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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**

Mostly Sunny

86°/65°



**Saturday**

Partly Cloudy

87°/64°



**Sunday**

Partly Cloudy

82°/64°



## Enjoy the Sunshine and the Ride



Summer never seems to end in Manhattan Beach: Bicyclists, runners, and pedestrians still can enjoy a ride, run, or stroll down the Strand. Photo by Osvin Suazo, oszy.suazo@gmail.com.

## Cristiane Tomasi is on the Top Floor, as Head of Securities

By Laura Sorensen

The top of the office tower is a mysterious place. A long elevator ride; big wooden doors; you know it's a place of serious business, because those doors are heavy. When you finally force them open, you see big spaces, tall office doorways, and huge panes of glass showcasing the view, which in this case happens to be the Port of Long Beach. It's an experience, being up on the top, unless you are the one whose office it is: the one who goes there every day.

What does it take, to become the person on the top floor, the person with the acre-sized desk that takes advantage of the long look over the water? Is it just passion and drive? I don't think so. Lots of people have passion and drive: concert pianists, small business owners, police and fire officers, teachers. Intelligence? It can't just be that either. But one element that other people might not possess, but that Cristiane Tomasi of CS Tomasi Wealth Management does have, is knowledge and experience. Specifically, knowledge of, and experience in, that arcane, torturous, twisted system known as "securities." Even the name sounds magical. What are they? What do they do? What makes them secure? If you don't know, you're not alone. Most people don't. If you do know, you have the power to assist those who don't. And you work with money. Lots and lots of money.

Cristiane Tomasi is the whole top-floor package. She does have drive and passion and intelligence: an abundance of all of those. She is friendly, and laughs like a girl, and loves to talk about the fashion line she's going to start someday. And she knows what to do with money. She has spent years learning how to wrestle with it, where to let it sit, when to take it out of the market. But, as she will be the first to say, she didn't start out on the top floor. She started her business in her own home in the mid-90s. And the story doesn't even start there. It starts in Lebanon,

where she was born.

When Tomasi was in elementary school, her parents moved halfway around the world to Huntington Beach. Coming from Lebanon to California, she had to learn English from scratch in order to succeed in school and make friends, a venture which succeeded after a subsequent move to the Bay Area. In her twenties Tomasi and her brother started a family business selling high-end European clothes, while she was still going to college for an accounting degree. Her brother dropped out of the business and she stayed to run the store, then expanded to a second store. She attended college at night, but spent her days doing most of the work at her retail locations, which were very successful. "I had employees but I was my own window-dresser. I did all my own displays, all my own buying, all my own accounting . . . I just felt like I could do better, and it was too much trouble to train anyone else." Soon she was supporting her parents with the retail revenue, and the pressure intensified to succeed. Eventually the stress got to her, and she sold both stores and went to Europe as a sort of sabbatical.

She then completed her degree, a master's in taxation at USC. Her graduate work, which involved reading up on current tax law, refined her outlook even further: "You realize that there are so many sides to [court cases], that nothing is that clear-cut . . . by the time I finished the program, the best thing I got out of it . . . is that I became a much more open-minded person; more objective; nothing was black-and-white anymore, I understood that." Tomasi finished school as she traveled back and forth to Italy, where she eventually relocated with her husband, for three years.

When she returned to California, Tomasi began her own business doing tax work out of her home. She said she did only one direct mail flyer, and all her business since then has been word of mouth. "It just fed

on itself," she said: more and more clients came to her, and they wanted her to provide other services besides just taxes. She began to experiment with wealth management: getting licensed for securities series 7 and learning how to manage the stock market. Tomasi is partly in it for the challenge and partly for the joy of it: she told me how she began to get into stocks and securities "for fun." Encouraged by a client, she began to work as an independent financial advisor. Because of her honest way of doing business, she never wants for clients. "I would never have the business that I have if my clients didn't completely trust me." She is proud to say that some of her first clients are still with her today.

