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Everybody's getting ready for the 4th of July.

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PACIFIC PALISADES FOURTH OF JULY TIMELINE

46th Annual Will Rogers 5/10K Run, Kid's Fun Run

- 6:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:15 a.m. 5/10 K Start
- 9:30 a.m. Kids Fun Run

75th Annual Palisades Parade

- 11:30 a.m. Via de la Paz closed between Bowdoin and De Pauw
- Noon Bowdoin closed between Swarthmore and Via de la Paz
- 1-1:30 p.m. Patriotic Pups assemble at Palisades Elementary
- 1:15 p.m. Kids on Bikes at Pali Elementary for judging
- 1:45 p.m. All parade units on the course
- 2 p.m. Skydivers land on Sunset
- 2:05 p.m. Parade starts on Via de la Paz

Food and Fireworks

- 6 p.m. Gates open at PaliHi Football Stadium (Temescal and Bowdoin) for food trucks, kids activities and a DJ (Tickets available ONLY online palisades4th.com)
- 8:50 p.m. Gates close
- 9 p.m. Fireworks

July Fourth Street Parking, Closures

NO STOPPING, NO PARKING signs will be posted along the race and parade route prior to July 4. Please observe the signs, so events can start on time.

Do not leave cars on affected streets if you plan to be out of town. Cars will be towed.

RACE CLOSURES

Hard closures start at 6:30 a.m. near the race start by the library and Palisades Rec Center.

People will not be allowed to turn from Pacific Coast Highway to Chautauqua starting at 7:15 a.m. Those running the race can park on Temescal Canyon Road where a shuttle will operate from 6 to 11:30 a.m. on a loop about every 10 to 15 minutes taking runners to the start.

The Huntington Palisades neighborhood streets including Alma Real Drive, Corona del Mar, Toyopa Drive and Pampas Ricas will be closed. Drummond Street from Toyopa to Chautauqua; Ocampo from Drummond to Alma Real will be closed to traffic. Ralph's parking lot on Sunset will not be open.

Sunset Boulevard from Amalfi Drive to Monument Street will be closed in both directions from 6:30 to 11 a.m. Chautauqua Boulevard north of Sunset until Drummond and Drummond from Chautauqua to Toyopa

will also be closed. The roads will reopen after the racecourse is closed at about 11 a.m.

PARADE CLOSURES

The parade route and staging areas, which include Via de la Paz, Sunset, Swarthmore, Drummond Street,

Toyopa, La Cruz Drive and Alma Real, **will close to vehicles at 1:30 p.m. or possibly earlier.**

No parking is in effect on those streets before the parade.

Streets will not reopen until after the parade route is cleared, which is estimated at 4 p.m.

The Ralphs parking lot closed from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., but the store will be open for business.

Chairs are allowed along the parade route after 6 p.m. on July 3.

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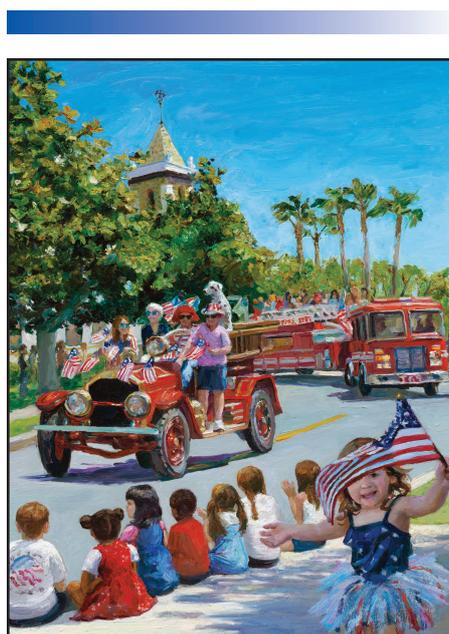
No parking on either side of Bowdoin from noon to 11 p.m.

Westbound Bowdoin Street, in front of Palisades High School, **will be closed at noon** (or before, depending on the requirements of the fire

department) until 10 p.m. and the ocean-field side will be closed from 4 until 10 p.m.

(after the fireworks). North and southbound Temescal Canyon Road will close shortly before 9 p.m. to Palisades-bound traffic

(no turns off Pacific Coast Highway).



On the Cover

Pacific Palisades artist Katie O'Neill has designed the cover for the Palisades Americanism Parade Association program for the last five years. She has a studio at 15330 Antioch Street, where she paints and offers art lessons. Visit: oneillsfineart.com or call: (310) 459-1039.

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Get Ready to Run!

46th Annual 5/10K Race to Kick Off at 8 a.m.

Last year's race saw a near return to normalcy after a two-year absence. There were almost 2,000 runners on the 5/10K course, with about 330 youth participating in the Kids Fun Run. The racecourse starts near the Palisades Library, and winds through the Huntington Palisades. Those completing the 10K continue through Will

Rogers State Park after completing switchbacks and circle back through the Alphabet Streets and back to the library. Race organizers Thomas Hathaway and James Klein gave a huge shout out to the community for its participation. After expenses, any money goes to the Palisades Optimist Club, which not only supports education and

treatment centers for juvenile offenders and at-risk children, but also gives grants to local nonprofits. The morning of the race started sunny, but by the 8:15 start, a nice cloud cover kept it cool for runners. After a thrilling rendition of the National Anthem by resident Kate Hassett, the runners were off.

5K MALE WINNER



Jake Ratkovich was first (15:43), breaking Andrew Bland's 2014 record (15.48). Max Fields, 16, was second (16:01) and Henry Payne, 18, was third (16:30). Ratkovich, 17, was a rising senior at Loyola High School, where he also ran on the school's cross-country team. A Hancock Park resident, he came to the Palisades specifically to help the Loyola team take the Lemen High School Trophy, which they did this year.

5K FEMALE WINNER



Darby Green, 20, (19:46) was top female finisher. Second was Phoebe Benun, 15, (19:55) and third was Lizzie Walker, 15, (20:46). Reginal Lopez set the record (17.54) on the course in 2017. Green, a Georgetown University student, graduated from Palisades High School in 2020. She also was a top swimmer in freestyle and backstroke at Pali and has worked as a lifeguard at Will Rogers State Beach.

10K MALE WINNER



The top finisher was **Shane Brouwer**, 25, (33:08), followed by William Makinen, 22, (35:19) and James Lubinski, 43 (35:39). Tonny Okello has the course record (31.21), which he set in 2014. Brouwer was an outstanding Palisades High School athlete, and also ran cross country for Santa Monica College. His ultimate goal with running is, "I'd like to make the Olympic trials at some point."

10K FEMALE WINNER



Sarah Bentley, 20, was first female to cross the finish line in the 10K (41.23). Charlotte Kane, 36 (43.2), was second and Nell Stephenson 47 (45:12), was third. The 10K race record (36.19) was set by Kaitlyn Peale in 2018. Bentley, also a Palisades High School athlete, held a 6:40 minute per mile pace. She attends MIT where she runs cross country and track.

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LEMEN HIGH SCHOOL RUN

Starting in 2019, The Dick Lemen Run, a race that pits high school students against each other and coincides with the 5K, was held. The late Lemen was a longtime Palisadian and a track coach at Palisades High for many years. He was also a member of the Ridge Runners, the band of about 20 local runners who originated the Will Rogers Run in 1978. Student runners from local high schools run

under their school's name and compete for the team trophy. The fastest three individual times are added to determine the winner. Students must be registered prior to the race with their high school to have the times count. The first year of the competition Palisades High edged out Loyola by just 53 total seconds. Last year Loyola claimed the trophy. Who will take the trophy this year? Pali, Loyola, or a new school?

PRE-RACE PACKETS

Numbers can be picked up near the bocce courts on the front lawn of the Palisades Recreation Center, 851 Alma Real, on Sunday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Monday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. T-shirts will be given out after the race.



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“Diamond Jubilee in 2023”

More than 40 themes were submitted to PAPA (Palisades Americanism Parade Association), by the May 7 deadline, and at a May 10 meeting, PAPA volunteers voted on their favorite. This year's Fourth of July parade theme “Diamond Jubilee in 2023” was submitted by Judy and Wayne Marcus.

