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Congresswoman Waters Attends Screening of Drug War Documentary



On Saturday, Jan. 19, Congresswoman Maxine Waters attended a screening of Eugene Jarecki's documentary called "The House I Live In" at the Shiloh Baptist Church in D.C. The documentary gave an account of America's war on drugs and considers how it's influenced the state of the nation's prisons, finances, and families. The screening was followed by a panel discussion with Danny Glover, Jarecki, Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA), and Harvard Law professor Charles Ogletree. "I have been a long time advocate for ending the war on drugs that continues to harm low-income communities, minorities and millions of Americans," Congresswoman Waters said. Photo courtesy of the Office of Congresswoman Waters.

Friends of the Library Host Books Sale, Raise Funds for Various Programs

By Cristian Vasquez

All day, people walked into the Katy Geissert Library Community Room to look through a wide range of books. The book sale, hosted by the Torrance Friends of the Library, took place January 19 and is the first of four organized by the Friends throughout the year.

All of the money made from the book sale will be used to finance different programs at the Torrance Library that would otherwise not be available because of the lack of funds. "Among the things that the sales support are the programs associated with summer reading for the youth," Principal Librarian of Operations at the Torrance Library Dana Vinke said. "That money goes right back into the community to support programs that get kids involved in reading and to keep them engaged over the summer. It is always for something that is educational so that when they [students] get back to the school year, they haven't just played video games."

The book sales are divided between paperback and hard cover. The January 19 book sale was all-paperback books at 50 cents each. However, there were also movies and music available. Even at such a low price, the book sales generate a significant amount of money that has a long-lasting impact on the library and the city's residents.

"It is important because what the Friends are set up to do is to purchase things for the library that they do not have in their budget. We try to always serve children first and then adults," President of the Torrance Friends of the Library Helen Ball said. "We are ready to donate \$50,000 for children and adult programming which are not budgeted for, such as DVDs and e-books. A lot of those technical things that come up we like to support and that is why we try to make a lot of money and spend it on the library."

People were able to sort through fiction, non-fiction, science fiction, novels and children's books. There were even some specialty items available, making the selection as varied as the reasons people were buying books. "I just walked in and found it. I actually came here to check out some books and I saw the sign and just walked in," Torrance resident Pundo

Choi said. "We just got our [library] card last week and we started using it yesterday. We found some good books. We are not that good with our English. We are actually learning the language, so we came looking for some children's books."

Everything sold by the Friends is donated to them. Donations can be made at the Katy Geissert Library, which has a drop box near the front door, or at any of the branch libraries. In addition, the Friends will drive out to collect a donation if it is too big for the donor to bring to the library.

"One of the neat things about the sales that really appeals to me is that they are one of the great examples of how we can recycle," Vinke said. "When people are done with their books and they donate them to the Friends, they make sure that the donated book finds a

good home instead of going into a dumpster. So for someone who likes to read or is looking for inexpensive books for their kids, this is an opportunity to educate themselves and help the environment by recycling books. It's a really good green program for everyone involved."

The Friends of the Library have been a nonprofit group since 1967 and is made up of all volunteers. There is even one member, Teresa, who was part of the original group of people who launched the bond issue to start the library. Also, the Friends have daily sales inside the library, near the checkout counter at the Katy Geissert location, which also helps in their mission to fund programs and promote literacy.

"It is very important that we have all these volunteers. If people are not enthusiastic, **See Friends, page 3**

Brandlin Brothers Get Back Together Legally

By Brian Simon

They may have lived a block away from each other for decades and get to see each other all the time, but attorney brothers and lifelong El Segundo residents Bruce and Brian Brandlin recently celebrated a reunion. For the first time in almost 19 years, the two are working together again in the same law firm. At the beginning of the year, Bruce joined Brian as a partner in the Torrance-based Burkley & Brandlin, LLP along with Rod Burkley. The former didn't arrive alone--also bringing his son Chris, who passed the bar in 2011, as a partner. The practice also employs attorney (of counsel) Debra Keesey. Firm specialty areas include estate planning and probate, trust and estate litigation, personal injury, real estate, employment law, premises liability, product liability, guardianships, conservatorships, business succession planning, business and corporate law and general civil litigation.

"I always thought I would work with my brother again," said Bruce, 61, who originally hired Brian, 50, while the latter was still in law school in 1985. The two formed the partnership Brandlin & Brandlin in 1987 with offices in Torrance's Union Bank Building (now Del Amo Financial Center). At the end of 1994, Bruce moved on to become VP and General Counsel for KV Mart--the largest independent grocer in Southern California. He didn't expect the gig to last very long, but he ended up staying on until December 31, 2012.

"It's awesome," Bruce continued about the renewed partnership. "I came back to the same office, same floor and same building that I left 18 years ago. Torrance is a great business community. All of our clients like coming here, it's by the mall and it's close to the courthouse."

The brothers are highly regarded in their field. Brian has earned recognition eight **See Brandlin, page 3**

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
75°/53°



Saturday
Cloudy
71°/53°



Sunday
Cloudy
69°/53°



Friends

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then they will not stay," Ball said. "People have to enjoy what they are doing and have a commitment to it. We see people still loving to read. They have not quit reading and when we see children--like today--buying books, that is great."

The strong relationship between the Friends and the library not only facilitates organizing events like the book sale, but also makes the efforts to provide additional resources to library patrons more efficient. "A while ago, I had organized a meeting with several of the Friends of the Library groups in the South Bay in hopes that they could all kind of learn from each other, and they certainly did," Vinke said. "One of the things that I found out was that we have one of the largest and strongest Friends organizations and we are very happy about that. We are very fortunate that our group is very well-organized and that we have a very effective Friends of the

Library president. Without them, we certainly would not be able to provide everything that we are looking forward to. We feel very fortunate and we also try to support the Friends in any way that we can to facilitate their organization. We are very separate entities and we keep those lines separate--but in any way that we can be mutually beneficial, we do that."

The next book sales are scheduled for Friday, April 26 for Friends of the Library members from 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the general public; Saturday July 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the general public; Friday, October 18 for Friends of the Library members from 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the general public. For more information on the Friends or to donate books, persons interested can call (310) 618-5959. •

Brandlin

from front page

times as a "super lawyer" --a designation noted annually in *Los Angeles Magazine* and achieved by fewer than five percent of his peers. Both carry the coveted, hard-to-attain AV preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell--the highest grade available for an attorney in the United States. Bruce hopes his son will follow in his footsteps someday. "Chris is a real workhorse and very motivated," he said. "He is eager and willing to take some of the cases we're reluctant to take." The 27-year-old is also a master trainer and was Mr. Los Angeles and Mr. Hollywood in 2009, having won competitions in body sculpting. Bruce's other two sons opted for careers in online sales and education. Brian has four children of his own, though so far none have indicated they wish to study law. But it's still early...

