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Warm, fluffy pull-apart dinner rolls are bliss to eat and a cinch to make. **Page 6**



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Israeli burger chain Burgerim has opened three shops in Hampton Roads.

WHAT THE HECK IS AN ISRAELI BURGER?

Tel Aviv-founded Burgerim chain opens its doors at Norfolk Premium Outlets

BY MATTHEW KORFHAGE
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Israeli hamburgers are suddenly a thing in Hampton Roads.

In October, a location of the Tel Aviv-founded Burgerim chain plunked itself down at Norfolk Premium Outlets across the parking lot from a Chick-fil-A.

By November, Yorktown had a Burgerim. And by the time this article sees print, there will be a Burgerim in Norfolk's Ghent neighborhood.

Since opening its first American loca-

tions in California three years ago, Burgerim has franchised itself across the country with near-missionary zeal. There are more Burgerims than Shake Shacks, with hundreds more advertised as "coming soon." In San Francisco, there are more proposed Burgerim spots than there are In-N-Outs.

This prompts a simple question: What the heck is an Israeli hamburger?

In part, it would seem the Israeli hamburger is small. And it is multifarious.

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Surprises found as taco night sends group to cantina

VIRGINIA BEACH— Was it worth the money spent? Would I go back? Would I tell my friends about it? Those are the questions I ask myself after I've gone

somewhere new.

I recently overheard some folks talking about Baja Cantina on 23rd Street at the Oceanfront. They were saying that



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the place had just expanded and been spiffed up. Also, I heard them mention that Monday night was dollar taco night. I had been there before and remembered liking it, so I arranged to meet friends there for dinner on a Monday night.

What I had overheard was "dollar taco night" but when

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Blanca will expand with wine, cafe serving Three Ships coffee

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NORFOLK—A year after it opened, Norfolk restaurant Blanca is expanding — with a daytime cafe and wine shop.

For more than a year now, chef Courtney White has been cooking in her restaurant at 4117 Granby St., pairing a tight menu of refined, Continental-influenced plates with spirit-forward cocktails and old-world wines.

But since moving into the Riverview neighborhood, White says she has found herself missing something: a little cafe to stop in for a sip and a bite.

When her landlord of-

fered her the space next door to Blanca Food + Wine after Taste of Brazil closed, she jumped at the chance to start her own.

"It was a little early for expansion," she said, "but it's right there, and I live in the neighborhood. As soon as I moved here I'd thought, 'I wish we had a coffee shop. Even six months ago, I told Brad (Ewing) from Three Ships here.'"

Now, at Cafe Blanca, she hopes to be pouring Three Ships coffee by mid-January.

To lead the cafe, White enlisted an old friend: Alex Welch, who had been and

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12 STRAYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Meet Roxi, a terrier mix who loves car rides

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Yes, we're playing with the title of a classic Christmas tune in the name of spreading holiday love to our four-legged friends.

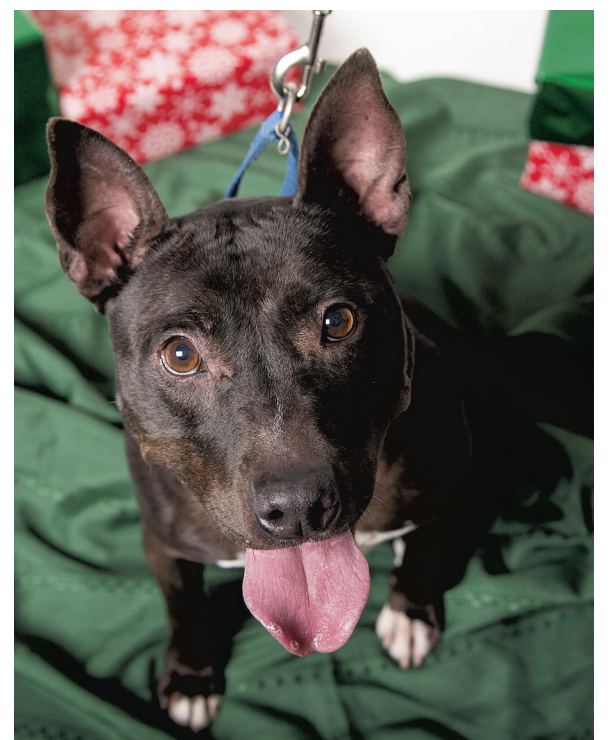
The Virginian-Pilot and Daily Press present the annual "12 Strays for the Holidays," which will feature an adoptable pet each day through Dec. 26. Not all of our pets are strays; some have been relinquished by their owners for various reasons. The animals are in local facilities or foster homes and would love to have a permanent home for the new year.

Roxi is a black-and-white, 7-year-old terrier mix. She is shy but warms up quickly.

She was surrendered by an owner who didn't have other pets or children at home, so friends at the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter are not sure how Roxi will fit in at a home with other animals or kids. She is crate-trained, understands basic commands and loves car rides. She's a medium-sized dog, weighing about 40 pounds.

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Roxi, a 7-year-old terrier mix, is available for adoption at Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter.