



2024 Troop 2 Eagle Scouts are from left, Julian Bender, Cyrus Pruneau, Scoutmaster John Matise, Quentin Corbel, and David Zhao.

Photo by Ken Sleeper

Congratulations to Troop 2 Boy Scouts Who Received Eagle Scout Rank

Last month, four Santa Monica teenagers were recognized with the highest rank one can earn in Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America).

The four Scouts are Julian Bender, Quentin Corbel, Cyrus Pruneau, and David Zhao. All four young men attended Santa Monica High School. Julian graduated in 2023, while Quentin, Cyrus, and David graduated this past June. All four Scouts were honored at the Troop 2 Eagle Court of Honor at the Kuruvungna Village Springs on South Barrington in West Los Angeles.

The Eagle rank honors exemplary effort, leadership, and service. Only eight percent of Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle. In addition to demonstrating proficiency in first aid, citizenship, camping, swimming, emergency preparedness, and many other skills, Eagle candidates must coordinate and complete a community service project that demonstrates significant leadership abilities. Each of

the Scouts being honored led a major project to improve the quality of life of people in the community. All of the projects included many hours of work by other Troop 2 Scouts, working under the direction of the Eagle candidates.

The 2024 Eagle Scouts completed the following community service projects:

- **Julian Bender** said, "I hosted beach cleanups for my Eagle project because they directly address a pressing environmental issue while also demonstrating to younger Scouts the impact their actions can have. Beaches are so much more than recreational spaces. They are crucial ecosystems that support diverse marine life and provide essential functions, like protection from coastal erosion."
- **Quentin Corbel** described, "My Eagle Scout service project was reforestation in the Will Rogers State Park. This California State Historic Park is facing serious issues due to the loss of many trees in recent years. I worked on the tree planting logistics with the California State Park team for several months, then planted trees in four pre-designated locations over the course of two days, effectively restoring the tree count in those areas."
- **Cyrus Pruneau** shared, "For my Eagle project I repainted the curb

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Santa Monica Conservancy Honors Seven Preservation Award Winners



The Bay Cities Guaranty Building (Clock Tower), left, at 225 Santa Monica Blvd., was recognized with a Rehabilitation Award. The building now looks like new thanks to KC Restoration. Part of their crew is shown at work, above.

Photos by Kaden Lehne

The Santa Monica Conservancy recently recognized seven exemplary contributors to the preservation of Santa Monica's architectural and cultural heritage at its Annual Spring Meeting and Preservation Awards event.

The awards were announced by members of the Awards Committee including David Kaplan (chair), Margarita Jerabek, Ruthann Lehrer, and Carol Lemlein. Mayor Phil Brock and Conservancy Board President Tom Cleys presented the awards to each project team and individual honoree.

These seven projects demonstrate that the field of historic preservation in Santa Monica is multidisciplinary, collaborative, creative, and rooted in authentic storytelling about people and places.

The winners were: **The David Cameron Award** - Peyton Hall, FAIA; **Cultural Heritage Award** - Kuruvungna Springs, 1439 S Bar-

rington Ave., Los Angeles; **Rehabilitation Award** - Bay Cities Guaranty Building (Clock Tower), 225 Santa Monica Blvd; **Adaptive Reuse Award** - Barker Hangar, 3012 Airport Ave.; **Stewardship Award** - Philomathean Charity Club, 1810 Broadway; **Rehabilitation Award** - Marion Davies Guest House Flooring Project at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway; and **Volunteer Award** - Michael Burton.

The Stewardship award recognizes both the significant role of the Philomathean Club in the Broadway Community for over 100 years, and the preservation of Philomathean Hall, which embodies this significant cultural heritage. (Photo on Page 7)

The Mid-Century Modern Club House or Hall, was completed in 1958 at 1810 Broadway. It was the organization's first purpose-

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Barker Hangar has been owned by the Barker family since 1969. It had originally been built for Bill Lear, inventor of the Lear Jet. Thanks to her family, and now Judi Barker, it is one of the most versatile entertainment venues on the Westside. Judi shares, "Over the years, the Hangar has undergone a remarkable transformation from the historic age of aviation in California to a vibrant venue for iconic Awards shows and charity events, etc., while retaining its historical charm."

Hearing Restoration Preserves Brain Health



By Courtney Voelker, MD, PhD and Rebecca Lewis, AuD

Did you know that a decline in your hearing affects more than just your ability to access sound? Hearing loss stands as a significant global concern, impacting approximately 466 million individuals worldwide, with projections expecting this figure to soar to 630 million by 2030. Left untreated, it can lead to profound consequences such as social isolation, depression, and cognitive decline, as the brain's auditory

processing regions become underutilized.

Here are some practical steps to safeguard both our auditory capabilities and brain health.

1. Regular Hearing Tests: Just as we prioritize routine check-ups for our physical health, regular hearing tests are crucial for early detection and treatment of hearing loss. Your physician will guide you on how often you'll need a hearing test.

2. Protective Hearing Gear: Use earplugs or protective headphones when exposed to loud environments such as concerts or construction sites to prevent noise-induced damage.

3. Monitor Device Volume: Maintain comfortable volume levels on devices like TVs and mobile phones to minimize noise exposure.

Hearing aids can be very helpful for amplifying sound. For those who no longer benefit from traditional hearing aids or have hearing loss in just one ear, cochlear implants may be an option. These amazing little electronic devices are implanted into the inner ear (the cochlea) to restore hearing. At Pacific Neuroscience Institute, our Cochlear Implant Program caters to people of all ages. In addition, our Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP) refurbishes donated devices to support individuals with limited resources, ensuring access to essential hearing care.

If you, or a loved one, are experiencing hearing difficulty, embrace the journey towards improved hearing by scheduling a test with your doctor. Protecting our hearing is not just about preserving

sound; it's about nurturing a brighter, clearer tomorrow for ourselves and those around us.

• **Courtney Voelker, MD, PhD, is a Rhodes Scholar, neurologist, and otolaryngology – head & neck surgeon at Pacific Neuroscience Institute®. She specializes in adult and pediatric cochlear implant surgery for hearing restoration, offering expert, compassionate care to all her patients.**

• **Rebecca Lewis, AuD, is an audiologist and the Audiology Director of the Adult & Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at PNI. She is dedicated to serving the community using a whole patient approach with evidenced-based, individualized care. Call PacificNeuro.org at 213-320-4277.**

The Joy From His Audiences Makes Entertainer Cary Pollack Want to Sing Even More

By Henry Hayashi

For over five decades, Cary Pollack has been singing to residents in healthcare facilities. Cary has a deep love for the charity work he performs.

With his singing, he connects with his audience through the music, proclaiming that, "Being able to see people happy and feeling good makes me feel ecstatic afterwards."

Cary began to sing at the young age of 10, and is still singing now at the age of 76. Even after retiring as a stockbroker, he plans on continuing for as long as he can. Cary shared a story of one of his most anxious times, which was when he was performing for people with Alzheimer's for the first time. He stated that he was afraid that they wouldn't be receptive to his singing, but instead, he received a resounding response. Alzheimer patients were so charmed by the performance that they joined Cary's singing, and dancing. Now, Cary primarily sings to people with dementia and Alzheimer's.

