excited and encouraged that a lot of this group is going to be back and we’re going to look for every way to make it better,” Zaidi explained while addressing his team’s chances next season. “It was exhilarating to get to the World Series, to see our fans respond to it. In the last few years we’ve taken steps each year to get to the ultimate goal. And our goal is a year from now, we’ll be able to say that was another step for us.”

But what can the Dodgers do to take that next step? The team already finished with the

best record in the entire league and made history at various points throughout the regular season for their prolific play. Yet, still, no World Series. The biggest stars on the team like Clayton Kershaw and Kenley Jansen—who had been counted on all season long to get the best players in all of baseball out—simply failed to do so. So how do you make a team that was already considered to be the best in baseball, yet failed under the pressure of the postseason, even better?

Well, despite being in the running for two-way Japanese star Shohei Ohtani since August, the team recently lost out on that bidding war to the Los Angeles Angels. Giancarlo Stanton remained a longshot trade option for the Dodgers before he also signed elsewhere with the New York Yankees. That left L.A. with the offseason task of filling needs in the bullpen, possibly at second base, certainly at starting pitching and definitely in the starting lineup, all while having already missed out on this offseason’s two hottest commodities. So, where else could the team look to get better?

Brandon Morrow was a gem for the Dodgers last year, specifically in the playoffs. Unfortunately for Los Angeles, Morrow played so well that he earned a role as a closer and a contract that matches. Sure enough, he signed with the Cubs last weekend. Logan Forsythe didn’t necessarily set the world on fire in his first year in Dodger blue and can be seen as one weakness in an otherwise healthy Dodgers lineup. Bringing back Chase Utley

to platoon at second could be an option, but his intangibles certainly outweigh his playing abilities at this point in his career. Kershaw, Rich Hill and Alex Wood will be back at the top of the rotation for L.A., but a clear number two starter who may or may not be named Yu Darvish could be in the team’s sights. Andrew Toles could join Alex Verdugo as possible offensive additions to the lineup, but fans would have likely much rather seen a big-name bat like Stanton step to the plate in between Justin Turner and Cody Bellinger.

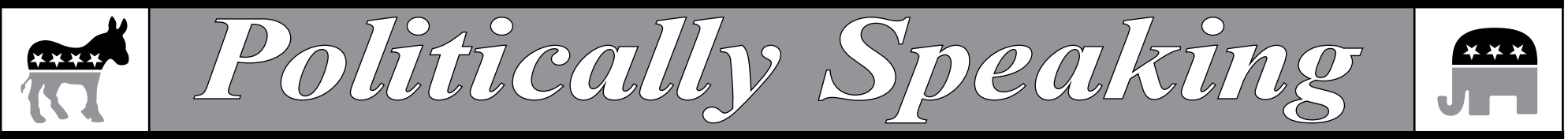
As far as other free agent targets go for the Dodgers who are not named Ohtani, Stanton or Darvish, look for the team to possibly make a strong push for Lorenzo Cain. Cain would provide the club with a great right-handed hitting bat who could hit pitchers who throw either right or left. He also won a World Series with the Kansas City Royals and is almost as reliable as they come in the outfield. As far as pitching goes, don’t be surprised to see Los Angeles in on the Jake Arrieta hype. Dodger fans have almost certainly grown at least an acute dissatisfaction with the Cubs and their former players, but the right-handed ex-Cy Young Award-winning Arrieta might just look good in the pitcher-friendly Dodger Stadium with Rick Honeycutt tweaking his delivery.

One thing to understand about the Dodgers and their front office executives is that they have the tendency to not rely on expensive free agent trades (like Stanton) or signings to come in and save the day for the team.

Friedman and Zaidi took over with the promise to create a sustainable model for success. So far, they’ve done so, all while relying on players like the previously unknown Chris Taylor and others from the farm system like Bellinger who don’t tend to initially break the bank. The Dodgers will be near the top or at the top of the MLB in payroll in 2018. That figure is designed to drop drastically in subsequent years. All that said don’t expect the guys who are calling the shots to pull the trigger on high-figured free agents. The front office has a plan in place. Unfortunately for the fans, it doesn’t involve taking on any other large contracts that would force them into paying the luxury tax next season.