Tomasi works very coolly under pressure. She says, "I'm tough, and I don't mess around, and I get the job done." She has been through three national financial crises and never had a hysterical client. Her strategies, though they are successful, are not risky or panicked. She trusts her intuition and her experience, and her hundreds of clients trust her to take care of their business. "They say, 'I know you'll do the best that you can for me.'" Tomasi manages each client's account herself; and

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## South Bay's Got Talent!



Swarnava Sarangi and Rukmini Puletipalle performed an Indian classical dance called "Odissi." See more photos on page 3. Photo by Peter Thornton

## Business Briefs

### Tin Roof Bistro Hosts Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser

On October 8, from 5p.m. – 9 p.m., the Tin Roof Bistro will partner with the Manhattan Beach Police Department for the annual “Tip-A-Cop” fundraiser. The evening is intended to not only provide guests with a memorable dining experience and exceptional service, but to also collect tips and donations to benefit South Bay Special Olympics’ athletes. All tips are a tax-deductible donation to Special Olympics, which provides athletic training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the South Bay Area.

Chief of Police Eve Irvine said, “The Manhattan Beach Police Department is excited to continue our partnership with Special Olympics and help raise awareness and funding for this amazing organization and the awesome athletes who participate. By uniting with Tin Roof Bistro, in hosting a Tip-A-Cop event, we can go above and beyond in these efforts in showing our support to Special Olympics.”

For Dinner Reservations, please call: Tin Roof Bistro @ 310-939-0900. For Special Olympics/Program Information, please call: Eloise Crawford, Regional Director, at (562)-502-1120.

### Protravel International Travel Experts Honored

*Travel + Leisure*’s just revealed “2014 A-List of Top Travel Advisors” – its annual list of the travel industry’s premier travel agents – has honored two outstanding Protravel International professionals as among the best of the best in the industry. Noting her 17 years of experience as a travel agent, along with her other specialization in Western Europe, *Travel + Leisure* singles out Nathalie Nagy for her knowledge in Central Europe. In selecting Robert Becker, *Travel + Leisure* takes note of his 28 years as a travel agent, his PADI Divemaster certification and his specializations in adventure travel.

“I am tremendously proud that *Travel + Leisure* has recognized the excellence of Nathalie Nagy and Robert Becker once again. Both honorees exemplify the professionalism, expertise and dedication for which Protravel has become renowned over the past three decades,” noted Protravel International President Patrick Fragale. “Congratulations to both outstanding agents on being honored and consummately representing Protravel International. Together with their fellow travel agents at Protravel, they are committed to providing the best possible travel experiences for each individual client.” •

### Cristiane Tomasi

from front page

her clients appreciate her personal touch. Through her long years of experience, she has created a business that is matter-of-fact and objective, and relies on knowledge and research. One of her specialties is counseling women who are going through life transitions, who need someone to help them with their finances. Many women might have been financially dependent on their husbands and have no idea what to do with the rest of their life after a divorce or death. Tomasi, having gone through a divorce herself, sympathizes with their plight and wants to make sure they can get back on their feet.

When I asked her, she gave some advice for women interested in starting their own business: be willing to put in long hours and be willing to give a lot of oneself. Don’t chase after money, she says: “If money had been my motivator, I probably would not be where I am today... the goal was to build a healthy, successful business, so money had

to be secondary.” She also advises women not to take on clients that they don’t feel comfortable with, so work can be enjoyable and not become something daunting.

Tomasi’s favorite part of her business is interacting with her clients and helping them. She also loves researching and reviewing companies’ financials in order to find new securities. She enjoys “browsing through financials and trying to size up a company’s worth or value.” It’s good that she enjoys it, because she works pretty much all day, every day. “I work far too much and play far too little,” she says ruefully, and that’s probably the last ingredient for how to get to the top floor: be willing to live your life up there. But if the reward is getting to do something lucrative and exciting, and your business is healthy and successful, and you’re doing something you love, then you’re lucky, because you get to play at your big, beautiful desk on the top floor. •

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## Looking Up

### Is Pluto a Planet? The Votes Are In

By Bob Eklund  
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What is a planet? For generations of kids the answer was easy. A big ball of rock or gas that orbited our Sun, and there were nine of them in our solar system. But then astronomers started finding more Pluto-sized objects orbiting beyond Neptune. Then they found Jupiter-sized objects circling distant stars, first by the handful and then by the hundreds. Suddenly the answer wasn’t so easy. Were all these newfound things planets?