Music Shines Bright (MSB) is Cary's non-profit organization that



Cary Pollack gets a great deal of pleasure from entertaining.

focuses on finding and recruiting empathetic and talented volunteers who will provide live music performances in a variety of places, such as hospices, children's hospitals, retirement communities, psychiatric treatment centers, and many more.

If you'd like to join in, and volunteer for Music Shines Bright, visit their website at musicshinesbright.org. It's the easiest way to get involved, and don't be afraid if you don't feel confident, what

matters most is that you're able to connect with the people for whom you are performing. Their smiles let you know your efforts are very worthwhile.

Cary can also be reached by calling 602-549-9835.

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Congratulations

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markings inside the Los Angeles National Cemetery, which is managed by the United States Veterans Administration. On the dozens of curbs, letters identify the rows of the memorials, which makes it easier for visitors to locate their loved ones. We successfully finished the project within the limited time frame."

• **David Zhao** explained that, "Helping my elementary school was something I've always wanted to do, and being able to come back to Franklin Elementary in Santa Monica with a volunteer Scout project all these years later made me feel both proud and grateful. We walked around the campus, noting many things that needed to be renovated or cleaned. There were many ways I could have helped, but I thought that building benches for the kids to rest and socialize on during recess and lunch would be the most beneficial. I proposed this to the principal and he agreed."

Troop 2 has awarded Eagle Scout rank to 390 deserving individuals in its 77 year history. Troop 2 is one of the oldest and largest Scout troops in the western United States.



Happy July Birthdays to
Kingsley Fife, Don Margolin, Jack Neworth, Sarah Margolin, Sally Gutierrez, Judy Scholer, Tony Dau, Manuella Selles, Ellen Horowitz, Pat Samarge, Florence Benjamin, Lisa Analco, Max Margolin, Bob Baker, Susan Potter, Spyros Dellaportas, Tara Pomposini, Qin Stubis, Robert Klein, Kinsley Gilliland, Carolyne Edwards, David Snow, Ann Greenspun, Alexa Margolin, Tim Jackman, Pam Brady, Jean McNeil Wyner, Pam Brady, Gerardo Reyes, and Julie Gilberg.



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What Can We Learn From Trees?

By Bee Barba-Padilla, Climate Action Corps Fellow City of Santa Monica

Trees can teach us a lot about equity, food insecurity, and climate change.

Major urban cities in the country are taking steps toward growing their tree canopy coverage, addressing tree equity gaps in neighborhoods, and empowering local households to plant more trees.

Trees provide infrastructure to our ecological well-being and play a huge role in mitigating the harmful impacts of climate change. They can protect us and our homes from extreme heat, absorb stormwater runoff, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Trees provide us with clean air to breathe, improve and protect local biodiversity, and filter our water quality. Studies also show trees (more green space) improve our mental and physical health.

Current environmental research shows a connection between the percentage of tree canopy coverage in a local area and the people living in the area. Environmental conservation organizations such as American Forests, are advancing urban forestry research. They are providing live data using the Geographic Information System (GIS) and technology to capture urban forestry profiles, and high-light environmental differences between cities by assigning cities with tree equity scores.

There are many organizations dedicated to tree equity and the distribution of trees to local households. The City of Santa Monica has a City Urban Forest Plan to ensure the continued growth and sustainability of our tree canopy coverage and overall diversity of tree species.

To assist these goals last month, our City's Urban Forest Program Coordinator Robert Castaneda, with assistance from our Califor-

nia Climate Action Corps Fellows, hosted a few tree giveaways for Santa Monica residents outside our Main Library Branch and at Douglas Park. This event was made possible by a local organization called TreePeople.

Santa Monica residents were able to select and take home for free one fruit tree or shade tree per household. The selection ranged from apple, guava, olive, Coast Live Oak, and Crepe Myrtle to plant in their backyards.

Also, earlier in the month of June, volunteers through the City of Santa Monica's Community Gardens program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden met on the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for their monthly Orchard Care Crew.



Orchard Care Crew volunteers circle up to debrief after spending a morning together treating lime trees with a neem oil and water concoction to deter white fly infestation.

Photo by Kristina Sado

Lead volunteer gardener Martha Bardach designed this volunteer opportunity to empower locals to learn how to properly water, mulch, prune, and care for several lemon and lime trees living in the orchard located at 2909 Exposition Blvd. in Santa Monica. To find more information on how to get involved with these opportunities, please email us at gardens@santamonica.gov.

Byte by Byte

Pathways and Hoops: Melding Digital and Daily Life in the UAE



By Dr. Miceala Shocklee

At the end of May of this year, I hit my one-year mark in the United Arab Emirates. Feeling like I've only just started to get settled, I'm now at the stage of needing to reset much of my life – in terms of registrations, at least.

In the UAE, there is very little mail system, so I was already prepared for an onslaught of digital messaging reminders, from emails about my car insurance to text messages about my Tawtheeq, (governmental registration of my housing lease), to an in-app reminder from several utilities-related platforms to download their new and purportedly improved combo replacement.

I was still surprised, however, to learn just how deep the digital roots are here when I made an in-person attempt to close out an internet account in order to change

providers. Perhaps outmoded for my generational positioning, I attempted to accomplish the errand in person.

I brought my internet router to the provider's mall-based storefront in an attempt to talk to a real person, return the router, and close out my internet account. I was, very politely, told that I just couldn't do it. Error 404, possibility not found. I was instead told to go home, go to the app, cancel my account from there, and wait for a call from the internet provider to set up having someone come to my apartment to pick up the router.

The experience was not a complex one by far, but it reminded me just how much I am still learning how to navigate this country's complex pathways and hoops.

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From the Santa Monica Pier Guy

Just What is the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Anyway?



By Jim Harris

I hear time and time again that the Pier Corporation, for which I am the CEO, "runs the Santa Monica Pier," and it's time to dispel that myth. The Pier is actually owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica, and is basically a three-block city street populated by a number of privately owned and operated businesses. So, what is the Pier Corporation's role, then?

We focus on making the Pier visitor experience special. We create and produce year-round free public events such as Locals' Nights, Wellness & Waves fitness programs, the "Save the Pier!" play that recounts the 1970's grassroots effort to literally save the Pier from demolition, and the Pier 360 Beach Festival – our official kickoff to summer featuring beach and ocean sports.

Outside of producing our own events, we manage rentals of the Pier's public spaces such as the spacious parking deck, the beautiful west end, and the historic Merry-Go-Round building for event purposes.

And, in early 2025 we will host

our organization's first-ever fundraising gala event, during which we will honor people who have contributed toward the Santa Monica Pier becoming the iconic, family-friendly venue that we all enjoy today.

In short, we add fun to an already extraordinary place, while also sharing the unique qualities that make it one of the most special places in the world.

We do work hand-in-hand with the City's staff and with the Pier's private business owners in such a successful way that the observing public makes the natural assumption that we are all one organization. While that's not quite the case, we are all one happy family, and that is one of the key components in affirming the Pier's reputation as a family-friendly venue.

To learn more about our great public programming, visit us online at www.santamonicipier.org.

Jim Harris is the Executive Director of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the pier visitor experience, as well as an accomplished author and playwright.



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Reflections From The East

Our Lives Stand Between the Past and Future



By Qin Sun Stubis

No matter who we are and where we come from, we are an integral part of our family's ever-growing "thread."

