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Agreement for Ambulance Services Extended One More Year

By Cristian Vasquez

In a 6-1 vote, the Torrance City Council approved a recommendation by Torrance Fire Chief Martin A. Serna to move forward with a second amendment to the contract with Westmed Ambulance Inc. [d.b.a McCormick Ambulance] that would extend ambulance transportation and patient billing services to Dec. 2, 2017.

The original agreement for McCormick to provide these services for the Torrance Fire Department was entered on Nov. 18, 2014 and resulted from the request for proposal [RFP] process. From the beginning, the contract gave the city the option to extend the agreement at one-year increments, four times, and only if the same terms and conditions apply.

"The Fire Department has continuously monitored McCormick Ambulance's performance under this contract," states the staff report signed by Fire Chief Serna. "All requirements of the contract have been met during the first contract extension period, including the implementation of CAD to CAD interface and response time compliance."

During the entirety of the original agreement, and during the first extension, McCormick has registered a response time of 92 percent, within 8 minutes. Furthermore, in that same eight-month period, McCormick has not had any incident with damaged or defective equipment or vehicles.

Despite the 6-1 vote in favor of Chief Serna's recommendation, there were reservations expressed by Councilmembers Heidi Ashcraft and Mike Griffiths about the original contract. Councilman Griffiths reminded attendees that while the information in the staff report indicates that the company is doing a

good job, he feels there was evidence of laws broken during the 2014 election.

"I believe by reading the contract that we do have the right to cancel their service based on breaking that law, but we don't have a choice," Councilman Griffiths said. "I voted to put out an RFP before, but that was not approved by my colleagues so I am put into a corner. I will be voting reluctantly to continue with the service with McCormick."

Councilwoman Ashcraft also expressed her dissatisfaction over the original contract with McCormick over what she described as a perception as "pay for play situation involving them during the election campaign

of 2014." However, she did express that given the information proving that the company has met all of the requirements and passed inspections, in addition to being in compliance, she agreed to reluctantly vote in favor of the extension.

Both councilmembers were referring Torrance Mayor Patrick Furey's 2014 mayoral campaign, which led to to an 18-month investigation into Mayor Furey, Torrance Voters PAC to Support Pat Furey for Mayor 2014, McCormick Ambulance Service President Rick Roesch, and PAC Treasurer Tina McKinnor. Findings by the FPPC cleared Mayor Furey,

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City Council Approves Transit Department's Claim

By Cristian Vasquez

The Torrance Mayor and City Council approved a Local Resource Project [LRP] Agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California [MWD] for grant funding for the development of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's [WRD] Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program [GRIP].

"The GRIP Project is being funded primarily by proceeds from WRD bond issues and external grant funding sources," states the staff report signed by Public Works Director Robert J. Beste. "The Metropolitan Water District has a supplemental funding program, known as the Local Resource Program (LRP), to provide subsidy incentive

payments to encourage the development of local water resource projects that enhance regional water reliability, which are currently more expensive than MWD supplies."

The GRIP project is a partnership between the WRD and the Sanitation Districts of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County [LACSD], which provide recycled water for the project. It is expected that by 2018 the GRIP program will end the need for WRD to buy more than 20,000 acre feet of imported water supplies from MWD. This will allow WRD to become 100 percent reliant on local water supplies for groundwater replenishment purposes.

WRD acts as a groundwater manager and

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
70°/62°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
70°/62°



Sunday

Sunny
74°/64°





Entertainment

Film Review

In Directorial Debut “A Tale of Love and Darkness,” Natalie Portman Honors Jewish Heritage

By Morgan Rojas

Natalie Portman is regarded as one of the most ambitious and hardest working people in Hollywood today. Opting to place her career on hold to attend Harvard University in 1999 (getting her degree in Psychology), she is a perfect example for actors everywhere that one shouldn't rely on beauty, not even talent alone, to survive in show business. The new film “A Tale of Love and Darkness,” based on Israeli author Amos Oz's bestselling memoir, further proves her abilities as a triple threat in a film that Portman not only stars in, but adapts and directs. Oh, and did I mention

brave face as the matriarch of the household amongst the turmoil, but battles internal forces that eventually become too overwhelming. In tackling the vast historical context of Middle East politics, “A Tale of Love and Darkness” is slower and much denser than any of Portman's other work. Its appeal is that it is non-commercial, but that doesn't mean it lacks cinematic inspiration. Some of the most vivid scenes come from the nightly bedtime stories Fania tells Amos. Just as the character Sara in “A Little Princess” created fantasy worlds for her friends while in boarding school, the stories Fania tells are acted



Natalie Portman in “A Tale of Love and Darkness.” Courtesy of Voltage Pictures.

the film is in Hebrew with English subtitles? “A Tale of Love and Darkness” is told from the perspective of Amos as an elderly man, reminiscing about his childhood in the budding State of Israel in the 1940s and '50s. Amos (Amir Tessler) is a 10-year-old Jewish boy, not yet mature enough to comprehend the politics of the Middle East. He meets a young Arab girl at a party and although they only speak a few words, they are enough for him to understand the conflict around him. His father Arie (Gilad Kahana), an author with an awareness of the political state of the country, tries to teach his son life lessons every day. His mother, Fania (Portman), puts on a

out in a similar fashion. This film is not just Natalie Portman's directorial debut, it has also been her passion project that she worked on for over 10 years. It is an interesting choice for a filmmaker's debut, as it definitely goes against the grain of formulaic Hollywood films. However, after watching, it seems like no one else could have pulled off this striking balance between romance and melancholy as well as the triple-threat Portman. “A Tale of Love and Darkness” is rated PG-13 for thematic content and some disturbing violent images. 95 minutes. Now playing at the Landmark Theater. •

