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## Late Mayor Harold E. Hofmann Remembered by South Bay Community



Federal officials, including Congresswoman Maxine Waters who flew in from D.C., State Assemblyman Steven Bradford and numerous Council members from surrounding cities and approximately 600 citizens attended the patriotic memorial service for Mayor Harold E. Hofmann at Lawndale Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 23.

## City Council Tables Several Items at Juarez' Last Meeting

By Nancy Peters

On Tuesday evening, Mayor Danny Juarez presided over the final Hawthorne City Council meeting of his two-year term, receiving appreciation from the City Clerk and his fellow dais occupants, with Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Reyes-English reserving her thank you for the next meeting when all newly elected officials will be sworn in. As the meeting began, the Council chamber was nearly filled with citizens interested to hear about the agenda item for a fee deferral, which had been characterized as a \$1 million loan in a newspaper article (not in this newspaper), and offer their comments and protests.

The fee deferral item garnered several comments during the oral communications portion of the meeting. When the item came up under the City Manager's consent calendar, Juarez moved to separate the two items dealing with the fee deferral agreement between Affordable Housing Land Consultants, LLC, and the City of Hawthorne in order to query the City Planning Department Director and the applicant who was present. One of the commenters had referred to this agenda item's agreement as another "Gold's Gym deal," which left the City with a bill of \$2 million when a previous administration loaned the vendor money with no collateral.

The Planning Director explained that State law allows for three concessions for a Density Bonus Housing Agreement and exempts a CEQA report for an applicant. The presentation of the deferral agreement, while not a requirement for approval by the City Council, was a courtesy as the Planning Director lawfully can approve such an agreement without Council approval, but that is not his intention--thus the request without a resolution.

The fee deferral was tabled and sent back to the Planning Director to renegotiate the concessions, and any fee deferral is off the table as one of the three allowable concessions. The continuance of this item led to the next item being tabled as well and so the Density

Bonus Housing Agreement did not receive a motion for a vote to approve.

In other business, the Council tabled the second reading of the ordinance to amend the municipal code to give jurisdiction to the chair of a City Council to determine if a disruptive member of the gallery may be escorted from the meeting without a majority vote. The item was written as a code amendment to bring the City in compliance with a court case decision that granted a change in wording to the State code and has trickled down to many California cities complying. The Council objected to wording being removed that allows all to agree to remove a member of the public from a public meeting, requesting clarification and more information from the City Attorney. No objections were voiced when the ordinance was first introduced.

An ordinance was introduced that could amend municipal code wording for any applications to hold events on City property with a requirement of an application a minimum of 90 days from the event date and full payment of all fees within 30 days of the event, with no exceptions and potential denial of all permits for non-compliance. The second reading will take place at the next Council meeting.

Resolution 7578 was amended to include an amended Exhibit A to the resolution to include the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and the non-profit Hope is Helping, as the organization has been verified to not be a religious one. The amendment was approved with four affirmative votes and Juarez abstaining.

Claudio Taniguchi, the City's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, reported on the incident that displaced 147 residents from their homes between September 12 and September 25 due to a leaking well that had a toxic mixture of water and methane gas and was a potentially lethal combination that could have caused an explosion or poisoning of the air. Golden State Water has taken full responsibility for the random incident that could

not be predicted in any way. The vendor will reimburse the City for all costs associated with the incident in the amount of \$208,000. The City arranged for all residents to be housed in local hotels and paid for all food during the time period, as well as incurring costs for the blow-out protector to capture the methane, cap the well, and completely shut off all methane gases from escaping in the future.

Taniguchi was directed to distribute to the Council, in the form of a Legal Confidential document, his final draft of the Emergency Preparedness and Operations Procedure Manual by Friday, November 29.

Saturday, December 7 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Civic Plaza, the Historical Society will host a Holiday Tree Lighting Event. The public is invited to attend and welcome Santa Claus.

