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Mira Costa High Students Awarded Neptunian Academic Scholarships



Spotlight on Mira Costa High students awarded \$42,000 in scholarships plus the Dr. James Withers Dental Scholarship: (L-R, Front Row): Katherine An (Dr. James Withers Scholarship), Katherine Robak (Music), Gassia Ashikian (Academic), Reilly Edmonds (Academic), and Madeline Taylor (Art). (L-R, Back Row): Alexandra Yee (Music), Armace Sherman (Academic), Jimmy Shaw (Academic), Colette Grubman (Academic), and Sabrina Callendar-Clewett (Academic). Matthew Faustgen is not pictured due to an AP physics exam. See story, below. Photo credit: Tracy Breshears

Snoopy's Dog Therapy Success Story

By TerriAnn Ferren
Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Last week former Torrance City Council Member, Maureen O'Donnell relayed an amazing story to me about Snoopy, the dog she was fostering. To tell you the truth, it was a story that seemed so amazing I wondered how it could be true. That led me to investigate the entire saga of this little full-blooded Beagle named Snoopy.

On Thursday, February 5th, Maureen visited the Torrance Animal Control Office to pick up a duplicate license for her Yorkie and while she was in the office she discovered a dog rescued by Animal Control Officer Doris Cattouse. The dog was dragging his paralyzed legs behind him as he scooted along the floor in the office. Maureen told me, "The Good Samaritan saw him being abandoned by a couple with two children and as I understand it, the Good Samaritan picked him up, brought him home and called Torrance Animal Control, and as required by law, Officer Cattouse took him to an emergency vet. The veterinarian was under the opinion that the situation was hopeless and suggested euthanizing him. Officer Cattouse said no, and brought him back to the office." Maureen went on to tell me that by Monday, no rescue group had come forward for the dog that was suffering from Intervertebral Disc Disease.

Now, Maureen had had a disc problem herself and opted for physical therapy over surgery and it worked for her. That made her think. It was then that Maureen offered to make an appointment with a specialist to examine the dog. On February 10th, Animal Control, along with the dog, met Maureen at the specialist's office. This doctor also concluded that the dog's condition was hopeless and there was only a 30 percent chance of recovery, even with surgery. So Maureen asked about physical therapy but the

doctor still said – only a 30 percent chance of success was expected.

It was then that Maureen said, "I'll take the chance," and promptly decided to take 'Snoopy' as she named him, to Dr. Christine Pott, who suggested acupuncture might be helpful. So Snoopy began acupuncture treatments with Dr. Jin Choi. Really? Acupuncture for a dog? I had never heard about acupuncture for animals and was completely fascinated. Was I not up to date with my 'Dog Whisperer' episodes?

Maureen also explained that on the suggestion from a technician at the emergency vet to Officer Cattouse, that Jean Brusavich

from Tranquil Pet, specializing in swim therapy, also might help Snoopy. Swim therapy? This is when I really got interested in the story. I had never heard about swim therapy for dogs either. "So, we went to see Dr. Pott on the 11th, he had his first acupuncture on [February] the 15th, and his first Swimming on the 18th," said Maureen.

I was very interested in the swimming therapy and met Maureen last Friday for one of Snoopy's sessions. When I first saw Snoopy, I was surprised he was walking, jumping, and thoroughly excited to get into the water. Somehow, I thought that Snoopy

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Neptunians Award Scholarships to Top Student Achievers

By Lynne S. Gross

Ten multi-talented college-bound seniors from Mira Costa High School received scholarships from the Neptunian Woman's Club. The philanthropic organization raised \$42,000 for scholarships, divided into seven academic, two music and one art. Awards were based on member interviews with ambitious students who combined a high grade point average with community service commitments, artistry, school activism, and financial need. Senior Katherine An won the additional \$500 Dr. James Withers Dental Scholarship, a special recognition grant for a highly qualified student and athlete with dentistry interests.

Local architect and UCLA graduate Miles Pritzkat, an original Mira Costa recipient of a Neptunian Women's Club scholarship thirty years ago, praised the club and spoke about what this honor meant to him. "I feel as proud of the achievement now as I did then," he said, opening the

awards ceremony lunch held April 14 at the historic Neptunian Clubhouse. Each student onstage was introduced and took the opportunity to voice appreciation and explain future goals, dreams and aspirations to the appreciative audience of parents and Neptunian members.