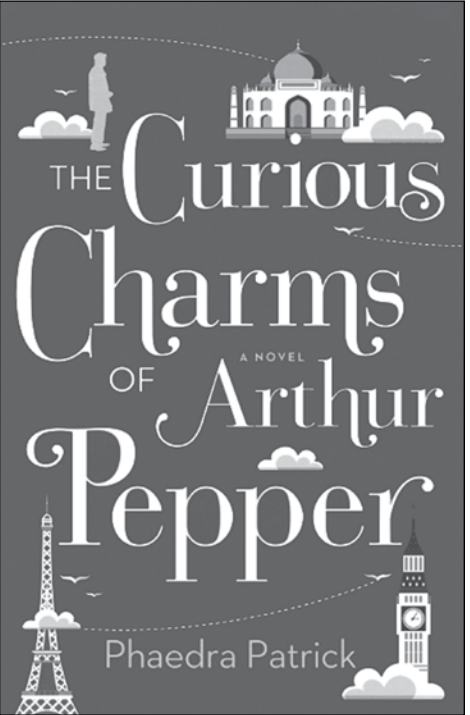
Check It Out

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper

By Phaedra Patrick

El Segundo Library Staff Book Reviews and Recommendations

Phaedra Patrick's debut novel, *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, introduces the reader to a proper older English gentleman



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick.

who finds comfort in continuing his routine life, once shared with his late wife, Miriam. Arthur Pepper gets out of bed at exactly 7:30 a.m. every morning, wears the same mustard yellow sweater vest, the same gray pants and waters his fern, lovingly named Frederica, before heading out to his garden.

On the one-year anniversary of Miriam's death, Arthur decides it is time to move on from mourning. While cleaning out her belongings, Arthur finds a mysterious gold charm bracelet, never seen on Miriam's wrist. As his curiosity is sparked, Arthur breaks out of his very comfortable daily routine, adding spontaneity to his life by embarking on life-changing adventures to distant lands in search of clues that may help him understand Miriam's past.

Each charm has a story to uncover, intriguing

Arthur on his journey to get to know his late wife's past. Beginning with the tiny emerald-studded elephant which takes him to India, Arthur's travels resume as he follows leads on charms that include an artist's palette, a book, a thimble and a heart, Arthur finds himself in places that include New York, London and Paris.

As Arthur's character evolves through his travels, his journey becomes one of his own self-discovery as well as rebuilding relationships with family and friends. Phaedra Patrick's novel is a sweet story of loss, hope and healing and the challenges we face along the way.

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper is the book selection for October's Evening Book Club that will meet at the El Segundo Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join us in discussing this book, please visit the library to check out a copy.

The El Segundo Public Library offers access to its collection of titles in a variety of formats, including traditional hardback, e-books and books on CD. To check out *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, or any other title on your to-read list, please visit the library to apply for your free library card, or please contact the reference staff for further assistance. Reviewed by Julie Todd, Adult Services Manager, El Segundo Public Library. •



Julie Todd.

Transit

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carries out several duties, including: replenishing and recharging local groundwater basins, conducting large-scale groundwater monitoring; preparing technical and hydrogeological studies and surveys; as well as expediting groundwater recovery and cleanup programs.

“In September 2015, the City Council adopted a Resolution in support of the Water Replenishment District's local groundwater augmentation project, known as the Ground Water Reliability Program (GRIP),” states the staff report. “This project will replenish local groundwater in the District's main replenishment basin- the Montebello Forebay located in the Pico Rivera area.”

The project involves the use of enhanced stormwater capture and the treat of any additional recycled water supplies, which will then be used for replenishment purposes in the forebay area. Eligibility for LRP is for MWD members only; however, despite WRD not being an MWD member agency, it is eligible to obtain LRP funding through sponsorship of a member agency.

“Torrance, in partnership with Water Replenishment District, has been a recipient of LRP incentives for the last 14 years for the development of the Goldsworthy Desalter Project located at the City Services Facility site,” states the staff report. “The proposed agreement with Metropolitan for LRP funding

for the GRIP project is similar in scope to he current agreement for the Goldsworthy Desalter, with Torrance being the sponsoring member agency.”

Council Approves Transit Department's Claim for Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance Funds

A recommendation by Torrance Transit Director Kim Turner to approve the department's submittal of its annual claim to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority [METRO] for \$6,224,354 in Transportation Development Act funds was approved by the city council. Also approved were \$499,722 in State Transit Assistance funds for the Torrance Transit System, both for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

“Annually, the Torrance Transit System is allocated transit subsidy funding as provided by state statute on a formula basis based on external grant monies that finance the operating and capital needs of our transit system,” states the staff report signed by Turner. “These funds are shared by formula with all of the other included and eligible transit systems in Los Angeles County.”

METRO allocates funds via its own sources each year, which include: Transportation Development Act [TDA] funds; State Transit

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Aetna Customers Won't Be the Only Ones Switching ACA Plans

By Rob McCarthy

Aetna Health's decision last week to stop participating in the federally mandated individual health-insurance program doesn't affect Californians, however, many residents covered under the Affordable Care Act will be shopping for another health plan in 2017 anyway.

That's because the health plans offered through the California marketplace are raising their rates by an average of nearly 13 percent in the next enrollment period. The double-digit increase for next year's coverage will require participants to switch plans or pay most of the increase themselves, according to the exchange's top official.

"Almost 80 percent of our consumers will either be able to pay less than they are paying now, or see their rates go up by no more than 5 percent, if they shop and buy the lowest-cost plan at their same benefit level," said Peter Lee, the executive director of Covered California, in last month's rate announcement.

"Shopping is going to more important this year than ever before," Lee stressed ahead of re-enrollment that starts on Nov. 1.

The rates charged by the health companies in the ACA are capped by law, and the rate increases reflect the cost of medical care to plan enrollees, Lee explained. The 10 health plans in the state's insurance marketplace received permission from state officials to bump up rates 2017 after negotiations that took place this summer. Insurers won't be making "excessive profits" from the higher rates, the head of Covered California assured consumers.

State officials approved the rate increases partly because an artificial cap on premiums is ending next year. The cap, known as reinsurance, was in place for the first three years to slow rate increases, which it did. The loss of the reinsurance cap accounts for up to 7 percent of the increased rates for Californians enrolled in the ACA.