Mayor Juarez directed that a resolution be drawn up through a discussion action item under Reyes-English's name for the first January meeting that will state a minimum time period for election candidates to remove all campaign signs throughout the community and avoid a daily fine, payable to the City, for those days beyond the minimum time.

The naming of a pocket park at 118th Street was sent back to the Parks, Recreation and Fine Arts Commission as the Council is of the opinion that the name chosen - "118th Street Park"—sounds too gang-related. A suggestion box for naming the park will be installed at City Hall to accept public input.

A special meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. to appoint members to the Planning Commission.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, December 10, will include the swearing-in of the newly elected Mayor Chris Brown and reelected members Reyes-English and Alex Vargas..

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Mayor Harold E. Hofmann of Lawndale, who died on November 16. •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
68°/53°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
69°/53°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
69°/54°



# Calendar

## ALL CITIES MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

• Free Meal and Fellowship to South Bay seniors and in-need adults, 7:30 p.m. (also Dec. 30), First Christian Church, room 4, 2930 El Dorado St. For more information call (424) 263-4276.

## ONGOING

• Recovery International Meetings, Fridays, 10 a.m., South Bay Mental Health Center, 2311 El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 512-8112.

## HAWTHORNE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

• City Council Meeting, 6-10 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th St. For more information call (310) 349-2915.

## ONGOING

• Hawthorne Museum open Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hawthorne Museum, corner of 126th and Grevillea Ave.

## INGLEWOOD ONGOING

• Third Tuesday Family Movie at the Library. 10 a.m. Gladys Waddingham Library Lecture Hall, Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. Call 310-412-5645 for more information.

## LAWDALE MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

• Angel Tree Lighting Ceremony. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Civic Center Plaza.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. City Hall, 14717 Burin Ave.

## ONGOING

• Lawndale Farmers Market, every Wednesday, 2-7 p.m., 147th St. in front of Lawndale Library. For information call (310) 679-3306.

• Commodities Free Food Program, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Community Center, 14700 Burin Ave. For information call (310) 973-3270.

# Police Reports

## ROBBERY

13500 S KORNBLUM AV AUTO/VEHICLE  
Mon 11/11/13 14:24 14:24 Property Taken:

(5) 20 DOLLAR BILLS  
ARREST

13000 S KORNBLUM AV APARTMENT/CONDO

Tue 11/12/13 20:18 20:18  
Property Taken: Nintendo Wii game console

4300 W IMPERIAL HY OTHER

Fri 11/15/13 10:09 10:09  
Property Taken: one hundred dollars in US currency

4300 W IMPERIAL HY MOTEL & HOTEL ROOM

Sun 11/17/13 23:00 23:10  
ARREST

11000 S INGLEWOOD AV  
CAD: Sun 11/17 23:10--No RMS

## BURGLARY

14600 S OCEAN GATE AV HARDWARE STORE

Mon 11/11/13 11:45 14:03  
ARREST (4)

13100 S RAMONA AV HOUSE  
Tue 11/12/13 09:15

Property Taken: Mens Hawthorne HS

watch, mens and womens gold/silver basketweave rings, platinum/gold ring with chinese symbol, ladies platinum ring with three diamonds, U.S. currency

2100 SAINT AUGUSTA LN HOUSE  
Wed 11/13/13 09:00

Property Taken: Approximately 8 pairs of Air Jordan shoes., A silver Mac Book Pro., A 32 GB white iPad.