Indeed the legal profession runs rampant in the Brandlin family, though not always directly. Two of Bruce and Brian's uncles are attorneys. Father Robert, who moved to El Segundo in the '50s, actually graduated from law school with honors but decided not to take the bar and to go into real estate instead. Middle brother Jim has been a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge since 1993 and was named the Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge of the Year in 2008. The Chief Justice of the State of California Supreme Court recently appointed Judge Brandlin to the Judicial Council of California. Cousin John is a practicing attorney in Orange County. Their other three siblings include Mike, a licensed real estate appraiser in Escondido, California; sister Mary Ellen Hinkle, a licensed Marriage Family and Child Counselor who had an office in El Segundo for many years and is now retired; and sister Patty Lantz, a retired systems analyst. Their parents continue to live in El Segundo within walking distance.

Neither Bruce nor Brian originally figured on law careers. Bruce enrolled in USC specifically to study dentistry, but after breaking both arms falling off a 12-foot stepladder while working as a grocery clerk, he had an epiphany that he couldn't endure another year of chemistry class. Brian studied accounting in college with plans to pursue that field. "I was getting ready to sit for my accounting exam when Bruce asked me if I had an interest in becoming a lawyer and joining him in practice," Brian said. "I hadn't even thought about it before, but after finishing my accounting degree I decided to go to law school. As it happens, I end up using my accounting skills every day."



After Bruce left private practice to work with KV Mart, Brian soldiered on solo until 2005 when he joined forces with Rod Burkley who worked down the hall. "I had to move my desk a whole 30 feet," said Brian.

Though fixtures of the Torrance business community, the Brandlins hope to eventually open a satellite office in Downtown El Segundo on Grand Avenue just east of Main Street where a sign with Bruce's name and phone number has been in place since 1979. "I always get people saying, 'I saw your office in El Segundo,' but Brian's been getting all the calls," Bruce said.

Second office or not, the brothers hope to continue working together for many years to come and have no plans to ever move out of Torrance or El Segundo. If anything, technological advancements allow them to streamline their work more than ever and spend quality at home rather than being buried in documents around the clock at the office. That flexibility is especially important nowadays for Brian, who has been active coaching his kids' various sports teams over the last decade. "It used to be to do research, you had to go to a law library and that was one of the biggest expenses for the firm--not only to buy books, but maintain them every month," he explained. "Now you don't necessarily need books anymore since everything is online and you just pay a subscription that allows you to access a centralized database." Bruce added, "Young lawyers these days don't even need legal assistants, though we've had the same two--Annie and Maureen--for more than 25 years. I'm still an old-fashioned guy with a dictating machine."

Despite a combined 60 years in law, the brothers Brandlin remain enthusiastic about their jobs and never succumbed to burnout. "Every day is different and challenging and no two cases are the same," said Brian. Bruce agreed, adding, "I just like being a lawyer. Working with my son and my brother makes it that much better..."

Police Reports

The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceeding are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes are listed as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, auto theft, auto burglary, commercial burglary, residential burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with a weapon, theft and vandalism. The City of Torrance, or its employees or agents, shall assume no liability for: 1. Any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided regardless of how caused; or 2. Any decision made or action taken or not taken by reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished hereunder.

JANUARY 13-19, 2013

JANUARY 19

Burglary-Auto: 2300 BLOCK 236TH PL Suspect(s) smashes windows on two vehicles for entry and takes property/golf clubs, laptop, backpack.

Burglary-Auto: 2700 BLOCK 235TH ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/registration, insurance, CD case, CDs, connector cord.

Burglary-Auto: 2600 BLOCK DALEMHEAD ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/GPS, Leatherman tool.

Burglary-Auto: 2500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 16900 BLOCK SPINNING AVE Suspect strikes victim in the face with a rake, breaking his nose.

Robbery Strong-Arm: 17800 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect asks victim for the time then demands his property/cell phone.

Burglary Residential: 600 BLOCK SARTORI AVE Suspect(s) cuts padlock for entry, but is scared off by falling property/ no loss.

JANUARY 18

Theft: 4100 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) takes property from exterior of location/ copper valves.

Vandalism: 4000 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) tags alley wall.

Burglary-Auto: 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) takes victim's keys from an unsecured locker and uses them to gain entry to victim's vehicle and take property/wallet, watch.

Burglary-Commercial: LOMITA BLVD & HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) cuts chain link fence for entry to construction site and takes property/tools.

Auto Theft-All: 3700 BLOCK SPENCER ST Stolen vehicle: '05 Ford truck.

Vandalism: 2200 BLOCK AMAPOLA CT Suspect becomes enraged and smashes office property when teacher confiscates his marijuana.

Burglary-Commercial: 22900 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes glass door for entry, pries office door, ransacks office, attempts to pry open safe and takes property/cash.

Auto Theft-All: 18800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '13 BMW M6.

Burglary-Auto: 2800 BLOCK 179TH ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/wallet.

Robbery Strong-Arm: 2400 BLOCK

FAIRCROSS ST Suspects enter unlocked door and ransack before victim returns home. When victim attempts to take photos of suspects and their vehicle with her phone, one of them pushes her down in the street and takes her property/cell phone, guns.

Auto Theft-All: 2800 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '05 Cadillac Escalade.

JANUARY 17

Theft: 1800 BLOCK 213TH ST Suspect(s) takes property from location/mesh gate.

Burglary-Auto: 2000 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/stereo.

Auto Theft-All: 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Stolen vehicle: '12 Kia Optima.

Vandalism: 1600 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect attempts to break down door when denied entry, then uses a fire extinguisher to smash a window.

Burglary-Residential: 24600 BLOCK MADISON ST Suspect(s) turns off main fuse, pries open sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/laptops, coin collection, cash.

Auto Theft-All: 20800 BLOCK EARL ST Stolen vehicle: '05 Chevrolet Silverado.

Burglary-Auto: 21200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/ laptop, paperwork, tool bag, tools.

