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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Rainy
62°/50°



Saturday
Sunny
62°/47°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
64°/51°



Cherish the Past; Embrace the Future



A sign celebrating the Inglewood centennial (1908-2008) is placed in front of city hall. Photo by Osvin Suazo, ozzy.suazo@gmail.com.

Lawndale City Council Approves Proposed Consolidated Disposal

By Nancy Peters

At the meeting of the Lawndale City Council, held on Monday, December 8, in lieu of the regular first Monday of each month meeting last week, not many items were agendized for consideration. A public hearing was held to examine the proposed increase in rates requested by Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc., for residential, commercial and multi-family rates for trash collection. The increase, an average of 3.1 percent for all collection/recycling services, was requested in a proposal on September 24, 2014 by the vendor. There has not been an increase since the seven-year franchise agreement with Consolidated was put into effect on January 1, 2011. The increased rates are written in to the franchise agreement and are valid according to the contractual stipulations that increases for fuel, labor, and equipment costs are necessary for the Producer Price Index and Consumer Price Index that effect rates periodically.

During the public hearing a codicil to the services provided was requested to include a pickup bin for medical waste for residential and multi-family customers to accommodate proper disposal of supplies for diabetics and others who require special medical supplies. The company representative commented that this accommodation is not currently part of the agreement, but can be written in and would be "absorbed" by the costs with the requested increase.

Several requests were made that disposal of large items be advised to the vendor by the customer so that proper equipment is dispatched to the location; that recycling be sorted properly and disposed in the correct containers; and that those customers who will need a medical waste container advise Consolidate Disposal so that the proper equipment can be delivered.

The City Council unanimously voted to accept the requested increase in rates for collection of solid waste from residential, commercial, and multi-family customers, effective January 1, 2015.

On the consent calendar agenda, the City Council considered an approval of the agreement with CleanStreet for street sweeping services. The contract with this vendor has been in effect since 2001 and this is for another renewal of a three-year term. The agreement for weekly street sweeping services and debris diversion covers 56 miles of residential streets; twice weekly sweeping for business district streets, not including Hawthorne Boulevard; bi-weekly sweeping of medians and city parking lots; once a week services for all alleys; and five times a week along both sides of Hawthorne Boulevard. The total of 125 curb miles per week is \$15,000 per month. Reference checks with the cities of Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, and Culver City verified that CleanStreet continues to provide quality street sweeping services in those cities.

The total of \$180,000 per year for three years will be funded by the gas tax revenues of \$183,000 per year. The new agreement was approved for CleanStreet to continue providing street sweeping services for the city of Lawndale.

Hogan Park will be expanded and bids will be requested for the project plans and specifications as presented. Once bids are received, the City Council will witness the bid process and, if reasonable bids are received, make further recommendations to the staff about Hogan Park.

The public was asked to advise the city as they see that storefronts are messy and dumpsters of stores that are placed in alleys and parking lots appear to be overflowing with debris. Code Enforcement will check out locations that are reported, write warnings and/or violations as deemed appropriate, and will be on the alert for repeat offenders. Likewise, if street lights are not working properly, citizens are asked to report these outages or any damage to light poles or wires to Southern California Edison. Each lightpole has a phone number to call to report issues to the energy vendor.

The public safety report included an assault of a female victim and cell phone theft by

two suspects who drove away in a vehicle, but a witness wrote down the license plate number, resulting in the arrest of the suspects. A deputy, responding to a call of a fight, saw two men sitting in a vehicle and approached to ask them if they had seen anything. The deputy asked that the driver exit the vehicle after strong odors were detected on the driver and in the vehicle. The suspect began assaulting the deputy and a backup team of deputies as they attempted to handcuff him. Refusing a field sobriety test and continuing to beat on the deputies, a Taser was necessary to finally subdue the suspect who admitted to heavily drinking and ingesting cocaine. An assault with a deadly weapon call resulted in the arrest of three males positively identified by the victim and the weapons recovered a short distance away.