3700 W 120TH ST HOUSE  
Wed 11/13/13 21:18 21:18

Property Taken: white tablet, \$600.00 in us currency, two unknown type of cell phones

3700 W EL SEGUNDO BL APARTMENT/CONDO

Wed 11/13/13 22:02  
4500 W 131ST ST HOUSE

Thu 11/14/13 10:30 10:30  
3500 W 139TH ST HOUSE

Thu 11/14/13 10:15

Property Taken: blk/sil dell inspiron laptop, black kurio 7 tablet, miscellaneous yellow gold jewelry, wristwatch with city of la logo on face, miscellaneous cologne

11600 S INGLEWOOD AV LAUNDRYMAT

Thu 11/14/13 12:20

Property Taken: quarters, security camera •

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~ James Allens

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# Hawthorne Happenings

## News for the 'City of Good Neighbors'

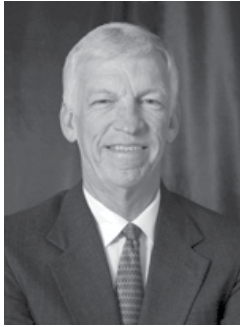
From City Clerk Norb Huber

### What am I thankful for?

At Thanksgiving, we pause for a moment to think of all the things God has blessed us with. Usually, we think of all the material blessings He has given to us. Yes, I am thankful for all of these monetary gifts that I see around me. These blessings make my life content. More than all these, I am thankful for the faith that God has given me. That faith gives me the assurance and peace I need to live this life. Even when things don't go the way I want them to, I have peace knowing that God is in charge. May you and your family have a "peaceful" Thanksgiving. Thank God for that peace.

### Hawthorne's Top 10 "You Know it's Almost Christmas when..."

- #10. The local election is over and all political signs are down.
- #9. Home Depot has its Christmas tree lot taking up all the parking spaces.
- #8. There are NO parking places to be found at Costco.
- #7. The temperature in my house falls below 64 degrees in the morning and my furnace kicks on.
- #6. UPS and FedEx trucks are still delivering packages at 9 p.m.
- #5. My wife mentions that she is "going shopping" and disappears all Saturday afternoon.
- #4. KOST 103.5 has been playing Christmas music for a month already.
- #3. People start lining up outside of



Best Buy on Thanksgiving for a Black Friday special.

#2. Traffic on the southbound side of Hawthorne Blvd. is jammed with people traveling to the malls in Redondo Beach and Torrance.

#1. Santa arrives at every mall and anywhere businesses want the little kids to come and have their parents spend money on expensive gifts.

### Santa Arrives in Hawthorne

The Hawthorne Historical Society will host a tree lighting and holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This will be the time that Santa arrives in Hawthorne. Children of all ages are invited down to the Civic Center to enjoy the music, food and activities that evening. Mark your calendars.

### Holiday Home Decorating Contest

The Hawthorne Recreation and Community Services Department announces their annual holiday home-decorating contest that has an entry deadline of Dec. 17. If you like to decorate your home's exterior for Christmas, then plan to enter the contest. Entry forms are available at the Memorial Center or at City Hall. There will be awards given to first, second and third place winners. Judging will take place on Dec. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m.

### Comments or Questions

Please contact norbhuber@gmail.com or 310-292-6714.

*When you practice gratefulness,  
there is a sense of respect toward others.*

~ Dalai Lama

## Classifieds

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### GARAGE SALE

**220 Sierra St.** Sat. 11/30 & Sun 12/1, 8am-6pm. St. Anthony Church Xmas Bazaar. Jewelry, gifts, tools, , antiques, etc. We are also selling tables 20/day. Call Marie (310) 322-9158

### GARAGE SALE

**Sat 11/30** 9-1: clothes, books, furniture, fridge, tools, garage items. 711 W. Acacia. Let's make a deal!

### HOUSE FOR RENT

**1BD/1BA.** Cozy Cottage house for rent, w/beamed ceilings, updated kitchen cabinets, hard wood floors in living room, small yard and patio, laundry facility, includes water and power. \$1,500/mo. No pets/No smoker. Call 310 335-6099 or 310 343-8654.

### LOST AND FOUND

**Ladies Ring** found in parking lot 502 Main Street. For more information call Suzy Ray (310) 322-8911.

### PET SITTING

**Local HS student** available for pet sitting, dog walking. Call Eleanor 310-709-3707.

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**Former teacher** available for math tutoring. www.caseys.org Call Terry @ (310) 322-2223. \$25/hr.