JANUARY 16

Burglary-Commercial: 1600 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) enters office, forces open filing cabinets and takes property/ cash.

Robbery Strong-Arm: 18200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect enters location and demands money from register, but flees with nothing.

Theft: M 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from cart as victim shops/purse.

Battery-Simple: 18400 BLOCK PATRONELLA AVE Suspect pepper sprays victim when he confronts her about her reckless driving.

Auto Theft-All: 177TH ST & HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '94 Nissan Sentra.

JANUARY 15

Burglary-Auto: 24600 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) removes door lock for entry and takes property/cell phone.

Burglary-Residential: 18300 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE Suspect(s) enters open window and takes property/cash, jewelry, camera.

Burglary-Residential: 2400 BLOCK APPLE AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked door and takes property/beer, cigarettes, lighter, cell phone.

Auto Theft-All: 22300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '94

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So do ya think that the reason that the "cold" that I have been carrying around for the last three weeks hasn't miraculously disappeared is because I was too pig-headed to get a flu shot? Been continuously wheezing and coughing and hope that the ailment is under control by now. Promise next time to listen to the well-meaning column supporters, some who may actually know what they are talking about and may have a med background, when they advise this scribe to get a flu shot prior to the onslaught of the pesky flu scourge.

Penning the *Penguin* a couple of days after the inauguration, assuming not much spit would hit the fan. Not quite true. Secretary

"The key component that seems to drive the insatiable media engine is being first to the plate."

of State Hillary Clinton was front and center, appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, accepting responsibility for the tragic deaths of four Americans last September 11, who died at the hands of dirt bags who attacked the American consulate in Libya.

When the four Americans were murdered, all heck broke loose, as it usually does when 24-hour news outlets, uninformed bloggers and Twitter-heads all take to the social media spectrum to pontificate about a tragic event that they have no clue about.

Remember, in today's social media free for all, doesn't seem to matter if you are accurate in what you say and report. Rather, the key component that seems to drive the insatiable media engine is being first to the plate and seeing how many hits you get on your website, or followers that you can misinform with your Twitter musings. And folks make money doing it. Dang!

Anyway, Clinton, who has cashed in her Sec. of State chips in favor of ex-Pres candidate and Massachusetts pol John Kerry

and may make a run for the Presidency in 2016, showed some major cojones responding to the grandstanding accusations parried at her by some of the publicity-seeking Republicans like rookie Senator Wisconsin Ron Johnson.

Hillary made a nice stand. Not the biggest fan of the brains behind Slick Willie, but have to give her credit when credit is due.

So the POTUS gave his final inaugural speech last week, and the excitement inside the Beltway wasn't quite as palpable as the cold January day in 2009 when the onetime long-shot Presidential candidate/turned White House resident took over the reins of power in Washington.

According to published reports, the

attendance for the second Obama inauguration was definitely down from the heady days of 2009, when pie-in-the-sky political rhetoric took center stage. And before realism set in and the nuts and bolts reality of trying to pull a country out of a devastating recession while dealing with a plethora of folks on the right side of the aisle who had and have decidedly different views on what needed to be done, still needs to be done, to elevate America back to halcyon times.

The President's speech was relatively short, topping off at the 18-minute mark. He played to both sides of the often fractious political aisle, praising "the patriots of 1776," offering frank skepticism of central authority and pointing out that big government can't be expected to take care of each and every ill.

Obama's supporters hysterically chanted, "Four more years!" at this summer's Democratic convention. They have been granted their wish. Let's see what the lame duck Pres is able to accomplish in the next 48 months... •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Not surprisingly, *Time Magazine* named President Obama the 2012 Man of the Year; but in fact, they have under-measured his influence. He has already been the most transformative President in the 236-year history of the country, and in the next four years, promises to make this country unrecognizable to anyone over the age of 40.

In his first term, he:

--Made it acceptable for the government to seize a private firm and install his own management team.

--Introduced a government-run health insurance scheme.

--Waged war in Libya without a Congressional declaration of war.

--Issued 926 Presidential edicts, more than seven times the number issued by all Presidents in the last 100 years.

--Raised the national debt 155 percent in four years, from \$10.6 trillion to 16.4 trillion, while exclaiming that we do not have a spending problem.

In his next term, he promises to be even more aggressive. In his brief, 18-minute Inauguration speech, the President identified his targets for the next 48 months. Specifically, he will:

--Retain all entitlements and expand their growth.

--Aggressively address climate change by limiting the production of oil, natural gas and coal while continuing the role of venture capitalism by subsidizing Newby clean energy companies.

--Address election reform, making it easier for all to vote, regardless of qualifications to do so.

--Create a path to citizenship for all immigrants, regardless of the conditions under which they arrived in this country.

--End 10 years of armed conflicts.

--Expand gay rights.

--Restrict gun rights, based on 23 Presidential edicts.

--Successfully implement Obamacare's 15,000 pages of regulations.

--Reform the tax code to raise revenue from all classes.

--Forcefully implement the Dodd-Frank bill to control Wall Street.

Defying Bill Clinton, who said, "The era of big government is over," Obama intends to accomplish 10 monumental tasks in 48 months, averaging one major transformation every four to five months!

But on Inauguration Day, there was an elephant hovering over the celebration. The President had chosen not to address the admonition from the Office of Management and Budget, issued one week earlier, that "absent policy changes, the federal government continues to face an unsustainable fiscal path."

The President successfully negotiated a tax increase on the wealthy, totaling \$62 billion per year. But that increase constitutes only 1.67 percent of spending...a spit in the ocean...and enough to fund the government for only six days!

With no administrative plans for domestic spending reductions, with Democrats refusing to pass an annual budget, and the Federal Reserve flooding the market with \$85 billion per month, the country plunges toward financial purgatory.

In denial, the President has requested that the country either eliminate entirely any limitation on government spending, or alternatively give him the unilateral right to establish the debt level without the approval of Congress.

The President's 10-point plan is loved by some and detested by others, but will only be a sideshow if he becomes the man who presides over the financial unraveling of America. •

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Sports

Gold Rush

By Adam Serrao

The professional American football team that is the San Francisco 49ers has made it back to the Super Bowl to play on the grandest stage of them all in Super Bowl XLVII. But these aren't your 49ers of old. The days of Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott, Jerry Rice and Steve Young and the five Super Bowl championships that came in just a 14-year span are long gone. Now it's Frank Gore, Patrick Willis and Colin Kaepernick working out of an extremely modern pistol formation that no team has seemed to be able to solve to this day. John Harbaugh and his Baltimore Ravens are running on all cylinders, though, and have a completely healthy defense that, while all playing together, is one of the best the game has ever seen. Super Bowl XLVII has many provocative storylines involving two teams that are on a roll looking to take home the much-coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy. In the end, which team's storyline will be best?

