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Neptunians Increase Mira Costa Scholarships to \$42,000



The Neptunian Woman's Club of Manhattan Beach presented twelve \$3500 scholarships to Mira Costa High School Students for art or outstanding scholarship and were presented by Janet Fleming, Vice President of Philanthropics. Pictured are: Back row: Elaine Trotter (Neptunian President), Nicholas Sciacqua, Brennan Danlasky, Elias McGregor-Seaman, Amy Fitzgerald, Milo Davis, Zachary Teitelbaum, Shaun Whong, Janet Fleming (Neptunian Philanthropies Vice President). Front row: Jasmine Williams, Madison Lanting, Carina Chong. Not pictured: Kate Scandura, Lia Sepanek.

Local Students Win Art/Photography Contest



Winners of the Neptunian Art/Photography Contest, chosen from nine local schools.

By Lynne Gross

The winners of the Neptunian Woman's Club's Art/Photography Contest received their awards at a packed auditorium on Sunday, March 9. Fifty-eight local students were honored with first, second, and third place prizes at the 36th annual show, held at the Neptunian Club House on Highland Avenue.

The works had been judged by Bo Bridges, renowned photographer and local gallery owner; Helen Marish,

Director of Art 2 Go; and Noelle Parks, Founder and Interior Designer of Noelle Interiors.

Students from nine local schools submitted entries to the contest: Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach Middle School, American Martyrs, Manhattan Academy, Grand View, Meadows, Pacific, Pennekamp, and Robinson. The art works were judged by grade level, with awards going to students from kindergarten through

twelfth grade. The photography contest was for sixth through twelfth graders. All of the art and photography works that had been submitted were on display at the Club House prior to the awards ceremony. Attendees were also treated to cookies, punch, tea, and pizza provided by the Neptunians. Mary Essman coordinated the event, Neptunian President Elaine Trotter welcomed the parents and friends of the artists, and Amy Dorr made the presentations. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly Cloudy
60°/51°



Saturday
Sunny
61°/53°



Sunday
Sunny
69°/59°



Looking Up

First Ring System Around Asteroid



By Bob Eklund

Observations at many sites in South America have made the surprise discovery that the remote asteroid Chariklo, only 100 miles in diameter, is surrounded by two dense and narrow rings. This is the smallest object by far found to have rings and only the fifth body in the solar system—after the much larger planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune—to have this feature.

“We weren’t looking for a ring and didn’t think small bodies like Chariklo had them at all, so the discovery—and the amazing amount of detail we saw in the system—came as a complete surprise!” says Felipe Braga-Ribas (Observatório Nacional/MCTI, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) who planned the observation campaign.

Chariklo is the largest member of a class known as the Centaurs and it orbits between Saturn and Uranus in the outer solar system. Predictions had shown that it would pass in front of the star UCAC4 248-108672 on June 3, 2013, as seen from South America. Astronomers using telescopes at seven different locations were able to watch the star apparently vanish for a few seconds as its light was blocked by Chariklo.

But they found much more than they were expecting. A few seconds before, and again a few seconds after the main occultation, there were two further very short dips in the star’s apparent brightness. Something around Chariklo was blocking the light! By comparing what was seen from different sites the team could reconstruct not only the shape and size of the object itself, but also the shape, width, orientation and other properties of the newly discovered rings.

The team found that the ring system consists of two sharply confined rings only seven and three kilometers wide, separated by a clear gap of nine kilometers.

“For me, it was quite amazing to realize that we were able not only to detect a ring system, but also pinpoint that it consists

of two clearly distinct rings,” adds Uffe Gråe Jørgensen (Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, Denmark), one of the team. “I try to imagine how it would be to stand on the surface of this icy object—small enough that a fast sports car could reach escape velocity and drive off into space—and stare up at a 20-kilometer wide ring system 1,000 times closer than the Moon.”

Westchester Star Party

Meanwhile, much closer to home, on Saturday April 5, the local community will be able to look up at our own Moon and planet Jupiter and see them greatly magnified in high-quality amateur telescopes. The international public astronomy organization “Astronomers Without Borders” has named April 5 as Global Star Party Night, when people all over the world will be looking through telescopes—often for the first time in their lives. The local star party will be part of this global adventure. (see <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2014-programs/observing/1455-global-star-party.html>.)