Since the International Astronomical Union (IAU) is in charge of naming these newly discovered worlds, they tackled the question at their 2006 meeting. They tried to come up with a definition of a planet that everyone could agree on. But the astronomers couldn’t agree. In the end, they voted and picked a definition that they thought would work. The current, official definition says that a planet is a celestial body that is in orbit around the Sun, is round or nearly round, and has “cleared the neighborhood” around its orbit.

But this definition baffled the public and classrooms around the country. For one thing, it only applied to planets in our solar system. What about all those exoplanets orbiting other stars? Are they planets? And Pluto was booted from the planet club and called a dwarf planet. Is a dwarf planet a small planet? Not according to the IAU. Even though a dwarf fruit tree is still a small fruit tree, and a dwarf hamster is still a small hamster.

Eight years later, the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) decided to revisit the question of “what is a planet?” On September 18th, CfA hosted a debate among three leading experts in planetary science, each of whom presented their case as to what a planet is or isn’t. The goal: to find a definition that the eager public audience could agree on!

Science historian Dr. Owen Gingerich, who chaired the IAU planet definition committee, presented the historical viewpoint. Dr. Gareth Williams, associate director of the Minor Planet Center, presented the IAU’s viewpoint. And Dr. Dimitar Sasselov, director of the Harvard Origins of Life Initiative, presented the exoplanet scientist’s viewpoint.

Gingerich argued that “a planet is a culturally defined word that changes over time,” and that Pluto is a planet. Williams defended the



Pluto (left) and Charon (right), with four of Pluto’s moons - Nix, Hydra, Kerberos, and Styx - two of which are seen as small crescents at top left and right. In the distance, a faint Sun illuminates dust within the asteroid belt. Credit: David A. Aguilar (CfA)

IAU definition, which declares that Pluto is not a planet. And Sasselov defined a planet as “the smallest spherical lump of matter that formed around stars or stellar remnants,” which means Pluto is a planet.

After these experts made their best case, the audience got to vote on what a planet is or isn’t and whether Pluto is in or out. The results are in, with no hanging chads in sight. According to the audience, Sasselov’s definition won the day, and Pluto IS a planet. The video of the debate and audience vote can be seen on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ObsNights>

**Editor’s Note:** For me personally, Pluto has always been a planet and always will be. Ed Krupp, director of Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, agrees, and shows nine planets (including Pluto) in Griffith’s displays. Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of Hayden Planetarium in New York, disagrees, and has left Pluto out of Hayden’s displays. And the legislature of New Mexico, where Pluto discoverer Clyde Tombaugh spent his later years, has passed an official declaration that Pluto will always be called a planet in that State.

So the controversy rages on. School children seem to have especially strong feelings about little Pluto, as the following poem—the Young Adult 3rd-place winner in Astronomers Without Borders’ 2014 AstroPoetry Contest—shows:

#### PLUTO

By Rachel Pribble, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Pluto  
Forgotten Planet  
Isolated, neglected, frigid  
Small but worthy rock  
Planetoid •

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# South Bay's Got Talent!

Photos by Peter Thornton. ip.thornton58@gmail.com



Kayla Stefanson sang the song "Gimme Gimme" and won 3rd place.



The duo entitled "Black and Yellow," made up of guitarist Mikey Oka and singer Adinah Bolden, performed "American Boy."



Alex Hattori won second place in the competition for his amazing yo-yo skills.



The Elite Performing Company of Dance 1 performed a stylistic jazz dance inspired by the music and mood of "Cantaloup."



The Redondo Ballet Company performed a dance entitled "Pirates."



Los Angeles Taiko Institute, a Japanese drumming school, performed "Jack Bazaar" and won a judges' favorite award.



Hugh and Bryan, "The Elderly Brothers," sang a number of songs from the Everly Brothers and won Judges favorite.