The Lawndale Wall of Distinction was discussed following a staff report of a formal process and program for those former citizens to be honored posthumously who demonstrated exceptional civic volunteerism during their lifetime serving the city of Lawndale. The south and west walls on the third floor of the Harold E. Hofmann Lawndale Community Center will be the designated location of the plaque(s) to be dedicated once a year when no less than two (2) and no more than four (4) deceased citizens who served the city will be named to the Wall of Distinction and enshrined on the plaque(s). The nominations will be filtered through the Historical Society (three members) and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (two members) who then will propose the names to the City Council for approval. The process and the program for the Wall of Distinction will continue to evolve as staff prepares ideas for plaques, wording on plaques, inclusion of photos or no photos, and how large each individual plaque will be on a larger perpetual plaque. Final designs will be approved by the City Council.

The next meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. •

Looking Up

“Eye Of Sauron” Provides New Way of Measuring Distances to Galaxies

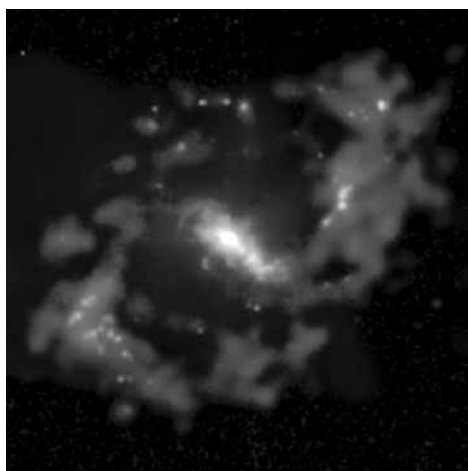
Based on a press release from W.M. Keck Observatory, provided by Bob Eklund

(BPT) - A team of scientists led by Dr. Sebastian Hoenig from the University of Southampton has measured the distance to the NGC 4151 (“Eye of Sauron”) galaxy with unprecedented accuracy, using the W. M. Keck Observatory Interferometer in Hawaii.

The team employed a new technique they developed, which allows them to measure distances to galaxies tens of millions of light-years away with 90 percent precision. The technique is similar to that used by land surveyors on Earth, who calculate distances by measuring the angular—or “apparent”—size of an object of known dimensions.

Previous reported distances to NGC 4151, which contains a supermassive black hole, were far from consistent—ranging all the way from 4 to 29 megaparsecs. Using this new, more accurate method, the researchers calculated the distance to the supermassive black hole as 19 megaparsecs (a megaparsec is equal to 3.26 million light-years).

Galaxy NGC 4151 is dubbed the “Eye of Sauron” by astronomers for the similarity of



The Galaxy NGC 4151, called the, ‘Eye of Sauron’ due to its similarity to the eye in the film Lord of the Rings. The image shows the supermassive black hole, which engulfs gas and dust clouds from its surroundings. In this process, it emits ultraviolet radiation, which heats the ring-shaped dust cloud that orbits around the black hole at a distance and this causes the dust cloud to emit infrared radiation. Credit: NASA

its appearance to its namesake in the film trilogy, “The Lord of the Rings.” As in that saga, a “ring” plays a crucial role in this new measurement. All big galaxies in the universe host a supermassive black hole in their center—and in about 10 percent of all

galaxies, these black holes are growing by swallowing huge amounts of gas and dust from their surrounding environments. In this process, the material heats up and becomes very bright—resulting in the most energetic sources of emission in the universe, known as active galactic nuclei (AGN).

This hot dust forms a ring around the supermassive black hole and emits infrared radiation—and the researchers in this study used this dusty ring as their “ruler.” However, the apparent size of the Eye of Sauron’s ring is so small that the observations had to be carried out using the Keck Interferometer, which combines Keck Observatory’s twin 10-meter telescopes—already the largest telescopes on Earth—to achieve a resolving power equal to that of an 85-meter telescope.

To measure the physical size of the dusty ring, the researchers measured the time delay between the emission of light from close to the black hole and the more distant infrared emission. The distance from the center to the hot dust is simply this delay divided by the speed of light. By combining the physical size of the dust ring with the apparent size measured with the Keck Interferometer,

the researchers were able to determine the distance to NGC 4151.

“One of the key findings is that the distance determined in this new fashion is quite precise—with 90 percent accuracy,” Hoenig said. “In fact, this method, based on simple geometrical principles, gives the most precise distances for remote galaxies. Moreover, it can be readily used on many more sources than current methods. Such distances are key in pinning down the cosmological parameters that characterize our universe or in accurately measuring black hole masses. Indeed, NGC 4151 is a key to calibrating various techniques of estimating black hole masses. Our new distance implies that these masses may have been systematically underestimated by 40 percent.”