Medical inflation, especially higher prices for specialty drugs, will be a cost driver for patients and their insurers next year, officials said. Two plans, which Lee did not identify, asked for rate relief because they expect consumers who are sick and need care to enroll in the next calendar year. Though the state's exchange approved the increase, the federal government will help pay some of it.

The federal government will contribute more next year to defray the higher premiums for individuals and families, according to Covered California spokeswoman Lizelda Lopez. Federal assistance pays the full amount of coverage for people with incomes well below the poverty level, and low-income adults can qualify for financial assistance to pay their plan premiums.

Consumers will can review their new rates and change plans for their 2017 health coverage when renewal notices arrive starting in October, officials said. Lee warned consumers to be ready to shop the marketplace for comparable coverage at the best price. Enrollees who automatically re-enroll in the same plan

and skip any price comparisons could regret it. "Some consumers who choose to keep their plan will see a significant increase in their premium for 2017, while others will see a more modest increase, depending on where they live and what insurance plan they have," Lee said.

While the federal formula is complicated and estimating next year's costs for individuals is difficult because everyone's circumstances are different, Lopez said the less a person makes, the more assistance they can receive through California's exchange. The state was one of 16 states, plus the District of Columbia, to create health-care marketplaces in 2014 when the Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare," and its individual-coverage mandate became law.

There is no connection between the ACA marketplace and the rate outrage among employer-sponsored health plan participants and the self-employed who buy their own coverage, spokeswoman Lopez with Covered California said. Any suspicions that insurers are passing along higher costs to insure previously uninsured people through the government-mandated coverage system is unfounded, she said.

Health-care premiums for ACA participants have increased on average by 7 percent a year, and even steeper rate increases preceded the creation of the health-coverage marketplace three years ago, Lopez said.

The outrage "is not new and not attributable to the ACA," she said, stressing that rates paid by consumers for health insurance were going up by double digits before the ACA happened.

Aetna Health was never a participant in the California exchange, so its decision to stop offering coverage in states operating health-insurance exchanges has no effect on the availability of plans or rates. However, California may have played an indirect role in the widely reported and scrutinized pullout from the government-mandated health care program Aetna once backed.

Media reports that followed Aetna's announcement suggested the company was making good on a threat by its top executive to bail out from the three-year-old ACA unless federal regulators approved its proposed merger with Humana. Federal regulators rejected the merger, and one of those opposed to the creation of an Aetna-Humana health-care juggernaut was the California insurance commissioner.

Commissioner Dave Jones urged the Department of Justice in late June to reject the merger plan, calling it anti-competitive. Following a study of the effects on consumers if the two health insurers combined, Jones gave it a thumbs down, citing the state's "already highly concentrated" health insurance market, and the likelihood of reduced consumer choice, reduced quality, and increased prices for individual, group and Medicare supplemental plans.

The commissioner reported that a combined Aetna-Humana would control 26 percent of all

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Police Reports

Robbery-Weapon 8/13/2016 7:05:32 PM
2600 BLOCK EL DORADO ST
Suspects enter sliding glass door by unknown means, ransack, strike one victim when victims arrive home and flee with victims' property/jewelry
Battery-Simple 8/13/2016 12:46 PM 1400
BLOCK MARCELINA AVE
Suspect punches victim in the face, causing him to fall to the ground and lose consciousness
Theft 8/13/2016 12:45:00 PM 25300
BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD
Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she dines; cell phone
Battery-Simple 8/13/2016 9:23:48 AM
20000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect punches victims in their faces
Theft 8/13/2016 3:40:00 AM 20400
BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) takes unsecured/unattended property from service area/keys, credit card
Burglary-Residential 8/13/2016 2:45:00 AM
4500 BLOCK PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS
Suspect(s) enters unlocked second story sliding glass door and takes property/jewelry, electronics
Theft 8/13/2016 2:30:00 AM 18900
BLOCK YUKON AVE
Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/ wheels, tires
Burglary-Residential 8/12/2016 8:40:30 PM
5600 BLOCK SUNNYVIEW ST
Suspect(s) removes screen, further opens already open window/no entry, no loss
Theft 8/12/2016 7:00:00 PM 2300 BLOCK
TORRANCE BLVD
Suspect(s) takes property locked to pole/bicycle
Burglary-Commercial 8/12/2016 7:00:00 PM
21100 BLOCK WOOD AVE
Suspect(s) defeats laundry room door lock for entry, pries open laundry machine coin boxes and takes property/cash
Burglary-Auto 8/12/2016 5:00:08 PM
17200 BLOCK HAAS AVE
Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/chargers, ashtray, cash, fishing pole, tackle box
Burglary-Residential 8/12/2016 1:30:00 PM
300 BLOCK CALLE MAYOR
Suspect(s) forces open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/cash
Burglary-Residential 8/11/2016 8:00:00 PM
3300 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD
Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means and takes property/laptop, game console, remotes, games, duffel bag, clothes, jewelry, medication
Burglary-Auto 8/11/2016 3:30:00 PM
16300 BLOCK WILTON PL
Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/tools
Auto Theft-All 8/11/2016 1:55:00 PM
3300 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD
Stolen vehicle: '95 Honda Accord
Auto Theft-All 8/11/2016 11:42:39 AM