Prior to this event, Neptunian Woman's Club granted seven profession-specific scholarships in the amount of \$10,500 to deserving El Camino Junior College students, two in nursing, one in engineering, one in science, one in radiology, and one in business. Fashion clothier Trina Turk donated funds for one design scholarship.

Formed in 1909, Neptunian Woman's Club of Manhattan Beach is dedicated to philanthropy and volunteerism directed toward raising funds for worthy local charities and expanding educational opportunities for deserving and needy students. Charities include the Manhattan Beach Fire Department, Cheer for Children, Miller Children's Hospital, and the USO. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday,
May 8

Scattered
Thunderstorms

64°/56°



Saturday,
May 9

Partly
Cloudy

64°/55°



Sunday,
May 10

Sunny

69°/57°



Community Briefs

Free Composting Workshop

Waste Management and the City of Manhattan Beach are offering a free workshop on how to recycle your yard and food scraps into a valuable fertilizer for your garden using simple backyard and worm composting techniques. Learn all you need to know to start composting in your own backyard.

Discount backyard and worm bins available for purchase to Manhattan Beach residents. This free workshop is open to City of Manhattan Beach residents, businesses and the surrounding community. The workshop will be held May 16 from 10-11am at the Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden, 1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Mira Costa Green Initiative Inspires Students to Recycle



Students participate in an "eco flash mob" at Mira Costa to help them learn about recycling. Photo provided by Grades of Green.

Mira Costa High School recently received its first shipment of permanent dual stream (landfill/recycle) containers on campus and will unveil a new water refill station. Grades of Green, an environmental education non-profit organization, has partnered with Waste Management and Beach Cities Health District to educate Costa students about recycling, thereby instilling waste reduction habits the students will carry with them for life.

With the help of Grades of Green Youth Corps ecoleadership students Natalie Hoag and Riley MacDonald, seniors at Mira Costa, the recycling program launched in 2014 with an eco-flash mob. Students gathered in Costa's cafeteria to learn dance moves in the name of recycling. They surprised fellow students with an eco-flash mob at lunchtime to raise awareness about recycling and sorting waste. Student volunteers continued to spread the word about recycling and educated their peers through walking assemblies; they delivered presentations to every science class about waste reduction, conservation of resources and recycling properly.

Grades of Green estimates the addition of permanent recycle containers on campus will help divert approximately 50% of their waste from entering the landfill each year. In addition to the environmental impact of the permanent recycle containers, recycling will also save the Manhattan Beach Unified



Riley Hoag and Natalie McDonald, eco-leadership students at Mira Costa, were instrumental in helping the school receive the new recycling containers. Photo courtesy of Grades of Green.

School District money by decreasing the frequency of waste hauler pick-ups. Waste diversion already saves the district over \$17,000 each year and that number should increase with the addition of the permanent recycle containers, continuing environmental education, and a new water refill station to decrease single-use bottles. The water refill station is being installed thanks to the efforts of Mira Costa freshman Macallan, a student in Grades of Green's Youth Corps, who worked with the District to make this goal a reality. Mira Costa's green efforts are saving the district some green – all while helping teach environmental values to the student body. For more information on Grades of Green visit www.gradesofgreen.org or contact Emily Gee at 310-897-2561.

Mira Costa Teacher Selected as PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator



Michael Hernandez. Photo courtesy of PBS.

Michael Hernandez, who teaches media arts at Mira Costa High School, was selected as one of the 100 educators selected for the 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators program. The program, which is in its third year, recognizes tech-savvy K-12 educators who are serving as leaders in the education technology space and incorporating digital media in classrooms.

According to the PBS website, Hernandez "strives to develop passionate storytellers

who are prepared to affect positive change in society. His emphasis on creativity, courage and compassion with multimedia storytelling has led him to develop a nationally award-winning program that includes international documentary projects and a renowned film festival. Michael's favorite part of his job is empowering students to take charge of their learning by becoming independent, critical thinkers who can express themselves in innovative ways."