The 2018 season is still months away with 162 games to be played that seemingly take ages to complete beyond that. The Dodgers’ success next year is hard for fans to think about right now, especially after feeling like they’ve already missed out on two players who could become huge difference-makers like Ohtani and Stanton. Once the season does start, though, the entire Dodger faithful can rely on the fact that the team will once again be among the league’s elite. Even with a lineup closely resembling the one that took the field last season, Dodger fans will certainly still be able to look forward to competing for a sixth straight NL West title and a World Series appearance for what should become the second year in a row. •

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One Man’s Opinion Pettiness Ruins a Nice Moment Meant to Honor Nation’s History

By Cristian Vasquez

During the weekend, President Trump was present for the opening of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. After his tour of the museum, the President gave a short speech in which he praised the work of civil rights leaders such as Medgar Evers and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unfortunately, not present at the event were other civil rights leaders such as Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), whom the President accused via Twitter of being all talk and “no action or results.” I get it: it’s hard to sit and listen to President Trump speak. The man has a 25-word vocabulary, struggles to put together coherent sentences and speaks like that one student in class giving a book report who failed to read the book. However, the opening of the museum was more important than the President’s presence.

In addition to Rep. Lewis, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and President and CEO of the NAACP Derrick Johnson missed the event because of what they called the President’s history of stirring up racial divisions. Unfortunately, their absence gave the President the power to highjack the event. Granted this time Trump didn’t say anything outlandish...but by not attending the event because of the President’s presence, the museum’s opening was robbed of its purpose: to honor the life and work of civil rights activists like Dr. King and Evers. The event became about who wasn’t present and

who was in attendance, while the backdrop became the museum’s opening. Having members of the Civil Rights Movement absent from the museum’s opening was a significant loss for such a special occasion.

Reps. Lewis and Thompson, as well as Johnson, certainly have the right to do as they please. And who are any of us to lecture Rep. Lewis on the struggle for civil rights? Sadly, his presence would have done more good for the event than did his absence. He is living history. He was part of that struggle and survived the violence and vile hatred that so many African Americans endured at the time. Rep. Lewis’ presence would have kept the spotlight on the importance of having a Civil Rights Museum in Mississippi, a state that to the bitter end tried to preserve slavery and segregation. Rep. Lewis’ presence would have been a great sign that the fight for justice overcomes the pettiness of politics and the antics of a President who has failed miserably at uniting a country.

Rep. Lewis, like thousands of others who were beaten in the fight for equality, knows better than most of us what it takes to turn the other cheek. Furthermore, we all know the effects of letting calm and logic prevail over anger and instinct. I understand why Rep. Lewis avoided the museum’s opening, but it’s sad that instead of talking about having this new location to honor our civil rights leaders, the focus became who was on the guest list. •

Another Man’s Opinion Winning! The Term Used by Actor Sheen Also Applies to Prez Trump

By Duane Plank

“Winning!” Thus said obnoxious actor Charlie Sheen after he was canned off his scandalous show Two and a Half Men. First time I watched that show, I cringed. I am no prude, but the all-too-obvious sexual innuendos forced me to turn the channel. Political connection? Well his daddy, the great Martin Sheen, played President J. Bartlett on the seminal political drama West Wing, an NBC staple, back in the day.

Dang, how the not-so-mighty have fallen. Fossil lib Senator John Conyers, octogenarian from Michigan, who apparently ran around in his underwear during staff meetings, is asked to resign by the oh-so-mighty Dems who protected the alleged rapist and cigar-wielder Bill Clinton. Whose wife set up a war room to discredit the women who came out against Billy Boy when a bunch of ladies accused him of nefarious misdeeds.

Nice to see some of the same women who defended Bill and Hill so many years ago now shockingly revising their thoughts on Billy Boy Clinton’s dalliances. Better late than never, I guess. As Hill continues her money-grab book tour. Sorry, she is an embarrassment to this country and should just go away. Have the Clintons not made enough money grazing at the swamp, the cesspool that is Washington, D.C.?

Lib Dem Senator Al Franken, from a state somewhere near Canada, also took a fall in the last week though, I am not sure about that one. His indiscretions have been well-documented, but if that photo of him lasciviously cupping--or

nearly groping--the breasts of current talker on KABC radio Leeann Tweeden hadn’t been out there, do you think he would have been forced to hit the road?

What about the Roy Moore imbroglio? The election was slated to take place on Tuesday, a day after this riveting tome was filed. President Donald Trump, who has spearheaded some of the best economic times in recent history, travailed to Pensacola, Florida and delivered a full-throated support of what he and his band of merry men have accomplished in the last 11 months. And wholeheartedly supported Moore. Bad idea.

Stock market, 401K killing it, unemployment at a record low. Job creation up, criminals jumping the border are down. Yeah, Trump has bad hair, but on balance his presidential tenure has been pretty good for us loyal Americans. Right?