“I was absolutely shocked to get Matthew's call yesterday,” Judy said about the call she received from Matthew Rodman, the president of PAPA, telling the couple that their theme had been selected.

The couple said they had seen the notice that theme submissions were wanted and the mention that this was the 75th anniversary of the parade.

“The theme just seemed obvious to me, so I figured at least 10 people had submitted that one already, but I also figured, why not?” Judy said, and added, “I wrote it and pressed ‘send.’”

Maybe it was beginner's luck, because this was the first time the couple has entered the contest.

Judy was born in Memphis but has been in L.A. since she was a baby. Her spouse, born in San Francisco, has lived in L.A. since he was a teenager.

The couple met on a singles beach walk for the Sierra Club. The friend Judy had gone with had left, and she was speaking with another guy, who went into use the El Segundo public toilets.

While he was inside, “Wayne came up and started talking with me,” Judy said, laughing about the couple meeting at such a “romantic location.”

Here's where Wayne, who received his engineering degree from UCLA stepped up his

PARADE THEME WINNER



Judy and Wayne Marcus were the theme winners this year.

game. “Do you like sushi?” he asked and took Judy to Hama Sushi in Venice.

Another man sitting on the other side of Judy challenged Wayne and, “he then engaged in a contest of eating tempura fried shrimp heads,” she said.

Chalk up another romantic moment and maybe kismet, because Wayne and Judy have been married for 34 years.

Since they moved to Pacific Palisades 25 years ago, Wayne has been active in MKPOA (Marquez Knolls Property Owners Associa-

tion). He has done legal research to aid people in the neighborhood in supporting the local CC&Rs and view rights.

Judy, who graduated from Stanford with a degree in history and her law degree from UCLA, initially worked as deputy district attorney before joining a family practice, Gelfand & Gelfand. For the past several years, she has been a docent at the Getty Villa.

The couple are enthusiastic about the Palisades and their neighborhood. “We love the view; the quiet; and the fresh air,” they said.

“We have two wonderful music programs in our backyard: St. Matthew's Music Guild and Chamber Music Palisades.”

And the worst thing about living in Pacific Palisades? “The difficulty of getting anywhere east of the 405 during the afternoon and evening,” they said.

The winners generally have a choice of riding on the fire truck in the parade or sitting in the grandstand, but Judy said, “I am shy, so I would be more comfortable in the grandstand.”



Kids are invited to decorate their bikes to win prizes on the Fourth.

Kids on Bikes Start Parade

The Yogurt Shoppe will sponsor a 4th of July Parade favorite: Kids on Bikes. The first year of the contest was in 2011 and Shoppe owners offered prizes to kids, who decorated bikes (Razor/scooter, tricycle) in a patriotic motif. It was a spectacular success.

The tradition continues and increases in popularity every year. Last year there was almost a full block of kids on bikes in the parade.

This year, store owners Adam and Christine Wolfson will give four lucky winners a \$50 gift card to the popular soft-serve yogurt shop, located at 873 Swarthmore.

All 4th of July judging will take place between 1 and 1:15 pm at the parade start location (in front of Palisades Elementary at the corner of Bowdoin and Via de la Paz).

To participate, a waiver must be signed and handed to contest organizers before the parade (visit: palisades4th.com to access the waiver). Parents are asked to accompany children along the parade route. Helmets are required. Kids and their guardians/parents may leave the parade at any time.

“Being a part of the community is one of our most important values,” Adam said, and Christine added, “We'd like to thank our amazing community for continuing to come out and support us.”

Now that summer is underway, stop by The Yogurt Shoppe and try their regular flavors: chocolate with activated charcoal, Jennifer's vegan peanut butter (both are dairy free), fudge brownie, original tart, honey Greek, salted caramel and vanilla and enjoy a wide assortment of toppings: fruit, candy and nuts.

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Skydivers Have Birds-Eye View

By LAUREL BUSBY
Contributing Writer

On the day of Scott Smith's first skydiving job in a movie, the Northridge earthquake hit.