The 49ers are the only team in NFL history to appear in more than one Super Bowl without ever losing. Ray Lewis, Terrell Suggs, Haloti Ngata and Ed Reed will be looking to change that little fun fact come Super Bowl Sunday--the same Super Bowl Sunday that will see two brothers (John and Jim Harbaugh) coach against each other for the first time ever in that game's history. Undoubtedly, that will be the preeminent storyline of this year's Super Bowl, but it is not the first time that the two have coached against one another. The Ravens met the 49ers on Thanksgiving Day in 2011, marking the first time two brothers faced each other as

head coaches in NFL history. Big brother John got the best of that one, coming out as thankful as can be with a 16-6 win over the Niners on that day. This time, Jim will be out to prove that even little brothers have more than enough of to be thankful for...

One of the things that the Niners' head coach is most thankful for is his first-year quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The 49ers' victory in the NFC championship game against the Atlanta Falcons was only Kaepernick's ninth NFL start. Perhaps no two starts have been bigger than his last two against Green Bay and the Falcons respectively. In those two starts (his only two playoffs starts ever), Kaepernick showed the world why Jim Harbaugh made such a great choice in selecting him over Alex Smith as the starting quarterback of the team. Against Green Bay, Kaepernick won the game with his legs, rushing for 181 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. The next week against the Falcons, however, he used his arm, throwing for 233 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions. "He can do whatever," starting running back Frank Gore said. "He's a hard worker. He's a different quarterback, how he takes pride and leads us." Gore is right. Kaepernick certainly is a different breed and that's why his coach picked him over Smith--a decision that all of the 49er faithful may not have been on board with when it was first made. But a quarterback that can run the ball and throw it just as effectively is certainly not conventional nowadays, to say the least. Kaepernick constantly keeps defenses guessing and that is what makes

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Up and Adam

Warriors Battle, But Fall

By Adam Serrao

It wasn't long ago that the West High Warriors were battling for first place in the Bay League. Then league play started and head coach Paul Nitake saw his team's performance take a dramatic dip. Now struggling to keep their collective heads above water, the Warriors have dropped in the standings to fifth place--ahead of only Palos Verdes, which is still winless in league play and accounted for West's only league victory of the season. The team that started the Warriors off on their slide was back in town last Friday night as West took on the Mira Costa Mustangs at Mira Costa. The Warriors came out strong to start the game, but went cold in the third quarter to ultimately take another loss to their league rivals, dropping their last game of the season against Mira Costa by a final score of 54-52.

Sensing the severity of the game, the Warriors came out pumped up and ready to play against their league rival Mustangs. The first quarter not only saw them get the ball rolling on offense, but also show up defensively in limiting Costa to only nine first quarter points. By halftime the Warriors were looking pretty solid, able to maintain a 25-22 lead. The third quarter is when it all fell apart for the Warriors, however. Coming out of the locker room cold, in drastic opposition to Mira Costa's newfound intensity, West was only able to muster eight more points. It suffered letdowns on defense as well, leading to the highest scoring quarter of the game

for the Mustangs who dropped 19 in the period. That quarter alone took away the Warriors' three-point halftime lead and put them down by eight going in the final quarter of play. Stefan Inouye, who had a game-high 16 points for the Warriors, led the team in the fourth quarter as the two rivals went at each other. Ultimately, however, the Mustangs were able to hang on because of their great third quarter and notch the two-point victory on the night.

There is still at least some good news for the Warriors going forward, as small as it might be. In their next game, they take on the same Palos Verdes team that has yet to notch a win in league play this year and that has given the Warriors their only victory in the same amount of time. The Warriors can use the game against PV to get themselves back on track and put together some wins toward the end of the regular season--although even winning out may not get them an at-large bid into the playoffs. There is much to build on for next year for these Warriors, who will see their most consistent statistical player, Xavier Basso, return for his senior year.

South High vs. Torrance High

The game between South High and Torrance High was a story of two teams heading in two entirely separate directions. The Spartans are in second place in the Pioneer League standings and have won five out of their last six games. The Tartars, however, have been struggling all season long and have now dropped 13 games in

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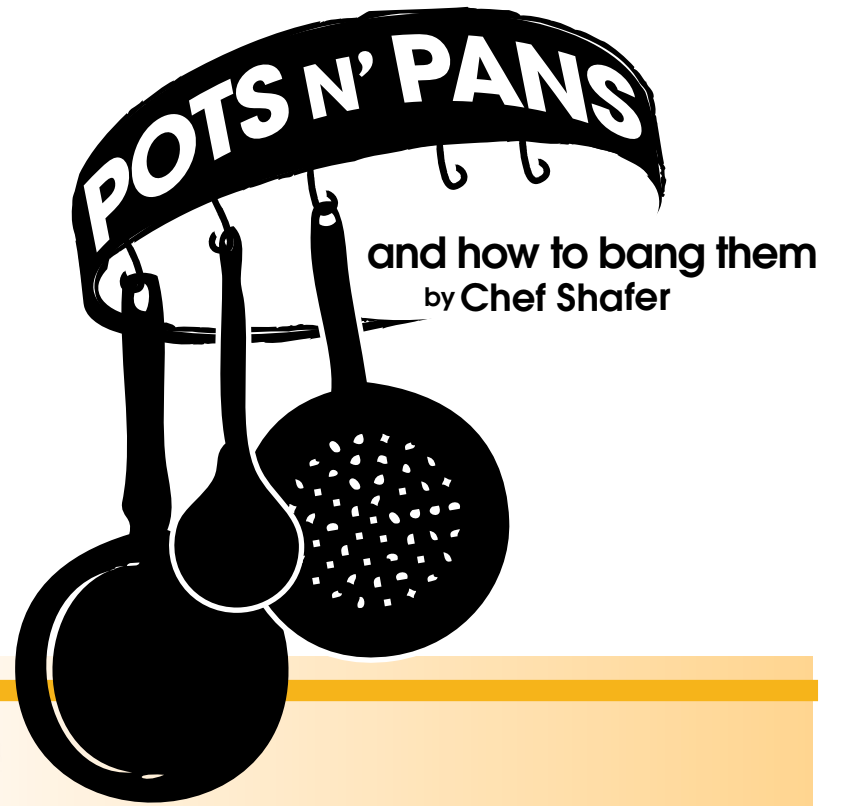
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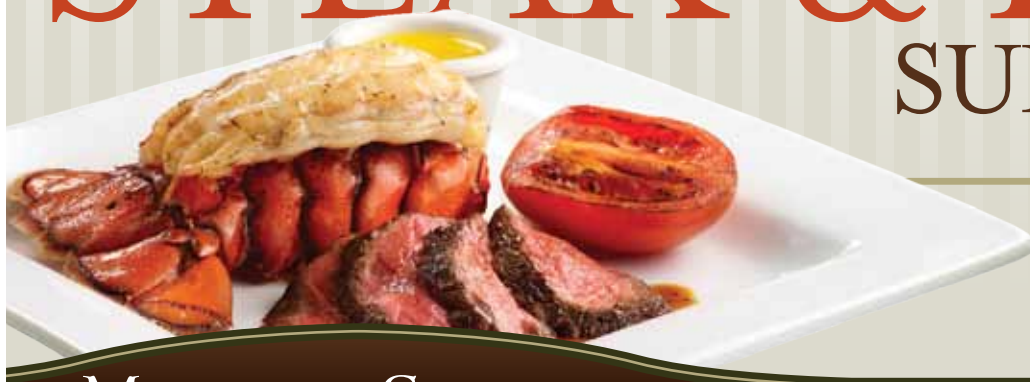
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working individuals, according to the NRA's 2013 Restaurant Industry Forecast. Since the employment recovery began in March 2010, restaurants have created more than 701,000 new positions - only the professional services and health care industries have created more jobs during that same time.