Right now, it is our turn to make history, and our duty to carry forward rituals and traditions important to our lineage.

At one point or another in life, we become curious about our forefathers from long ago, the people before us who have shared our blood and our name. Who were they? What did they accomplish? We want to know about them so we can know more about ourselves.

Although the newest DNA testing is capable of helping us to track down their origins across

continents and seas through the sands of time, we mostly get to discover some basic attributes of our kin, such as their ethnicities and geographic origins.

The only ancestors we truly get to know in life are the ones close to us and our generation: our parents, grandparents, and those related to them. And, if we are very, very lucky, we may know our great-grandparents. While we still breathe the air of this world, we may witness ourselves gradually joining the older ranks of our family by becoming a parent, an aunt, a grandparent, or a great-grand-uncle to newer generations.

In the larger scheme of our family lineage, the few generations around us are only a small segment of our past. Learning about the people who came before us certainly helps us understand

our family history, and appreciate the progress we make in our own lifetime.

This summer, my son, Keaton Sun Stubis, graduated from Johns Hopkins University and earned a PhD in mathematics. To me, his doctoral degree is historic by being the first in both the Stubis and Sun families.

As we celebrated his achievement, I couldn't help recalling the lives of my ancestors in China; how my mother's father was educated by a private tutor and my father's mother never learned to read and write.

When it was time for my generation to go to school, my three sisters and I fought hard against poverty and political prejudice to win our four years of college education. And, three of us went on to obtain our master's degrees in

America. We broke new barriers, especially for the women in our family.

And now, it is my children's turn to find their passions in life and make history for our family. Every time they do something special, they understand its relevance to the generations before them and how proud we are for them.

Life is short, but history is long. Understanding our family's past may help us see a larger picture of ourselves and our past than just our genetic and geographical background. For a few score years in our short lives here on Earth, we can weave new threads into our families' histories to honor our ancestors and inspire future generations.

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Happy Birthday, America!



By Cheryl Thode

On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress approved a resolution declaring the United States independent from

Great Britain's rule.

Then, the Congress voted for, and approved, the legal separation of the original 13 colonies from Great Britain. Knowing the critical nature of their act, the Congress next created a document to explain the resolution, the Declaration of Independence. Our third President, Thomas Jefferson, prepared the original draft presented to the Congress, and after it was debated, revised, and voted on, the Declaration of Independence, as we know it, was unanimously adopted by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

This July we celebrate the 248th "birthday" of our country. Aside from the obvious impact of the Declaration of Independence (addressing the separation from

Great Britain), the document also proposed and supported two fundamental ideas that are the basis of our country today. The first, that "all men are created equal," and the second, that government is based on the "consent of the governed."

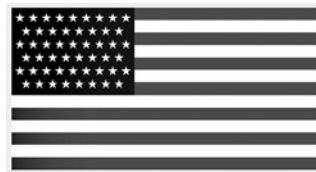
We are a government of the people and for the people. Unlike the governments of many other countries, in America, we the people are in control. It is this writer's opinion that if you were born in America, live in America, and/or are an American you are blessed.

Like most people, when July 4th rolls around, I cannot wait to go see the fireworks, attend neighborhood parties, and sing the National Anthem and *God Bless America*. Every year my family enjoys watching the fireworks light up the night sky. While the shows and barbeques are fun, we can do more to commemorate the radical birth of our nation.

First, I propose that if you have not read the Declaration of Independence in the last ten years, get yourself a copy and read it. If you

have kids, read it with them at the dinner table or at some other family event. It is an amazing document. Aside from its content and impact, it was unanimously approved. Nowadays, not many things receive 100% approval, right?

Then, after reading this amazing document, find one thing to do this month of July to celebrate or commemorate the birth of our Country. Whether it is visiting a National Park, attending a naturalization ceremony of new citizens, taking a course in American history, visiting a U.S. war memorial, or hanging the flag of the United States of America, do something to affirm your gratitude for this great country and its birthday. We are what makes America worth living for. Be proud of our Country. God Bless the U.S.A.



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Kanesha Allison is the concierge who has been welcoming tenants and visitors with a smile to the Santa Monica Shores apartments for the past six years.

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Clergy Corner

The Importance of Spiritual Nourishment



By Rev. Carolyn Baskin-Bell
The National Association of Nutrition and Diet advocates a diet of so many calories per day for our physical well-being. The recommended daily allowance of vitamins A, B, C, D, and E is also necessary for the development and maintenance of our bones, and skin, as well as the function of our physiological and psychological beings.

Vegetables, fruit, bread, cereal, and dairy products are also vital to our physical health. A minimum of 32-ounces of water is required to flush and move all these nutrients throughout the body. Just as our physical well-being requires intentional activities for a healthy body, our spiritual health is in need of consistent actions to nourish our souls.

In order to maintain spiritual health, it is necessary to possess a positive mindset. The thoughts that we think and the words we express influence our spiritual

state. The Apostle Paul teaches us to think about "whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent." Spiritual health begins with positive thoughts of affirmation.

Prayer and meditation are vital spiritual nutrients. Communication with God and contemplative practices are spiritual disciplines that produce strong faith muscles to endure the day-to-day challenges we encounter.

Spiritually fit people share their spiritual health with others as they promote peace, justice, and love. It's imperative for the spiritually nourished individual to override the toxic nutrients of hate, injustice, and inequity that invade the souls of many.

Let the spiritually strong stand grounded by a positive mindset, prayer, and meditation to promote peace, justice, and love.

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Passing Through the Pico Neighborhood

Discover the New Businesses at Pico Roots



By Stacy McClendon
The Pico Neighborhood and surrounding areas have been patiently awaiting the opening of Pico Roots. This new project was made possible due to the Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM).

Pico Roots is a marketplace that houses an eclectic mix of diverse small businesses owned and operated by local residents. It is housed on the ground floor of the CCSM Brunson Terrace Building at 1819 Pico Blvd., across from Santa Monica College.

CCSM leadership and staff, the mayor, members of City Council, City staff members, leaders, and business owners from a range of thriving local organizations/businesses, and television news media, along with community members all stood together to celebrate this grand opening last month.

Senator Ben Allen's office presented CCSM with a certificate. They are extremely excited that this space is opened, as well as the diversity that's present as it is something Santa Monica has needed for quite some time.

The businesses in the space are as follows:

- **Youthful Savings Marketplace** empowers today's youth by offering engaging financial and entrepreneurial workshops that take a business idea from inception to operation through generating sales. Visit: www.youthfulsavings.com.



Stacy visits with Kimberley Herron in her new Queen & Kings Hair Love It store.



Danny Donayre is with Youthful Savings Marketplace.

- **Jewel Sales Art** offers illustrations, jewelry, custom portraits and more. Visit www.jewelsalesart.com, or on Instagram @jewelsalesart.
- **Santa Monica to Senegal Designs** offers clothing and items made with fabric and textiles from Senegal, Africa. The owner is a third generation Santa Monica resident.

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Discover What's Happening on the Westside

By Gigi Appelbaum-Schwartz

- **Thursday, July 4 - Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade** - Celebrate Independence Day with the annual Main Street parade, presented by the Ocean Park Association! Event will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street. santamonica.parade.com.