Orchestra Debut Showcases Young Artistic Talent



The Young Artists Orchestra made their concert debut on April 23rd at the James Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. An ensemble of 40 highly talented high school musicians from Torrance and the South Bay comprise the orchestra who are trained and mentored by LA's top professional musicians and are under the direction of Artistic Director and Conductor Daniel Suk. The concert included a performance by special guest 16-year old soprano Golda Berkman, winner of the Music Center's 2015 Spotlight Award in Classical Voice and the Dream Youth Choir. More info can be found at www.yaola.org. Photo courtesy of Young Artists Orchestra. •

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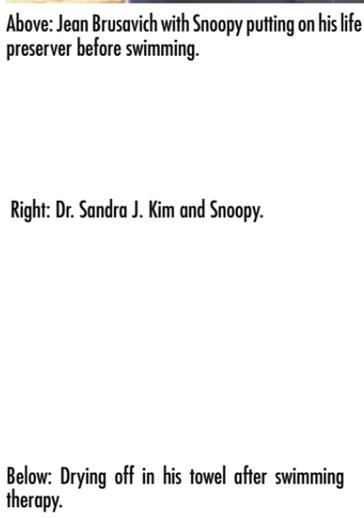
Above: Jean Brusavich with Snoopy putting on his life preserver before swimming.



Above: A great swimmer.



Above: Maureen O'Donnell and Snoopy



Right: Dr. Sandra J. Kim and Snoopy.



Below: Snoopy on all four legs before acupuncture.



Below: Drying off in his towel after swimming therapy.



Above: Snoopy in his muzzle.



would still be struggling to walk, but I saw a very happy pup. We met Jean Brusavich, his therapist, at the pool, who began by securing a little yellow life preserver on Snoopy.

Jean Brusavich has been working with animals for about ten years and practicing in Torrance for about a year and a half with her business, Tranquil Pet. Her interest in water therapy for dogs began when her own 12 year old dog's back legs didn't rebound from surgery as she'd hoped. It was then she investigated swim therapy for her dog. The treatment was a success and her love of the field of water therapy grew, and she began helping friends with their pets. "I love my clients and my clients are your pets," said Jean, beaming.

It was very obvious that this little thirteen-pound beagle couldn't wait to get into the water. Jean carried Snoopy into the 87 degree water where he eagerly began moving all four legs and I watched him swim like a fish and his hind legs, which had been dragging along when Maureen began fostering, were not only moving, they were acting like propellers under the water. Snoopy, swimming back and forth in the pool, was guided along by Jean. After a few laps, Snoopy was hoisted on a platform, or landing, where he rested between laps. Jean monitored Snoopy constantly, noting his heart rate and demeanor, and gently massaged his legs during the treatment. The entire session took about fifteen minutes. "We started out the first time, his back legs were just like this [useless]. This is also like

cardio work - and we would do about five minutes and then rest him in between. And he is doing ten laps before he rests [now]... now three months into this you can see - he is walking," said Jean. She also told me that in the beginning Snoopy wasn't wagging his tail at all. Now he wags his tail all the time and is getting feisty.

Maureen said, "The first two times, his back legs didn't move at all and we were very concerned, but by the third time he moved a little bit, the fourth time more, and he has continued to make progress. Now he swims like a champ." This is nothing short of miraculous. Maureen shared with me that "He could barely lift his head when I got him. I was massaging him every 4 hours - I was very sleep-deprived for the first three weeks. Twice a week water therapy - once a week acupuncture. Monday, acupuncture, Wednesday/Friday swimming therapy. Everything else in my life was put on hold - housecleaning - everything."

After watching Snoopy swim, I knew I had to accompany him to his acupuncture appointment the following week, at the Lomita Pet Hospital. Dr. Jin Choi, who usually treats Snoopy, was out of the office so Dr. Sandra Kim did the honors on this particular Monday. Snoopy seemed as calm as he had been when I joined him for his water therapy. This adorable Beagle seemed to know he is being well cared for by Maureen. Snoopy was called into the operatory. After he was weighed, he sat still as the muzzle was put

on, and then Dr. Kim began inserting the needles. Snoopy did look toward his back once or twice, but he was calm. After all the needles were inserted, the muzzle came off and Maureen coaxed Snoopy to lie down and rest. He did - for 20 minutes. Then the needles were removed. After the treatment, Snoopy was taken to the back where he would be 'chipped'. Seems like Snoopy is living his days at the 'spa'!