Hoenig, together with colleagues in Denmark and Japan, is currently setting up a new program to extend their work to many more active galactic nuclei. The goal is to establish precise distances to a dozen galaxies using this technique—and then use these precise distances as stepping-stones to vastly improve the precision of all distance measurements for the cosmos. •

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Sports

Hawthorne Loses Three of Four at West



Crenshaw during last Thursday's fifth place game of the West Coast Shores Tournament. Hawthorne fell to Crenshaw 71-58 in the Battle of the Cougars. Hawthorne is currently in the Artesia Tournament.

By Joe Snyder

Photos by Joe Snyder

Hawthorne High's boys' basketball team started the season with a 1-3 record in the West Shores Tournament last week at West Torrance High. The Cougars began the First Annual Classic with a 74-68 loss to Marina High from Huntington Beach on December 1 and fell to the host Warriors 63-50 a day later.

On December 3, Hawthorne got its first win of the season by crushing Port of Los Angeles High from San Pedro 98-33, then fell in the fifth place final to Crenshaw 71-58. Against Crenshaw, whose mascot is also the Cougars, Hawthorne was behind throughout virtually the entire game. Crenshaw (2-2) took a 20-13 first quarter lead and led by as many as 14 points (29-15) in the second period.

Leading 35-28 at halftime, Crenshaw steadily pulled away and won handily. "We missed too many lay-ups," Hawthorne head coach David Gray said on Hawthorne's loss to Crenshaw. "We mentally broke down."

Hawthorne managed to get balanced scoring, led by Christian Brown with 10 points. Curry Aksquin added nine points and Marquel Grey and Chigbo Anakpain each chipped in eight. Crenshaw's Chris Kendrick led all scorers with 23 points.

In Hawthorne's easy win over Port of L.A. (0-4), the Cougars scored 64 first half points to 19 for the POLA. The Cougars continued to pour it on by outscoring Port of L.A. 33-14 in the second half.

Michael Blackwell and Brown shared Hawthorne's high scoring honors with 14 points apiece. Cesar Orasco contributed 10 points as all Cougars scored. Grey led the Cougars with 17 points in their loss to West (2-2). Dayvian Lee led Hawthorne with 18 points in its loss to Marina. Bruce Hegan and Sal Tai each put in 10 points.

The Cougars are currently playing in the Artesia Tournament in Lakewood where they opened against Claremont last Monday. Hawthorne also faced Corona on Tuesday and will visit Costa Mesa in a non-league game Friday at 7 p.m. The Cougars will play in the Westminster Tournament from next Monday through December 20.

LEUZINGER GOES 1-2 AT ROSE CITY

Leuzinger High's boys' basketball team went 1-2 in last week's Rose City Classic at Maranatha High in Arcadia. The Olympians' only win came against St. Anthony High from Long Beach 59-45 last Thursday.

Keying the Olympians was Davion Crowder with 21 points. Christian Odiona tallied 14 points. Last Friday, Leuzinger fell short of Cajon from San Bernardino 74-68. Crowder had a big game with 27 points. A bad first quarter plagued the Olympians as the Cowboys scored 32 points to 16 for Leuzinger. The Olympians managed to outscore Cajon 25-20 in the fourth period but fell short.

On December 2, Leuzinger lost to Oak Park

51-49. Leuzinger led by four (39-35) after three quarters but Oak Park came back to outscore the Olympians 16-10 in the fourth period to pull off the two-point win. Davante Carr led Leuzinger with 15 points. The Olympians are currently playing in the Beverly Hills Tournament where they began last Monday against Santa Monica. The classic runs through Saturday.

LADY CARDINALS FALL IN FINAL

Lawndale High's girls' basketball team was unable to defend its South El Monte Tournament after suffering a 50-37 loss to Martin Luther King High from Riverside last Saturday. Rajanae Crandell sparked Lawndale with 11 points, 10 rebounds and four assists in the losing effort. She was named to the all-tournament team.

In the championship semifinals a day earlier, the Cardinals downed West Ranch from Valencia 61-50. Lawndale led throughout most of the game in the win.