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Modern Art Explained



Platli by Claudia Morales McCain.

Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



The Rose by Andrew Foster.



Sculptor, Karen Cope beside a sculpture of her grandfather, 93 year old Kenneth Hagarty.

Artist Helen Rebekah Garber in front of her piece, The Stone.

By TerriAnn Ferren

The latest exhibit at the Torrance Art Museum, *Paradox Maintenance Technicians*, is one of the most extraordinary and unique art exhibits I have ever seen. The title intrigued me, so last week I attended the opening festivities, viewed the works and spoke with some of the artists. Museum Curator Max Presneill revealed that this is the first time each artist was asked to write a separate text in the first person about their piece describing it as *they* see it. "We want to see how that affects people--give people an entranceway to what the artist is thinking about at the time," Presneill said. "That is the major change and I think this is going to be [what we will be] trying to do for most of the exhibitions now if it seems to work out." This was exciting to me because I always wondered what the artist wanted to convey through their work. The fact that I would find out at this exhibit was exciting.

This exhibit consisted mainly of modern art. Presneill commented, "[Modern art] seems to be increasing--the resurgence of abstraction in L.A." The first artist to explain her work was Helen Rebekah Garber. Born and raised in New York to Orthodox Jews, she moved to Los Angeles 10 years ago to attend Cal Arts. After moving back to New York, she returned to California. Living in Los Angeles for the past five years, Garber uses the principles of classical painting in her work and takes her ideas from history. Her piece, *The Stone* (72" x 84"), is done in oil and weighs about 150 pounds. "I like to work with 'symbology' from the reflective of conscious," explained Garber. "My work is based in binding spiritual symbols and pushing them as far as I can push them geometrically and still give a feeling of holiness or power in the work. My family are Yemenite Jews and I began looking at old heirlooms and jewelry... find out what I could do with it...so what I like to do is work with basic geometry and see how I can assign meaning to the circles or a time--and I found it really interesting how things are reinterpreted within different cultures." She went on to share that this is

the first piece she has done in full color. She has been working monochromatically up until this piece. *The Stone* is not only large, but bright and happy. The nine layers of paint cover on the canvas with passion. Garber added, "I like to leave things a little bit ambiguous, so when people look at my work they bring their own experiences to it." What I found really amazing was that these pieces containing that much paint can take up to one year to fully dry.

Toward the back of the gallery hangs *The Formation of Crag* by Esmeralda Montes, a large 53"x 48 1/2" painting that is part of a series. "I work in a series of paintings--I work on about 12 at a time," said Montes. "They often rotate, so let's say it is ongoing. I need to pause and come back to it. It took me four to five months to complete the series. There still are two that are not there [completed]."

I was amazed at all the bright and innovative pieces I saw on the gleaming white walls. Everywhere I turned I saw very different pieces, but I knew exactly what the artist was thinking because I read the text beside the pieces. I was admiring an oil painting (*Deevie* by Aaron Smith) of an Edwardian/Victorian man dressed very properly but painted in vivid color with brush strokes reminiscent of the Impressionist style. As I admired this piece, Lonette Rappoport approached me and commented, "The way the color is used, I think that the statement made in the face and the beard and the way he's [the artist] used color is very original. I've not seen this done before and it's really intriguing. I think the entire painting is intriguing. I live in Pasadena and I've been involved with the Pasadena Arts Commission for a long time and this show is so far superior to what I'm used to seeing there--it's a pleasure to be here." Wow, that comment made me feel proud of my town.

Moving to the corner of the museum I saw another visitor, Chris Barnard, who was admiring a piece and shared, "I'm in town for an exhibit I'm in, *The New World*, presented by Chaffey College and The Wignall Museum. I am now based in New York. As a painter

who had been based in L.A., it's exciting to see all the forms that painting can take these days. Seems like a good time to be painting in Los Angeles." No kidding!

There was one painting I didn't get at all until I met the artist, spoke with her and then miraculously understood and could fully appreciate what she was saying and how she said it. Her first time showing in a museum and a teacher at Long Beach State University, Claudia Morales McCain's *Platli*, a 72" x 60" oil and collage, is most surprising. "It's a mixed media piece," said Morales McClain. "It starts off sort of building up the layers with texture and slowly adding acrylic paint and oil paint on top of that. And some of the more thick marks are done with oil sticks. What I love is maybe soft marks like this with more aggressively painter strokes on top of it."

