Kanine Korner

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Early historical documents are replete with mentions of the dog and a full listing of these references would fill many volumes. Suffice to say, the dog, in almost all instances, held a high place in the regard of men because of his fidelity, love and steadfast unselfishness.

Possibly one of the most beautiful passages on the beloved dog is found in Homer's Odyssey, describing the return of the exiled Ulysses to his land and home after an absence of many years. He came disguised as a beggar and could not reveal his true identity because of fear of death at the hands of his enemies. Thus, when met by an old and trusted servant at the palace gate he was not recognized, but not so with Argus, his faithful dog, infirm with age.

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HOMER gives this account of the meeting: "Near the gates, conferring as they drew, Argus the dog his ancient master knew. And not unconscious of the voice and tread. Lifts to the sound his ears and raises his head. He knew his lord, he knew, and strove to meet; in vain he strove to crawl and kiss his feet. Yet, all he could, his tail, his ears, his eyes. Salute his master, and confess his joys."

Thus did the faithful dog Argus recognize Ulysses in spite of the ravages of time. Too old to greet him, he used the several traits inherent in the dog to show his affection.

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BARKS AND YAPS — Contrary to popular belief, the Basset Hound is of French origin. Originally imported to England in the 1890s, these sad-eyed hounds first landed on our shores about 1900. . . . Who is the one that imparts a love that never seems to fail? The dog, naturally! The dog loves with all his heart and puts his soul into his tail.

A king sized bark to flicker producer-director Leo A. Handel for pocketing the 1968 Motion Picture Award from the Freedom's foundation at Valley Forge for his half-hour documentary film, "George Washington—the Courage that Made a Nation," a segment of the "Americana Series" produced by Handel Film Corp.

Handel, an avid dog lover, bylined the best selling book—"A Dog Named Duke," soon to be transposed to the screeen.

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A DOG may become violently ill by exercizing too soon after eating or from over eating or consuming spoiled food . . . Art Linkletter is an avid Yorkshire Terrier fancier, Joan Crawford goes for the Miniature Poodle and Rock Hudson favors the Bull Mastiff breed of dog.

Bathing is not as necessary as daily grooming. Make a habit to brush and comb your dog at regular intervals each day. Too frequent bathing removes the natural skin lubricants so necessary for a healthy, normal skin. skin.

Linda Weichsel's spectacular Puli, Ch. Shagra's Clown Prince, will be color pictured far across the Pacific in Japan in a forthcoming issue of the Japanese magazine — Pet's Life. This same coveted Puli, a Hungarian breed of dog, has graced several bow wow magazine covers in America including Dog World and Kennel Review. Linda, a hopeful future professional dog handler resides in Hollywood.

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BREED OF THE WEEK—Boxer . . . One of the wonders of the dog world during the past decade has been the phenomenal trend in popularity of the Boxer. In 1940 the Boxer did not place in the top ten registrations. Most dog authorities agree that the Boxer is the improved and refined descendant of the short-faced fighting dogs, used in medieval Germany for bullbaiting and pit fighting.

Known as the Bullenheisser, this now extinct ancestor of the Boxer had none of the clean-limbed balance and good looks which distinguish the modern day Boxer.

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PLAYING or fighting, the Boxer spars with his front paws in much the same manner a man uses his fists in boxing; thus his name.

The breed's rugged, handsome strength makes an instant hit with men, his short clean coat and gentleness appeal to women; children love him for his playfulness and good nature; and his impressive size and alertness cause trespassers and hoodlums to move on.

"THAT'S MY POP!" . . . The only "Pop" art which interests young David Wysocki is the artwork done by his own pop, Charles Wysocki, who is shown here. David's proud of his dad because for the second year in a row Wysocki won a major Home Savings' purchase prize in the Los Angeles Art Festival. Wysocki's primitive style painting is now on display through March 21 at the Torrance office of Home Savings, 1511 Cravens Ave. The exhibit includes the work of other 1968 Festival winners, including Torrance artist Willie Suzuki, another two-time Festival winner.

Bail Bond Changes Proposed

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — Assemblyman William T. Bagley (R-San Rafael) has introduced AB-885, which is aimed at revising California's bail bond procedures to put an end to what he terms "checkbook justice."

Bagley has called for changes in the pre-trial release procedures, as recommended by the President's Crime Commission Report and the Kerner Commission Report.

His measure provides that a court must release a defendant on his own recognizance if the court believes that the defendant will appear for trial. If the defendant is not released and cannot "make bail," then the court must automatically review the defendant's inability to be admitted to bail within three days.

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IF THE amount of the bail is not reduced, or the defendant is not released on his own recognizance, then the court must set forth its reasons in the minute order of the court.

Bagley charged the use of bail money is a "prime example of a practice which has proven unnecessary, ineffective, and discriminatory against the poor."

HE CLAIMS that most people will appear in court whether or not they are required to post bail or not. The assemblyman charged the defendant is being "ransomed" by a bail bond, which is not refunded even if he is proven innocent.

Bagley also stressed that the costs of housing defendants, held because they cannot provide bail money in Los Angeles County alone, cost the taxpayers $20 million in 1967-68. He says his bill would reduce that cost by one half, and does not include savings in welfare, capital outlay for jails or the "human savings involved."

Students Vie For 'Air Show' Title

Evelyn Wampole and Cheryl Joy Desrosiers are the two latest entrants in the Miss Air Show Contest.

The Miss Air Show Contest is one of the many activities being held in conjunction with the Cal-State College, Dominguez Hills Commemorative Air Show, May 9-11.

Miss Wampole, 18, of 19012 Leapwood Avenue, Carson, is a sophomore at Harbor College. She has brown hair, blue eyes, weighs 116 pounds and is 5-feet, 4½-inches tall.

"There are three reasons for entering the contest," said the eye appealing 36-24-35 beauty, "and they are to work and meet different types of people, take part in community activities and make a more rounded person of myself."

The business education major said she wants "to become a shorthand and physical education teacher" when she finishes school. "Later on, though, I want to become a housewife."

Miss Desrosiers, who lives in Long Beach, is a senior at Cal-State Dominguez. On entering the contest she said, "It would be a nice opportunity for me to take part in one of the school's most important events and I would enjoy representing the school very much for this occasion.". . The 21-year-old, dark auburn-haired, blue-eyed coed is 5-feet, 3-inches tall, weighs 128 pounds an measures 37-25½-37, through the year

Pack 228-C Blue, Gold Event Held

Recent heavy rains didn't stop Cub Pack 228-C, sponsored by the Halldale Avenue School PTA, when the pack held its annual Blue and Gold dinner.

All Cubs attending the dinner were awarded prizes donated by local merchants.

Numberous awards were made during the dinner and several members of the pack were promoted into Boy Scout troops.

Fabricators Course Set

The Metal Fabricating Institute, Inc., will conduct its "Short Course for Fabricators" in conjunction with the California State College at Long Beach, March 31 through April 3.

The "Short Course" is designed for the sheet metal, plate, and structural steel fabricator dealing in short to medium run production. Fabricators from throughout the United States and several foreign countries will convene at the college to learn new fabricating technology and to review basic concepts.