Not so much for the lefties though. Hard-working man that I am, working two jobs, get up at 4:45 a.m. to traverse to my gym. They have a couple of TVs on when I schlep over there. Unfortunately, last week one of them was tuned to the lib CNN channel, who had a panel, per usual, of lefty commentators still looking under rocks to nab Jared Kushner for talking to some Ruskies two years ago. Bunch of talking-head buffoons, framed in that iconic Brady Bunch nine-square...and not one of them was the (alleged) money-stealer, local pol, Mad Max Waters. Haven’t heard much from her recently. Lord knows we don’t need another disgraced Dem to pull a mea culpa. Or do we? •

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3. Pour batter into the prepared baking sheet and bake for 30-35 minutes or until the bars begin turning golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 5 minutes.

Glaze

1. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, heavy cream and vanilla until smooth.
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Looking Up

Puzzling Supermassive Black Hole Is Found in Infant Universe

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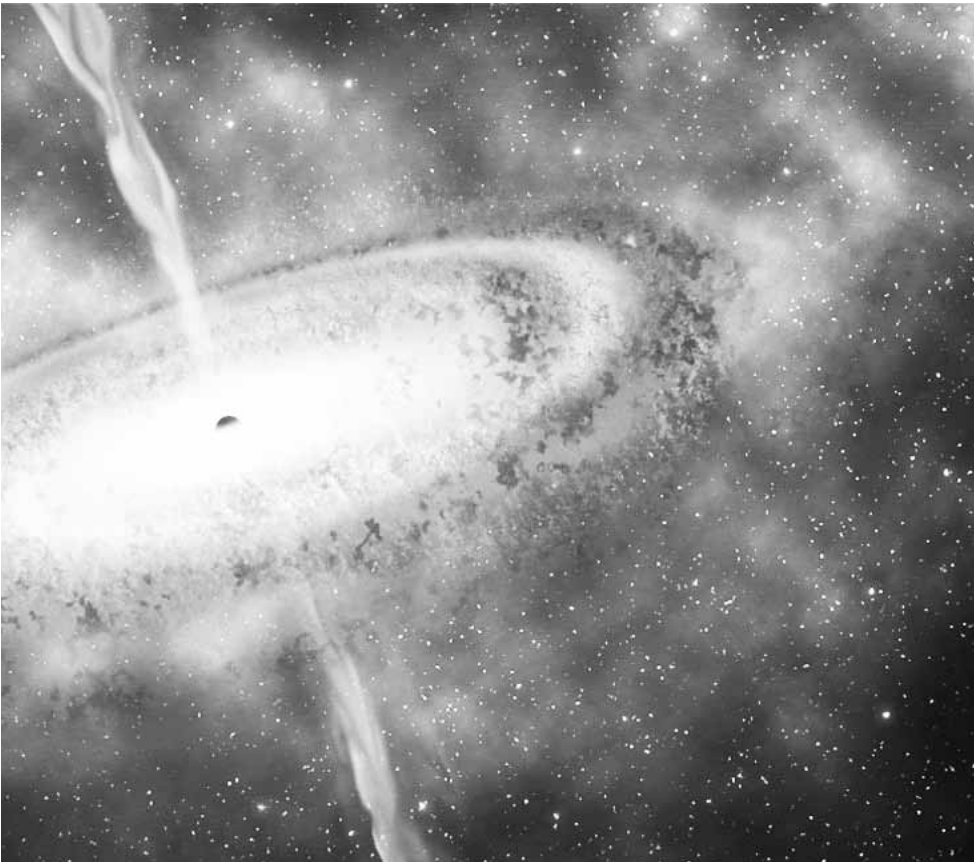
Scientists have uncovered a rare relic from the early universe: the farthest known supermassive black hole. This matter-eating beast is 800 million times the mass of our Sun, which is astonishingly large for its young age. “This black hole grew far larger than we expected in only 690 million years after the Big Bang, which challenges our theories about how black holes form,” said study co-author Daniel Stern of JPL.

Astronomers combined data from NASA’s Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) with ground-based surveys to identify potential distant objects to study, then followed up with Carnegie Observatories’ Magellan telescopes in Chile. Carnegie astronomer Eduardo Bañados led the effort to identify candidates out of the hundreds of millions of objects WISE found that would be worthy of follow-up with Magellan.

For black holes to become so large in the early universe, astronomers speculate there must have been special conditions to allow rapid growth—but the underlying reason remains mysterious.