To appear in next week's paper, submit your Classified Ad by Noon on Tuesday.

## Looking Up

### Comet ISON: Target for Thanksgiving Roasting, Possible Views in December

By Bob Eklund

A comet that has caused a lot of excitement is racing toward a close encounter with the Sun on Thanksgiving Day. Comet ISON will pass about 700,000 miles above the Sun's surface before whipping around and heading back toward deep space—if it survives. If it does, the comet might be visible to the unaided eye before dawn for a few weeks after the encounter.

For a high-resolution illustration showing how to spot Comet ISON in early December, visit StarDate Magazine's Media Center: <http://stardate.org/mediacenter>. While you're there, you can also sign up to receive notices of upcoming sky-watching events.

An automated asteroid-hunting telescope, part of the International Scientific Optical Network (ISON) in Russia, discovered Comet C/2012 S1 (ISON) on Sept. 21, 2012. Some comet-watchers quickly suggested that it could become as bright as a full moon late this year. Continued observations, however, show that it's not brightening as much as those early optimistic projections indicated.

The comet will get brighter as it approaches the Sun, but more difficult to see through the Sun's glare. It will shine at its brightest as it passes the Sun, although it will be too close to the Sun at that time to view safely.

Like all comets, ISON is a big ball of frozen gases and water mixed with rocks and dust. This ball, the comet's nucleus, appears to be about three miles wide—large, as comets go. As ISON approaches the Sun, the heat vaporizes some of the comet's icy surface. That surrounds it with a cloud of gas and dust that can span a hundred thousand miles or more. The Sun's radiation pressure pushes some of this material outward, away from the Sun, to form a glowing tail.

As ISON moves far enough from the Sun for us to see it in morning twilight in early December, it should be a pretty sight. ISON will pass closest to Earth on Dec. 26, at a distance of about 40 million miles. (The

average Sun-Earth distance is roughly 93 million miles.)

ISON probably came from the Oort Cloud, a vast shell of icy bodies that extends out to a distance of approximately one light-year from the Sun—one-fourth of the distance to the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, which is 4 ¼ light-years away. The Oort Cloud bodies are leftover "building blocks" from the birth



Photo Credit: Photo by Damian Peach

of the solar system, so they contain the same mixture of materials that gave birth to Earth and the other planets. Astronomers believe this is probably ISON's first-ever trip to the Sun's vicinity.

After a remarkable flare-up in brightness on Nov. 14, comet ISON became barely visible to the naked eye as it passed Earth on its journey toward the Sun. But the comet's future is far from certain. NASA lists three possible options for what might happen: (1) the comet spontaneously breaks up sometime before Thanksgiving; (2) it is destroyed as it roasts in the Sun's heat on Thanksgiving Day; or (3) it makes it away from the Sun with a large tail of lost dust behind it. Spontaneous breakups are quite rare—they happen to less than one percent of comets—so one of the latter two options will likely come to pass over the next several weeks. Until then, expect more incredible photos of ISON to start surfacing—and keep looking up! •

## Student Perspective

### What I'll Soon Leave Behind

By Glen Abalayan, Torrance High School Student

In nine months, I'll experience a moment many graduates before me have experienced: having to look back behind their own families knowing that they may not see them again for a long time. Walking away from the ones that have loved me these eighteen years will be the hardest decision of my life. Although I know there is still plenty of time between now and then, I can't help but reflect on what I'll soon leave behind.

This realization hit me three months into my senior year, on Oct. 31 – Halloween. Ever since my family and I emigrated from the Philippines 11 years ago, we have always participated in the tradition. I fondly remember how proud I was seven years ago when I showed my parents a whole trash bag full of candy. Times have surely changed since then. Bags have now returned half-full, more houses leave their doors locked and I'm more reluctant to participate in our tradition. However, realizing that it would be my last time trick-or-treating with my family before college, it finally struck me – I'm growing up.