Maureen began fostering Snoopy on the 10th of February and by the 10th of March, he was walking a little bit and was able to stand, go to the food bowl, and follow her dogs out the door to the outside. "I was amazed when I saw that," added Maureen. The first time Maureen saw Snoopy stand was at the food bowl. She told me she put his food bowl on top of a brick so he wouldn't have to bend his head down so far. One day Maureen was holding him at the food bowl and he suddenly pulled his feet up - but then he would fall, spreading his legs out like he was doing the splits, and she would help him back up. As the days went on, Snoopy started pulling himself up all by himself. And because in the beginning, little Snoopy didn't want to eat and could barely lift his head, Maureen also massaged his neck, in addition to massaging his back, and working his hind legs. In fact, when she first took Snoopy, she had to feed him with a large serving spoon because he couldn't eat by himself at the food bowl. "My dogs encouraged him. They were very interested

and they could see he had special needs. They were very nice to him. He gets along with them, and they like him. My Yorkie in particular likes to play with him," added Maureen. Now he eats breakfast and dinner with her other pets. This is truly a mission of mercy by Maureen.

In the beginning, when Maureen first brought Snoopy home, she invested in a pet stroller so he could go out along with her other dogs on walks, but by the third week he didn't need it because he began walking with her other dogs as his endurance, stamina, and strength improved. "He's one of the dogs now," said Maureen.

About now you might wonder how much all this is costing Maureen? A lot. She is taking care of the expenses out of her own pocket, but if you can help Maureen while she rehabilitates Snoopy, please go to www.GoFundMe.com and donate.

I asked Maureen about Snoopy's upcoming adoption. She told me it would be great for Snoopy to go to a family who already has a dog, as Snoopy is very social, like all Beagles. He also will need tender care because of his back. Hang on Snoopy, hang on.

There are so many people involved with the rehabilitation of this very special dog - named Snoopy. Who was the Good Samaritan who initially called Torrance Animal Control? We may never know. But I do know that Maureen O'Donnell is a saint for stepping in when she was needed into the life of a little dog she named Snoopy. •

Film Review

#chicagoGirl Uses Social Media to Coordinate the Uprising



#chicagoGirl -- The social network takes on a dictator. Photo courtesy of Revolution L.L.C.

By Nelson Tracey for CINEMACY

Coming off our coverage of The Newport Beach Film Festival is #chicagoGirl, a documentary from director Joe Piscatella about an American teenager who takes to social media to run a revolution in Syria, all from her bedroom. #chicagoGirl is currently available to stream on Netflix.

For most of us, social media is a strange entity firmly rooted into our daily lives with little consequence; yet for protestors around the world, this tool is vital toward the fight for freedom and democracy. #chicagoGirl (fittingly the first film I'm aware of that has a hashtag in the title) is the story of 19-year-old Ala'a Basatneh from Chicago, whose use of the internet serves as a key intermediary in both organizing protests in Syria and making sure that the media worldwide knows about it. Having Ala'a so far away from the conflict is crucial because she can put herself out there online without risking her life near the conflicts themselves.

Ala'a started out like any other teenager using Facebook and Twitter, posting selfies at the mall or sharing milestones in her life online. But as soon as she became aware of the Syrian conflict, she found a call to action that dominated all other priorities. Ala'a abandoned her social life and academic prowess in order to continually coordinate

the uprising. She serves as a liaison to the press, but more interestingly uses her social network to connect protestors that otherwise wouldn't meet. When anyone she knows is detained, she is given their Facebook password and deactivates it to avoid letting the government find out who else they are connected to.

It is no exaggeration to say that Facebook has never served a greater purpose. In past regimes, dictators could carry out heinous crimes because there would be no visual record. The power of video and sharing has never been harnessed more than it is today. With the advent of the Internet, an "information cascade" allows for so much to be shared so quickly.

Unfortunately, as optimistic as all this sounds, the government is still in complete control, and sadly the Syrian regime has been much more difficult to topple than any contemporary uprisings. The film doesn't shy away from the casualties of the revolution: we are emotionally swept by this documentary. We learn that cameramen are often the first people to be targeted in shootings due to how powerful and incriminating their footage can be. Because of how much footage exists from the various people documenting the ongoings, especially from photojournalist

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Tech Talk

My internet connection is slow. Should I change providers?

By Sid Kato, Array Systems, Inc.

There are several reasons your internet connection may seem slow. Before you jump to the conclusion the problem is with your Internet Provider you need to do some investigation.

First, run a speed check of your Internet Provider. This is actually quite easy to do. A speed test program will test the speed of your computer connecting to the Internet – called the "upload" speed. It will also test the speed of copying data from the website onto your computer - called the "download" speed. There are many speed test programs available. You can search by typing "internet speed test" into your search engine. One I found on Google is <http://www.speakeasy.net/speedtest/>.

