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Cougars League Champions!



Hawthorne High's Luis Coronado (pictured at right) gets past a Culver City defender during last week's Ocean League boys' soccer match. While Bryan Lario (pictured on left) uses his head to help the team. The Cougars shut out the Centaurs 1-0, then blanked Santa Monica 2-0 for their first league championship since 2008. Hawthorne begins the CIF-Southern Section Division IV playoffs this week. Photos by Joe Snyder.

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Bud Carson Looking to Expand STEM Education in Hawthorne School District

By Dylan Little

Bud Carson Middle School Principal Patricia Jordan gave a presentation to the Hawthorne School Board on the school's science, technology, engineering and math (collectively known as STEM) Academy, which has been a model for districts statewide. During the February 12 meeting, she also laid out her plan on how to improve on the already successful program.

Bud Carson has shown its STEM Academy to Hawthorne School District visitors ranging from Huntington Beach to Compton who are hoping to emulate the programs at Bud Carson. "We've had a lot of school districts tour our school," said Jordan. "A wide variety of people are interested in what we are doing. What we're doing is what the parents in Huntington Beach would want their students to do."

Jordan said the appeal of the STEM Academy is that keeps students engaged in fields that will serve them well in careers as well as fitting in with the new Common Core State Standards. "It's hands-on—it's about engagement, problem-solving and real-life applications. It ties so nicely into Common Core," said Jordan. "We couldn't ask for a better academy focus than STEM for us to get ready for Common Core."

An example of students using problem-solving in the classroom is Project Lead the Way. For students, the program asks them to find solutions and lead their own learning to complete projects and activities. At Bud Carson, the current Project Lead the Way subject is robotics, meaning students are designing and constructing their own robots. Jordan said the hands-on nature of the program has gotten students, especially girls, to be active in the STEM fields. "What's neat is seeing girls using screwdrivers and tools that wouldn't happen if we didn't give

them that opportunity," said Jordan.

In addition to Project Lead the Way, Bud Carson has a number of methods for students to explore the STEM fields. Each trimester ends in a STEM Trimester Challenge, which tasks groups of students to take on tasks like constructing the tallest, most stable tower they can out of junk materials. Students can also take part in the SeaPerch program, where they build an unmanned remotely operated underwater vehicle. Even non-STEM classes make use of technology such as asking

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student to create video presentations for their English or Social Studies projects. "There's a lot of opportunities for students to be involved in the STEM Academy," said Jordan. Board member Luciano Aguilar said that was definitely the case when he toured the campus. In addition to being a Board member, Aguilar is also a host on *America Now News* and he noted that the technology students are using at Bud Carson is nearly the same as what professionals working on the show use. "I'm just blown away," said Aguilar. "When I went there, I saw them using technology that we use on the job."

Jordan would like to see programs like Project Lead the Way expand in the future. This coming summer, three of Bud Carson's teachers will be attending training at Cal Poly Pomona so the program can expand from robotics to environmental science and aerospace engineering. Jordan and her teachers also have plans to add a medical-focused unit to the Academy. Jordan pointed out that expanding the curriculum in this

manner would be impossible without the help and dedication of the teachers at Bud Carson. "These are special people who are willing to give up weeks and weeks of their summer to do something special for those kids," said Jordan.

Board member Alexandre Monteiro expressed his approval of how the STEM Academy has turned out and where Jordan plans to take it in the future. "This is exactly what the STEM Academy should look like," said Montiero.

The Board also recognized Hawthorne Math and Science Academy (HMSA) science teacher Charlie Flint on achieving National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a nonprofit organization that seeks to advance the quality of teaching and learning. To receive the certification, Flint had to complete a portfolio, including videos of lessons, examples of students work with analysis of the teaching methods used and proof of involvement with the community outside the classroom. Flint also had to pass an exam that tested his content knowledge beyond what is in the textbook. Superintendent Helen Morgan said Flint's efforts were extraordinary. "This is no small feat," said Morgan. "It is a huge undertaking and it's truly an honor to recognize Mr. Flint for this accomplishment."