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### In Case You Just Woke Up

By Gerry Chong

The steady “thump, thump, thump” sounded less like military boots than it sounded like war drums, pounding through the millennia. The cadence never changed, and its message never changed. It was enough to wake Rip Van Winkle from his latest deep sleep and send him down the hill to the village to find out what was happening. Once there, he asked an elder, “Is this war?”

“It is, and it isn’t,” came the reply. “The Secretary of State and generals say it’s war but the President confuses us. He says beheading

combat IS, but no one will commit to being the “boots on the ground” that everyone agrees is necessary to drive IS back into the cauldron from which it spawned. Nevertheless, contrary to earlier admissions, the President does have a plan. There are three factions fighting in Syria: those loyal to the dictator Assad; IS, the savages we are sorta-fighting; and a weak third party opposition to Assad. President Obama intends to arm and train the weakest of the three armies to act as our boots on the ground since we cannot find anyone else willing to act as cannon fodder.

“Americans is an act of war, but we are not at war with Islam.”

Americans is an act of war, but we are not at war with Islam. Even though Islamic State is comprised of followers of Islam, he says IS is not Islamic. Our President seems to be having a private debate between his head and his heart.

“Hmmm,” said Rip, “I wonder which side will win?”

“Neither,” predicted the Elder, “The President says he will not commit ground troops, although we already have 1,600 troops there. They are there to protect American interests, but are not allowed outside our diplomatic compounds to do so. Our generals, being realists, say this war-that-isn’t-a-war cannot be won without a commitment of boots on the ground, and will so advise the President when the time has arrived, but the President contends that since that day will never arrive, he has no disagreement with his generals.

“The President is assembling a coalition to

What could possibly go wrong?

“We cannot turn to the Iraqi army to fight, since they have retreated in panic, giving the arms we had supplied to them to IS, so we will fight against the weapons we had already provided. Now the President’s plan is to rearm and retrain another Middle East army to fight the war we will not fight, using an air-only strategy that cannot win.

“But, pssstt, check this out: That weak army has reached an agreement with IS to not attack each other as long as Assad remains in power. That means our plan is to train and arm the ally of the enemy we are fighting. Yup, the President has promised this strategy will be similar to that used in Somalia.”

Confused, eyes glazed over, Rip asked, “That’s it? That’s our plan to defend America? And by the way, while I was asleep, did we win in Somalia?”

“Nope.” •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Long-Running Cartoon Kicks Off New Season with Controversial Topic

By Cristian Vasquez

Last week one of the most intelligent and entertaining adult-themed cartoons aired the season premiere for an 18th year. The always relevant and sometimes contentious *South Park* launched into its new season with an episode focused on the controversial issue of renaming the Washington Redskins. I’ll leave the comedy of the episode alone as to avoid any spoilers, but I would like to address the debate over whether or not the owners of the team should rename the franchise. I was a bit torn with this issue because I understand and accept that the team name is offensive to a segment of our population. While I am still not fully convinced that the franchise should be forced to be renamed due to public outcry and pressure, the name of the team does offend a portion of the population and that should not be allowed.

I completely understand that the term “redskin” is inappropriate on several levels. I wouldn’t use it to refer to an individual since that would be rude, ignorant and flat-out mean. So naming a multi-million dollar franchise the Redskins does seem wrong, especially in today’s culture of heightened awareness of how we interact with everyone around us. Even though the team’s name isn’t used to spread hate and intolerance toward our country’s native people, having a team with the visibility that this franchise enjoys along with the reach that the NFL has across the nation is a problem. The term “redskin” does offend people and to have a team market its brand under said name has

and will be considered degrading.

The great and horrible thing about the NFL is that they are in the business of making money. So if the brand stops earning money then the owner, general manager and everyone else involved with running the franchise will have to seriously consider renaming the franchise. The power of the dollar can force the owner Daniel Snyder to rename his business. The problem is that the NFL and the Washington Redskins are such well-established franchises that their fan base will continue to consume the product, to certain extent, regardless of changing cultural norms.