21100 BLOCK DONORA AVE Stolen vehicle: '06 Suzuki Vitara
Burglary-Auto 8/10/2016 8:00:00 PM
4900 BLOCK HALISON ST
Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/laptop, hard drive, registration, registration sticker
Theft 8/10/2016 6:30:00 PM 2200 BLOCK
CRENSHAW BLVD
Suspect(s) removes property from unattended bag and flees/cell phone
Burglary-Auto 8/10/2016 4:00 PM 3500
BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect(s) enters through open window and takes property/purse, drivers license, credit cards, cash, cell phone, paperwork
Theft 8/10/2016 11:15:00 AM 22700
BLOCK WESTERN AVE
Suspect removes property from open storage container/laptop
Auto Theft-All 8/10/2016 3:00:00 AM
18400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Stolen vehicle: '16 Dodge Charger
Burglary-Auto 8/9/2016 11:00:00 PM
23100 BLOCK MADISON ST
Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/shoes, sunglasses, screwdriver, registration, insurance
Theft 8/9/2016 11:00:00 PM 1600 BLOCK
FERN AVE
Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/tailgate
Auto Theft-All 8/9/2016 9:00:00 PM 3600
BLOCK FASHION WAY
Stolen Vehicle: '16 Kia Soul
Theft 8/9/2016 5:30:00 PM 800 BLOCK
TERI AVE
Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/tailgate
Burglary-Auto 8/9/2016 8:45:00 AM 18800
BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/paperwork
Auto Theft-All 8/9/2016 8:05 AM 17700
BLOCK WESTERN AVE
Stolen vehicle: '97 Toyota Camry
Battery-Simple 8/8/2016 8:04 PM 4000
BLOCK 226TH ST
Suspect pulls victim's hair and repeatedly punches her in her head and face
Robbery-Weapon 8/7/2016 11:05:00 PM
17500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect brandishes a firearm, demands property, then makes purchases on victim's credit card/wallet, cash, credit card, drivers license
Burglary-Auto 8/7/2016 11:00:00 PM
21800 BLOCK GRANT AVE
Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/tailgate
Vandalism 8/7/2016 3:00:00 PM 24000
BLOCK OCEAN AVE
Suspect(s) cuts soft convertible top on vehicle
Vandalism 8/7/2016 2:30:00 PM 3500
BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect(s) smashes drivers side window •

Covered California Rate Changes				
	2014-2015 Change	2015-2016 Change	2016-2017 Change	3-year Average Change
Weighted Average Increase	4.2%	4.0%	13.2%	7.0%
Lowest-Priced Bronze (unweighted)	4.4%	3.3%	3.9%	3.9%
Lowest-Priced Silver (unweighted)	4.8%	1.5%	8.1%	4.8%
Second Lowest-Priced Silver*	2.6%	1.8%	8.1%	4.1%
If a consumer switches to the lowest-priced plan in the same tier	-	-4.5%	-1.2%	-

*Second-lowest priced Silver plans are the best basis of determining federal tax credit and are often used as a basis for comparison to national rates.

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- Across**
1. Square ___ in a round hole
4. Organized insects
8. Informant wear
12. Rock-like
14. Meticulousness
15. Notions
17. Where China is
18. Many branched plant
19. Rib
20. Looks
22. Phoned
24. Geometric figure
25. "The Lord of the Rings" figure
26. Storyline
28. Lubricate
30. Survey
31. Did a marathon
32. Massage
35. Jumped up
38. Take a stroll
39. Low digit
40. Pride member
41. Salary
42. Chess ending
43. ___ a good plan!
44. Italian treats
46. Overpowering fright
48. Hair coloring
49. Taxi or limo
50. Caribbean and others

51. Animal doc
52. Overcome
53. Bit of butter
56. As well
59. Narrow cut
61. Photographer's request
63. Fast running water
65. Aesthetic fields
67. Conversant with
68. Couple of times
69. Degree
70. One department in a clothing store
71. Cook by slow boil
72. He and she
73. "What did I tell you?"
- Down**
1. Period
2. Drawing support
3. Tears
4. Do
5. Thin
6. Help medically
7. No longer secret
8. Intelligence
9. Perfect
10. Last part
11. Simplicity
13. Grand Coulee e.g.
16. What shore she sells shells at?
21. Go out of control

23. Soccer's target
27. Journey stage
29. Writing fluid
30. Singer Morrison
31. Sun emission
32. Laugh heartily
33. Do ___ others...
34. Root or ginger
35. Declined
36. Compassion
37. ___ colored glasses
38. Much used verb in history
41. A head
42. One of a couple, for short
44. Drink cooler
45. Pets
46. Fortune teller's leaves
47. Diner sign
50. Soft seat
51. Express
52. Inception
53. Hollow cylinders
54. On your own
55. Uptight
56. Skill
57. Statutes
58. Rod at a pig roast
60. Hold up
62. Silent
64. Morning rose moisture
66. "Tinker, tailor,soldier, ___" movie

A Special Case



This big boy is nothing but sweet and docile! He is about eight years old and weighs 78 lbs, according to the vet. I first found him on my back doorstep, trying to escape the summer heat in South Los Angeles; he was limping on his back leg and covered in dirt and fleas. He was even so thirsty, he tried drinking a puddle of oil that had been leaking from a parked car. Luckily, I was able to coax him into getting into my car and put a leash and collar on him. He was limping, bleeding from being so flea-infested, covered in black blotches of dirt, and had a huge swollen ear. His breaths were drawn out and exasperated, and he barely wanted to move. In fear that he was seriously injured or sick, I took him to the vet that same day; she explained that he had an extremely large hematoma in his ear that would require surgery as soon as possible as well as advanced arthritis in his back legs. After getting him some much needed flea medicine and an anti-inflammatory for pain, I returned the dog to my house where he is now camping out in my bathroom. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to have dogs at my place of residence, and I already am fostering a cat. He is just too sweet and loving though; even in his poor condition, he nudges his head

onto my lap for me to hold and pet him. This dog has earned his right to be able to spend his last years being well cared for and loved; he needs to enjoy his last years in peace. I am in search for any rescue or family that can lend a hand to help keep this big boy stay out of the pound and streets and get into his rightful, forever home! Interested parties please call 310-755-1626. •



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.



Up and Adam

Tartars Football Looking to Break Through

By Adam Serrao

The Torrance Tartars have been a football team that has been on the outside looking in for quite some time now. The Tartars last made the playoffs in the 2014 season, taking a first round loss to Oxnard at the time, but Torrance has not finished in first place in the Pioneer League standings since 2011. It was then that the Tartars made it into the CIF Southern Section semifinals before losing to the eventual champions, the Lompoc Braves. Head coach Rock Hollis is back and ready to lead his team to the glory they once experienced. A tough non-league schedule, paired together with some extremely talented Pioneer League and inner-city opponents should provide a decent number of obstacles for Hollis and his Tartars, but a talented team with a clean slate to start the season will look to prove that they can live up to any challenge.