It's funny how badly I wanted to live on my own as a child, seeing how hard I now try to hold on to time's unstoppable advance. I remember just a few years ago how much I looked forward to celebrating my first Thanksgiving away from family. I used to romanticize my first days as an independent

man. But with each "first" I romanticized about, I noticed that I was experiencing a "last" of a more important entity.

It's true; you only really know what you have when it's gone.

The once loud sounds that would resonate around my home will soon be replaced by the lonely hum of my laptop. The once chaotic arguing between my sister and brother will not be heard thousands of miles away. The sight of my brother's and sister's faces every time I come home will be soon replaced by a mere picture sitting on a desk. The chicken adobo I grew tired of will soon be replaced by a pack of instant ramen.

In the last few weeks of 2013, I will celebrate my final Thanksgiving and Christmas as a child. After so many childish birthday parties, fishing trips, basketball games and road trips, I'm finally approaching my last days of my youth. Oh, how I wish it could last a little bit longer.

I guess this is really what growing up is all about – letting go. For 18 years, my parents have molded me into a man, ready to take on whatever life throws at him. But the act of letting go of the people and experiences that have shaped me, this child is still not ready to do.

For two more times this year, my entire family will be together. For two more times, all nine of us will be happy under the same roof. That's something to be thankful for. •



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# Simplifying Holiday Baking

(BPT) - From cookies to cupcakes, the holidays just aren't complete without freshly baked treats to gift, serve and enjoy. But baking isn't always a piece of cake, whether you're an expert or novice baker. So this year, as you preheat your oven and prepare to whip up dozens of your favorite recipes, check out these five helpful tips to ensure your holiday cookies don't crumble.

**Pre-freeze cookie dough.** Freeze cut-out cookies for 10 minutes before baking. They'll keep their shape better during baking and also rise slightly higher.

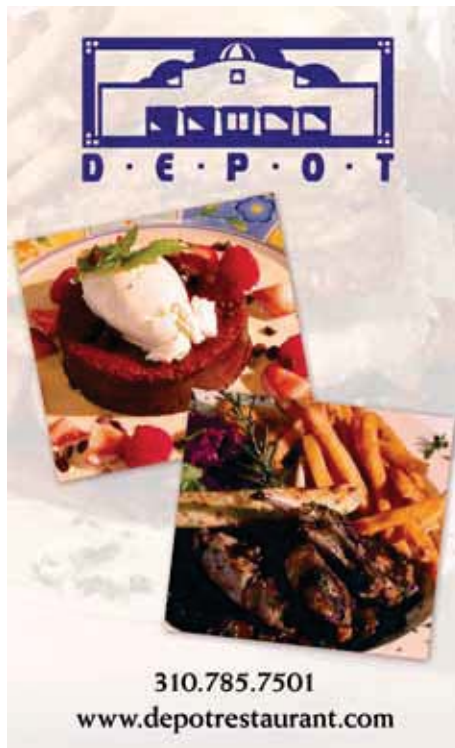
**Use parchment paper.** The versatility of parchment paper allows for fuss-free baking. It can be used to line baking sheets for evenly cooked treats and makes

cleanup a breeze.

**Bake on the center rack.** To allow for the most even heat circulation, bake your holiday cookies on the oven's center rack. Additionally, don't over-crowd the oven. This can cause uneven baking, resulting in underbaked or burnt cookies.

**Use an airtight container.** After baking, place your cookies in an airtight container before they are completely cooled. Doing so will prevent them from drying out and will keep them nice and chewy.

**Stick with a simple recipe.** If you're short on time or an inexperienced baker, stick with a simple recipe that you know will turn out great and is sure to please. Rolo Pretzel Delights are a fan favorite and can be made in less than 30 minutes.