- **July 4, 11, 18, 25 - Night Market at the Bungalow Santa Monica** - Taking place every Thursday from 5 p.m.-11 p.m., this night market features a wide variety of food vendors, family friendly activities, live musical and DJ performances, and celebrity guest appearances. Events will take place at The Bungalow Santa Monica, 101 Wilshire Blvd. Details: thebungalow.com/santamonica.

- **Friday, July 5 - Ink & Paint Musical** - Celebrate Fourth of July weekend with this fascinating production, which tells the story of Disney's first all-women story unit. Event will take place from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Playhouse - The Other Space - 1211 4th Street.

- **Saturday, July 6 - Soundwaves: The Present Quartet** - Enjoy a set of virtuosic improvised sound exploration by flutist Ellen Burr, harpist Ann LeBaron, multi-instrumentalist Charles Sharp, and bassist Jeff Schwartz as the Soundwaves new music series concludes its seven-year run. Event will take place from 3:30 p.m.-4:40 p.m. at the Santa Monica Main Library in the MLK Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

- **Saturday, July 6 - Conscious Market** - Taking place the first Saturday of each month, Downtown Santa Monica's Conscious Market features local designers, brands, and new businesses. Event will take place from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Third Street Promenade, 1300 block.

- **Thursday, July 18 - Annenberg Beach House Sunset Picnic** - Enjoy a fun and casual beachfront summer evening with friends and family. Pack your own food and activities and enjoy a musical performance as well as s'mores for dessert. Event will take place from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

- **July 19, 20, 26, 27, 28 - Kentwood Players Fools** - Neil Simon's *Fools* is a comedy following a young schoolteacher seeking to cure his village from their long-standing curse of chronic stupidity. The production will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees beginning on the 28th at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 Hindry Ave., L.A., www.kentwoodplayers.org.

- **Saturday July 20 - Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library 30th Anniversary Celebration** - Celebrate the anniversary of this library branch with a performance by the Reptile Family, an afternoon of music with Stanley "The Baron" Behrens, and refreshments provided by local markets! Event will take place at 10 a.m. at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd. For more information, visit lapl.org.

- **Saturday July 20 - Ukulele Concert and Strum-Along** - For ukulele players of all levels, singers, and music lovers: enjoy a

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- Joe Analco

JULY at the PLAYHOUSE



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Westside Beach Culture to be Showcased in New Museum and Gallery



Niles Buckner

By Cree Kawa

In a bid to capture and preserve the essence of the Santa Monica and Venice Beach culture, renowned photographer Niles Buckner announced plans to open a Surf, Skateboarding, and Snowboarding Museum along with a photo gallery in the heart of Santa Monica.

The aim is to provide visitors and residents with a deeper understanding of the vibrant history and lifestyle of these iconic beach communities.

Niles Buckner, who has a pro-
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Entertaining With Ease

The How in Home Hospitality



By Maureen Mole

When entertaining at home, it's not only what you do, but how you do it. It's how you greet your guests, how you make introductions, how you

serve the appetizers, and how you make your guests feel at ease.

• **Open your arms as you open your home.** Your home may be unpretentious and your food simple, but all can emerge dazzling if you know the how of entertaining.

• **Smooth Arrivals.** Be ready at least 15 minutes before the guests arrive. Use the few extra minutes for last-minute preparations, or simply, for relaxing. Guests feel uncomfortable when the host rushes downstairs from dressing as if they needed more time.

• **Greet the guest personally at the door,** no matter how busy you are with last-minute preparations. Be ready and relaxed to meet your guests.

• **"I'd like you to meet ..."** Don't just give names when introducing guests to one another. Provide your relationship to the guests, or a short fact about each person to help start a conversation. After six or eight guests arrive, do not stop all conversations when a new guest arrives, as in, "Hello everyone, I'd like to introduce Diane." Folks may stop speaking to hear you, then go back to their conversations and ignore the new guest. Simply introduce the newly arriving guest to a few guests or better yet, to someone who isn't speaking to anyone yet.

• **"What would you like to drink?"** Recognize the hesitant feeling a shy guest may have when asked what he or she would like to drink. Don't let the conversation go like this: Host: "What do you want to drink?" Guest: "What do you have?" Host: "Whatever you want." It is better to offer some specific suggestions to make the guest feel at ease, such as, "We have red or white wine, beer, vodka, or sparkling water." Serve the first drink, and after that, you might suggest that the guests help themselves to the bar.



Greet your guests personally at the door.

• **Serving the appetizer.** Whether it is a colorful charcuterie platter, chips and dips, or bite-size hors d'oeuvres, place the food near the guests. If everyone is sitting around a backyard firepit, don't place the food on a table far away from where the guests are sitting. It's embarrassing to get up and walk across the lawn to get a bite.

Guests may feel that everyone is looking at them, and they probably are. Serve the first piece of food and encourage the guests to help themselves. For a large party, have multiple stations for appetizers.

• **And Finally - Flexibility.** Don a gown of flexibility and wear it the entire evening. Maintain your poise if something unusual happens. Don't be unnerved if a guest is late or arrives with an uninvited friend. If you drop a plate of appetizers, or a drink spills, clean it up quickly and move on. Accidents may happen, but guests will remember long after the party how well you handled it. Flexibility will make your guests feel at ease and turn any crisis into a mere mishap. When you know the how of entertaining, your guests will feel pampered and special in your home.

Maureen Molé is a lecturer, product spokesperson, and the author of The Book of Entertaining at Home. Email her at Maureen.Mole@gmail.com.

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Discover the New Businesses

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• **Adey Gojo** - This name means Mother Homeland and the company offers Ethiopian catered food and coffee ceremonies. Visit www.adeygojocatering.com, or on Instagram @adeygojo.

• **Soleil Satnam** - offers Mala beads and gemstone jewelry. Visit www.marisolsantana.com/malas.

• **Tiny Bee Cards** - sells colorful, fun and unique cards and stickers. They have been a successful online business and are glad to have a store in the community. Visit www.tinybeecards.com, or on Instagram @TINYBEECARDS.



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Santa Monica Conservancy (Continued from Page 1)



Above, earlier members of the Philomatheans (1940s-1950s). The Stewardship Award was presented to members of the Philomathean Charity Club for 1810 Broadway. Chair of the Board Lee Bertha Pickett-Allen and President Oweda Shipp accepted the award for the Club.

Image courtesy of the Quinn Research Center

built social hall and office space and includes two commercial spaces still used as a barber shop and beauty salon.

Founded in 1921 during the suffrage movement, the Philomathean Charity Literary & Art Club has been dedicated to supporting education, arts, culture, and charitable work for over 100 years. The Club still serves a key role providing services that are otherwise unavailable to the community. For example, the retail rents from Philomathean Hall are used to

award scholarships.

The Club's nomination of the Hall is crucial for many reasons, including bringing community recognition to the historic Broadway Community which was destroyed to make way for the Santa Monica Freeway.

For more information about the Santa Monica Conservancy, their tours and programs, go to www.smconservancy.org, or call 310-496-3146.



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By Tanya Gilbert

I can't stop dreaming about NIHI, a stunning resort on the remote and lesser-known Indonesian island of Sumba. It is an intimate collection of 27 villas spread across more than 1,300 acres of untouched land and 1.5 miles of pristine beach. NIHI Sumba embodies the serenity, culture, and undeveloped landscape that most people envision Bali to be.