Telescopes will be set up for the public’s enjoyment from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the parking lot of the Christian Science Church, 7855 Alverstone Avenue (one block west of Sepulveda at the corner of 79th Street) in Westchester. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. If you have a telescope of your own, you’re welcome to bring it.

All are welcome—bring the children, learn astronomy together and enjoy the sky! And if it’s cloudy, come anyway—we’ll have an indoor learning session on basic astronomy designed especially for children (of all ages).

Questions? Contact star party host Bob Eklund, (310) 216-5947, beklund@sprynet.com

Asteroid image:

<http://www.eso.org/public/news/eso1410/> •

Calendar

MANHATTAN BEACH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- Public Works Department Community Meeting on the city’s proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2015 through 2018-2019, 6-8 p.m., Police/Fire Conference Room, 420 15th St. For more information call (310) 802-5353.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- “What’s Bugging You?” class, 10-11 a.m., Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden Amphitheatre, west side of Polliwog Park. Registration required. For more information call (310) 546-1354 or email Julie@manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- City Council Meeting, 6-11 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- “Bee Basics” class, 10-11 a.m., Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden Amphitheatre, west side of Polliwog Park. Registration required. For more information call (310) 546-1354 or email Julie@manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- South Bay Business Leaders Summit, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Manhattan Beach Marriott, 1400 Parkview Ave. For more information call (310) 545-5313 or visit www.manhattanbeachchamber.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

- Earth Day Celebration and Concert Presented by the City of Manhattan Beach

and V.O.I.C.E (Volunteers and Organizations Improving the Community’s Environment), 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Polliwog Park, 1601 Manhattan Beach Boulevard. For more information call (310) 226-2927.

- Take Back Event for Unwanted Prescription Drugs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Manhattan Beach Police Department Community Room, 420 15th Street. Illicit substances and used/new hypodermic needles are not a part of this program and will not be accepted.

- Free Community Workshops with Yarn Bombing Los Angeles, 1-4 p.m., Creative Arts Center, 1560 Manhattan Beach Boulevard. For more information call (310) 802-5440.

- Neptunian Woman’s Club Annual Fashion Show, Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Neptunian Club House, 920 Highland Avenue in Manhattan Beach will on the day of the event. www.neptunians.org

UPCOMING

- Police and Fire Station Open House, May 10 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., Manhattan Beach Police/Fire Station, 400 15th Street. The Police Jail and Fire Station will be open for guided tours throughout the day.

ONGOING

- Sea Story time, every Sunday at 11:30 a.m., at the Roundhouse Aquarium at the end of the Manhattan Beach pier. For more information visit www.roundhouseaquarium.org.

Finance

Money Talk: Educating the Next Generation

(BPT) - At a certain age, kids stop listening to their parents on all topics except for one. Money.

Yet recent research conducted by Bank of America found that although this is the one area where teens and tweens actually seek advice from their parents, it’s one many adults avoid due to their own lack of confidence in managing their finances.

Whether you’re taking steps to proactively educate your children on money management or they’re confronting you with specific questions, be ready and equipped to help them learn about what’s important.

Following the five simple steps below will not only help you brush up on the basics and build your own financial knowledge but better prepare you to teach your kids about managing money responsibly.

- Expand your own financial knowledge. A recent Bank of America study on financial literacy reveals that 32 percent of U.S. adults recognize their lack of financial knowledge has led them to make poor financial decisions. Before you can educate your kids, make it a priority to educate yourself. Consider online resources as an easy way to expand your own financial knowledge. One option is BetterMoneyHabits.com, a free online learning platform offered through Bank of America’s partnership with Khan Academy, offering dozens of easy-to-understand personal finance videos on everything from using credit to saving and budgeting.

- Educate by example. Teens and tweens often model their behaviors after their parents – both good and bad – particularly when it comes to money. By setting a good example and responsibly managing your own personal finances, you can begin teaching your children without much heavy lifting.

- Talk to your kids. We’ve all made mistakes with money at one time or another – the important thing is that you and your children can learn from them. Begin talking to your children about the financial decisions you’ve made in the past to help spur open, ongoing dialogue about money. Knowledge of your personal financial challenges may prevent your children from facing similar issues and discussing your good decisions provides them



with concrete examples to follow.

- Get specific. Parents tend to give pie-in-the-sky goals to their kids – like the need to save for college, which don’t resonate. Focus your kids in on immediate goals – like saving for a bicycle or a treat after school. Prior to making a purchase, challenge your children to research and compare. This approach helps teach many important aspects of money management including smart shopping, budgeting, finding and negotiating good deals, and avoiding impulse purchases.