Flint thanked the administrators of HMSA for their support. He said what pushed him to earn National Board certification was making sure he was doing the best job for his students. "In the past I think I've done a good job, but it's not about being good—it's about being great. I think that's the direction we want to go," said Flint. "We have great kids, they work hard and they only deserve the best. I'm working on greatness. I'll give myself good, but I'm working on great." •

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
73°/54°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/55°



Sunday

Mostly
Sunny
68°/53°



Hawthorne Happenings Calendar

News for the 'City of Good Neighbors'

LIFE AND DEATH

Everyone has to deal with it sooner or later. Some people don't like to talk about it. Others have trouble dealing with a loved one or friend passing away. Joe, a neighbor of mine, served in WWII, met a nice German lady while on duty there after the war, married her and shared 50 some years with her. They purchased their home in Hawthorne in 1957, raised two sons and loved going on walks together in their later years. About eight years ago, Joe's bride passed away. He was never the same. It seemed like there was something missing in his life whenever we saw him walk the block alone. For the past year or so, Joe's health had been in decline. He was in his early 80's, which for some people is still an active age. But, Joe indicated that he wished to be with his wife. So, last Thursday, I paid him one last visit. He had been put on hospice care. He simply passed away in peace without much pain. His death reminded me of what all our lots are. We are all going to die some time. Death puts our lives into perspective. The old saying, "You can't take it with you." is so true. All the money that we accumulate, all the fame we gain, all the great achievements we have worked for mean very little when we pass away. All the fighting and bickering and hate that we experience here means nothing any more. Our lives are short. We are here for just a short period of time. It makes us value the precious time we have with our family and friends. As a Christian, I believe that we will see our loved ones who die in Christ again in heaven. Everyone has to answer that death question for themselves. Death is the great equalizer. None of us want it, but we all have to face it eventually. Let's value and live each day knowing that it is a gift just to be alive.



in Hawthorne. According to a recent poll by the magazine Fast Company, Elon Musk was selected most creative leader. He was following in order by JayZ, Pope Francis, Stephen Colbert, Arianna Huffington, Tina Fey, Marissa Mayer, Melinda Gates, Barack Obama, Jenna Lyons and Tim Cook. (I don't know who half of these people are, but they must lead

some interesting companies.) In the same February issue, the magazine listed Tesla as the third most creative company behind only Google and Apple. Some real creative things are happening over there by Crenshaw and 120th Street.

WATER RATIONING

It hasn't started officially but you can expect some type of water rationing to be in place by this summer. With our prolonged drought we need to conserve our precious water resource. The real question is what type of rationing schedule will be put into place. Our West Basin Water Resource Board has put us in better shape that many other places in California. But, they are still telling us to take shorter showers, to reduce the irrigation of our lawns and gardens and make sure our clothes and dish washers are full before running them. We will wait and see if the State or County put some teeth into the rationing plan and penalize people who waste water.

Historical Society Meetings to be Held Hawthorne Historical Society Open Meetings will be held on the following dates: March 10, April 14, May 12. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at the Hawthorne Museum located at 12622 S. Grevillea Ave across from the Hawthorne Library. Refreshments are usually served and we adjourn around 8:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, Feb. 25: City Council Meeting – 6 p.m.
- Sunday, March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Monday, March 24: Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation Golf Tournament.

THE MOST CREATIVE LEADER IN THE WORLD

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ALL CITIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

• Film Screening and Discussion: The Good Giants: World War II Buffalo Soldier's Journal featuring Ivan J. Houston, 1 p.m., AC Bilbrew Library, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 538-3350.

ONGOING

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

HAWTHORNE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

• Home Ownership & Credit Empowerment Workshops hosted by Councilmembers Valentine and Vargas, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Hawthorne Memorial Center, Polaris Room, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. R.S.V.P by February 20.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

ONGOING

• Hawthorne Museum open Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hawthorne Museum, 12622 Grevillea Ave.
• Free 10k Walk Club-Hawthorne. All age

groups. Weekly walks, clinics, motivation. For more information call (323) 201-7253.

INGLEWOOD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

• Sea Mobile at the Library, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. parking lot of the Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5380.

ONGOING

• "Discover Earth" Exhibition, Inglewood Library, 101 Manchester Blvd. Through March 20. For more information call (310) 412-5380.

• Third Tuesday Family Movie. 10 a.m. Inglewood Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call 310-412-5645.