For families, couples, or friends, there are an abundance of activities designed to connect with nature and culture:

- Surfing at Occy's Left: Fronting one of the world's most coveted surfing waves, the resort's Nio Beach Club is an essential spot for enthusiasts seeking to ride the perfect wave. To maintain a surfing experience unparalleled in the world, NIHI limits the wave to only 12 advanced surfers per day, so it is essential to reserve your slot.
- Spa Safari at Nio Oka: Begin your day with a trek through breathtaking landscapes, followed by a healthy breakfast, and a day of unlimited spa treatments in a cliff-top pavilion with stunning ocean views.
- Equestrian experiences: Whether it's a tranquil beach ride at sun-

rise or sunset, a dynamic swim with horses, or an extensive equine therapy retreat, these experiences promise deep connections not only with the horses but also with the surrounding natural beauty.

- Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP): Paddle through the jungle and down the Wanukaka River.

- Cultural experiences: Connect with the local community through cooking classes, ikat weaving classes, volunteering a couple of hours at local school, or tour local markets.

There are several daily 90-minute flights from Bali making it an easy pairing. It is also a perfect way to balance a trip to Singapore.

- Before you go, prepare for the tropical climate by packing lightweight, breathable clothing, and don't forget your reef-safe sun protection. This is a year-round destination with less rain than Bali, but May and September typically have the calmest/most favorable winds, while July and August have the largest surf.

Thinking about booking your next trip? Ask me about upgrades and added amenities, tanya@mariposatraveladvisors.com.

Ceramic Artist Tani Sims Will Be Missed

Tani Sims passed away on May 21, 2024 with her family by her side. Tani owned and managed The Clayhouse in Santa Monica from 1993 to 2019. She found her love of ceramics after she worked in the medical field. Before owning the Clayhouse, she worked with the previous owners, the late Ken

Catbagan and his wife Natalie Neith. Tani was a talented potter, teacher, and mentor to many artists. She frequently said The Clayhouse was a labor of love to spark creativity and be a safe place for members and students to thrive. There was a period of

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Co-President of the Santa Monica Breakfast Club, Pati Lacy; guest speaker Natalie Guerboian, Co-President Pam Brady; and Program Chair Jeannie Kusserow pose at their club's last meeting.

Santa Monica Breakfast Club Installs New Officers

Many service clubs hold installations for new officers at the beginning of the summer. This past month, the Santa Monica Breakfast Club invited active community member Eddie Guerboian to install their new officers. Eddie's daughter, Natalie, was the guest speaker at the meeting. She has been fulfilling her eight-year dream of being in the Ironman World Championship so she shared her adventures. Eddie's wife, Evelyn, is a Club member, making it a special morning for their family.

Executive Board members from 2024 to 2026 installed were: Presidents Pam Brady and Pati Lacy; Treasurer Pat Armacost; Recording Secretary Kathy Shannon; Membership Chairs Char Lawrence and Kathy Checchi; Dental Chair Marilyn Schmitter; Event Chair Kathy Boole; Program Chair Jeannie Kusserow; Corresponding Secretary Esther Hickman; Historians Kathy Checchi and Jane Koehler; Social Chair Leila Brown; Inspiration Chair Helen Vasak; Grant Chair Anna Rogers; and Parliamentarian Phyllis Nugent.

Many of the friendly club members are long time Santa Monica residents who would be happy to welcome you to their club.



Eddie Guerboian installed members of the new board, left; Natalie Guerboian was the guest speaker; and Evelyn Guerboian, her mother, is a Club member.

The annual Mad Hatter Tea Party 2025 is scheduled for April 6, 2025. It celebrates a local community hero and raises donations to fund free dental services to children in Santa Monica schools whose families cannot afford them. For more information: santamonicaclubbreakfastclub@gmail.com, or their Facebook page: Santa Monica Breakfast Club-since1935.

What's Happening on the Westside (Continuing from Page 5)

performance by Cali Rose and the CC Strummers, then grab your own ukulele for a "kanikapila." Event will take place from 2 p.m.-3:15 p.m. at the Santa Monica Main Library in the MLK Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

• **Saturday, July 27 - Santa Monica Youth Orchestra Concert** - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 958 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m. Music by Bartok, Webern, and Haydn. Contact Liv Berg liv@santamonica youthorchestra.org.




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Love Links

Marriage Rings That Have a Different Meaning

By Gigi Applebaum-Schwartz

Bob Chapin and Jessica Cail's relationship has been closely intertwined with the beach since its very beginnings.

Twenty years ago, the couple first met at Santa Monica's Original Muscle Beach (OMB) – a spot renowned for its scenic outdoor gym featuring ropes, parallel bars, and swings, among other things.

The fact that their relationship began here was especially perfect for Bob who, as a stuntman and VFX artist, has been a regular at OMB for over 30 years. Jessica, a professor at Pepperdine University, also holds the beach close to her heart – making for a perfect beginning to a lasting partnership.

The couple spent their ten year anniversary in Maui, and Bob proposed there on the beach. They were married the very next day. The wedding took place at Muscle Beach, making it a perfectly full-circle moment that channeled their shared love of the beach into a celebration of their love for each other. The ceremony was incredibly unique, but representative of their passions and distinctive personalities.

The wedding, officiated by a friend Mark Hampton, who dressed as Magnum P.I., was held at the beach's traveling rings, which became central to the ceremony. When they were asked if they had brought the rings, Bob and Jessica both grabbed the traveling ring, and at the end of the ceremony, the officiant announced: "You may now swing the bride," upon which the couple did a tandem swing to the end and back, alongside their friends.

From their meeting, to their engagement, to their remarkable wedding and beyond, Bob and Jessica have managed to weave the things they love most into a solid foundation for their long standing relationship. It's clear



Bob Chapin and Jessica Cail at their wedding on Muscle Beach in Santa Monica on June 23, 2012 by the traveling rings. At the end of their marriage ceremony, the officiant said, "You may now swing the bride," and the two did a tandem swing to the end and back.



Jessica and Bob swinging on the traveling rings at Muscle Beach after they were married.

that they are the perfect people for each other – fostering each other's individuality, while ensuring that every aspect of their lives is fun and in line with their interests and values.

We wish Bob and Jessica all the best in their future, and are inspired by their steadfast passions and clear love for each other!



Discover the Great Features of the Santa Monica Family YMCA Camp at Big Bear Lake



Canoeing on this beautiful lake is only one of the many activities for campers at the Santa Monica Family YMCA camp. There is swimming, crafts, hiking, archery, and so much more. Call Erika Altshule at 310-393-2721 to register, and read COO Araceli's column on Page 13 for more details.

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Westside Beach Culture

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found connection to Venice Beach from his earlier years, has returned to Santa Monica after three decades. His passion for photography, particularly for capturing the essence of skateboarders and surfers along the California coast, has inspired this ambitious project.

"I love the Venice and Santa Monica culture," describes Niles. "The residents of Santa Monica Dogtown and Venice are the essence of the culture and vibe people feel when they visit these great cities."

The Museum will showcase vintage surfboards, skateboards, and snowboards. Musical performances by bands that have influenced these sports will be featured.

