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# NO PLACE LIKE A NEW HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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Another year done, which means more memories to share around the table, more photos to look back on years from now and new experiences that have made us stronger and wiser.

If we had to sum up this year in a word, it would be: change.

From adapting to life without Eddie, to nesting into a new home, to getting ready to start a new job, change is all around us.

Without a doubt the biggest transition we made, was deciding to look for a new home. Fate brought us to the charming neighborhood of Bixby Knolls in Long Beach. We've only been here a few months, but it feels like home

already. The friendly and social neighborhood, all the birds and butterflies, the morning sunlight and the park nearby are just a few of our favorite things.

Every day we fall more in love with our home as we add our personal touches to it and cross off things on our never ending list of projects.

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### **COUPLE RETURNS FROM THE 1500'S**

APR 28 · IRWINDALE, CA

A young Long Beach couple were reported missing on Saturday morning, but were soon discovered safe that same evening. When reporters asked where they had been, they said "with their fellow lords and ladies at the Renaissance Faire!" This was their first time visiting

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## THAT'S NOT SANTA!

OCT 27 · LOS ANGELES, CA

Among the sea of Spider-men and Harley Quinns, appeared a new but strangely familiar face. His burly white beard could be spotted through the mile-long line at the entrance

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# FROM FIESTA EDDIE TO FAREWELL



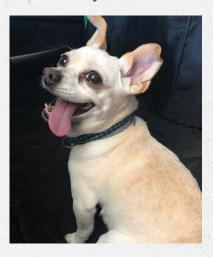
#### JUL 26 · CARSON, CA

In last year's edition of the Morning Moulden, you read about the serendipitous tale of Eddie Nigma. This year we had to say goodbye to our dearest friend and companion.

July 4, 2018 marked Eddie's 10th birthday, so his owners, Kristina and Shelby, decided to throw him a big birthday celebration! All of his human and doggie buddies were there. With treats galore, a taco piñata and cuddles from everyone, this little pup was in seventh heaven.

Just a few weeks after Eddie's birthday bash, his heart disease took a huge turn for the worst. Walks at the park became shorter, visits to the vet became more frequent, and his daily pill count skyrocketed. Despite each added hardship, Eddie's chipper spirit never dampened.

On July 26th, Eddie had his last belly rub. Eddie filled our home and life with an energy and love that is irreplaceable. Despite his short time with us, he will remain our little boy forever.





#### **LORDS & LADIES CONTINUED**

these far away medieval lands, but after spending a day lost in time, they came back full of merriment!

At Ren Faire, they fenced with a master swordsman, feasted on Scotch eggs, cheered for their jousting champion, tested their aim on the archery course, laughed along with the clowns and jesters, stood in awe of the falconers and their beasts and "huzzah-ed" with many fine lords and ladies from across the land.

If you're looking for an escape from this modern world, visit the Renaissance Faire. The portal opening can be found at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale, California.

Go to renfair.com/socal.

#### **CREAM PUFFS CONTINUED**

of LA Comic Con. But it was not Santa bringing gifts for little ones... It was Beard Papa spreading joy with his magical cream puffs.

At this year's Comic Con, Beard Papa stole the show and brought smiles to many faces with his iconic yellow beanie, blue pipe and classic cream puff in hand.

In memory of Stan Lee
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### OH, THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN

Twenty eighteen didn't take us very far, but the places we did visit, were well worth it!

In Spring, Eddie was among hundreds of dogs that participated in Pups at the Park at Dodger Stadium! We also enjoyed the beautiful weather and good company of family in Bloomington, Indiana.

In Summer, we took a trip down

memory lane when we visited the many charms of San Luis Obispo.

In Fall, we explored new parts of San Francisco: The Ferry Building and Coit Tower (and the 600 stairs it took to get to the top). Back at home, we brought a little bit of New York to Long Beach in our hand-painted dining room mural inspired by Manhattan.









#### **MAN OVERBOARD!**



#### JUN 9 · KERN RIVER, CA

The snow melt rapids of Kern River are not for the faint of heart. This summer on their first camping excursion together, couple Kristina and Shelby Moulden, tested their paddling skills on class four rapids.

As they approached the opening of the Limestone Rapid, their raft smashed into a giant boulder sending Shelby out of his seat. With one foot still in his foothold and paddle still in hand, Shelby took a "swim" as the raft continued on its merry way down the river. Luckily raft guide, Sydney, saw her fellow rafter in peril and pulled him up to safety. No injuries were reported.



#### **BIXBY KNOLLS CONTINUED**

Shifts in the workplace have also kept us on our toes this year with Shelby starting at Sidecar Health in January and Kristina at Sharp Electronics in November.

As our year of change comes to a close, we stop and remember how thankful we are and how blessed we have been. This has been an amazing year - with ups and downs for sure, but still an amazing ride. From our home to yours, we hope you



have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Shelby & Kristina

"Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end."

- Robin Sharma



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