Last Thursday in the championship quarterfinals, the Cardinals defeated Eagle Rock 43-37. Lawndale used an 18-5 second quarter that proved to be the difference.

LEUZINGER GIRLS WIN TWO

Leuzinger High's girls' basketball team won two of four games in last week's Brentwood Tournament. On December 2, the Lady Olympians defeated Venice 80-65. A day later, Leuzinger fell to West Los Angeles Marymount 67-54. Last Thursday, Leuzinger topped Beverly Hills 64-60 but on Friday, the Olympians fell to Inglewood St. Mary's Academy 61-56.

Leuzinger hosted crosstown rival Lawndale in a non-league game on Wednesday. The Olympians begin the Pioneer League at home against defending CIF-Southern Section Division IIA champion West Torrance on January 14 at 6 p.m.

INGLEWOOD IS WINLESS

Inglewood High's girls' basketball team fell to 0-4 with Downey Tournament losses to Sunny Hills and South Gate South East last week. The Sentinels fell to Sunny Hills 52-22 on December 1 and South East 53-39 on December 3. Inglewood opens the Ocean View High Tournament against North Torrance tonight at 7 p.m. in Huntington Beach. •



Hawthorne's Jahleel Enriquez holds up ball in last Thursday's West Coast Shores Tournament fifth place game against Crenshaw.

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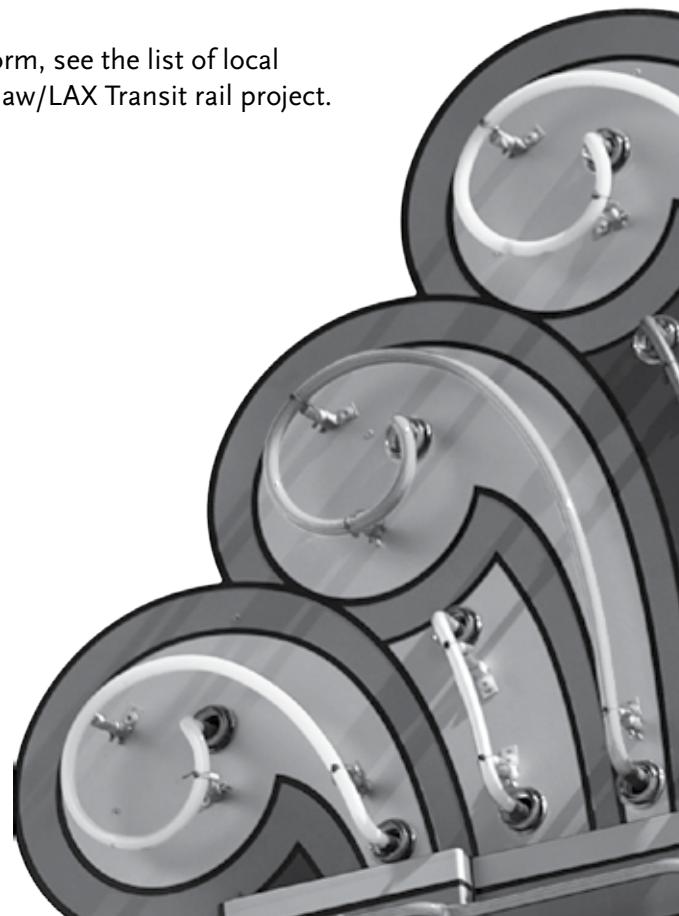
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- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 1 egg + 1 tablespoon water, beaten
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 10 sage leaves
- Shaved pecorino cheese

Preparation

Preheat oven to 425 F and cover a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place prosciutto onto baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes until crispy. Set aside until needed. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F.

Microwave the whole butternut squash for 3 minutes. This will not only make the squash easier to peel and slice but aids in pre-cooking. Using a vegetable peeler, peel the squash. With a knife, slice the neck of the squash into 1/8-inch thick rounds. You will need 18 slices.

Roll the thawed but cold puff pastry into a 12-inch square and transfer to a baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Using a pastry brush, brush the puff pastry with the egg wash. Arrange butternut squash slices in an overlapping pattern on top of the pastry leaving a 1-inch border on all sides; season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Bake for 40 minutes until puff pastry is golden.

While the tart is baking, heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Working with five leaves at a time, place the sage leaves in the hot oil and fry for 20 seconds until leaves are bright green and crisp but do not turn brown. Place on a paper towel to drain.