After you run the speed check and have both the upload and download speeds, compare them to the contracted speed of your Internet provider. Most of the time you'll find the Internet Provider is not the problem. If yours is not, continue the investigation.

The most common cause of a slowing computer is a virus or malware. Check your

virus protection or malware program status. You may find your computer is infected and needs attention. Follow the steps to clean or quarantine the problem.

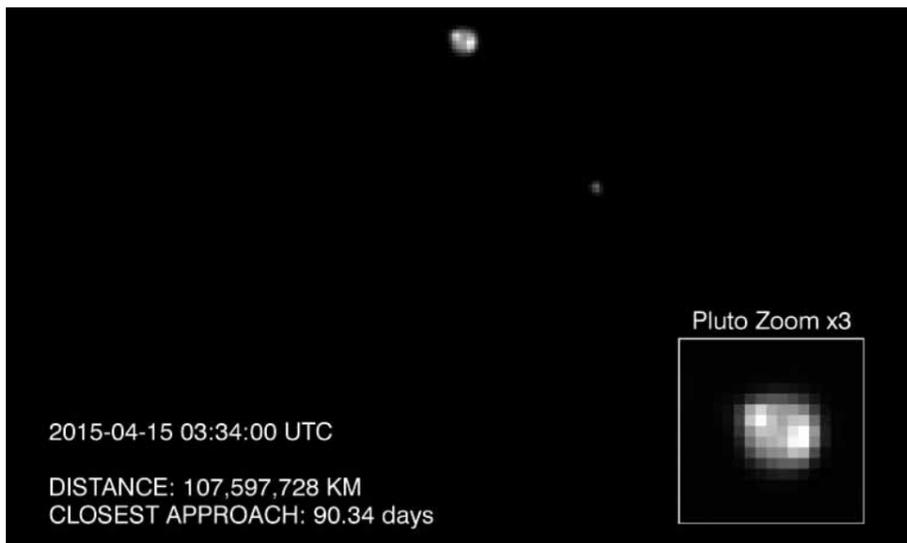
Another possibility can be a problem with a specific program. If one program seems slow, log in to a completely different program to determine if the problem is widespread or limited. I use Quickbooks to manage my accounting so I'd log in to Quickbooks to see if I still notice a similar response time problem. If the slowness only occurs in one program, you have probably found the culprit. If the slowness affects multiple programs, your computer may be to blame.

After investigating all of these without finding any issues, your computer itself may be the source of the problem. You will most likely need help from a local computer expert who can evaluate further. If you live near Torrance, I'd recommend **PC Parlor** run by Tony Musorafite. Ask for his bench rate, which is very reasonable.

Hopefully, these tips will help you find the problem and get your computer back up-to-speed! •

Looking Up

New Horizons Spacecraft Detects Surface Features on Pluto



According to NASA, "This image of Pluto and its largest moon, Charon, was taken by the Long Range Reconnaissance Imager (LORRI) on NASA's New Horizons spacecraft on April 15, 2015. The image is part of several taken between April 12-18, as the spacecraft's distance from Pluto decreased from about 69 million miles (111 million kilometers) to 64 million miles (104 million kilometers)." Credits NASA/JHU-APL/SwRI

From a NASA press release, provided by Bob Eklund

For the first time, images from NASA's New Horizons spacecraft are revealing bright and dark regions on the surface of faraway Pluto—the primary target of the New Horizons close flyby in mid-July.

The images were captured in early to mid-April from within 70 million miles (113 million kilometers), using the telescopic Long-Range Reconnaissance Imager (LORRI) camera on New Horizons. A technique called image deconvolution sharpens the raw, unprocessed images beamed back to Earth. New Horizons scientists interpreted the data to reveal the dwarf planet has broad surface markings—some bright, some dark—including a bright area at one pole that may be a polar cap.

"As we approach the Pluto system we are starting to see intriguing features such as a bright region near Pluto's visible pole, starting the great scientific adventure to understand this enigmatic celestial object," says John Grunsfeld, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. "As we get closer, the excitement is building in our quest to unravel the mysteries of Pluto using data from New Horizons."

Also captured in the images is Pluto's largest moon, Charon, rotating in its 6.4-day long orbit. The exposure times used to create

this image set—a tenth of a second—were too short for the camera to detect Pluto's four much smaller and fainter moons.