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# Rolo Pretzel Delights

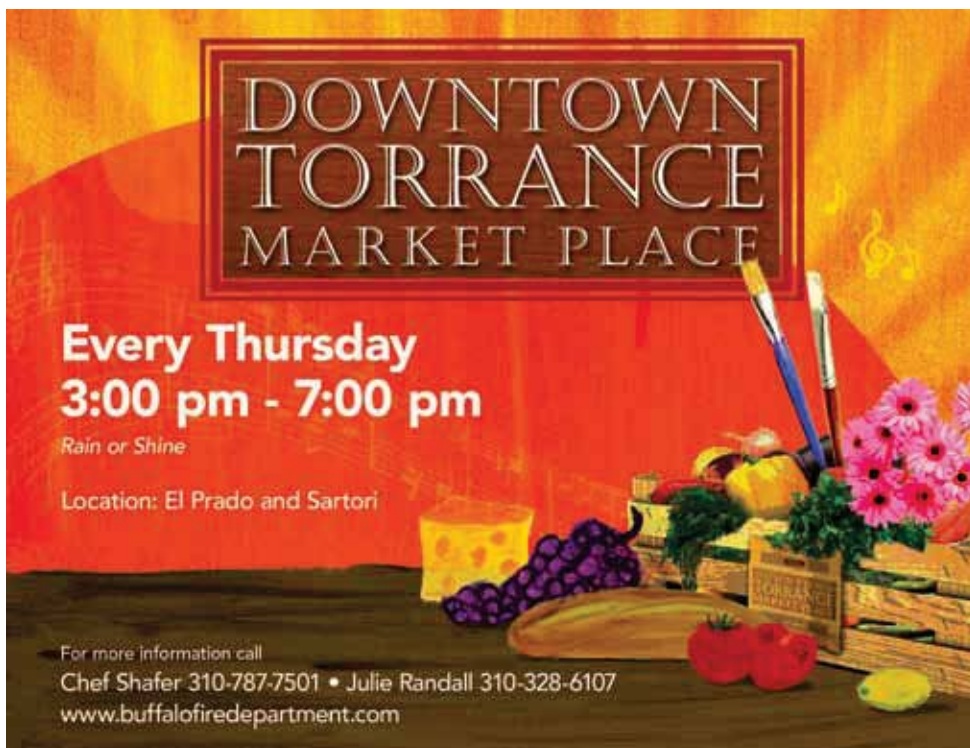


**Ingredients:**  
Small pretzels  
Rolo Chewy Caramels in Milk Chocolate  
Pecan halves

**Directions:**  
Heat oven to 350 F; line cookie sheet with parchment paper or foil.  
Place one pretzel for each pretzel treat desired on prepared sheet. Top each pretzel with one unwrapped Rolo Chewy Caramels in Milk Chocolate.  
Bake three to five minutes or until caramel piece begins to soften, but not melt.  
Remove from oven; top with either pecan half or additional pretzel.  
Allow the treats to cool completely. •

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## HOLLYWOOD PARK CONSTRUCTION JOB PRESCREENING

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:



Thursday, December 12, 2013  
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (PST)  
The Tabernacle - Faithful Central Bible Church  
321 North Eucalyptus Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90301

Hollywood Park and Turner provides every opportunity for Inglewood and local residents to apply for job opportunities for which they qualify. The job fair is limited to construction positions only including:

- laborers
- carpenters
- heavy equipment operators
- electricians
- plumbers

To pre-register online, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hollywood-park-construction-job-prescreening-tickets-7893532769>

For questions and/or more info please call 310-382-9029 or 714-940-9039. We look forward to meeting you and exploring opportunities!

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Our community partners, Champions for Progress Inc., The Los Angeles Urban League, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, PV Jobs, Community Centers Inc., Shields for Families, and WLCAC, will be available to assist you with finding the right program to prepare you for these and future positions.