Once the tart is finished, top with crumbled prosciutto slices, shaved pecorino cheese, and fried sage. Drizzle lightly with additional olive oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. •

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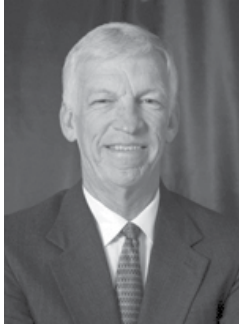
Hawthorne Happenings Briefs

News for the 'City of Good Neighbors'

From City Clerk Norb Huber

SANTA BRINGS JOY

I can't think of another person with his sheer presence brings so much joy to so many people, especially young people. Santa brought that joy to the kids of Hawthorne last Saturday evening. His arrival was a bit delayed due to the fact that he needed a police escort to provide him safe passage on the streets of Hawthorne. I guess that made the kids that much happier when he did show up riding in an old, vintage fire truck. Most of the kids were laughing, smiling or yelling at the jolly fella as he walked towards the stage to take his place on his throne where over 150 youngsters got to sit on his lap. (My two grandkids were just the opposite, they were both afraid of the big guy and cried for mommy when I tried to take them up on stage. It's okay, they will get every present they want from their two grandmas. They don't need to tell Santa what they want.)



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RAIN

We are spoiled and we forget it some times. Our sunny, mild weather spoils us into believing

that this is the way it should be all the time. When we finally received a couple of days of rain last week we got restless. My wife, a native of Los Angeles, was tired of the rain after the first day. Our entire lifestyle is upset because we do so much outside. We are not used to staying inside our homes. There are many places in America where people have to stay inside for most of the winter months. Another rain storm is predicted for this Friday. Go to the library and get a good book. Enjoy a quiet evening. Maybe have a "warm" drink for a change, instead of a "cold one".

HAWTHORNE MALL

The big announcement was made last week. The owner of the Hawthorne mall has agreed on a design plan to convert the shuttered buildings into an upscale outlet mall complex with higher end stores. If the plan goes through without any set backs, the conversion will take two to three years to complete. At least it is a start. Now, let's make it happen. The people of Hawthorne have been waiting close to 20 years to see something happen. I guess we can wait another two or three.

THANKS FOR READING

I guess there ARE people who read this column. It seems like every time I miss a week and don't find the time to write anything. I have several people ask me if I'm okay. Yes, I'm doing fine, it's difficult to find the one hour once a week it takes to put my fingers to the keyboard. Thanks for reading my blurbs. I do my best to tell it like it is, shoot from the heart, or entertain with some weak humor. Just to set the record straight, I love my wife, even if I pick on her some times. Also, I'm not a drunk that has a "cold one" every night. Have a great Christmas season. There is much to be joyful about.

UPCOMING EVENT

• Tuesday, December 16: Special Meeting of the Hawthorne City Council – 6 p.m. •

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

It's that time of the year, it's time to decorate our homes for the holidays. The Hawthorne Parks and Fine Arts Commission once again is offering some nice prizes to the winners of the Holiday Home Decoration Contest. Applications are available at the Parks office at the Memorial Center. The entry deadline is December 16th with judging on the 18th.

MEMORIES OF THE SUMMER OF 2013

The recent protests of recent police actions across the country reminded me of the month long protests that took place right here in Hawthorne during the summer of 2013. The protests were non-violent but resulted in shutting down the city's website and much of the city's email communications. The Hawthorne protest was over the shooting of a dog by an officer and the YouTube video that went viral on the internet. Many of the viewers only saw a portion of the incident and did not get the full picture of what happened. We received over 500,000 "e-signatures" from protestors around the world, who clicked a button on their computer to add their names to the list of people who thought the shooting was not necessary and was outright cruel to the animal and its owner. The bottom line

Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce Christmas Mixer

Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce will be holding a December mixer on the 18th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce,

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Property Taken: Cell Phone, Blue LG Cell Phone With Black Case & Cracked Scree

BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 11900 S FREEMAN AV HOUSE Mon 11/24/14 15:15

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Property Taken: 3' Heavy Gauge Large Gray Safe, Misc Collectable Coins, Gold Coins, 45ACP And 9MM, \$1,600 Cash In US Currency, 2 24 Ct. Heirloom Silverware, Miscellaneous Keys, 10 Oz. Of Silver Coin

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

A Government of Laws

By Gerry Chong

"We are a government of laws, not of men"
- President John Adams

How many times have we collapsed back into our plushy seats in our favorite movie theater, licked our popcorn buttered fingers, slurped a Big Gulp, and watched the latest western morality play? The plot is familiar because it contains an expectation that we have always believed; that we are a nation of laws passed by our elected representatives, and that at the end of the movie, those laws will define our civilization, protecting us against insurrection and mayhem.