LAWDALE

MONDAY, MARCH 3

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

ONGOING

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

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Sports

Hawthorne Blanks Samo for Ocean Soccer Crown

By Joe Snyder

Hawthorne High's boys' soccer team captured its first outright Ocean League championship since 2006 after shutting out Santa Monica 2-0 in their league finale last Thursday at Hawthorne. The win also avenged the Cougars' earlier 2-1 overtime defeat to the Vikings from January 29 at Santa Monica.

Hawthorne took a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute when Jason Santana scored on a header off a corner kick from Edgar Navarro. The Cougars, who ended their league at 8-1-1 and are 17-2-3 overall, got some insurance when Francisco Alvarez scored off a free kick from Bryan Larios. It was Alvarez's league-leading 25th goal of the season.

Defensively, Hawthorne was able to shut down the Vikings behind Miguel Hernandez, Luis Baez, Mauricio Hernandez and Larios. Goalkeeper Fernando Portillo made six saves--one of those a diving save off a free kick from 19 yards out to prevent Santa Monica from tying the match.

At Culver City on February 11, the Cougars and Centaurs battled throughout the contest but Hawthorne finally broke through in the 76th minute when Edwin Ortiz scored on a short push off a pass from Alvarez and Hawthorne made it stand for a 1-0 victory. Despite the Cougars' big win, which occurred after both squads tied 3-3 on January 24 at Hawthorne, head coach Yuri Najarro was not pleased. "We want to finish early," Najarro said.

Earlier, Hawthorne was able to finish off Santa Monica, which tied with Culver City for second place in Ocean play at 7-2-1 and one game in back of the Cougars. Portillo made 17 saves, including one on a penalty kick attempt by the Centaurs' Carlos Rincon.

Hawthorne entered last week ranked eighth in the CIF-Southern Section Division IV and Santa Monica was fifth, but the Cougars will be expected to move up and the Vikings move down after Hawthorne's win over Santa Monica.

The Cougars will also begin the playoffs at home on Thursday or Friday with the playoff pairings that were expected to be released last Monday.

Lawndale Boys Win Pioneer Basketball, Soccer

Lawndale High's boys are enjoying a successful 2013-14 winter after winning the Pioneer League in basketball and soccer last week. The Cardinals' boys' basketball squad won its second consecutive league crown by downing Torrance 81-59 last Thursday at Lawndale.

The Cardinals, who are 18-8 overall and ended league at 9-1, were led by six-foot-nine junior center/forward Chimezie Metu with 15 points. Chris White added 11 points. R'Lando Beckels chipped in 10 points, and Broderick Jones and Quincy Pinkard each finished with eight. At South Torrance on February 11, Lawndale rolled over the Spartans 80-52.

Lawndale entered last week rated sixth in the CIF-Southern Section IA, but if it moves up it could find itself in one of the top four seeds as top-ranked Riverside J.W. North moves up to the prestigious Open Division.

The Cardinals begin the IA playoffs at home against Ventura, an at-large team from the Channel League, Friday at 7 p.m. If Lawndale tops the Cougars, it will face either Alhambra Mark Keppel or Fontana

A.B. Miller at a site to be determined next Tuesday at the same time.

Cardinal Kickers Win First Title

Lawndale High's boys' soccer team got in on the championship party after capturing its first ever Pioneer League championship with a 3-2 win over traditional power South Torrance on February 11 at South and outright last Thursday with a 4-3 home win over Torrance.

Against the Spartans, who won the Pioneer the past two seasons and advanced to the CIF-Southern Section Division IV championship game before losing to Fontana Carter and into the Southern California Regional Division III playoffs last year, the Cardinals got things going fast as Joel Martin scored off a pass from Salazar. Lawndale made it 2-0 in the 36th minute when Kevin Valencia scored from eight yards out off a pass from Salazar.

South cut the Cardinals' lead to 2-1 in the 40th minute when Abe Younis scored, but Lawndale, which is 18-7-1 overall and ended league at 9-1, scored on a penalty kick by Salazar after Andrew Renteria was dragged down in the South penalty box. Taylor King scored for the second place Spartans (10-7-3, 7-3) to cut the Cardinals' lead to one goal, but Lawndale was able to hold on as goalkeeper Erick Hernandez was able to make a key save on a shot by South's Richie Lee.