The Tartars had themselves a pretty unimpressive season last year, highlighted by tough losses and a league-play schedule that turned out to be rather unfavorable, to say the least. The bad omens began for Torrance in just the first game of the season. Matched up against the Mira Costa Mustangs in the opener, the Tartars didn't stand a chance. No Pioneer League team winds up being good against their Bay League opponent, but the Mustangs put on a show, eventually winning by a final score of 60-12. The rest of Torrance's non-league schedule wasn't any better. A matchup against another Bay League opponent in Peninsula yielded another loss before El Segundo put up 41 on the Tartars to send the team to 1-3 just before league play began.

When it came to inter-division battle, Torrance's luck didn't get much better. They opened up league play by traveling to South High to take on the Spartans. Though the Tartars scored the first 14 points of the game and led by two touchdowns at the half, South was able to rally in the second half and beat Torrance by a final score of 21-14. Leuzinger continued the trend by running over the Tartars, 60-17. The Tartars were able to get a win over the last place, one-win, Centennial Apaches, but a 69-0 blowout loss at the hands of North High and a 52-21 shellacking by West rounded out the season and cemented Torrance's standing in fifth place in the Pioneer League.

Despite the difficult and challenging season

last year, the Tartars are back behind coach Hollis and finally feel like they have the talent to compete with the rest of the league. Among key returning starters is last year's starting quarterback, Ryan Carroll. Carroll will be a senior this season and has gained a significant amount of experience behind center through his time starting for the team last year. In Torrance's lone league-play win last season against Centennial, it was Carroll who led the way with 236 yards passing and three touchdowns. It played the biggest part in guiding the Tartars to a big second half and ultimately, the victory.

In addition to Carroll, the extremely young Tartars' team of a year ago will also be returning some of the supporting cast, too. Daniel Desmond was one of Torrance's starting running backs last season. Now a senior, Desmond will return to help form a balanced charge out of the backfield, while Jerome Duhon, Ryan Kirkwood and Devin Nash should all help to form an experienced and solid attack through the air, catching passes from Carroll. Also, keep your eye out for Eric Suarez. Though he was just a freshman last season, he had some incredible games and simply popped off of the field as one of the team's youngest, yet greatest athletes out there.

Although coach Holt and the rest of the Tartars team will be returning a lot of talent from a year ago, they will be facing almost the exact same schedule as a year ago, as well. That means in their quest for a more successful season, Torrance will have to open things up against Mira Costa before they hit the road and travel to Peninsula and El Segundo. If the Tartars make it past all of those tough opponents relatively unblemished, they will certainly be tested against the usual suspects of the Pioneer League. Centennial will be the first opponent for Torrance, while North and West High will round of the regular season schedule, respectively.

This year's Torrance Tartars have the talent that it will take to compete in what is and always has been an extremely competitive Pioneer League. While the team's talent is not in question, though, their ability to overcome a very challenging schedule is. Coach Holt will have his hands full this season, but if he can rally his troops who already have the experience necessary for success this year, then Torrance just may be able to capture their first Pioneer League title in five years. •

Usain Bolts Toward Immortality

By Adam Serrao

As he waited in the tunnel underneath Olympic Stadium, the crowd could be heard from miles away, throbbing like a heartbeat. Everyone was there to see one person. Everyone was there to witness greatness. As the chanting started in the crowd, all eyes were fixed toward the tunnel, waiting to see his tall, daunting visage emerge. "USAIN BOLT, USAIN BOLT!" the crowd excitedly roared. They all knew what they wanted to see and

"Over the course of the past three Olympics, Bolt has not only dominated the 100 meter race, but has also completely conquered the 200 meters and the 4x100 relay, as well."

all of a sudden, there he was, emerging as if a gladiator stepping into the arena. Usain Bolt has never been short on confidence, nor has he been shy on talent. As he emerged onto the track in Rio, dancing and smiling to the brim, he knew he was going to win, it was just a matter of how much he was going to win by. By taking home his ninth gold medal in this year's Rio Olympics, Usain Bolt has done what he had originally set out to do. Usain Bolt has become a legend.

Early on in his career, no one would have ever guessed that Bolt would have grown into the champion he has now become. In 2004, a young, 17-year-old Bolt traveled to Athens to participate in his first Olympics. As skinny and frail as they came, Bolt did exactly what everyone thought he would do. He aggravated an ankle injury, lost in the 200 meters, and went back home. That trip home proved to be a life changing one for Bolt. He didn't take losing lightly, and from then on he would be motivated to become the world's best ever.

Fast forward to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. Bolt was back, in his prime, and this time, he was ready to make an impact. With a remarkable time of 9.69 seconds in the 100 meters, he did just that by completely dusting the world record. Nine gold medals later and domination in three straight Olympics has made the sprinter out of Jamaica the legend that he has become today.

"I would have never thought I could go back-to-back-to-back Olympics," Bolt explained. "The first one, I was just happy. The second one was a challenge, and the third one is just unbelievable." Over the course of the past three Olympics, Bolt has not only dominated the 100 meter race, but has also completely conquered the 200 meters and the 4x100 relay, as well. Basically, if he steps foot on the track, he is going to win a short distance race. When Bolt steps foot on the track, every single person who knows about it is going to stop and watch.

Winning gold medals isn't as effortless as Bolt makes it seem, though. The hard work and dedication that he puts into his training is what has made him the great athlete that he has become today. "Competition is the easy part," Bolt said. "Behind the scenes, is where the work is done. I think a lot of people, they see you run and they say, 'Oh, it looks so easy'. Before it gets to that point, it's hard work. It's day in and day out sacrifice, day in and day out, just dying."

The sacrifice has paid off. Not only has Bolt been the world's fastest man for over 12 years now, but he has also become a legend that we will all likely one day tell our children and grandchildren about. "What else can I do to the world to prove I am the greatest? I'm trying to be one of the greatest," Bolt said after winning his latest 200 meter gold in Rio. "Be among Ali and Pele. I hope after these Games, I will be in that bracket."