This leave advocates of renaming the team with no other alternative than to exert public pressure through political figures, media outlets and personalities and any other platform that will allow for the message to go out. It will not be an easy task and the efforts like these have failed in the past. However, that does not mean that people should stop trying. Shows like *South Park* use comedy to bring attention to serious issues. While the laughs were good, dealing with renaming the Washington franchise is a very serious matter. Football is a source of entertainment that millions of us wait for eagerly each year. Football teams bring fans together for a shared experience of feelings ranging from frustration and disappointment to jubilation. It is wrong that a portion of our population is made to feel degraded by the name of a football franchise. •

## Seniors

### 6 Tips For Finding More Affordable, Better Coverage During Medicare Annual Enrollment

(BPT) - Are you among the 54 million Americans currently receiving health insurance through Medicare? The Medicare annual enrollment period (AEP), running from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, means you have the opportunity to change plans, and possibly find cost savings or better coverage.

Seniors and people with disabilities who receive their health care insurance through Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage or Part D prescription drug plans can make changes to their plans during the AEP. They have a lot to consider this year.

More than 200 new prescription drug plans arrived in the Part D market this year and more than 2,000 Medicare Advantage plans were available nationwide.

Enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans also continues to increase - nearly 16 million people in 2014 - which indicates that more people like the benefits of using these health care plans. Many Medicare Advantage plans also have provider networks that mirror the type of coverage beneficiaries had through their employers while working.

“But people may have dozens of Medicare plans to choose from, depending on where they live. This really opens the door to finding Medicare plans that are a better fit for you and your health care needs,” Walters says.

Walters offers some guidelines for when it might be worth exploring other Medicare plans:

**1. You’re paying too much for your monthly premium.** Perhaps you’ve been with the same plan for several years and each year the cost goes up a little bit more. Shop around; there may be a number of other plan options where you live that could provide the same or better coverage at a lower cost.

**2. You’re paying too much out of pocket after you receive medical treatment.** The costs with Medicare go beyond the monthly premium and include co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums. If you’ve been surprised by the costs you must pay for medical treatment after the fact, you may want to talk to a Medicare plan selection specialist about your options and to ensure you know what to expect.

**3. You can’t use your preferred doctors with your Medicare plan.** Some Medicare plans can change the networks of doctors and hospitals you can see. If you’re finding it more and more difficult to see the doctors you would like to because of network changes, you could benefit from revisiting the Medicare plans in your area.

**4. Prescription drug costs and coverage issues are causing you financial problems.** The costs of medications today can be financially crippling for people with chronic health issues and those requiring specialized treatment. Some plans change their drug formularies from year to year, which can affect the cost of the drug you take or your ability to get coverage for a specific prescription medication.

**5. You had a life change in the past year or expect big changes next year.** If your income changed dramatically, you experienced a life-changing health issue, or you moved or plan to move, it could be



vital for you to re-examine the scope of your Medicare coverage.

**6. You were notified your plan will no longer be available in 2015.** Sometimes Medicare plans leave the market. This can happen because the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) determine that some of the plans are too similar and are no longer necessary, or there may be quality concerns or other reasons.

Medicare participants can find important information for annual enrollment through the Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) and the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) that they receive from their insurance providers. Watch the mail for these important notices.

“Don’t ignore the information you get from your Medicare plan providers in September because they may be telling you about premium changes and other provisions that will change your health care services next year,” Walters says. “Take a close look at those materials, and consider reaching out to a Medicare plan selection specialist to help you review your options.” •