Toward the entrance of the gallery is a large multicolored kaleidoscope painting called *The Rose* by Andrew Foster. Foster grew up in the South Bay and currently teaches at the Otis College of Art and Design, in addition to holding private classes in the area. Foster said, "[I] chose to write my whole quote as artists' quotes that I like. I spent just about a year working on it along with other pieces. It's kind of consolidated into a singular idea. I didn't even want to do it in my own words. There is so much that I respond to from other artists so I used this opportunity to share who those are and what they said."

Walking out of the gallery, I turned right where the most magnificent faces made of pigmented gypsum--plaster were hung on both sides of the hallway near the entrance of the museum. This collection, *Symphony of Mankind*, was put together by the artist--Karen Cope out of her larger 144-piece work *One Gross Face*. "I originally sculpted 144 that opened at the James Gray Gallery and because it opened on 12-12-12...so one gross as in a unit of measure. This is a smaller version of it--that's why we call this a *Symphony of Mankind*," explained Cope. The faces are intriguing, beckon you to take a closer look and yes, you can touch. I asked the artist if

the faces depicted real people and she said all her faces are from models. Classically trained and spending three years at the Florence Academy in Italy, Cope is dedicated to her art. "This all drives from the truth of the human form," she said. "Touch to me and texture is the most important 'cuz they are somewhat unfinished [the faces] because we are all unfinished works of art. This is my grandfather--Kenneth Hagarty, age 93--and I told him I would never finish him because he is still working as an artist every day. He's an inventor and my inspiration and he made this happen. He is my biggest supporter!" Teaching is something many of these very talented artists do and Cope is no exception. She teaches adults at *Cope Studios* hoping they will in turn teach their children to create throughout their lives. Cope told me that she believes every one of us has a story that is written on our presence and our bodies.

How did Cope get started? At the age of seven, her father kept her busy by sitting her down with a bar of soap and a knife. What came out of that was a whale, a turtle and anything else she could figure out at that age. "I have always been different," Cope confided. "I had a second grade teacher who told us all to go outside and draw the tree. They all drew and ran away in 10 minutes and she said an hour later, after recess she found me out there drawing and she entered it into a contest and it won without anyone knowing and I got surprised at the assembly. What a neat teacher!"

Paradox Maintenance Technicians at the Torrance Art Museum (TAM) January 19 to March 9, 2013 truly is one of the best modern art exhibits I have seen, largely due to the explanation by each artist. Reading the artists' comments on each piece of art helped to explain the world of modern art to me in a way I have never before appreciated. Bravo! The exhibit's diversity and beauty is remarkable and all this is located right here in Torrance. Check out the museum at 3320 Civic Center Drive or access www.torranceartmuseum.com. •

Computer Ninja

Save the World With Your Computer!

By Alex Bryan

I get it, the title for this column might be a little over-done, but stay with me here and I promise you'll learn something interesting. You may not be able to save the world with your computer, but there's a chance you might be able to make a major scientific breakthrough or find a cure for a disease.

Making a scientific breakthrough is no easy task. For one, you've got to get your hands on a team of scientists, gather a whole lot of raw data, and find a way to process all that data into

something useful. Many scientists who need to process large amounts of data use grants to buy access to computing power, but grants aren't an infinite resource and almost always come with strings attached. Instead of buying processing power, many research teams are now turning to volunteer computing – a way to use the computers of volunteers to process the data for their research.

Most of you don't fully utilize your computer's processing power when you're browsing the web, using Facebook, or watching a movie on Netflix. Chances are you also leave your computer on and connected to the Internet while you're not using it. In workplaces, many of your computers simply have to be on all the time.

Think you're a near max power user? If you want to see how much processing power you are currently using, you can hold down the Control, Alt, and Delete keys on Windows to bring up the task manager. If you are on a Mac, you can run the system monitor in the utilities folder. See all that un-used processing/CPU power? You could be donating it and helping scientists put research money somewhere far more



beneficial than buying servers.

In 2002, a team of software developers at Berkeley came together to make it easier for researchers needing computer power to find volunteers. What they

came up with is called BOINC, the "Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing". The name is quite a mouthful but it describes exactly what their software does: provide an infrastructure for people to pool together computing resources. BOINC is used by researchers to find cures for diseases, solve long-standing mathematical quandaries, find relationships between genes and diseases, predict the weather, and provide computing resources to students at universities.

More than seven million computers already run BOINC. If you want to join, head over to <http://boinc.berkeley.edu>. From there, you can download the BOINC program for Windows or Mac and select projects you want to donate your computing resources to. BOINC will work in the background, making use of the processing power you're not using. You can also set BOINC to only run when you're not on the computer.

BOINC is a great way for regular people to pitch in and determine the direction of scientific research. It doesn't cost any extra money to run and can save researchers more than a king's ransom. Some projects come with screensavers that actually show the work you're doing and all of them keep statistics so you can measure your contribution to the project. Who knows, maybe if you're sly you could even find a way to take it off on your taxes!

For any questions or comments contact Alex at calltheninja@gmail.com •

CSD Urges Torrance to Take Advantage of Earned Tax Credits

Courtesy of Internal Revenue Services

The Internal Revenue Service and partners nationwide have launched the Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day outreach campaign, aimed at helping millions of Americans who earned \$50,270 or less take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Local officials and community organizations across the country are sponsoring more than 250 news conferences and other outreach events highlighting the benefits of this key work incentive for low-and moderate-income workers and working families. The annual campaign is necessary because one-third of the eligible population changes each year as their financial, marital and parental statuses change. Although an estimated four out of five eligible workers and families get the credit, one in five still miss out on it, either because they don't claim it when filing, or don't file a tax return at all.

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"For a very low income family, receiving this credit can make a significant difference in their lives."

changes every year with their tax situation," said IRS Acting Commissioner Steven T. Miller. "This year, millions of workers could qualify for EITC for the first time, and the IRS urges them not to overlook this valuable credit."

The EITC varies by income, family size and filing status. The average EITC amount last year was around \$2,200.

As many as one out of five people eligible to claim this credit miss out because they don't apply. If you work, and earned under \$50,000 last year, you could receive up to \$5,891 by claiming the credit on your 2012 Federal tax returns.

In El Segundo, there are 10,441 tax returns claiming the earned income tax credit for a total of \$21,207,400.

"To receive the credit, eligible Californians must file a tax return and claim what they've earned through EITC," said CSD Acting Director Linné Stout. "The Department and our local partners are working to get the word out, and to help eligible Californians take advantage of the credit by offering free tax preparation services."

CSD administers the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) through partnering with local non-profits and government agencies to alleviate the causes of poverty in local communities throughout California. Several of CSD's partner agencies around the state are offering free tax preparation and EITC filing services during the 2013 tax season. Many agencies are also collaborating and leveraging with other community based organizations to offer these services, and fill service gaps around the state.

"We are working hard to reach all the members of our community who are eligible for EITC so they don't miss out on this great resource," said Betty McWilliams, executive director for Foothill Unity Center, a CSD partner agency in Los Angeles. "For a very low income family, receiving this credit can make a significant difference in their lives. And, the financial boost EITC provides working people also offers a boost to our

local economy."

Those earning under \$50,000 can get more information and see if they are eligible for free tax preparation services, including EITC, by contacting one of the following local agencies:

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Sports

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this San Francisco team so special.

The team that Kaepernick and the 49ers are going up against on Sunday is a pretty special one in itself. One of the main storylines of this Super Bowl centers around Ray Lewis and his last run at a championship. After 17 seasons with the Baltimore Ravens and a career that started with a sack of then-quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts Jim Harbaugh, this Sunday will be the last game he ever plays in the NFL and his last chance at attaining a second ring. They say defense wins championships and so far this postseason, Lewis has been the best defender on the field. After recording 14 tackles in the AFC championship game against the Patriots, Lewis now leads the NFL with 44 tackles this postseason. "This is our time," Lewis said succinctly. Sure sounds like he's healthy and all the way back from the torn right triceps that caused the All-Pro to miss 10 weeks of this season.

The much-heralded defense of the Ravens is not the only thing to fear if you're a 49ers' fan, though. The Ravens own the playoffs. In 20 postseason games, they are 13-7 all-time, owners of the best winning percentage (.650) of any franchise in postseason history. Ravens' quarterback Joe Flacco is also gunning for a record of his own. That record just happens to be held by an ex-49er. With eight touchdowns and zero interceptions this postseason, Flacco can tie or break Joe Montana's record (11 TDs, zero INTs) for most touchdowns without an interception in a single postseason. Every quarterback

who has finished the postseason with at least eight TDs and zero interceptions has won the Super Bowl and the Super Bowl MVP.

Both the 49ers and the Ravens have made it to the Super Bowl after losing last year in their respective conference championship games. That being said, it is obvious that both teams are motivated and have something to play for come Sunday afternoon. The Ravens lead a season that seems to be somewhat star-crossed. Were it not for a fourth down conversion by Ray Rice with 29 yards to go against the San Diego Chargers, the team would not even be in the playoffs. Add that to the entire defense getting healthy at the right time, Lewis' last season ever and the team's ability to beat not only the Denver Broncos on the road but the Patriots too, and San Francisco fans everywhere should be a little worried. Fret not, 49er fans. If defense wins championships, the Niners actually have the upper hand. San Francisco is only allowing 17 points per game, which is the second best defense in the NFL behind only the Seattle Seahawks. Teams with a top two scoring defense are 16-5 all-time in Super Bowl history when not facing another top two scoring defense. So now that all of the facts are before you, who do you think will win this year's Super Bowl? John or Jim? Kaepernick or Lewis? San Francisco or Baltimore? Still can't decide? You can always try your hand at betting on whether Beyonce's hair will be curly/crimped or straight at the beginning of the halftime show. •

Up and Adam

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a row to find themselves in last place in the league standings. That being said, the Tartars put up a decent fight against the Spartans, winning two of the four quarters against South. Ultimately, Spartans' coach Leo Klemm had his team playing a more explosive type of basketball en route to their 61-50 win last Friday night at Torrance High.

The last three games that the Tartars have played against West, North and South respectively have not been very close, to say the least. After taking a 39-point loss to West, the Tartars then fell by 10 to North and 11 to South. Needless to say, the team has a lot of growing up to do and needs to find a way to get started with a little more intensity. That was precisely their problem in the game against South. The Spartans were more prepared for the game on Friday, jumping out to a 20-7 lead over the Tartars in the first quarter of play. By the start of the fourth, South was up 48-36 and basically cruised to their 61-50 victory on the night. Kenichi Hackman led the way for South, dropping 14 points on the night, while the Tartars got another impressive game from Brett Akahiji, leading both teams with a game-high 15 points.

For the Spartans, key games remain on the schedule against both Lawndale and El Segundo to close out the season. Lawndale

is still undefeated in league play, so a win against that team is key in order for the Spartans to be able to take the Pioneer League crown this year. Either way, Klemm has South playing at a high level. After their surprise trip to the CIF Finals last year, there is no telling where the Spartans might end up when all is said and done.

North High

After two tough losses to South High and Lawndale, the North High Saxons have been making a run towards the end of the season. Their victory against Centennial last Friday night at Centennial marked the Saxons' third win in a row and fifth out of their last seven games. Zach Kimura led the Saxons to victory with a game-high 18 points on the night. The Saxons are now in third place in the Pioneer League, behind only Lawndale and South High. With only three games remaining in the season, the Saxons find themselves controlling their own fate with games against both Lawndale and South remaining on the schedule. Should the Saxons win their final three games of the year, they could feasibly take the Pioneer League outright. The way things are going, however, even if the Saxon don't win all three, they should still take an at-large bid into the playoffs. •

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"Read All about It!"

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Across

- 1. 60's do
- 5. Hand-warmer
- 9. Guitar stroke
- 14. Surf sound
- 15. Polo grounds?
- 16. Anatomical fold
- 17. Beyond the regular schedule
- 20. Village in Belgium
- 21. Spark
- 22. Fingers
- 23. Frightening: var.
- 24. Recipe abbr.
- 25. Engenders
- 28. Feet, slangily
- 32. Entertained, in a way
- 33. Be human
- 34. Omitted
- 35. In a remarkable manner
- 40. Tune
- 41. It can be flipped
- 42. Tangle
- 43. Oolong holder
- 46. Don Juans
- 47. Till fill
- 48. King or queen, e.g.
- 49. Nigerian city

Down

- 1. It can be gray
- 2. "___ Brown" (1974 film)
- 3. Have status
- 4. "Catch-22" pilot
- 5. Functionaries
- 6. Bad loan
- 7. Concern
- 8. Word with cry or side
- 9. Directed skyward
- 10. Fluffs up
- 11. Venom
- 12. Wood sorrels
- 13. Card game
- 18. Menu
- 19. Natural

- 23. It has a big mouth
- 24. Donut-shaped surfaces
- 25. ___ suit
- 26. Mischief-maker
- 27. Bone cavities
- 28. Pendergrass
- 29. With gelidity
- 30. Noted blind mathematician
- 31. Eye sores
- 36. Heir, sometimes
- 37. Purges
- 38. Bookseller
- 39. Certain network
- 44. Penetrating
- 45. Lack of oxygen
- 46. "All clear!" is one
- 48. Saint-Germain's river
- 49. Myrtle family plant
- 50. Stage of development
- 51. Compos mentis
- 52. Hissy fit
- 53. Look like a creep
- 54. Call to attention
- 55. Neighbor of Bulg.
- 56. Bad-mouth
- 57. Pulls

Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Police Reports

from page 3

Honda Accord.