A highlight will be the virtual wave tube, offering visitors an immersive experience inside a wave, complete with audio and special effects. Additionally, a wooden skateboard pool will host events

for professionals, and a snowboarding experience will be available through Oculus virtual reality.

"The heart of skateboarders and surfers came from these communities," explains Niles. "My goal is to provide all visitors with a comprehensive history of this rich culture."

In addition, The Gallery will provide a platform for local artists and photographers specializing in these sports, offering them a space to showcase their work beyond the Venice Beach boardwalk.

"I feel the artists of this community need a solid foundation and space to show off their work," says Niles.

A portion of the proceeds from art sales and museum admission will be reinvested into a fund aimed at retaining the art and culture of these beach cities, further enriching the communities that have inspired Niles Buckner's life's work.

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Mae Abrahams, left, and her friend Freya Rainsford graduated from Lincoln Middle School last month.



Jack Rainsford graduated from Santa Monica High School. With Jack is his mom, Jane.



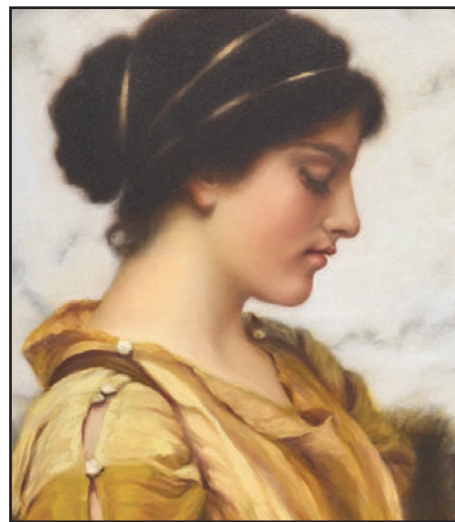
Soodoo Gadai graduated from Venice High School and is off to UC Berkeley in the Fall.



Bryan Andrews completed his Associate of Science Degree in Digital Media Post Production at SMC. With him is dad, Scott, and mom, Pam.

Discover Your Artistic Talent at Kline Academy of Fine Art

A wide variety of arts classes will be taught this summer at the Kline Academy of Fine Art. Here are some samples of work done by current students. Call 310-837-7194 for more details. Patti Rhee- Landscape In-Studio Landscape Painting Workshop- Blue Beach, right; Stephanie Lin- Pre-Teen/Teen Drawing and Painting- Parrot; and Jessica Falcone - Classical Painting Workshop- Sabinella, below.



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Paws and Claws

Hot Weather Tips for Pets



By Dr. Frank Lavac, MS, DVM
Overheated pets (hyperthermia) are common summer-time emergencies.

Pets can quickly overheat in a closed car. As an example, when the outside temperature is 70 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature in a car can quickly rise to 100

degrees Fahrenheit. They can become overheated in a matter of minutes.

Certain dog breeds, especially short nose breeds like pugs, French bull dogs, etc. are particularly susceptible to overheating. Rabbits and chinchillas are also very sensitive to heat.

Pets cool themselves through their respiratory tract, by panting, as they do not sweat. If the environment is too hot, they cannot cool themselves appropriately. Other predisposing factors include obesity, respiratory disease, cardiac disease, and lack of access to water.

Hyperthermic pets are an emergency and require immediate care. You may witness exaggerated panting, salivation, and weakness. Extended hyperthermia can cause severe brain damage and death.

Once you recognize that your pet is overheated, give them access to water and cool them with a cold water bath or shower. Use fans to allow for further cooling. Urgent care is required. Call your veterinarian prior to arrival, so that they can be prepared. If caught early, most of these pets survive and return to normal.

If you have any questions, you can contact Dr. Lavac at 310-828-4587.



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From Me to You...



By Diane Margolin
Every time a young person I've known as a child graduates, I share a sense of pride with their families. Some

I've known since they were born. I may have gone to their toddler birthday parties, or helped teach them to read. Some have had their photos in this paper over the years. Some may be grandchildren of my friends and it was such fun to see photos of them as they grew into young adults.

On Page 11, Freya Rainsford and her brother, Jack, both graduated in June. They were neighbors and our families have stayed in touch over the years. I may have written about the building of 24 units that I managed on Ocean Avenue. It was a rectangular shape and there were gardens and a patio in the middle. As neighbors, we saw each other often and had parties in the patio.

I've never lived anywhere else where the neighbors were so close. Many of us are still friends. We were like a big family. In many apartment buildings, you rarely see your neighbors, or think to check on them if you haven't seen them for awhile.

Sodoo Gadai, whose father I babysat for, graduated from Venice High School. He will be studying civil engineering at UC Berkeley in

the Fall. Sodoo's grandmother and I have been friends since we were teenagers. Sometimes Sodoo would come to lunch with us when we went out.

I met Pam and Scott Andrews when I was on the Advisory Board of the Santa Monica Family YMCA many years ago. I've watched their daughter, Dyllen, perform in the Y Christmas programs and now she is acting in her college plays. Her brother Bryan was interested in music, computer science, and post production. Best wishes to them all for a successful future.

Have a wonderful summer and be sure to stay cool. We are so lucky to live near the beach. Speaking of beaches, be sure to read Tanya's travel column on Page 8.

If you want to share photos when you return from a special trip, please email them to us at smstarnewspaper@gmail.com.



- Joe Analco

An Update From ERBA Markets

How Did the 710 Holiday Come About?



By Stephen Freedman
The vast majority of us are aware of the 420 "holiday," where cannabis consumers celebrate all things

flower. However, many are unaware that there is a similar celebratory day regarding cannabis concentrates, such as oils and waxes. This day of recognition falls on July 10, or 710, which is "OIL" spelled upside down and reversed.

Smoking concentrates is referred to as "dabbing." This is the vaporization of cannabis concentrates using high heat. Concentrates are usually made with solvents to extract terpenes and cannabinoids from the plant, leaving a highly potent THC product. Some forms of concentrates are badder, wax, and shatter.

So how did this celebration come to pass?

Back in 2010, hip hop artist TaskRok was on a video call with other cannabis industry insiders.

The topic turned to having a specific time to dab, and TaskRok suggested 7:10, as it was "OIL" spelled upside down.

The word regarding 710 spread quickly. This was aided by the release of an album by TaskRok with tracks titled "7:10" & "Boil that Oil." This album was also released on...7/10. This was followed up by an Urban Dictionary entry connecting 710 with smoking concentrates, then acknowledgement by legitimate publications, first online, then in print.

While the history of 710 is not as long as 420, it is a testament to how quickly new trends and ideas spread in today's age of technology. An off-topic comment made in the right environment can spread like wildfire and aid in the building of an industry. Who knows what section of the cannabis industry we will be celebrating in the years to come?

Stephen Freedman is the Regional Manager of the ERBA Markets, the WOODS, West LA, Venice, Culver City, and WeHo.

Ceramic Artist

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time when The Clayhouse was one of the only pottery studios on the Westside. Many artists were lucky to be a part of this great community studio.

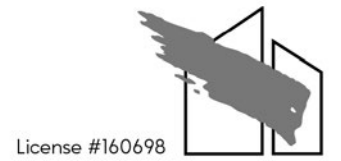
Tani's family is planning a memorial and the date and location will be announced.