Usted está invitado al evento siguiente:

## FÉRIA DE TRABAJOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN PARA HOLLYWOOD PARK

El evento será en la siguiente fecha, hora y lugar:



Jueves el 12 de diciembre 2013  
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- carpinteros
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- electricistas
- plomeros

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# PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS PETSPETS

## Wowzer Schnauzer

If you're wondering how I got the name **Lefty**, just look at my left side. Pay particular attention to the markings on my left ear, my left hip and the left side of my head. I'm one-of-a-kind with spots that highly resemble a parti-colored Schnauzer but are most likely a result of my being a mixed breed. I'm a two-year-old Schnauzer mix who likes to play and makes friends easily with other dogs. I consider myself very lucky because I was rescued from an overcrowded, remote shelter on the day I was to be euthanized. I'm a little 14-pound cutie who would love to meet you. Please come visit me at our adoptions and see how unique I am.

My name is **Justin**, and I sure would like to get a break. I'm only three years old and

Miniature Schnauzer who gets along best with most small, nondominant dogs, there's no need to look any further. I'm your guy! Thanks to the folks at MSFR, I just had a dental appointment to remove some broken teeth, and I'm looking much better. My legs are a little long, but, since I only weigh 18 pounds, I look very streamlined. Stop by our adoptions and I know that you'll want to open your heart and give me a forever home.

Please, let me introduce myself. I'm **Kimmie**, a two-year-old female Miniature Schnauzer/Shih Tzu mix. I was rescued from an L.A. shelter where I first appeared on their "medical list." They thought I had some lameness in my front legs, but, after being rescued, a trip to the MSFR vet proved



Justin



Lefty

currently looking for my fourth home. I ended up at a shelter after my first home and I was adopted. A year later, I was taken to an L.A. County shelter again and was rescued by MSFR. A really nice family adopted me last July, but my owner had some unexpected health issues and could no longer care for me, so here I am, looking for a new home again. If you're looking for a black purebred

them wrong. The vet said it was probably a soft tissue injury because it seems to be fine now. I'm little, only 13 pounds, which is just the right size to be your constant companion. My friends say that I'm shy, but I'm really just a well-mannered, quiet little lady who is looking for someone to love. If you stop by our adoptions, I know you'll want to take me home.

Hi, I'm **Biscotti**, and I think they gave me that name because I'm such a treat. I am a 10-year-old male Pomeranian mix with a whopping weight of 12.5 pounds! I was rescued from the Orange County Shelter and can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo. The people at Yellow Brick Road say I'm one of the nicest dogs they have come across in a long time. It's because I'm really friendly - even with strangers and get along great with other dogs, ride quietly in a car and walk perfectly on a leash. I'm the whole package! I have a perineal hernia, which will be surgically repaired next week and I'll be fine. I'll be available for adoption within a couple of weeks, and I would love to meet you. **Please contact the folks at Yellow Brick Road, (310) 606-5507.**



Biscotti



Kimmie

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Happy Thanksgiving, one and all!

In the spirit of the season, The White House has a turkey on the rotisserie that is getting more and more cooked with each rotation of the spit.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know the turkey lied about people being able to keep their health plans and doctors. When he

*"Chao believes that on a best-case basis, the website may be operational by mid-January."*

finally conceded that he had "misled" the public, he claimed his lie only affected a "small sliver" of the public. Yet, he and his administration are on the record in 2010 acknowledging that over 50 percent of employer-provided medical plans and 50-75 percent of individual plans could be voided by Obamacare, resulting in as many as 53 million people losing their health plans. Incredibly, the lost coverage could be greater than planned enrollment under Obamacare (this turkey is stuffed and basted).

The turkey then feigned ignorance about the extent of the Obamacare website problems, but last March the Administration's consultant McKinsey and Co. had predicted many of the website's problems. For political reasons, however, the turkey chose to proceed with an Oct. 1 program start nevertheless (he's beginning to sweat).