The theater darkens, the credits have rolled,

The greatest beneficiary of civil unrest, however, is the political Left.

and the movie begins: There is a killing on the streets of a small Midwestern town. The killer is a deputy sheriff who claims self-defense. Immediately, outside rabble-rousers invade the town to incite a vigilante mob to insurrection, destroying businesses, many of which are owned by the individual vigilantes themselves.

Correctly, the law focuses on the legal culpability of the deputy sheriff rather than any extraneous grievances of the vigilantes, and finds there is little reason to indict him; but with support from outside agitators the vigilantes sustain their rampage. As the movie ends the rule of law has prevailed but the audience leaves with the very uneasy prediction that there will be another fire in an unknown location at an unknown date, and this one will be bigger than the last.

The vigilantes have a new martyr to stoke their next act of violence. They have a cause

and an agenda requiring a government of men, and not of laws. President Adams' claim be damned.

Rationally, the question must be asked of the vigilantes, "cui bono"? Who benefits from the insurrections? Certainly it is not the people injured or killed; not the businesses damaged or destroyed; not the local consumers who have lost accesses to goods and services; not government budgets that have been decimated; and not the cause of the vigilantes because civil rights are not advanced by looting and killing.

But it is not senseless violence. There are, in fact many who benefit. Some like Al Sharpton exploit anger to gain elective office. There are

others like Jesse Jackson who become wealthy by exploiting minority grievances against major corporations. There is the president, presuming White law enforcement culpability, who sent his Attorney General to the site of the shooting to broadly indict the city and local law enforcement for civil rights violations, even in advance of the city's Grand Jury decision.

The greatest beneficiary of civil unrest, however, is the political Left. It prospers as long as there are divides that can be exploited between Blacks and Whites; rich and poor; women and men; citizen and illegal immigrant; Christian and Godless; and public sector and private sector dominance. A unified country is the Left's greatest nightmare.

As this movie ends, ask yourself, "Will there be a sequel?" Did this violence advance the cause of civil rights? Will the next violence bring a positive result? Importantly, who benefits from civil unrest? •

Another Man's Opinion

Athletes Should Make More Political Statements, Even if Only Symbolic

By Cristian Vasquez

There has been no lack of commentary about the incidents in Ferguson, Missouri. Regardless of where one falls on the opinion spectrum, I do fully appreciate people exercising their First Amendment right to voice their opinions. Which is why today I want to applaud Stedman Bailey, Tavon Austin, Jared Cook, Chris Givens and Kenny Britt of the St. Louis Rams for their symbolic, yet important, gesture a few weeks ago. These five men walked onto the field before their game against the Oakland Raiders with their hands in the air replicating the "Hand Up, Don't Shoot" pose being used by protestors in Ferguson.

I applaud the actions of these five NFL players not just because they spoke out against what they consider an injustice, but also because they used their platform as athletes in the biggest, most important league in the world to make a political statement. These five athletes used their position of comfort and to a certain extent privilege [which they earned] to tell a grieving family that their tragedy isn't going unnoticed; that they stand in solidarity with the victim. As emotional and sensitive as the incident in Ferguson has been on a national scale, to these St. Louis players it was also a local issue.

We don't have to agree with their opinion but the fact that we live in a culture of mind-numbing social media supported by idiotic reality television, it was refreshing and inspiring to see five athletes make a political statement. The athletes are somebody's cousin, brother, son and possibly father so none of us have the right to say they should keep their

thoughts to themselves. For anyone that argues that the football field isn't the place for these types of statements, then what is "proper" the place? And why should there be a proper place? We are blessed with free speech and these men used it through the best medium available to them.