The newly found black hole is voraciously devouring material at the center of a galaxy—a phenomenon called a quasar. This quasar is especially interesting because it comes from a time when the universe was just beginning to emerge from its dark ages. The discovery will provide fundamental information about the universe when it was only five percent of its current age.

“Quasars are among the brightest and most distant known celestial objects and are



This artist’s concept shows the most distant supermassive black hole ever discovered. It is part of a quasar from just 690 million years after the Big Bang. Credit: Robin Dienel/Carnegie Institution for Science.

crucial to understanding the early universe,” said co-author Bram Venemans of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Germany. The universe began in a hot soup of particles that rapidly spread apart in a period called inflation. About 400,000 years after the Big Bang, these particles cooled and coalesced

into neutral hydrogen gas. But the universe stayed dark, without any luminous sources, until gravity condensed matter into the first stars and galaxies. The energy released by these ancient galaxies caused the neutral hydrogen to get excited and ionize, or lose an electron. The gas has remained in that state since that

time. Once the universe became reionized, photons could travel freely throughout space. This is the point at which the universe became transparent to light.

Much of the hydrogen surrounding the newly discovered quasar is neutral. That means the quasar is not only the most distant—it is also the only example we have that can be seen before the universe became reionized.

“It was the universe’s last major transition and one of the current frontiers of astrophysics,” Bañados said.

The quasar’s distance is determined by what’s called its redshift, a measurement of how much the wavelength of its light is stretched by the expansion of the universe before reaching Earth. The higher the redshift, the greater the distance, and the farther back astronomers are looking in time when they observe the object. This newly discovered quasar has a redshift of 7.54, based on the detection of ionized carbon emissions from the galaxy that hosts the massive black hole. That means it took more than 13 billion years for the light from the quasar to reach us.

Scientists predict the sky contains between 20 and 100 quasars as bright and as distant as this quasar. Astronomers look forward to the European Space Agency’s Euclid mission, which has significant NASA participation, and NASA’s Wide-field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST) mission, to find more such distant objects.

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5 Tips For Planning Memorable Holiday Travel

(BPT) - The holiday season can be the perfect time to travel. With school and work days off, it's a special way to reconnect with family and friends as you get to bask in that cheerful holiday spirit.

Planning a holiday-themed trip is easier than you think, if you keep a few tips in mind. Follow these five steps and you'll be on your way to making vacation memories that will last a lifetime.

Accessibility

You're guaranteed to feel like a Scrooge if you're stuck on a long flight or gridlocked roads. When planning a holiday trip, look for a location that's an easy drive or quick flight for everyone. Big cities might be easy to get to, but they are hectic during the holidays. Alternative

destinations like Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, are just as convenient to get to and may not have as much travel congestion.

Accommodations

It will be your home away from home for the holidays, so be smart when selecting your rental to set your trip up for success. Research accommodations that keep everyone close but comfortable, such as a condotel or beach home. Both these options offer plentiful space, including kitchens, so you can whip up favorite family foods before relaxing to watch a classic holiday movie together before bed.

Unique events

One of the best parts of the holidays is access to unique events that don't happen any other time of year. Once you determine

a destination, research special events in the area. For example, grab a cup of cider and walk amid the soft glow of more than 5,500 hand-lit candles at the Nights of a Thousand Candles at Brookgreen Gardens in Myrtle Beach. The breathtaking beauty is enjoyed by couples and families alike.

Fun experiences

To create a memorable trip, it's important to add a little holiday magic. Bring your favorite holiday book with you to read before bed. Decorate holiday cookies at the local bakery or pick up a gingerbread house kit at a local supermarket. Sign up to meet Santa on the beach and get the perfect holiday photo to send back to family and friends. Ask around and you're sure to find more than a few festive

adventures for your travel crew.

Traditional cheer

Just because you're away from home doesn't mean you can't enjoy traditional holiday fun. Research local celebrations that feature caroling, sleigh rides and tree-lighting ceremonies. If you're in Myrtle Beach, visit Ripley's Aquarium for the Festival of Trees, which includes trees decorated to perfectly represent each of the 50 U.S. states and Puerto Rico. Find your state's tree to see how well it captures the heart of your home!