Bolt doesn't only have nine gold medals to fall back on to symbolize his greatness. He has also broken a significant amount of world records, as well. 2008 proved to be Bolt's coming out party. He set the world record in both the 100 and 200 meters that year, running the 100 in 9.72 seconds and the 200 in 19.3. Bolt later broke his own 100 meter world record twice, running it in 9.69 seconds in the Beijing Olympics and then again in 2009 by running it in 9.58 at the World Championships in Berlin. Bolt also broke his own 200 meter world record at the same World Championships, decreasing his time from 19.3 to 19.19. Bolt and the Jamaican relay team also hold the world record for fastest time in a 4x100 meter relay, setting it at 36.84 seconds at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Though Bolt has shown no signs of slowing down and could certainly add more gold medals to his mantle if he wanted to, he has assured the national media that his career in racing competitively is over. The sports world is so used to seeing our superstars hang on until they absolutely cannot play anymore, but for Bolt, it is important to go out on top.

"I've proven to the world I'm the greatest," he said. "I really put Jamaica on the map. I've really got people taking a look at where the talent is coming from. I've done all I can do." It has now become Bolt's time to sprint off into the shadows. The world's fastest man has nothing left to prove and will now forever be a legend in the eyes of anyone who ever reflects upon his illustrious career. •

City Council

from front page

Torrance Voters PAC to Support Pat Furey for Mayor 2014, and Roesch and McKinnor of any wrong doing; still, requests to rebid the original contract were voiced by residents and supported by at least Councilmembers Ashcraft and Griffiths.

In addition to McCormick's satisfactory performance to date, the RFP process is expensive not a task that the majority of the council expressed interest in undertaking.

"I too was sitting up here when this was talked about in February. I think it was councilman [Geoff] Rizzo who brought it up and the reason he brought it up was so that we could have an RFP by December and you're not backed into a corner," Kurt Weideman said. "You could vote no and if this body decides to vote no, then this RFP process will start immediately because this contract is not over until Dec. 17. I thought that is why we brought it in August. Right now you have a choice, you can vote yes to extend it and not go through the RFP; or you can vote no and go through the RFP?"

The fire department notified McCormick via letter of the council's meeting to exercise the option to extend the agreement. The terms to the original agreement will stay take effect immediately after the approval and will be up for renewal again in in August of 2017.

"For the last two years or so it appears that this company has been providing top level service to this community that this community expects and that is why I expected of this contract when I voted, and I voted for the extension," Councilman Rizzo said. "My decision point at this particular junction is the same decision point that I had last time and that question is directed to the fire chief: is this the company that is providing the best level of service to the community?"

Fire Chief Serna confirmed the information in the staff report that McCormick not only met the level of service demanded, but surpassed it in all areas. He also explained there are no conflicts between the company and his department and recommended that the contract be extended one more year. •

Aetna

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Medicare Advantage enrollees in the country, more than any other health-care insurer. The Department of Justice on July 21 blocked the merger, prompting California's insurance commissioner to issue a congratulatory announcement to federal antitrust regulators who agreed with him.

The original health plans in the state's exchange are still participating, and a 12th company joined after the first year and has since dropped out, according to Covered California's spokeswoman. The existing plans are offered by Anthem Blue Cross of California, Blue Shield of California, Chinese Community Health Plan, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, L.A. Care Health Plan, Molina Healthcare, Oscar Health Plan of California, Sharp Health Plan, Valley Health Plan, and

Western Health Advantage. They are competing for 1.4 million residents enrolled with Covered California.

Almost all California enrollees will have three or more plans to select from next year, officials said, and even without Aetna the state's health-insurance marketplace is strong for low-income and improverished residents, according to officials. The concern elsewhere in the country is that insurers are retreating from states and communities, where health coverage is needed most and where poverty rates are among the highest.

"This is really going to be felt in Southern states and rural areas," predicted Cynthia Cox, who is associate director of health reform and private insurance the Kaiser Family Foundation. •

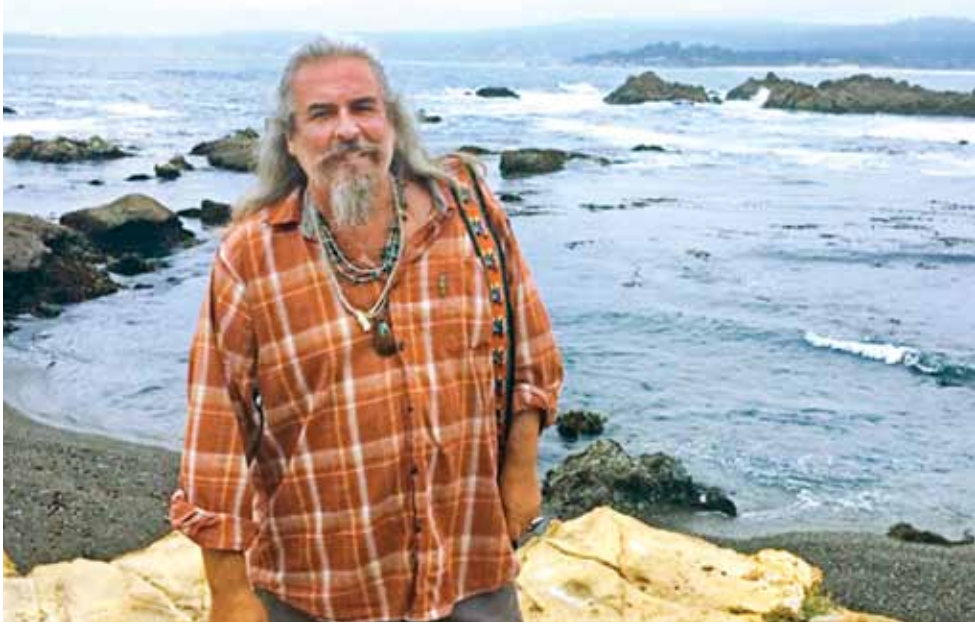
TerriAnn in Torrance

Backyard Treasure – The Accidental Archeologist

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Did you ever play buried treasure when you were small? I did. I can remember digging a hole in my backyard with my sister, Linda and burying a pretend treasure chest. Maybe we did it because it seemed so adventurous, finding something of value in the dirt, even treasure we had buried. Archeologists have it made, I think. They get paid to dig carefully through layers of earth looking for ‘buried treasure’.