- Offer allowance. Once your children reach an age where you feel they’re comfortable with handling money, you can begin to offer an allowance. Whether it’s rewarding them for completing chores, good behavior or making straight A’s on their report card, make it clear to them what kind of expenditures the money is for and that they are expected to save some of it. This will likely be your child’s first chance at budgeting and managing money, so it’s important to give them the tools they need in order to be successful.

Of course, there are no “one size fits all” answers to your child’s financial questions, but when the questions do come, it’s important to be ready by empowering yourself. It’s critical that parents are confident in their own money management skills in order to teach the next generation. •

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Community Health and Wellness Leader Charlotte Lesser Chairs Inaugural South Bay Go Red For Women Luncheon



by Kristine Kelly for the American Heart Association

LOS ANGELES, March 28, 2014 – Charlotte Lesser, retired director of health education and promotion for the Beach Cities Health District, will lead the inaugural South Bay Go Red For Women Luncheon on May 21, 2014 at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. This year's event coincides with the 10th anniversary of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement to raise awareness and action to beat heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women.

For Lesser, her involvement with Go Red For Women is personal, and a tribute to her dear friends Barbara Dunlap and Body Glove founder Bob Meistrell, who both passed away from cardiovascular disease.

"Education and prevention are so important with heart disease. We all have a heart, so the issue touches each of us. This is not just a luncheon, it's a movement to help educate and empower people about how they can make changes to live a healthier life. This year, I am dedicating my involvement to the loss of my college friend and passing of Body Glove's Bob Meistrell."

For over 45 years, Lesser has dedicated her life to community health and wellness.

During her tenure with Beach Cities Health District, she led several community initiatives including health fairs, holiday assistance scrip, wellness classes and a plethora of educational programs designated to enhance public health.

As a volunteer and member of several national and local organizations, Charlotte has received numerous awards including Woman of the Year for LA County (LA County Commission For Women), Woman of Service Award and Rose and Scroll Award (Manhattan Beach Chamber), Woman of the Year (Switzer Center), Special Support Award (Project Touch), Citizen of the Year (The Wellness Community and also South Bay Coalition for Drug Free Youth).

Heart disease causes one in three deaths among women and it is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined, yet only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat.

The Go Red For Women Luncheon brings women together for education, empowerment and networking. The half-day event will feature motivational speakers, educational sessions, an informational health expo and a heart-healthy luncheon. Sponsorship and donation information are available at www.southbaygoredluncheon.heart.org



[southbaygoredluncheon.heart.org](http://www.southbaygoredluncheon.heart.org) or (213) 291-7051.

Go Red For Women has been impacting the health of women for 10 years. Since 2004 more than 627,000 women have been saved from cardiovascular disease and 330 fewer women are dying per day.

Funds raised at the Go Red For Women Luncheon help the American Heart Association continue its support of lifesaving heart disease and stroke research. Since 1949, the American Heart Association has invested more than \$3.3 billion in research. That investment has yielded or contributed to many important discoveries, including CPR, life-extending drugs, like clot-busters; pacemakers, bypass surgery, the heart and lung machine and surgical techniques to repair heart defects. These and other ad-

vances make it possible for many to call themselves "survivors."

The South Bay Go Red For Women Luncheon is sponsored nationally by Macy's and locally by Body Glove, Beach Cities Health District, Neutrogena, Marriott Manhattan Beach, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Chevron and Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, PC. The educational breakout session sponsor is UCLA Health. Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center is the health expo sponsor. For more information please visit GoRedForWomen.org or call 1-888-MY-HEART (1-888-694-3278). The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement is nationally sponsored by Macy's, with additional support from Orange County sponsor Edwards Lifesciences. •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Competition and escalation. Since the news is full of both, it's appropriate to write about them. In the words of Barack Obama, "never bring a knife to a gunfight. That's the Chicago way." And in truth, he is living out his credo.

Take, for example, his competition with Jimmy Carter for the title of the Worst President

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in U.S. History. This week, Carter complained that Obama's NSA was probably hacking his email, so he is reduced to sending messages to world leaders who seek his opinion via the U.S. Postal Service. Think about that: First, which world leaders would seek his opinion? Second, he is using the symbol of government ineptitude, the bankrupt Postal Service. Third, and most important, he is afraid this administration is stealing his secrets on how he had become heretofore the Worst President in U.S. History. With Obama in hot pursuit for that title, Carter needs to hide his secrets from the NSA. Becoming that pathetic wasn't easy, so he wouldn't want to give away secrets. In the immortal words of Satchel Paige, "Don't look back--something could be gaining."