With these five tips you're sure to have your best holiday yet. Years from now you'll look back and everyone will still be able to talk in detail about their favorite travel experience. •

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the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711** For **NON SALE** information only Sale Line: **855 238-5118** Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-17-777784-AB** IDSPub #0133609 11/30/2017 12/7/2017 12/14/2017 Lawndale Tribune Pub. 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/17 HL-25826

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARINA GONZALEZ CASE NO. 17STPB10698

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARINA GONZALEZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANGIE MARIA SANDOVAL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANGIE MARIA SANDOVAL 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. (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: 12/29/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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. Attorney for Petitioner PAUL HORN, ESQ. - SBN 243227 PAUL HORN LAW FIRM, PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/17 CNS-3076803# Inglewood Daily News Pub. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/17 HI-25834

T.S. No.: 170817221 Notice Of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: 8207 Order No. 05933000 APN: 4145-013-009 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 2/26/2007. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Michael D. Stone,

A Single Man Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Recorded 3/5/2007 as Instrument No. 20070475445 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/28/2017 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$156,013.78 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5237 Wiseburn St Hawthorne, CA 90250 A.P.N.: 4145-013-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Web site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 170817221. 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. Date: 11/27/2017 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10951 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 2F San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 213-486-0048 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: /s/ Naomi Finkelstein, Senior Trustee Sale Officer Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/17 HH-25833

ORDINANCE NO. 2156

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE APPROVING THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS: WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne has been actively investigating options to provide electric services to constituents within its service area with the intent of achieving greater local involvement over the provisions of electric services and promoting competitive and renewable energy; WHEREAS, on September 24, 2002, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 117 (Stat. 2002, Ch. 838; see California Public Utilities Code section 366.2; hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), which authorizes any California city or county, whose governing body so elects, to combine the electricity load of its residents and businesses in a community-wide electricity aggregation program known as Community Choice Aggregation; WHEREAS, the Act expressly authorizes participation in a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program through a joint powers agency, and to this end the County of Los Angeles (County) has been participating since 2015 in the evaluation of a CCA program for the County and the cities and towns within it; WHEREAS, through Docket No. R.03-10-003, the California Public Utilities Commission has issued various decisions and rulings addressing the implementation of CCA programs, including

the recent issuance of a procedure by which the California Public Utilities Commission will review "Implementation Plans," which are required for submittal under the Act as the means of describing the CCA program and assuring compliance with various elements contained in the Act; WHEREAS, representatives from the City along with representatives from the County and participating cities within the County have developed the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement ("Joint Powers Agreement") (attached hereto as Exhibit A) in order to accomplish the following: To form a Joint Powers Authority known as "Los Angeles Community Choice Energy Authority"; and To specify the terms and conditions by which participants may participate as a group in energy programs, including but not limited to the preliminary implementation of a CCA program; WHEREAS, representatives from the City along with the County and participating cities within the County have developed a Business Plan (attached hereto as Exhibit B) that describes the formation of Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) Authority and the CCA program to be implemented by and through the LACCE Authority; WHEREAS, a final Implementation Plan will be submitted for review and adoption by the LACCE Authority's Board of Directors; WHEREAS, as described in the Business Plan, Community Choice Aggregation by and through the LACCE Authority appears to provide a reasonable opportunity to accomplish all of the following:

To provide greater levels of local involvement and in collaboration on energy decisions. To increase significantly the amount of renewable energy available to LACCE Authority energy customers, To provide initial price stability, long-term electricity cost savings and other benefits for the community, and To reduce greenhouse gases that are emitted by creating electricity for the community; WHEREAS, the Act requires CCA program participants to individually adopt an ordinance ("CCA Ordinance") electing to implement a CCA program within its jurisdiction by and through its participation in the LACCE Authority; WHEREAS, based on the feasibility studies and Business Plan, it is in the public's interest and welfare to establish a CCA program within the City of Hawthorne; and WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement expressly allows the City to withdraw its membership in the LACCE Authority (and its participation in the CCA program) by providing no less than 180 advance written notice to the LACCE Authority. NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein. SECTION 2. Based upon the findings and declarations set forth in this ordinance, and in order to provide businesses and residents within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City with a choice of power providers and with

the benefits described in the recitals above, the City Council hereby elects to implement a CCA program within the City's jurisdiction boundaries. Upon approval of the LACCE Joint Powers Agreement, the City will implement the CCA program by and through the City's participation in the LACCE Authority), a joint powers authority established pursuant to California Government Code section 6500 et seq. and California Public Utilities Code section 366(c)(12). SECTION 3. That the City Council hereby approve and direct that the City proceed with the participation in the LACCE Joint Powers Authority. SECTION 4. That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect. SECTION 5. That all the provisions of any of the City's ordinances as heretofore adopted by the City that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. SECTION 7. That the City Attorney prepared and framed this ordinance pursuant to the Hawthorne Municipal Code and finds that the City Council has the authority to adopt this ordinance, that the ordinance is constitutionally valid and that the ordinance is consistent with the general powers and purposes of the City as