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Planning Ahead

Multiple Agents Can Go Wrong



By Lisa C. Alexander, Esq. When you have more than one child, how do you decide on an agent for your health care decisions?

Your first instinct may be to name all your children as co-agents to avoid favoring one over another. This could be the perfect choice for you and your family if your children are close, get along, and can be counted on to act unanimously to carry out your wishes. But if not:

Some people default to birth order, naming the oldest child as first agent, with the next oldest child named as alternate, and so on. But you may want to be more thoughtful in designating your agent. Your first question should be which of your children can you count on to carry out your wishes? If you do not want life-prolonging treatment, but you know your son could not make the hard decisions if the time came, maybe he should not be named. If there is one child who lives close by and is actively involved in your life, that child may be the best choice.

The sad case is if you've named more than one child, and they can't agree. For example, it may be that you can no longer live at home without care. Your children might not be able to agree on how to provide appropriate care. There may be disagreement over

in-home care or care in a facility. Or, if your children aren't geographically close, they may fight over choice of a care home closer to where one child lives. This could play out in refusal of one child to cooperate in investigating possible facilities.

This also raises the question of coordinating your agent for financial matters. If one child controls your financial assets but is not also a health care agent, the child with financial control could undermine the health care agent by refusing to pay the bill. The only recourse may be court proceedings.

This could all have a much happier ending with sibling relationships kept intact. First, if you decide to name only one child as your health care agent, let your children know and explain your reasoning. If there is unhappiness, better to know and deal with it now while you can. Equally important is to have conversations with all your children about your care wishes. If you are adamant about remaining in your home and you have the resources to afford in-home care, make sure everyone knows that is your wish.

If you have specific wishes for end-of-life care, at a stressful and emotional time, your children will be better prepared to make sure your wishes are carried out.

Lisa C. Alexander, Esq. can be reached by calling 310-656-4310.

Thoughts From a Second-Time Father

Learning About Golf and Life



By Michael Margolin When I was a kid, I knew I wanted to grow up and have kids of my own. I wanted to teach them things and be a coach for

whatever teams they were on. And, I certainly hoped that they would show an interest in things that I liked. Alexa is about to turn 11. She has been around a few years longer than Jake and there are common likes and interests that we have. Playing golf has never been something that seemed to pique her interest. It is not the fastest paced game and can be ridiculously frustrating.

I figured I would drag Jake with me to the driving range and see what he thought. After one visit of him using my clubs, which are much too big for an eight year old, I ordered him his own clubs that came in their own golf bag.

He was interested enough for me to do that. We went back again to the driving range and he liked it even more since his clubs fit him and were not about a foot too long. We have been to the range several times since and he shows signs of really liking it.

On a Saturday not long ago, we were in the middle of a rough weekend of games with Alexa's soccer team. I probably put more pressure on myself than necessary to win these games, but that's the way it is. The gloomy feeling of losing hangs over me for a bit. After one of those games, Jake and I had time to go the range at a course that is just minutes from our house.

The course was practically empty, so instead of the range, I decided to play nine holes. Jake is not skilled enough to play complete holes, but he did hit some drives, some iron shots, and some chipping and putting.

I realized that one of my hopes was becoming a reality - I would be on a golf course with my son someday. And, the feeling of being out there with him exceeded my expectations. He was fascinated with the animals running around the course and driving the



Jake is enjoying playing golf with his own set of clubs and his dad.

golf cart.

He is only eight years away from a driver's license, so I figured I would give him a taste on the course. He enjoyed taking the shots he did, and has realized that you must keep your head down. More importantly, golf is a tough game to learn, and it takes a lot of patience.

There is a moment that will stay with me longer than the others. I have been at my current place of work for six years. I work for a home health and hospice company. My manager had been fighting cancer as valiantly as anybody could over the last year, or so.

She had recently taken a very big turn for the worse. Jake and I were sitting patiently in our cart in the middle of a fairway on a beautiful, sunny afternoon when I got a message that let me know she had lost her fight with cancer.

The world had just lost a magnificent soul. I sat for a moment and then told Jake. He slid closer to me and put his arm around me and his head on my shoulder and told me he was sorry. But, it did not ruin my experience on the course with my son. If anything, I do not know if I would have rather been anywhere else when I found out.

Mike Margolin has been writing for us since his daughter Alexa was born 11 years ago. He is an avid sports fan. Mike is also a coach for both of his children's soccer teams.

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Community Service on the Westside

The Lions Partner With the Salvation Army



By Kingsley Fife
We Lions and the other service clubs in Santa Monica have always had a close relationship with the Santa Monica Salvation Army.

Every December, we all get out and ring the bell on Red Kettle Day to further the wonderful work this organization does.

The exciting, energetic head of the Santa Monica Corps is Capt. James Fleming, who in his spirit of getting involved in the community, is not only a Lion, but a member of other service clubs also. In his zeal, he has started a new tradition beginning last year of celebrating National Doughnut Day. We just recently had the second annual celebration of this famous day. We passed out 2,000 donuts on the Promenade along with music, fun, and games. It was a day the public will long remember.

National Doughnut Day commemorates what the Salvation Army did to aid the morale of our soldiers in the First World War by giving out fresh doughnuts to the men in the trenches. It was a wonderful idea and it's one reason doughnuts became so popular

after that.

Every December, our Santa Monica-Pacific Palisades Lions Club hosts the Salvation Army at our dinner meeting. They bring the Army Band, we sing carols and raise money for their worthy causes. One of our Lions, Dr. Arnie Levee, has a deep personal love for the Salvation Army because of a story he remembers his father telling him when he was a little boy. He said his father was returning from France after fighting in the war, and had just disembarked, tired and hungry from the troop ship in New York harbor.

He saw the Red Cross selling coffee for five cents a cup. To a young fellow in 1918, a nickel was a lot of money. Then, he looked and saw the Salvation Army was handing out free coffee and doughnuts. He said it was an experience he'll never forget, and from then on, the Salvation Army has had a special place in his heart, and so it does also with his son, Lion Arnie.

Are you curious about Lionism? Maybe joining us will fill that void in your life. Learn more by being our guest at one of our dinner meetings. Call Lion Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960 or email jkfife88@yahoo.com.

An Update From the SMBWC



By Patricia Webber

The Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club (SMBWC) is a busy venue, once again.

Rentals continue to be booked into early fall. As part of our mission of community service, once a year the Board of Directors allocates a percentage of our annual income from our rentals to organizations in the community that benefit women, children, education, the environment and special needs.

One project that we support annually is a scholarship endowment we established at Santa Monica College to benefit women starting or returning to college. Another area of support is the Santa Monica High School orchestra, and the Samohi Jazz Band which performs at our annual valentine making event.

This year's list of recipients also

includes Upward Bound House, the Santa Monica History Museum, Step-Up on Second Street, The Teen Project, UCLA Next Generation Doctors (this provides support for students doing research in women's health), Westside Food Bank, Beauty Bus Foundation, School on Wheels, May Stuff Bags, Happy Trails for Kids, Fisher House Southern California, Heal the Bay, Santa Monica College Veterans Resource, Pennies for Pines, Meals on Wheels West, KidsSave, Santa Monica Animal Shelter, and finally, World's Central Kitchen - Ukraine. Wise and Healthy Aging received another donation from our Laura Hubbell Trust Fund.