Yep, competition and escalation. Did you notice that when Obama responded to the seizure of Crimea by barring seven Russians and four Ukrainians from travelling to the U.S., Putin did the same to U.S. government officials? Obama was relieved that the sanctions applied only to government officials and did not apply to the First Family since

Michelle's mother and children and their entourage of 70 people may want a follow-up to their China trip, and being barred from Russia could have put a crimp in a future trip to the Hermitage. Game, Obama.

Then when Obama put sanctions on a Russian bank, Putin put his salary in that bank. You gotta hand it to the Ruskie--he's

a tough guy who can take a solid punch and keep on a'comin' forward. Could you see Obama with the guts to put his money in a Chicago bank? Game, Putin.

With one game to each man, the set is on the line. Obama pledged \$1 billion in aid to the Ukraine. Since the Russians are the only source of energy to the Ukraine, Putin will raise the price of oil, forcing Ukrainians to use our money to buy Russian fuel. Russia will have profited and siphoned our funds into their national treasury, apparently having won the set. But not so fast: Obama, the man who brought a gun to the knife fight, still has a card to play. He will have our Federal Reserve print money faster than the Russians can launder it, making their holdings worthless. Set, Obama.

Oh, somewhere over the Urals, a beaten and distraught Putin turns to his musical composers and asks them to write an update to the American classic "Cry Me a River." Only, this year's version should be entitled "Crimea River," destined for the top of the pop charts wherever the Red flag flies. •

Another Man's Opinion

Meeting Between Two World Leaders Seems Like a Genuine Moment

By Cristian Vasquez

Seeing images of President Barack Obama's and Pope Francis' first meeting at the Vatican was somewhat refreshing. My reaction to both world leaders sharing the spotlight was certainly different than usual. People who know me well can tell you that while I am a man of faith, I have distanced myself from my Catholic upbringing ever since I was 17 years old. I didn't abandon the teachings of the Church, but more the ritual of attending Mass and connecting with its leaders. Those same people can also confirm my disappointment with President Barack Obama and his handling of situations like Syria, the ongoing drone strikes, the spying and collecting data on Americans, among other issues.

Furthermore, I am one who is never happy witnessing religious leaders meeting with world leaders--in particular the President of the United States. Usually when these types of figureheads meet, there are ulterior, political motives behind the gathering. Or, the gathering is simply a P.R. event for either side. Personally, I register to the late great George Carlin school of thought: if religions want to influence politics, they should pay taxes like the rest of us do (paraphrased). However, the meeting between these two leaders didn't make my stomach turn or make me change the channel. The exchange between both men came across as a very genuine moment. Could I be misreading the encounter? Maybe, but it's a change from the normal, "Let's shake hands and take a picture." •

I must admit that Pope Francis is in my good graces right now. Some people think he is shaking things up and consider the new Pontiff a breakaway from former Pope Benedict's more conservative interpretation of the Catholic gospel. I simply think he is nicer and has a much gentler approach to everything. Pope Francis hasn't come out and said anything to indicate a radical change in the Church's teachings. Sure, he asked who was he to judge gay people? We have all seen the Pope hug a child who ran up to him while delivering service, and he embraced a man with tumors that had disfigured his face. This is proof of the kind soul and love for humanity that exist within the Pontiff.

The actions reflect the kind nature of a person rather than his intention to change the views and beliefs of an institution like the Catholic Church. Pope Francis, through actions and not words, can inspire us all to change. The Pontiff has taught me that I can be a nicer, more loving and more accepting individual without jeopardizing myself, my faith or betraying my spiritual teachings. In short, Pope Francis offers hope through his actions and not just words.

When President Obama campaigned in 2008, he sold the voters a message of hope and change. While it has definitely not all been his fault, there isn't a lot that has changed during his time in office and we are still hoping for things to get better. The meeting between the President and the Pope could be no more than a P.R. stunt, but it definitely makes the moment genuine in my eyes. •

Sports

Kings Looking Royal Again

By Adam Serrao

Maybe they were bored. Maybe they were tired. Or maybe the Los Angeles Kings had just lost interest in what is a very long season this year. Whatever the reason was, though, there was no secret to the fact that the Kings just plain looked bad before the Olympics this year. After some players watched and some took part in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, however, it was almost like the team was reinvigorated. Perhaps inspired by the great display of talent seen on what was, at the time, the world's biggest stage, Jonathan Quick and company swiftly took notice and brought their collective game up to the next level. Regardless of the results of a handful of games this week after this column was written, the Kings post-Olympics looked much more like the ones that won the Stanley Cup in the 2011-2012 season. With their offense back on track and a stingy, dominant Quick in the net, there is reason to believe that this year's Kings can put together a run and bring the Cup back to Los Angeles once again.

Coming into the 2013-14 season, the Los Angeles Kings were one of the favorites around the NHL to reclaim the much-coveted Stanley Cup. Halfway through the season, those same Kings, with the same players on the team, had nearly fallen out of playoff contention. The offense was horrible. It seemed as if Quick lost a step. Every time you watched a Kings game, the only action you would see would be from the other team while losses began to pile up and shutouts became regular. In recent weeks, Quick and the Kings were the ones racking up the shutouts as a slight break in play for the Olympics apparently got this team back on track. Kings coach Darryl Sutter went from being on the hot seat to re-enlisting his team in the style of play that won a championship nearly two years ago. With elite goaltending, an ever-improving offense that controls the flow of the game, and a strong, physical defense, the Kings should be back in business just in time for the playoffs.

One of the main reasons for the Kings'

elite play in the second half lies behind the hockey stick of Jeff Carter. Carter had an excellent showing at the Olympics, perhaps giving him the momentum that he carried over into the final portion of the NHL season. Though Carter has played 10 fewer games than most of his teammates, he still led the team in goals as of press time and was second in points. In the first seven games after the Olympics, Carter racked up four goals and two assists to give him six points while also scoring the game-winner in two of four contests in that same period of time. Carter's efforts not only on offense but on defense as well have sparked the Kings to their second half surge.

The Kings have spent most of their season tangled up in the middle of a tough Western Conference, but as usual began turning things on when it counted. "To be hitting our stride at this point and beating some very good teams we had to play in the East right now, that's a confidence booster," Kings defenseman Drew Doughty said last week. Doughty's right. With the playoffs steadily approaching, the Kings continued to rack up quality wins like the one they earned last Tuesday when they pulled out a gritty 5-4 shootout victory on the road versus Washington--remarkably coming back from two goals down in the third to seal the victory. Two days later, the Kings walked into Pittsburgh and took down the Penguins by a final of 3-2, keeping Sidney Crosby relatively quiet for most of the game.

The Kings, of course, wouldn't be where they are today without the play of the aforementioned Doughty and Quick. Doughty

is also a player who was dominant in the Olympics and carried his play over to lead the attack on offense for the Kings. "I know he lays some big hits, plays well defensively and is a guy that when he's on the ice, you need to be aware at all times because he can jump into the play and be a threat to score," said Tyler Bozak of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Doughty has performed well all season long and continues to do so. He's a player who could find himself in the running for the Norris Trophy come the end of the season. A player who could take home the Vezina Trophy in the coming years started off the season very slowly, but has recently rounded out back into the goalie who was nearly unbeatable in the playoffs over the past two years. After the break, Quick was instrumental in the Kings' streak of seven straight wins, allowing only seven goals in that same period of time.