Since it was discovered in 1930, Pluto has remained an enigma. It orbits our Sun more than 3 billion miles (about 5 billion kilometers) from Earth, and researchers have struggled to discern any details about its surface. These latest New Horizons images allow the mission science team to detect clear differences in brightness across Pluto's surface as it rotates.

"After traveling more than nine years through space, it's stunning to see Pluto, literally a dot of light as seen from Earth, becoming a real place right before our eyes," said Alan Stern, New Horizons principal investigator at Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado. "These incredible images are the first in which we can begin to see detail on Pluto, and they are already showing us that Pluto has a complex surface."

The images the spacecraft returns will dramatically improve as New Horizons speeds closer to its July rendezvous with Pluto.

"We can only imagine what surprises will be revealed when New Horizons passes approximately 7,800 miles (12,500 kilometers) above Pluto's surface this summer," said Hal Weaver, the mission's project scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland. •

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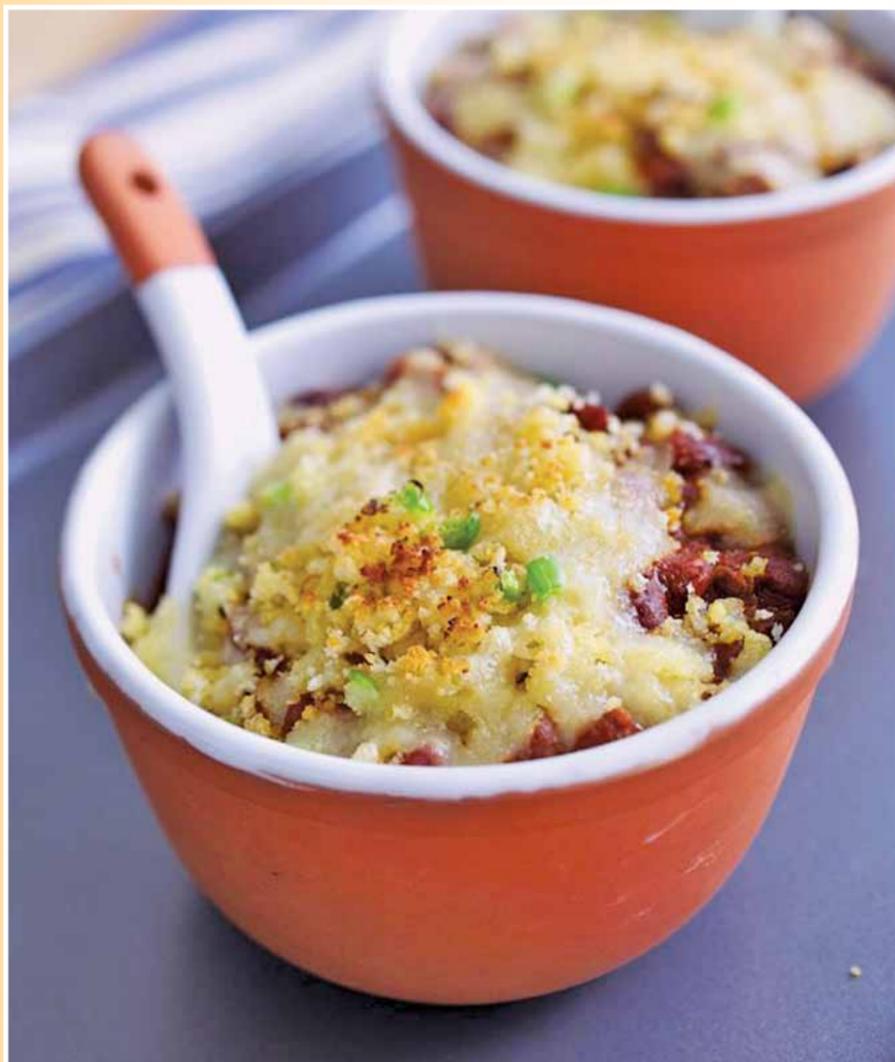
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2. Combine the shredded Havarti with cornbread crumbs, cilantro, jalapeno and lime zest. Top the chili with the cornbread mixture and place in the oven until cheese melts and cornbread browns, about 15 minutes. Remove and serve right away. •

Seniors

Film *from page 4*

Caregiving Expert Gives Advice on Advanced Estate Planning

By R. Christine Brown

"I'm a caregiving expert, with more than 30 years of experience in the field of aging, so you'd think I'd be fully prepared for a loved one's death, especially when that person is older or has been battling illness. Yet even for me, death caught me by surprise."

There are many things caregiving expert Amy Goyer wished she would have asked before her mom and sister passed away. She says that it's harder for her to feel that she totally lived up to her responsibilities as executor of their estates.

Her recent AARP article, titled "5 Questions I Wish I Had Asked Before They Died," explains that she is going to ask her other sisters and other loved ones about this type of information now—long before she hopes she'll ever need it. She has in place the proper advance directives, estate and financial planning, but she says that she'll also be more thorough with the finer details. To that end, the author recommends asking these questions:

Where is important paperwork located? The author of the original article thought she



had the most recent valid copies of her sister's legal documents; however, that wasn't the case. She had to search through mountains of paper! Your loved ones may know where their financial and legal documents are located—but that's no help after they're gone.

What are the details of what you want for your memorial service? Obviously with the stress of losing a loved one, any decisions about the service that can be made in advance

are most helpful when relatives are deep in shock and grief. Discuss details with them like music, the service location, speakers, flowers, and food.

Who should get your personal items? The article urges you to catalog your collectibles, jewelry, and special mementos. Most people fail to list these items in their wills.

Who is in that picture? Many folks have stacks of family photographs of people who look familiar, but they're not sure who they really are. To avoid this, label each photo when discussing it with your loved ones and hang on to that family history.

Finally, the original article stresses that you don't let your hesitancy to talk about death keep you from bringing up these subjects with your family. Start the conversation early and have them often; it will help reduce the awkwardness.

Remember, as much as we hate to face it, death is inevitable for all of us. The better prepared we all are—in addition to the basic legal documents—the easier it will be when the time comes. •

Bassel Shahade, there is a wealth of great documentation that keeps #chicagoGirl engaging.

The biggest issue with the film, however, is that it doesn't cover the crucial leap between Ala'a being a regular teen to an influential coordinator. Since this is the time that is so pivotal, and could potentially inspire others to do the same, it should have been a more integral part of the story. However, it isn't hard to get past this since the content that follows is so gripping. While there are certainly moments where the film could benefit from being more specific, the overwhelming power of the storytelling here outweighs these criticisms.

The reason why I love this film is for what it represents. This documentary is as much a call to action as any other piece of media that you will see this year. If we are going to make a difference in the world, it has to start with people like Ala'a who are passionately working to do so without any formal title. The ultimate irony is the film's message, that in order to make a difference one has to go beyond using just social media. True change comes from tangible work – social media is just there to document it. This is a message that ought to be shared all across the world. •



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My friends Sulu and Spock have been "transported" to their forever homes so now it's my turn! I'm called **Bones** and I'm a two-year old male Miniature Schnauzer mix. I could be a Tibetan Terrier/Schnauzer mix but we're not making any promises. A more accurate description of me would be that I look like a "Tramp" type dog with my long legs and sleek (23 pound) body. When I was rescued from the LA county shelter I was pretty sick with kennel cough and giardia and I'm still a few pounds underweight. After taking all of my medications, and receiving lots of TLC, I'm feeling great and ready to

begin adventures with my new family. I'm a fairly calm boy who is very good with other dogs. I was a little shy with people in the beginning but I'm doing just fine now. I've been given so much love that my trust and confidence level is right up there! If you are interested in Bones please email info@msfr.org for more information.

My name is **Winnie** and I am the perfect little lady for you. I'm a quiet, sweet, female, purebred Miniature Schnauzer who loves people. I'm just a tiny gal, weighing only 10 pounds, and at nine years of age there won't be any growth spurts! After I was rescued from a LA county shelter and examined by a vet I had a dental done. Twelve teeth had to be extracted but I now have the most endearing, if not goofy, smile. I'm considered a special needs gal because I have low grade IBD (Irritable Bowel Disease). I'm on a Rx, high fiber dog food which keeps it totally under control. The MSFR folks thought that they had found me a home but unfortunately, I didn't get along with their other dog. That sometimes happens when you get two women who want to be the "lady of the house." I've been waiting so long to find my forever family; won't you please open your heart and give me a chance? If you are interested in Winnie, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

If your idea of the perfect addition to your family is a four-year-old male purebred Miniature Schnauzer, I'm your guy. They call me **Mason** and I was rescued from a shelter where everyone said I was a stray. It's hard to imagine why no one was interested in me



Winnie



Mason

but I spent almost two weeks at the shelter before I was rescued. The only thing I can think of is that my appearance was a bit off-putting. I admit that I was a bit matted and literally had half of a haircut (don't ask me why they didn't finish it). I'm only 18 pounds so I'm not overly large. I have a very expressive face and a sleek black coat. I get along well with other dogs, and I've been told that I have the sweetest personality ever. It had to be the tacky appearance thing - it just

had to be. You must come to our adoptions on Saturday and see what a proper grooming will do! If you are interested in Mason please email info@msfr.org for more information.