In 2003, did the Dixie Chicks criticize President Bush at the wrong place and time? If they had they waited until 2014 and made their comments at a local radio station, would there not have been backlash? Would it have mattered at that point? The Dixie Chicks much like the five athletes in St. Louis, made comments that a group of people considered wrong and were criticized. Sadly this has happened before in America. Just think about Muhammad Ali, John Carlos and Tommie Smith back in the 1960s. All three athletes were barred from their sport for speaking up for what they believed in but it did not destroy them; it made them stronger and in the end it made our country a better place.

In a world where we are quick to criticize athletes, idolize talentless celebrities being chased by cameras all day and where people are brainwashed by consumer culture, it is inspiring to see people in a position of comfort making a bold political statement. Thank you to the Rams and Rams' Coach Jeff Fisher for not taking disciplinary action against his players and respecting their right to free speech. More than anything thanks to Stedman Bailey, Tavon Austin, Jared Cook, Chris Givens and Kenny Britt of the St. Louis Rams. May their action inspire others in a similar position to do the same. •

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4 Things You Should Know About Choosing Your First Credit Card

(BPT) - Whether you are headed to college, joining the armed forces, or simply looking to take greater control of your finances, you might be wondering if it's time to open your first credit card.

Although credit cards are not for everyone, they have some important benefits you should consider. First, responsible credit card use is a great way to start building a strong credit history, which can be key in qualifying for a car or the home you dream of owning one day. A credit card with rewards enables you to make the most of everyday purchases by earning points on your expenses. And for those who live life on the go, credit cards will help you take advantage of emerging payment technologies that offer more secure and faster ways to pay.

Of course, these benefits of owning a credit card are quickly offset if you are unable to make on-time monthly payments. Navy Federal Credit Union, among other financial institutions, encourages its members to pay off their balance in full each statement period. If you feel confident about your ability to use a credit card responsibly and you are ready to begin your search, consider these tips:

1. Go with an issuer you trust. "You may not know all about credit cards right away, and that's okay," says Randy Hopper, vice president of credit cards at Navy Federal.



"You should choose a financial institution you feel has your interests at heart. They should be willing to walk you through your questions over the phone or in-person, any time."

2. Limited credit history? You still have choices. So you don't have a long record of on-time mortgage and car payments, resulting in a strong credit history. Although people with stronger credit tend to be eligible for

a greater number of credit card offers, you still have plenty of options. Look for a credit union or bank that will qualify you for a credit card not just based on your credit score, but based on their overall relationship with you. Some financial institutions like Navy Federal offer what is called a secured card, created in large part for consumers who have not had the opportunity to develop credit history.

3. Find a straightforward offer. By reading

the fine print of an offer carefully you can determine whether the credit card offer is straightforward and excludes certain "gotchas." Be mindful of the fees associated with the offer and whether your rate could potentially increase after an "introductory period," a specified period of time on some offers, usually lasting a few months.

4. Find a product you can be proud of. "Do your homework and make sure you find a credit card with a low rate," says Hopper. "Although some great cards do carry an annual fee, try to find a credit card that requires only a low fee or no fee at all."

Rewards are also a big part of this equation. Make sure your rewards program is both simple and easy to use. You should be able to quickly determine the cash or travel value of your current points, at what rate you can earn points, and find easy options for claiming your rewards. Look out for programs that place a cap on your ability to earn points, set an expiration date on your points or require a certain points balance before you can claim rewards.

Making a decision about your first credit card does not have to be stressful. And if you follow the tips above, you may even discover that you enjoy taking charge of your finances and watching your credit score develop. •

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- THOMAS JEFFERSON

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1210912-40 APN: 4025-021-108 TRA: 04596 LOAN NO: Xxxxxx6795 REF: Johnson, Aisha Mbakw IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 10, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 17, 2014, at 9:00am, Cal-western Reconveyance Llc, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded February 15, 2006, as Inst. No. 06 0349451 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Aisha Mbakwo Johnson, A Single Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: Behind the fountain located in civic center plaza, 400 civic Center Plaza Pomona, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **Completely described in said deed of trust** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9163 Cullen Way Inglewood CA 90305 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability

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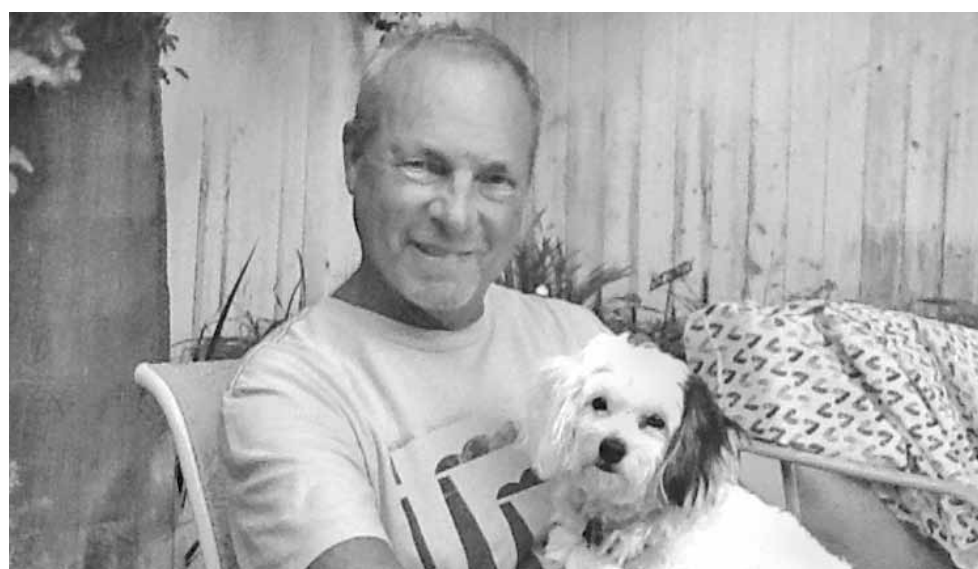


Captain is a German Shepherd who would make a great family pet.

animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible; we are a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

*Pets can get loose
or lost through mishaps
and travel quickly.
Microchip: it works!*

Happy Tails



Bella loves her new Palm Springs home.



Kiki loves to be spoiled and admired.

To help more loving kitties get "Home for the Holidays", Kitten Rescue is offering 50% off adoption fees in December for all cats 2 years and older.

Kiki is a gentle and sweet cat with looks that just won't quit. Like a glamorous Hollywood starlet, Kiki enjoys being showered with attention and admiration. She is cuddly, affectionate and she loves people. As an easygoing, low maintenance cat, she would be ideal for somebody looking for a companion to spoil. Kiki would be happy as an only cat to enjoy the love and affection she gives to and receives from her humans.

Neeko is a sweet boy who is equal parts goofy energy and adorable cuteness. Everyone who meets Neeko falls in love with his gorgeous blue eyes and equally spectacular personality. He doesn't seem very reactive to dogs, so he likely would adapt to a home with a cat friendly dog. Neeko can often be found upside down taking a nap. He definitely needs another cat in the home, as he would be pretty lonely without someone to wrestle and nap with.

Maid Marian is an adorable little princess who was born with big green eyes and a unique peach-beige coat. She loves attention and is happiest on your lap or being held by your heart. Along with her outgoing, playful nature, Maid Marian has a big endearing personality in a tiny package. She gets along very well with other adult cats and kittens. If you don't already have a kitty, she would love to be adopted with her brother, Barry,



Neeko needs lots of company (but not a dog!).



Maid Marian has a sweet, outgoing personality.

or her best friend, Magique.

Magique is a magical kitten who brings lucky change into people's lives, granting wishes and giving kisses. With her black obsidian coat and twinkling golden green eyes, she is a tiny package of warm cuddles. She loves to sit you or on the back of the couch, wrapping her body around your neck and shoulders, nuzzling into your hair. At her young age, she needs a kitty companion in her new home. If you don't already have a cat, Magique would love to be adopted with one of her brothers or with her best friend, Maid Marian.

These kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kitties, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and



Magique is a magical cat who loves cuddling.

care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

It was her lucky day when Beautiful **Bella** and her new family met at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair.

"Bella has been with us a week now and we just love her! She is doing great with the crate and is so good we took her to Palm Springs overnight. She has also been out to lunch twice and is perfectly behaved. She

is still pretty quiet, but every once in a while has these puppy bursts of energy and runs in circles around the house. We are just thrilled with her. -- Karen"

When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •

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