Burglary-Residential: 17900 BLOCK CASIMIR AVE Suspect(s) smashes glass in door, reaches in to unlock deadbolt for entry and takes property while victim sleeps/watch, collector's coins, wallets.

JANUARY 14

Burglary-Auto: 1200 BLOCK EL PRADO AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/uniforms.

Auto Theft-All: 18200 BLOCK KINGS DALE AVE Stolen vehicle: '91 Chevrolet Blazer.

Battery-Simple: 19000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect pushes victim and slaps her in the face.

Theft: 3600 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect(s) takes secured property from parking garage/bicycles.

Burglary-Residential: 2100 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE Suspect(s) forces open garage door to access residence, ransacks

and takes property/backpack, clutch, cash, laptops, cell phone, headphones.

Theft: 20500 BLOCK GRAMERCY PL Suspect(s) takes property from front of location/artificial turf, water pump.

Burglary-Auto: 25900 BLOCK MATFIELD DR Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/wallet.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 20300 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect strikes victim in the head with a mug.

JANUARY 13

Theft: 20900 BLOCK AMIE AVE Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from parking garage/bicycle.

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) smashes windows for entry to two vehicles and takes property/purses.

Theft: 17600 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) cuts padlock on gate for entry and takes property/plastic plant containers. •



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Pets Without Partners

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Yauco is 18 months old and has been recently retired from track racing. His days of rabbit chasing are over and he is now



Yauco

ready to be a house dog. Yauco is currently in foster care learning just that--how to be a house dog. He loves his warm, cushy bed and sleeps inside at night. He is learning how to use a doggie door and do his business outside. Yauco is gaining weight and the sores on his face and ears from his track muzzle are slowly healing. He is a very sweet, kind, gentle dog who enjoys the company of humans and the love he is receiving as a household pet. Yauco will be neutered in January, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, good with children, and cat-safe.

Shorty is a Miniature Dachshund who was a “gate grab” just before he entered the Kern County Animal Shelter where he would have surely been euthanized. He is approximately eight to nine years old and weighs nine pounds fully grown. Shorty has a lovely red coat with a little bit of a grey muzzle that reflects his wisdom. He is a total love of a dog and a great constant companion. Shorty is good with other dogs and is also cat-safe. This little guy is housebroken and sleeps in a crate at night in his little doggie bed. He loves to go



Shorty

where you go...so if you're a walker, so is Shorty. If you like to camp or travel in a motor home, then so does Shorty. If you're retired, enjoy a home with children or are a homebody, then so is Shorty. Shorty would love to be a part of this too. He is a wonderful little dog and if you love the Dachshunds, then you will surely love Shorty! Shorty is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, has had a dental, is microchipped, good with other dogs, good with children, and cat-safe.

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Ireland was rescued along with her three siblings when she was just four weeks old. This sweet little girl has gorgeous light green eyes which compliment her gorgeous coat of dark Tabby lines and spots on a blend of brown and silver. Ireland absolutely adores

hard to say if PeeWee will continue to play catch-up or remain small, but we think he's perfect no matter what size he is.

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being petted, will knead away as she rubs against you and loves to sleep with you. She will purr for hours on end, squeaking out cute little meows as she chit chats with you. Ireland is very outgoing and affectionate--great with other cats and even dogs! She has lots of energy and cannot be an only kitty. She would love to be adopted into a home with a resident kitty or with a foster friend of hers. Ireland is a truly special kitten with a whole lot of love to give. She deserves a spectacular home where she can romp and play all day long.

PeeWee was found on the streets as a super tiny kitten. At first his foster mom thought

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Ireland



PeeWee

he was a bottle baby, but PeeWee was able to eat all on his own, much to her surprise. This handsome little baby is just that--little. He continues to grow extremely slowly and is about half the size of most kittens his age. PeeWee is a fantastic companion for other kitties because he loves being with other animals. He will sleep on the bed and plaster himself right against your side, giving you little pieces of information about his day while he purrs. He is very outgoing and loving, with a lot of energy still. It's



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Happy Tails

Munchkin Looks Forward to a Happy New Year with Loving Family

Munchkin found happiness for the holidays and is looking ahead to a great new life in the new year. His wonderful “mom” sent us this update...

“I’ve let far too much time slip by without providing you with an update on our dear Munchkin. We *loved* your Christmas card and are truly grateful and appreciative of your sending it to us. Sofia immediately pointed out Cheezit and Darla and Rambo and a few other dogs whose names escape me now, but who we recognized from your website when we were considering Munchkin. We’ve kept that card because it brings us such joy. And speaking of joy, Munchkin continues to bless us with that every single day. For

Christmas, he flew to Colorado with us (in a special carrier under the seat in front of Sofia) to spend a week at my sister’s home and he behaved exceptionally well. It’s a good thing Santa left a sweater and a ‘jacket’ for him under the tree, because it was freezing there. My sister’s family has a seven-year-old Lab. She and Munchkin got along famously. I actually took a video of them



playing together with Munchkin spinning in tight circles while Tess carefully pawed around him, both their tails wagging happily. It was cute to see Tess with a ‘mini me’ for a week! There really haven’t been any hiccups in our adjustment to each other. They have a cat too, who Munchkin wanted to play with and he’d wag his tail and approach her

carefully, but Callie didn’t want anything to do with him. Anyway, I’m running a bit late, so I’d better dash. I could continue to gush on and on about Munchkin being the perfect match for our family. We count him among our many blessings *every single day*. It is so cool to hear my son say, ‘I love you, Munchie’ under his breath as we tuck him in at night. This is the boy who’s always been hesitant around dogs. What a gift! Hope you and all of your dogs are doing well!” -- Kristina.

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