Martin was big, scoring all of the Cardinals' four goals as Lawndale was able to edge the Tartars in overtime. Marcos Ambriz had two goals and Bryan Maderos had one for Torrance, which ended Pioneer play in third place at 6-4 and is 12-10 overall.

The Cardinals begin the Southern Section Division IV playoffs at home this week. Their opponent and time of the game was announced last Monday.

Leuzinger Plays Redondo Tough in Loss

Leuzinger High's boys' basketball team played highly regarded Redondo tough, but lost 49-37 in its Bay League finale last Thursday at home. The Olympians, who finished league at 3-7, had a game-high 18 points from Davon Abner, including three first quarter three-point baskets.

Leading the league champion Sea Hawks (22-4, 10-0), who are top-ranked in the Southern Section Division IIAA but will compete in the Open Division, was Terrell Carter with 15 points.

Leuzinger, which placed fifth in league, made the Southern Section Division IIIAIAA playoffs, but must visit second-seeded Atascadero (23-2) in the first round Friday at 7 p.m.

Morningside Tops Inglewood

Morningside High's boys' basketball team finished fourth in the Ocean League after a big 51-44 win over cross-town rival Inglewood last Thursday at Morningside. The Monarchs, who are 9-16 overall and 4-6 in league, were led by Gabe Saloche with 22 points and Dakaria King with 16 points, four rebounds and three blocked shots.

The Sentinels, who were 7-3 in league and 15-11 overall, tied Santa Monica for second place, one game behind champion Beverly Hills (8-2). Inglewood is in the IAA Division as it visits Sea View League champion Dana Hills in the first round Friday at 7 p.m.

Morningside made the IVAA playoffs and will visit Riverside Prep at the same time. •

Da Vinci Communications Seeks New Charter

By Dylan Little

During the Wiseburn School Board's February 13 meeting, Kim Merritt from Da Vinci Communications Academy addressed the group with a plan to write up a new charter for the campus. This would allow the school to offer a five-year program that could have students graduating with an Associate's Degree.

Merritt said the charter school is just starting the process and is looking to the Wiseburn School District for guidance and approval of the plan. For the most part the charter should stay similar to the other two Da Vinci campuses, but the likely fifth year program will be a major change. "I think it's safe to say we will be proposing a five-year model," said Merritt. "That will be the change that will be significant from the design and innovation schools."

How it would work is that any student who decides to stay at Da Vinci Communications

the Da Vinci family," said Merritt. "We need to see how it will play out. It is likely they would've already had to be in our schools to attend that 13th year."

To make this program work, Merritt said Da Vinci would partner with a college to be able to offer on-campus college courses. She said the school has already seen interest from El Camino, Foothill, Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cal Poly Pomona, but more time is needed to see which will be the best fit for what Da Vinci Communications would like to offer.

"We have a few different schools who are very interested," said Merritt. "It's just a matter of now picking which ones are right. We just nailed down which types of support systems we'd like to offer and we're working on now setting up what our priorities are and mapping out which school is most likely to meet those priorities. Any way we do this it will be in partnership

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to pursue an AA degree will stay enrolled and the requirements of their graduation would be expanded to include the college requirements. "We would essentially be offering college classes to students in their 13th year," said Merritt.

However, Merritt believes that in the final product at no point would students be locked into staying. If a student is accepted into a prestigious college, she believes the plan could accommodate that. "We're still looking at the legal aspects," said Merritt. "Any students who want to leave after the fourth year will be able to leave our school."

For students who stay on for a fifth year, they will in one manner have graduated, while on the books still be enrolled at Da Vinci Communications without a diploma. Merritt says it's important for the students not to feel like they are missing out by staying on campus for the start of their college careers. "I imagine they will go through the graduation ceremony. It will feel very much to them like they've graduated high school," said Merritt. "We don't want them to feel like they are still in high school. We wouldn't want it to be a stigma to them."

Because of how the program would look, there may be room in the fifth year to add students (because of those leaving after four years). However, Merritt said for legal and other reasons the fifth year at Da Vinci Communications would likely only be open to students in the Da Vinci family of schools. "As of right now, our goal is to keep it in

with a college. As to which college we will partner with, that's still being played out."