set forth in the City's Municipal Code. SECTION 8. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Ordinance. The City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within 15 days after its adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days from its adoption. [This Section Intentionally Left Blank] PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2017 ALEX VARGAS, MAYOR City of Hawthorne, California ATTEST: NORBERT HUBER, CITY CLERK City of Hawthorne, California APPROVED AS TO FORM: RUSSELL I. MIYAHIRA, CITY ATTORNEY City of Hawthorne, California I, Monica Dircisci, the duly appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance, No. 2156 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, at their regular meeting of the City Council held December 12, 2017 and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit: AYES: Councilmembers Reyes English, Valentine, Mayor Vargas. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin. Deputy City Clerk City of Hawthorne, California Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 12/14/17 HH-25843

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Precious Pooches



Billie

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! I am **Billie**, a two-year old, male Miniature Schnauzer mix who was homeless and living on the streets of Tijuana. My companion, Holiday--who could possibly be related to me--and I decided to take a trip with friends and ventured south of the border for a weekend of fun. Unfortunately, we missed our ride home and without any place to stay, ended up living on the street. Holiday has quite a voice, so we made our living as street entertainers until a rescue group rounded us up and returned us to the USA. They contacted the folks at MSFR, who were kind enough to take us in and are helping us find our forever homes. It's been decided that my "mix" could be Doxie because I have a longer, trim, 14-pound body with legs that are very sturdy but a bit short. I'm still very playful and have retained my puppyish charm that endears me to people and other dogs. I guess that's why I get along

well with everyone." If you're interested in Billie, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"My name is **Holiday** and I see you've already met my partner in crime, Billie. I'm a five-year old, female purebred Miniature Schnauzer who accompanied Billie and our friends to Tijuana for a weekend of fun. I should have trusted my instincts, which are very motherly where Billie is concerned, but I got caught up in the adventure. After missing our ride home, I had to literally 'sing for our



Holiday



Pilgrim

supper' until a rescue group, who works with MSFR, picked us up and brought us back home. After living on the streets I needed a bit of work to present myself at my best. A medical check-up revealed I weigh 15 pounds--and a dental resulted in the extraction of 13 teeth. My smile may be a bit sparse, but I feel so much better and I actually think the new smile suits me. I have a docked tail and natural ears that have a mind of their own. Sometimes they both stand up...but at other times, I have one up and one down and that

makes me look adorable. I'm very personable and get along famously with other dogs and of course, people." If you're interested in Holiday, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"Have you ever met a real live Pilgrim? Well, come to our adoptions and you can meet the next best thing: a four-year-old, male purebred Miniature Schnauzer named **Pilgrim**. After becoming lost and unable to find my family, I ended up at an LA County shelter where I was called a stray. The volunteers at the shelter were able to contact my owner and they put a long hold on me for my owner. Still I waited and waited, hoping every day to go home. After a really long time and my owner never appearing, I was available to the public. There wasn't much interest in a smelly, filthy, matted to the point of having dreadlocks dog who looked so bad that they couldn't distinguish my breed. They listed me as a 23-pound Poodle until the compassionate LA County's Grooming Gives Hope staff took pity on me. After they worked their magic--bathed and groomed me--a beautiful Schnauzer emerged! After MSFR rescued me, I was examined by their veterinarian, who found and removed several foxtails in my ears. It's amazing what a little TLC will do to give a guy enough confidence to reveal his true personality. I have great social skills with other dogs and am a sweet and loving boy who needs a family to love and share his life." If you're interested in Pilgrim, please email info@msfr.org for more information. •

Happy Tails



Congratulations to Nemo and his Forever Family!

Congratulations to **Nemo** and his new family. After losing their 12-year-old Miniature Schnauzer to congestive heart failure, they were so lonely and sad. They looked high and low, near and far for the perfect addition to their family. One visit to our pet adoptions and they found everything they were looking for when they found

Nemo! One look into his soulful eyes and his adorable, precious face--not to mention his over-the--top sweet demeanor--and they were in love. Nemo, now named Buddy, is living in Yorba Linda with his forever family that includes an aunt who happens to be a veterinarian. Wishing everyone many adventures and tons of happiness! •

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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!

Illustrated by Lili Chin www.doggiedrawings.net

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