Our Club was built in 1914 so we take great care in maintaining it. To that end, we began remodeling the bathrooms the last week of June. The process should take four to six weeks. We will be remodeling only one bathroom at a time (i.e. men's, then the women's). Therefore, three stalls

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Santa Monica YMCA Camp Big Bear: A Summer Tradition Returns



By Araceli Alejandre, COO
The Santa Monica Family YMCA Camp Big Bear is set to welcome campers back for another memo-

orable summer season offering children and teens a chance to explore the great outdoors, make lasting friendships, and develop new skills. Located on lakefront property at Boulder Bay, Camp Big Bear has been a cherished tradition for many years, providing a perfect blend of adventure, education, and recreation.

This year's camp promises a range of activities designed to engage campers of all ages. From canoeing and swimming in Big Bear Lake to hiking through picturesque trails, campers will have plenty of opportunities to experience nature firsthand. Camp Big Bear also offers arts and crafts, paddleboarding, a ropes course, archery and so many more activities that cater to a variety of interests.

"Our goal is to create a safe, fun, and enriching environment where kids can grow and thrive," says Huy Lu, Camp Director for the Santa Monica Family YMCA. "We believe that outdoor experiences are essential for personal development, and we're committed to providing a safe and supportive space where campers can build confidence, learn new skills, and form lifelong connections."

Safety is always a top priority at

Camp Big Bear. All staff members undergo rigorous training in first aid, CPR, and child protection, ensuring that campers are well cared for throughout their stay. This year, Camp Big Bear will also be home to over 15 international students from countries all over the world - including Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, New Zealand and others!

This year, camp spots filled quickly - reflecting the community's eagerness to reconnect with this beloved summer tradition. Families may join us for Family Camp over Labor Day Weekend by contacting Erika Altshule at erika@ymcasm.org, or by calling 310-393-2721.



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Day Trippin' on the E-Line

By Deborah Gray

Recently, while in an adventurous mood, with a little time to spend and lots of ideas about how to spend it, I eagerly left my car at home and boarded the Santa Monica E-Line just to see what a day trip might bring me.

After departing the downtown Santa Monica station, it took about 35 minutes to arrive at the California Science Center (CSC) in L.A.'s Exposition Park. Armed with enthusiasm, I began to explore the vast timeline of our journey through the cosmos, and several inspiring exhibits recounting the story of our planet. While really not knowing what to expect, it turned out to all be quite astonishing. Most surprisingly, I was able to get a close-up look at some of the actual space vehicles launched by NASA in the 1960s and '70s, including the 1961 Mercury capsule that successfully carried a chimpanzee named Enos into Earth's orbit and back again.

So, if you are even mildly curious about space travel and science in general (including human biology), I think you'll find much to relish at the CSC as well as its neighboring museums. I suggest you take your time; yes, there's much to do and see inside, but in lovely contrast, just outside the entrance are picnic tables with a view of the rose garden and a majestic water fountain. What a bonus!

To sum it up, my day trip led me to experience a variety of dazzling interactive displays – far too many to take in during one visit. Another time I'll check out the Leonardo da Vinci exhibit, as well as



Although it's now off display, the Space Shuttle Endeavour, which captured the attention of many Angelenos in 2012 as it flew around the city on the back of a Boeing 747, found a permanent home at the CSC. However, we'll have to wait for the completion of the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center (not due to open for several years) before the public can once again view the Endeavour.

Photo by Bill Lasley

the chance to learn more about the reign of the mighty dinosaurs (in residence next-door at the Natural History Museum).

I feel fortunate that we have the E-Line here to help us discover a variety of local trips, and I can't wait to plan my next stop.

Meals On Wheels West Helps Prevent Homelessness

By Chris Baca

Meals On Wheels West (MOWW) is a part of the solution to homelessness, as well as helping prevent homelessness.

MOW West has expanded its target population beyond traditional homebound seniors to include newly housed, and formerly unsheltered individuals of all ages. As formerly unsheltered people are housed, MOW West's Food and Shelter and Community Connections programs deliver healthy meals and referrals to additional social services – reducing food insecurity and improving physical and mental health. About 21% of MOW West's clients are formerly unhoused.

While many nonprofit and governmental agencies are addressing housing, Meals on Wheels West is Delivering More Than a Meal. Our programs are filling a significant gap in human services by providing home-delivered nutrition, socialization, and resources that help formerly unhoused people stabilize and reintegrate into society.

Meals on Wheels programs are proactively preventing homelessness. Our programs prevent people from having to choose between paying rent, buying medicine, or going hungry. All of MOW West clients receive meals cost free, or are subsidized. In a recent survey, 91% of MOW West clients report "the meals and volunteer visits help them to remain living in their home."

MOW West's Food and Shelter program focuses on serving the needs of the formerly unhoused. MOW West delivers to multiple facilities such as Step-up, Community Corp of Santa Monica, and Venice Community Housing buildings.

Launched during the pandemic lock down, our Community Connections Friendly Calling Program has dedicated volunteers contacting all MOW West clients to do Wellness Checks addressing concerns before they become severe.

The combination of meal delivery visits and weekly friendly calls with volunteers results in trusting



Volunteers who deliver meals do wellness checks on their clients, too.

relationships. These relationships lead to honest conversations and referrals to a wide variety of additional community services, including mental health programs, healthcare providers, transportation, and other needed resources.

MOW West partners with 64 local social service organizations including Providence Saint John's, Alcott Center, MODE, Didi Hirsch, Chrysalis, and Wise & Healthy Aging.

The need for Food and Shelter meals and the additional services provided by Community Connections is growing. The most recent homeless count documents that the number of unhoused people continues to grow. LASHA's Homeless Count discovered that homelessness in L.A. County rose in 2023.

The positive news is that the number of formerly unhoused people who are now housed is also growing. The efforts of Saint Joseph's Center, Step-up, Venice Community Housing, and other agencies to provide housing are working. About 20,000 formerly unsheltered people were housed last year.

Meals on Wheels West is proud to help with keeping people housed, preventing homelessness, and improving the communities we serve.

To become a volunteer, call 310-394-5133.

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will be available throughout the remodeling process. Both the men's and women's bathrooms will be handicap accessible when the remodeling is done. Impact to Club activities, hopefully, will be negligible.

For information on Club activities, see our website smbwc.org, or if you would like to join our Club, contact our office during weekday mornings at 310-395-1308.



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Here are names of the various high school (\$2000 scholarships) and middle school (\$250 citizenship awards) winners. The Committee who made the decisions included Kathy Shepard, Jennifer Gordon, Ann Greenspun, and Sonya Brenner. Tom Larmore, the committee chair, coordinated the presentations at the Club's luncheon meeting in June.

Congratulations to Haween Alemayehu, Skutr Bruno, and Griffin Seals from Santa Monica High School; Joy Vine, Olympic High School; Grenley Little and Carlos Nochebuena from New Roads School; Tyler Dy from Saint Monica Preparatory; Abigail Aguilar from John Adams Middle School; Maya Franklin from Crossroads; and Zhasha McIntyre from Lincoln Middle School.



Abigail Aguilar and Rotarian Jennifer Gordon



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