One concern mentioned by the Board is that students will graduate with useless credits. However, Merritt said that making sure credits transfer easily is a major issue. "That's one of our non-negotiables," said Merritt. "When we started this process, we wanted to make sure that all the courses would be transferable. We don't want any of our students walking away feeling that they did something that wasn't worth it."

Merritt said she hopes to have a draft of the charter submitted to the Board in March, with a final draft completed in May. Budget and Accounting Director David Wilson questioned if that was enough time to see the project to completion. "This is a very optimistic time frame," said Wilson. "Is this enough time to work with the District?" Superintendent Tom Johnstone said reviewing the charter shouldn't be as time-consuming as the initial round of approvals were, as most of the text would be pretty close to the other Da Vinci schools.

Overall, the Board expressed excitement over the opportunity for one of the charter high schools to forge a path to an AA degree while remaining on campus and with the high school support system still in place. "This sounds really wonderful," said Curtis.

Board President Roger Banuelos summed up the thoughts of the Board as excited, but cautious. "As you've heard, there's a lot of interest and a lot of questions," he said. •

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PROJECT NUMBER	RFP Number 13-14-2
PROPOSALS DUE BY	March 18, 2014; 2:00 PM Sharp
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MANDATORY IN-PERSON CONFERENCE DATE/TIME:	March 5, 2014; 2:00 PM Sharp

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Estimated Timeline of Events:

E-Rate Form 470 Filing	February 20, 2014
Mandatory Conference:	March 5, 2014
Last day to submit questions	March 10, 2014
Proposal Submittal Date	March 18, 2014
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NOTICE CALLING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

DISTRICT	HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION	WIFI and Network Upgrade
PROJECT NUMBER	RFP Number 13-14-3
PROPOSALS DUE BY	March 18, 2014; 3:00 PM Sharp
SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO	Hawthorne School District 14120 S. Hawthorne Blvd Hawthorne, California 90250
RFP DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE	www.hawthornesd.org
MANDATORY IN-PERSON CONFERENCE LOCATION:	Hawthorne School District 14120 Hawthorne Blvd. Hawthorne, CA 90250
MANDATORY IN-PERSON CONFERENCE & JOB WALK DATE/TIME:	March 5, 2014; 3:30 PM Sharp

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hawthorne School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the "District" will receive up to, but not later than the above stated date and time, sealed Proposals for the Contract for the Work generally described as: **RFP #13-14-3 – WIFI and Network Upgrade.**

Bidder's Conference and Job Walk. The District will conduct a **ONE TIME ONLY MANDATORY IN-PERSON CONFERENCE & JOB WALK** for the Work to be held at the location, date and time stated above. Failure to attend and sign-in will render such Proposal to be non-responsive.

Bid Security. Each Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)**. Failure of any Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.

No Withdrawal of Proposals. No Bidder shall withdraw its Proposal for a period of **ninety (90) days** after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Education. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Proposals, and as it relates to E-Rate parameters.

Waiver of Irregularities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Proposal or in the bidding.

Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the Bidder that meets the qualifications established by the RFP documents.

E-rate Requirements. The project is 100% contingent upon the approval of funding from the Universal Service Fund's Schools and Libraries Program, otherwise known as E-rate. The District may or may not proceed with the project, in whole or in part, even in the event E-rate funding is approved. Execution of the project, in part or in whole, is solely at the discretion of the District. Bidders wishing to bid may do so solely at their own risk. The District is not liable or responsible for any costs, loss, fees, or expenses, of any kind, associated with bid and/or a decision not to proceed with the project, even after

award of the contracts. By submitting a proposal, each bidder agrees to bear all of its own costs, fees, expenses, and losses, of any and all kind, should the District cancel the project.

Inquiries and Clarifications. This document is for informational purposes and shall not relieve the Bidder of the requirements to fully become familiarized with all the factors affecting the Project and Proposal. The Bidder is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the RFP documents, specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing no later than **March 10, 2014, 7:00 AM.** The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this matter is invalid. Inquiries shall be made in writing to: Gioconda Padilla, Purchasing Director, 14120 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250; or via Email at: gpadilla@hawthorne.k12.ca.us; or via facsimile at 310.675.9464.