A few weeks ago, I met an ‘accidental archeologist’ right here in the South Bay. Born at Daniel Freeman Hospital, Gary Johnson,



Gary Johnson.

always interested in history, finding objects, and discovering new things, moved with his family to the South Bay when he was about 12 years old. He collected coins and was fascinated with history and discovering new things. When Gary was in high school, he found a whale fossil in a large boulder when he was roaming around Palos Verdes. He found the fossil in a canyon nearby his parents’ house in 1978. Gary told me, “I was looking for fossils. I am always looking down and around for things. I didn’t know what I was doing, but I saw this bone sticking out of this big rock – it literally weighs a ton.”

Little did Gary know he had made an important ‘find’. Then, about two years ago, there was an important whale fossil discovered on the property of Chadwick School. Thinking it couldn’t be a coincidence that he had found whalebone on the opposite side of the canyon – years before (which was still in the one-ton boulder near his parents’ house), Gary contacted the Museum of Natural History in Los Angeles, who at the time, was researching the find at Chadwick. “I sent Howell Thomas, the lead paleontologist, a photograph and he said lots of fossils are found in PV and, ‘We want that. It isn’t the fossil we want - it is the imprint on top’. It has a coating of baleen – a soft tissue in the mouth – it is like skin. Fossilized skin is very rare, there are only 12 examples in the world.” Gary decided to donate the boulder to the museum, but getting a one-ton boulder moved isn’t easy. A search and rescue team assisted in the transport, and on August 1st two years ago, the fossil was picked up and now resides in the research arm of the museum in downtown Los Angeles. Way to go Gary.

Gary is always looking for anything unusual when walking along the coast, at a picnic, or anywhere. He notices things. He pays attention. Walking along the trails around his house provides this exceptional eagle eye, always alert, ‘accidental archeologist’ opportunity for finding some amazing things. He found a whale vertebra in his neighbors front yard planter and the neighbor was astounded. Then Gary told me honestly, “I have a feeling, and instinct – so I kept my eyes peeled. One day I was walking along and I noticed a piece of chert, like flint, a piece

of stone, so I looked [around] – stayed on the trail, and looked in the bushes and over time, I would see more things and recognize them as actual tools - tools for grinding and all kinds of stuff,” said Gary.

Now what? The first thing he did was to notify a leading archeologist, Carl Lipo, who at the time was connected with Long Beach State University. He told Dr. Lipo he had seen quite a lot of lithic scatter, which is basically debris - such as chips/bits of stone that litter an area where tools or other instruments were made, around the area where he walked. “I contacted Carl and he said, “That

sounds really interesting’, and he came out [saw the area] and we registered it with the state, which protects the land, which is good, from any further pending development and it also has a number so scientists can compare it with other sites in the area,” Gary said.

After connecting with Carl Lipo, Gary, being very thorough also contacted other archeologists who agreed that the site was in fact, notable, and a very early American Indian site. They told him that the site is inland, which is unusual and the items around the area are early. “Years ago, the theory was that people migrated from Siberia to North America across the Bering Strait at the end of the last ice age - called the Clovis culture. They have done a lot of DNA testing lately and the American Indian bloodline is the purest in the world. Now they think there was an area called Beringia which was grassland between Siberia and Alaska, and was very habitable and they think people lived there before they came across to North America,” said Gary. He then told me another theory, now popular is the ‘Kelp Highway Theory,’ which means people may have come down by sea, in canoes. There would have been plenty of food and the weather is mild. Gary went on to tell me that the oldest human remains (a woman) discovered in North America were off the Channel Islands. That I did not know.

Gary learned all this after finding bits on the ground around his home and in the planters. “We were taught in school that the native tribes that were here were the Chumash. Well, the Chumash weren’t here. They were from Ventura up. The Tongva/Gabrielino were here, but most people don’t know that,” added Gary. What he has observed on the site is unique in Southern California. Gary said what he found are crescents and a subgroup called, eccentric crescents. Crescents are stone-shaped tools that look like a half moon. No one knows what the eccentric crescents were used for. Some think they were effigies because they look like animals, others think they were hunting tools. “No one knows for sure. They are very odd. I will show you one,” Gary said.

As Gary went out to get his collection, I thought about all the dirt around my house and felt for sure there must be some ‘artifacts’ I have overlooked. All of a sudden I

fully understood the excitement of finding something from another time right here where we live. This is really exciting and I see why Gary is such an enthusiast.

Gary then showed me photographs of his ‘finds’ and told me the unique part of his

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discovery is that the spot has been continually inhabited. He told me Malaga Cove was excavated by the Southwest Museum during the 20s, and they found a lot there, but that site is not as old as Gary’s. Isn’t it interesting that a little further inland, people may have made their homes, gazed out toward the Pacific and down toward the future city of Los Angeles, fished for food, and made their own tools? Sounds like a big camping party to me! There is no way to definitely date the site, or know for sure if the people who left behind tools and ‘bits and bobs’ lived here consistently, or just passed through, but one thing is for sure – they had one great view of the coastline. It is sandy, which is hygienic, and a perfect spot for fishing, plus they had fresh water, and you could even catch abalone. We just don’t know.

Gary takes photographs of things he finds on the surface. And what he has observed has been epic. Validated by several archeologists and scientists, Gary has made discoveries throughout his life that have provided valuable information about the people who lived in

our area a long time ago. In fact, he has provided proof that this area has the oldest artifacts of any site in the Los Angeles basin.

I wondered why the museums haven’t gone forward and excavated the site and Gary told me it has to do with permission

to dig, and funding. He has never dug on the undisturbed site, but wonders what they would find if they did. “We have so much history in this area. There were so many people living here thousands of years ago. You are safe from the elements, the weather is great, great food source, and the villages were all over the place...we are living on one of the oldest occupied places in North America,” added Gary.