In mid-October, he claimed the website would be up and running by the end of November, but Henry Chao, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Medicare/Medicaid (CMS), disagreed, saying that as of Nov. 20 only 200 of the 600 problems have been corrected and new problems are being discovered daily. Chao believes that on a best case basis, the website

may be operational by mid-January (the turkey spins and spins again and again).

Moreover, Chao says as much as 40 percent of the operating program has not even been written yet (turn the crank and see if the turkey can make another prediction).

If and when the website is completed and running, it will contain the world's greatest

collection of personal data, so HHS Secretary Sebelius was asked if personal data will be secure. She said consultant Mitre's corporation had tested the system and raised no red flags. But Mitre says it had never been tasked with that assessment (just a brownin' and a sweatin').

A Sept. 3 memo from Tony Trenkle of CMS said the security "threat potential and risk to the system is limitless." He estimated a mid-2014 to early 2015 deadline for completion, at best (this baby is COOKED!).

The conclusions drawn from this debacle are obvious. No one has reason to believe the system will ever run, nor any reason to believe the government will protect their data, and finally no reason to believe the President will be truthful.

It is a truism that leadership and credibility are intertwined, but today there is neither. The bottom line question of the day is therefore: Acknowledging Obamacare will drastically increase insurance premiums across the country, will you sign up for this increased monthly expense now or just wait until you need medical care before making the commitment? Simple question, simple answer. The turkey's fate awaits your response. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Politician's Addiction Should be Cause for Concern, Not Ridicule

By Cristian Vasquez

Recent news that Florida Congressman Trey Radel is addicted to cocaine has set off a storm of opinions demanding that he resign from his position. Radel, a 37-year-old Republican, announced plans to start an "intensive" inpatient treatment program right away. In addition to his treatment plans for substance abuse, the Congressman plans to donate his salary to charity while his offices would stay open. However, for an elected official who was vocal about drug-testing recipients of government aid, a leave of absence from office should not be enough for everyone to drop the issue. There are some concerns that arise from this fiasco.

For one, Radel's admission to drug addiction has to result in his removal from office. No amount of rehab, donating his salary to charities or sincere apologies are enough for him to stay in office. He has a substance abuse problem that impairs his judgment. Why should he, after so many bad decisions and after having admitted his mistake, get to keep his job? If anyone reading this column calls into work after having been arrested for buying cocaine, there is a low possibility that they will keep that job. Why should the circumstance be any different for Radel?

Second, he should be doing jail time. Purchasing drugs from an undercover law enforcement officer is a crime—even in Florida. Unfortunately, I am sure that the Congressman has enough money to afford a good lawyer who will in all likelihood make sure that he does not spend a day in jail, which is absurd. While I will

not get into the socioeconomic disparities of our legal system, we are reminded that politician (like celebrities) live by a different set of rules and suffer few, if any, consequences. While it is a misdemeanor charge, which usually comes with lesser penalties, it is still a crime and he has to be held accountable.

Lastly, the hypocrisy behind what Radel preached and his actions should be enough to never win him a position as an elected official. Radel was a vocal supporter of drug-testing welfare recipients. In an effort to protect public funds, Radel supported asking those receiving public funds to provide a urine sample. Yet, here we have Radel, who gets paid with public funds, going out on cocaine shopping sprees. By the logic of what he was advocating for anyone receiving taxpayers' money, he should be defunded. The only way to defund Radel is to remove him from office. There should be no recall. There should be no special election to remove him from office. Florida shouldn't have to wait for the next election cycle. Radel needs to be removed from office, period.

Late-night talk shows, radio personalities and people in general are cracking jokes at the expense of Radel's addiction. Some of the jokes are cause for a good chuckle, but the situation is serious. Radel should leave office, deal with his legal issues and pull himself away from the grips of his drug addiction. Reconnecting with himself and his family is more important than staying in office—and being in office requires absolute concentration. Neither of the two will occur as long as cocaine is involved. •



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