Estimated Timeline of Events:

E-Rate Form 470 Filing	February 20, 2014
Mandatory Conference:	March 5, 2014
Last day to submit questions	March 10, 2014
Proposal Submittal Date	March 18, 2014
E-Rate Form 471 Filing:	March 25, 2014

Gioconda Padilla
Purchasing Director
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Jersey is a tiny one who weighed about 2.5 pounds at eight weeks old. She is your normal, happy, playful little puppy who is enjoying life. Jersey has no issues and would love nothing more to find her forever home. She is playful with other small dogs and the other puppies at our rescue. She will need to be adopted into our immediate area (the South Bay or north Orange County), as she will need to come back several times for shots and to be spayed. Jersey is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, fine with other dogs, and cat-safe. For her well-being, children in the home should be over the age of seven.

Sargent came to us from the Baldwin Park Shelter. We hate seeing helpless senior dogs in the shelter and pulled this little guy right out of there. Sargent is approximately nine-10 years old and weighs six pounds. He is a super-great little dog. In his foster home, he has shown us that he is completely housebroken and using the doggie door to do his business outside. Also he gets along well with the other dogs there. Sargent loves



Jersey

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in 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.

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



Sargent

to be held and hang out on your lap, and is great riding in the car. He's a peach! Very go-with-the flow in his personality, he loves to nap and sunbathe when the weather is warm. Sargent is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, fine with other dogs, has had a dental, and children in his home should be over the age of seven.

What a fun little Pug **George** is! Happy all the time, his little Pug butt wags back and forth just like his tail. He is a mover and a shaker, a good will ambassador for the Pug breed. His age is estimated to be three to four years old and he weighs 19 pounds. George is wonderful with all other dogs and he especially likes the ladies. He is quite playful, loves toys, walks superbly on leash and adores anyone who pays attention to him. George is completely sponsored by Dena and Fred honoring the memory of their beloved Pug Mr. Clooney adopted from Animals Rule. George is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, fine with other dogs, cat-safe, and children in his home should be at least six years old.



George

Purrrfect Companions

You will love Anne!

Add some extra love in your life when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Anne and her kittens were rescued in Istanbul, Turkey. She is a beautiful Maine Coon with great looks and a great personality. Outgoing, friendly and affectionate, Annie is an overall very easygoing kitty. She is good with everybody including children, dogs and other cats. Her other kittens have found lovely homes. Now it's just Anne and her daughter Alexandra looking for a home to call their own.

Anne's daughter **Alexandra** is a beautiful Tuxedo/Maine Coon mix with soft, silky fur. She is a bit more reserved than her mother, but once she is around you, you'll enjoy petting and holding her. As her mom Anne is very outgoing and easygoing, Alexandra often follows her lead... like mother, like daughter. This beautiful pair loves each other, plays together and grooms one another. They can be adopted as a pair or together into a home with another friendly kitty or cat-friendly dog.

Trapper is a little black panther with engaging golden-green eyes that are always busy looking for another toy on which to pounce. He loves big male cats, cuddling up to them, suckling on their fur and kneading his paws as he purrs up a storm. His vibrant personality shines all the time. As he is always on the go, Trapper definitely needs another high-energy kitty companion. Trapper would fit in well at most any household as his confidence and playfulness make him great for a family, and his easygoing personality

helps him get along with any kitty he meets. This little goof can't wait to find his purr-fect home.

These kittens/cats 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, de-wormed and current on



Alexandra and Anne

their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at 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 payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •



Trapper

Happy Tails

Harry's Living the Dream!



Jean, Harry and Arden are one big happy family now.

Harry was rescued from a hoarder. He was matted down, had not had any veterinary care in years, his teeth were rotting out of his head and his ears were so infected we could not pet him. To top it all off, he was blind from cataracts. Harry's life was dismal, to say the least. After a \$1,600 vet bill, Harry was on his road to recovery with clean teeth (some missing), clean ears and sporting a clean freshly groomed coat. His life changed forever when Jean (on left in photo) stopped by the rescue to pay a visit and laid eyes on

him. Harry has now memorized the layout in his new home, knows the daily routine and goes to the door when he needs to go outside. He goes on an hour walk a day and loves to sleep on his big, comfy dog bed. Life is good these days with Jean and Arden who have graciously adopted him and made Harry a member of the family. Harry is living the dream!

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. •