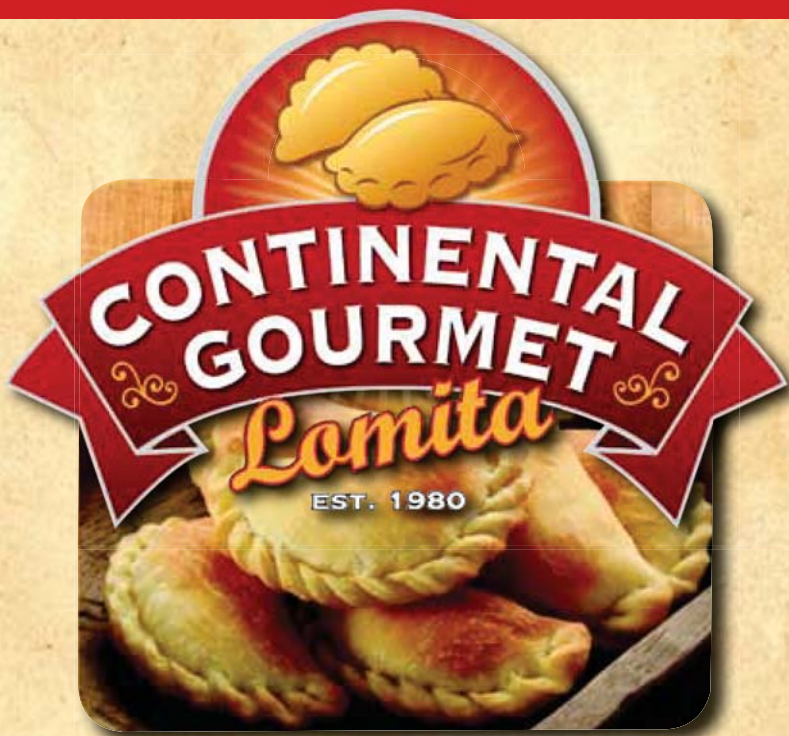
Barring an unlikely slump over the last three games (but still with a big enough cushion in the standings to make a playoff berth all but set in stone), the Kings looked to be peaking at the perfect time. With more than just one winning streak of at least five games since the Olympic break, the Kings are a much different team than the one that suffered through an especially difficult January. With the new inspiration that has currently found the Kings and the team's stellar play since the break, the rest of the NHL should take notice and be on guard. These L.A. Kings might be much like the '11-'12 Kings and very well could make another aggressive run at the Stanley Cup, taking the hockey world by storm. •

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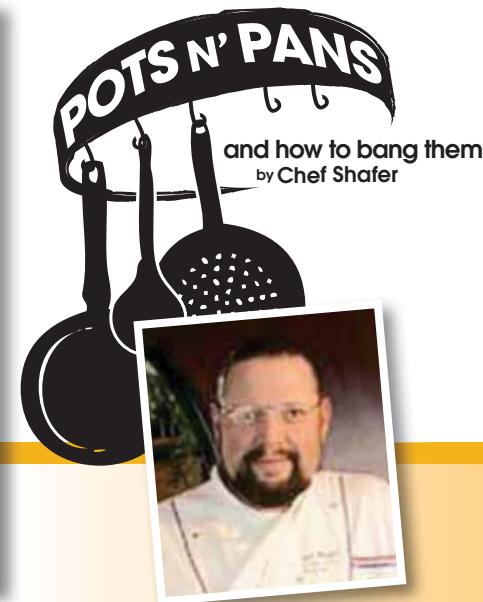
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Last week I got some great Japanese eggplant at the farmers market in Torrance. These are the long banana-shaped light purple eggplant. They looked so good I had to make something with them.

So I went back to my roots of growing up in an Italian neighborhood in New York. We always had an antipasto type salad to start of the evening and Componata was always served. My version can be served both hot and cold. Hope you like it.

The Chef



Tuscan Vegetable Marinara



Ingredients

- 2 pounds of eggplant, large dice 1-inch
- 1 cup olive oil
- 4 crushed cloves of garlic
- 1 cup diced onions
- 1 large fennel bulb cut in strips
- 1 bell pepper diced
- 1 15 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 15 oz. can tomato puree
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 quart chicken broth
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a hot skillet brown off the eggplant with a sprinkling of the olive oil; do this in small batches to get the most color and even cooking of the eggplant. Set aside.
2. In a large saucepot heat the remaining oil then add the garlic, onions and fennel. Sautee this for 3 to 5 minutes or till the fennel is soft.
3. Add the remaining ingredients and the eggplant and cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Serve with pasta or meat, fish or chicken or chill it and use as an antipasto with cheeses and breads. •

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APRIL 4
Major General Philip Sheridan took command of Army of the Potomac's cavalry.

APRIL 5
General Nathaniel Bank's force skirmished at Natchitoches, LA.

APRIL 6
Louisiana convention adopted a new state constitution abolishing slavery.

APRIL 7
General James Longstreet's corps was

ordered to return to Virginia from Tennessee.

APRIL 8
Confederate forces halted Bank's advance at Battle of Sabine Crossroads.

APRIL 9
Battle at Pleasant Hill, LA forced Banks to retreat, ending Red River Campaign.

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Duke, 12 years old and bonded with gentle sister Daisy.

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Daisy and Duke are a brother/sister team



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Cypress is almost 8 weeks old and ready to go home.

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Chill'n the friendly chinchilla.

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