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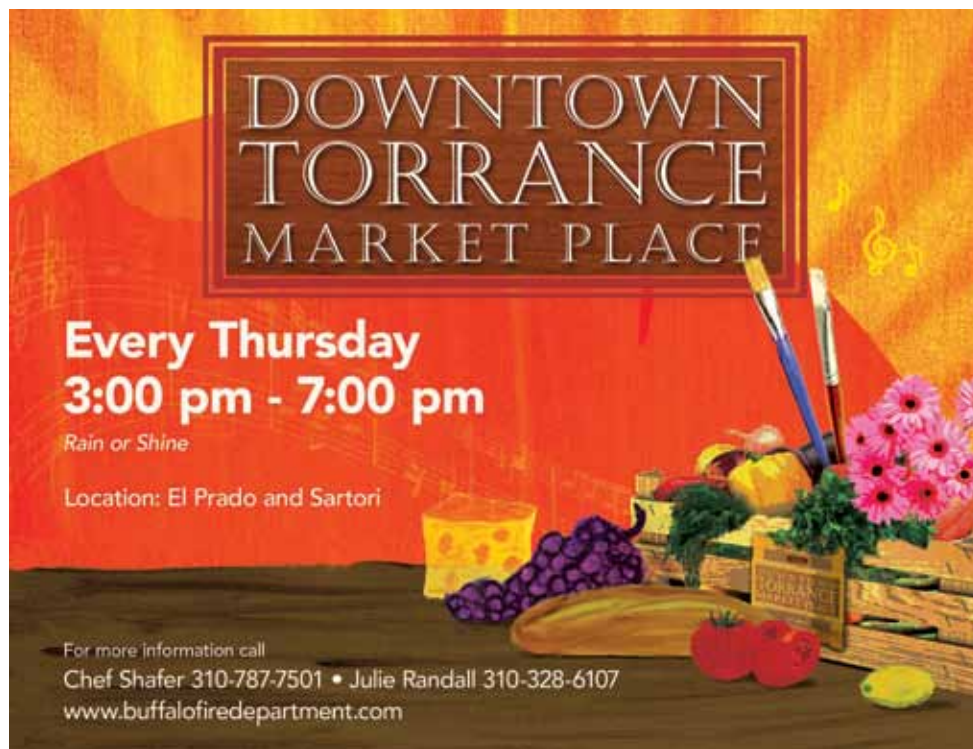
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- 8 whole black peppercorns
- 1/4 and 1/8 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup olive oil

### Preparation

1. Place the vinegar, blackberries, cinnamon, Five Spice Powder, peppercorns and sugar into the Vitamix container in the order listed and secure lid.
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4. Select Variable 2 and remove lid plug.
5. Switch machine to Start and slowly drizzle oil through the lid plug opening until incorporated.
6. Replace lid plug and slowly increase speed to Variable 10.
7. Blend for an additional 20 seconds. •



# Finance

## Five Things To Look For When Shopping For Your Next Vehicle

(BPT) - When was the last time you met with a financial professional? Would you be more likely to keep those appointments if you knew some specific questions to ask? These meetings provide an important opportunity for you to ensure your strategy is still on track and ensure your family and finances are protected. You can get the most out of your meeting by asking the right questions.

Whether it's your first meeting or your 20th, Thrivent Financial suggests you consider asking these questions when meeting with a financial professional:

### 1. Is my coverage adequate?

Ensuring proper financial protection against death, disability or injury is one of the most important things you can do for your family. Talk to your financial professional about cost concerns, protection options and how you can make sure that your family will be covered financially in the event of an untimely death or disability. If you've experienced major life changes like the birth or adoption of a child, purchased a house or gotten married, chances are your protection will need updating.

### 2. What are some creative ways we can refine my strategy to help maximize benefits?

A financial professional can help you organize your financial strategy in a way that factors in things like taxes and market volatility, and he or she will know what changes are on the horizon that could affect you. A financial professional can also help use primary products, like life insurance, in unique ways - like helping supplement a retirement income stream. These are applications many don't know about but can offer different advantages to your financial strategy.

### 3. How are my financial strategies aligning with my values?

Having a financial strategy that allows you to align your finances with your values is

another important topic to bring up. If you have charitable causes you want to support, or volunteer trips you want to take, make



sure your financial professional knows about them. He or she can help you develop ways to bring your generosity to life.

### 4. Tell me about the strength and stability of your company or organization.

Insurance is only as strong as the ability

of your financial institution to pay out claims when you need to claim a contract. Make sure to investigate the strength and stability of any company you're working with to ensure it is financially sound enough to make good on its obligations.