Visiting with Gary Johnson perked up my treasure hunting instinct 100 percent. He reminded me gophers push things up as they dig around our lawns, in addition to the natural erosion that happens daily, so pay attention. And if you find anything, take a photograph of it and send it to one of the local museums, because some things are rare, and you never know what you could discover. Now, don’t you want to peruse your neighborhood looking for bits of stone and bone? I sure do. Maybe there is a bit of Indiana Jones in all of us. If you find anything interesting, let me know at terriannintorrance@gmail.com. Happy hunting! •



(L-R) 9,000 year old bear, 3,000 year old piece, and after 500 AD quartz arrowhead.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. NS032461

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: La Trina Rena Phillips for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner La Trina Rena Phillips filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
La Trina Rena Phillips to Dymon Dilaurentis
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 9/14/16, Time: 8:30AM., Dept: 26
The address of the court is:
275 Magnolia Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Torrance Tribune
Date: August 3, 2016
SHERRI R. CARTER
Judge of the Superior Court
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HT-25250

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. YS028933

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Veronica Alejandra Velasquez for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Veronica Alejandra Velasquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Veronica Alejandra Velasquez to Veronica Alejandra Briones Velasquez
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 10-28-16, Time: 8:30AM., Dept: M
The address of the court is:
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Recipe by www.egglandsbest.com., provided by BPT.

Prep time: 10 minutes - Cook time: 15 minutes - Makes 12 cups

Ingredients

- 7 Eggland's Best Eggs (large)
- 1 cup fresh spinach, chopped
- 1/4 cup onions, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup broccoli florets, finely chopped
- 3/4 cups extra lean ham, diced
- Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste
- Shredded cheese of your choice (optional)

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Sauté onions and broccoli over medium heat until soft. Add spinach, ham and continue cooking until spinach is wilted.
3. In a mixing bowl, whisk together eggs and seasonings. Add vegetable and ham mixture to eggs.
4. Coat 12 muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray and fill each muffin cup with egg/veggie mixture.
5. Top with shredded cheese.
6. Bake 15-17 minutes or until eggs spring back or toothpick comes out clean.
7. Cool on a rack and remove from pan. Enjoy warm or room temperature.

*Egg cups can be rewarmed in the microwave or toaster oven if desired.

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We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway Redondo Beach 90277, from noon to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! Bet you can't adopt just one!

If you believe everything happens for a reason you'll appreciate my story. I'm **Russell** a 5-year-old, male purebred Miniature Schnauzer. If I hadn't been confiscated, along with eight other dogs, due to neglect and taken to an L.A. County shelter, I never would have been rescued. Most of the dogs were adopted but my friend, Corky, and I were such a mess it's no surprise that no one wanted us. I don't think I had ever been groomed in my entire life and my ears were so infected that it hurt to be touched. I was terribly matted and it was extremely difficult to tell which end was which – even my natural tail didn't help much. Is it any wonder that folks were speaking to the wrong end trying to get my attention? At first I was put in the observation building and had no visitors. It wasn't due to aggression, but I was in so much pain that I was fearful

and couldn't stand to be touched. During my neutering the shelter folks did their best at grooming me so I look somewhat presentable. If I hadn't been in the observation building, I might not have been rescued. After being rescued, I immediately went to the Vet to get my ears taken care of. A little sedation to help diagnose the problem and three weeks of treatment – voila I'm feeling great and loving life. I never knew that being petted; receiving and giving affection and interacting with humans could be so wonderful. It's opened a whole new world to this 21-pound guy who is a real sweetheart and now looking for a family to let me love them. It will be worth everything to find my forever home. If you are interested in Russell, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

They call me **Corky** and I'm a 6-year-old, female purebred Miniature Schnauzer. Just like my friend, Russell, I was confiscated with eight other dogs and we all ended up at an L.A. County shelter. Most of the other dogs were adopted but Russell and I were pretty repugnant. In addition to being a stinky, matted mess, my eyes were all crusted over, due to an untreated dry eye condition, and my teeth were so bad that even I didn't want to be around me. The rescue folks, who by the way are very savvy, suspected that I had bladder stones and they were right! One procedure took care of the stones, the neutering and a dental, which resulted in the removal of 15 teeth. Looking good, feeling even better than



Corky



Randy

I look but I will have to remain on eye drops to keep my eyes clear and on Rx dog food to prevent reoccurring stones. I'm just a bit of a gal, only 12 pounds, but I get along great with other dogs and I'm very affectionate. I'm cute as a button with my natural plume of a tail and I know you'll love having me as part of your family.

If you're interested in Corky, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Hi there, my name is **Randy** and for a guy who's only 5 months old, I've had a pretty interesting life. I was born around March 12, but then I was dumped at an L.A. County shelter without any explanation. My previous

owners called the next day and wanted me back but then never came to take me home. I think that it probably worked out for the best because it's obvious they really didn't love me. When I was rescued, I was extremely matted, not well socialized and clearly neglected. No wonder I was fearful of people and I sure didn't trust that groomer person with the clippers and scissors. I guess that why I ended up with a "mop top" makeover. Even if it's a bit unconventional, I think I look pretty cute for a tiny, 6 pound, Miniature Schnauzer/Shih Tzu pup. Since moving in with my foster family, I've gotten with the program and have proven that I am a sweet guy at heart who loves giving kisses. I'm still going to require an owner that is dog savvy and without small children to be the best guy I can be. Would you be willing to give me a home and show me that life can be loving and good? If you are interested in Randy, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Have you ever seen a 2-year-old, 60-pound, male Catahoula mix dog? If you'd like to meet one, just ask for **Earl**. I was rescued from an L.A. County shelter where they called me a stray but I was just lost. I'm very intelligent and would be a great addition to your family. I have fine leash and car manners, I'm house-broken, crate and doggy-door trained. I aced my leadership-based obedience classes but like many large-breed adolescents, I can be stubborn. I would do best with an "alpha" handler who has experience and time to help me fulfill my potential. In fact, I thought I had found my forever home, but unfortunately I was returned after just a few months. My over-scheduled adopter decided that she did not have time for a young, very active dog who's is a happy, playful and affectionate boy. I absolutely love people of all ages, sizes and genders. If you are interested in meeting Earl, please email Emread@verizon.net for more information. •

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