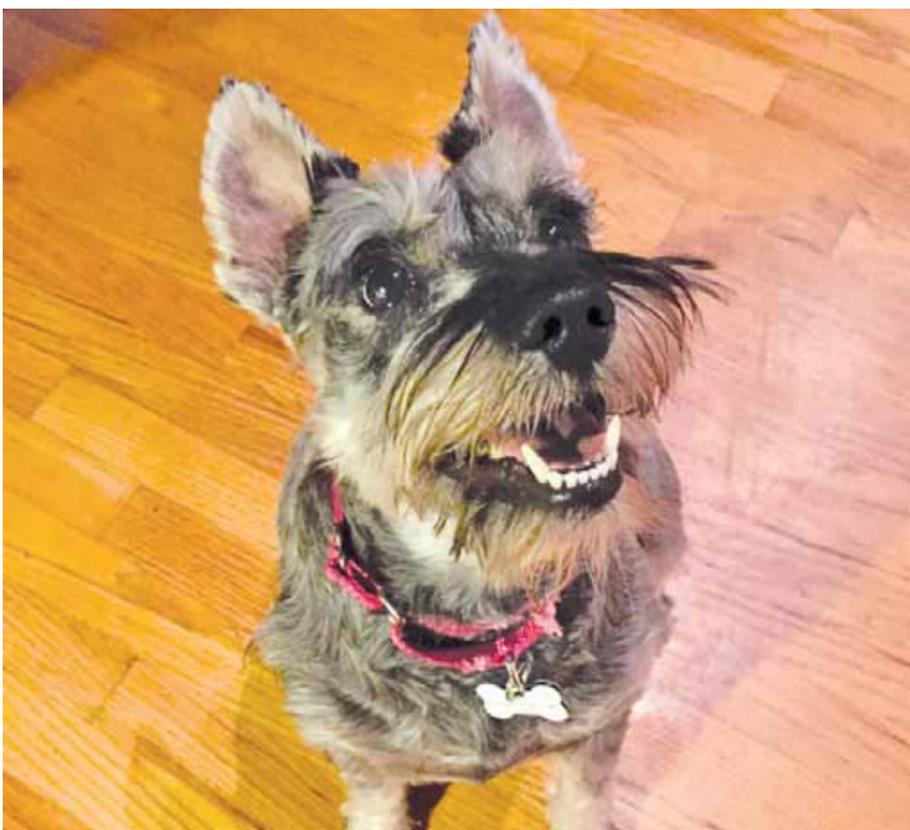
They say that breaking up is hard to do and I can attest to that. My name is **Missy** and after my previous owners got divorced the one that had custody of me had to downsize so I ended up at a shelter. Do you know how hard it is for a nine-year-old female purebred Miniature Schnauzer to adjust to shelter life? Take my word for it, it's not easy. I'm grateful that my owner had second thoughts, bailed me out of the shelter, and turned me over to the folks at MSFR. I'm a tiny little gal so even at a mere 14 pounds I'm a bit overweight, but with a little exercise, I know I can get back in shape. I'm very sweet and loving, plus I get along really great with other dogs. All I'm asking for is a chance to be your best friend and companion - come see me at adoptions. If you are interested in Missy, please email info@msfr.org for more information. •



Missy

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Happy Tails



Suzy-Q is now the ruler of the roost in her new Cypress home.

Congratulations and much happiness to our gal **Suzy-Q** and her new family. Suzy is the little five-year old girl who had bladder stones that was rescued in January. Her Mom always had larger dogs but now she lives in a

townhouse and wanted a smaller friend. Suzy-Q knew a good thing when she spotted her new Mom and warmed right up to her. Suzy-Q now owns a residence in Cypress and she allows her Mom and Dad to live with her! •

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