### 5. What should I do differently in the next year?

This seems like an easy question, but you'd be amazed how few people ask it. Your financial professional is often in a unique position to help you stay ahead of the curve when it comes to your future strategy needs. Taking advantage of market volatility and ensuring your future protection needs are just two of the many variables to consider. Yearly meetings with a financial professional can help you hone your financial strategies for the upcoming year and help keep them as healthy as possible.

Your time is valuable, and your financial future is even more valuable to you and your family. Make sure you're maximizing both and ensure you get the most out of meeting with your financial professional. •

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**Pebbles** is a beautiful little Maltese and Terrier mix. She was boarding at All Pets Veterinary Hospital and her owner never came back and claimed her. Sadly, she was abandoned. Pebbles is seven years old and weighs eight pounds. She is a very healthy, sweet little dog. This darling girl is fine with all people, great with other dogs, and cat safe too! Pebbles is spayed, current on vaccines, microchipped, good with other dogs, and best with children over six.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at [www.animalsrule.org](http://www.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©3 non-profit organization. •

Katie is a formerly homeless dog who is happy and loving.

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**Katie** was found in the parking lot of Vons with no form of identification and no microchip. This sweet girl is around 1-2 years old and weighs 12 pounds. We believe her to have some Dachshund in her due to her beautiful black and tan markings and possibly some Beagle with her sweet demeanor and soulful eyes. She is happy, loving, and good with the other dogs in her foster home. Katie has learned to use the



Pebbles is a Maltese/Terrier mix.

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

## Happy Tails



MoJo is just a little mini guy who needs someone to look out for him.

doggie door to do her business outside and has become a very nice little house dog. Katie is spayed, current on vaccinations, microchipped, fine with other dogs, and best with children over six.

**MoJo** was rescued from a shelter where he entered as an owner surrender; he could have been euthanized at any time to make room for other impounded dogs. MoJo is around one year old and weighs six pounds. In his foster home, we have found out he is housebroken and great with the other dogs. MoJo appears shy when you first meet him, but he warms up quickly. This love bug is very sweet, cuddly and playful. He is not accustomed to children and we noticed that they make him a little nervous, so we ask that any children in the home



Lola has a new best friend and a new happy family.

There are too many unfortunate pets who enter, but never come back out of the shelters. **Lola** was one of the lucky ones who came out through the Animals Rule Foundation and went on to find her own "Happy Tail."



Norman is a green-eyed cutie who gets along with other cats

**Norman** was rescued off the streets of Long Beach, where he was being bullied by the local feral cats. Poor Norman is too sweet to cause any trouble, and gets along fantastically with other cats despite his rough history. This adorable, green-eyed boy is a food loving little snugglebug who enjoys being in your arms or sprawled out right next to you. Norman is very outgoing and confident. He is great with kittens and is ok with cat friendly dogs who leave him alone. Norman is very mellow and calm; he would be happy as an only cat or with a kitty buddy.

**Mikaela** was rescued along with her mother, **Stevie**, from a high kill shelter. Now these affectionate girls can't wait to find homes of their own! Mikaela is fairly mellow and extremely sweet. She enjoys playing with people and is very outgoing. Her 2-year-old mom Stevie loves to be petted and get kissed. She will greet you at the door when you come home, ready for snuggles. Stevie is a confident kitty and very outgoing.

**Amalia** was also rescued from a shelter along with her siblings and mother. She is super sweet girl who loves to cuddle. Amalia is very high-energy and loves to romp and wrestle with her fellow foster kittens. She gets along with everyone she meets, including dogs! Amalia would be very lonely on her own, so she must be adopted to a home with another kitty.

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](http://www.kittenrescue.org) or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org). Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check



Mikaela is very sweet and was rescued with her mother Stevie.



Stevie is Mikaela's mother and would like to find a home of her own.

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Amalia loves to play and wrestle!

go for walks every day and she is doing so good. She doesn't pull at all. She walks right next to me just like Smokey. I can walk both of them by myself with no problem. Thank you again for this amazing blessing to our family. She is so perfect for us. We will be taking family pictures soon with our new kid – Leticia."

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

"We wanted to let you know that things are going great. Lola and Smokey are getting along. They had a bonding moment digging holes in my planters and rolling in the mud. After that, they have been best friends. They