It was January 17, 1994, and Smith had been planning to fly out that morning for a sunset jump in Arizona, but LAX closed and his flight was delayed. He managed to catch a later plane that would land in time for him to race to the set to double for Charlie Sheen in *Terminal Velocity*.

Upon his arrival on the set, he was rushed through wardrobe and then given a quick run-down of the dive plan. The initial jump went well, and as he was falling, he chose a landing spot that he thought was correct. Guards wearing Arizona Department of Corrections uniforms picked him up and returned him to the set. He thought they were part of the production team, but it turned out he had landed in a prison yard.

"The next day the warden came to the set and almost shut them down," Smith said. "That was my first day on set, my first Screen Actors Guild job, and I almost got the production shut down."

On the Fourth of July though, there is no chance that Smith will mistake the landing spot, when he and fellow divers, Anne Helliwell and Tom Falzone, set down at the intersection of Swarthmore and Sunset.

For about 30 years, all three have frequently been part of the trio that initiates the 2 p.m. parade. Smith and Helliwell, who is not only an experienced skydiver, but a world-renowned BASE jumper and parachute designer, actually participated in the first Pacific Palisades parade jump with Carey Peck.

That year, "Tom Falzone was so mad when he found out we jumped into the Palisades," Smith said. "He said, 'You know that's where I'm from. Why didn't you ask me?'"

The jump is a favorite of the skydivers, who return whenever their schedules allow. While the drop is tricky with street signs, trees, and odd wind currents, the roaring crowd makes the fall unique, Smith said. When he first jumps from the plane, it's impossible to hear the cheers, but once the parachute opens, the wind sounds quiet, and the excitement of the crowd becomes audible.

"It's such a friendly family crowd, and they go crazy for the skydivers," Smith said. "We get to perform for a live audience, which is something you don't get to do all the time when you're skydiving. It's just very cool."

Smith, 60, who grew up in the South Bay, has been a professional skydiver since that initial movie jump, and his career includes not only movie and television work but also skydiving instruction for the U.S. Navy.



Scott Smith making a wing-suit jump. The sport is considered extremely dangerous, with an estimated 1 in 500 jumps resulting in death.

Photo: Skydive Perris

Like Falzone, who coaches the U.S. Army's West Point skydiving team, Smith has never been in the military, but after decades of experience in parachuting, both are experts in teaching the subject.

For the U.S. Navy, Smith teaches various courses, including portions of the elite SEALs training, when it doesn't conflict with his movie work. Courses may include instruction on the use of old round parachutes, which are used for a mass insertion of troops, and also freefall insertion for more targeted entries.

With the current writers' strike, varied military trainings have been taking priority in his upcoming schedule, but entertainment work is a major part of his life. After earning a bachelor's degree at the University of La Verne, Smith took classes toward a master's in filmmaking at Chapman University and also attended the American Film Institute for a year.

This artistic interest combined with his love of skydiving, which began on his 16th birthday when he jumped out of his first airplane, an experience that changed the trajectory of his life.

"It was incredible; I remember it like it was

yesterday," Smith said. "It felt like I was falling forever. I knew then it was something I was going to do all my life."

Since then, Smith has done more than 20,000 skydives and has either performed or coordinated jumps in a string of movies, including *Iron Man*, *Godzilla* and *Cutaway*, as well as television shows, such as the Bear Grylls shows.

Along the way, he has also received numerous awards, such as 1995 World Freestyle Champion and 1996 and 1997 U.S. Freestyle Champion. In the 1998 X-Games, he was also named Top American Skysurfer.

Skysurfing uses a device similar to a snowboard and the competitors perform intricate maneuvers as they fall.

"It looks like you're surfing or snowboarding in the sky," Smith said. The board "allows you to spin really fast . . . It gives you a lot of different ways to control the wind and do different acrobatics and flips. It's a fun toy."

His most recent accolade was as part of the largest group formation skydive for people 60 and over. Smith jumped with 100 other skydivers, including Helliwell, and they all coordinated their jumps so they could join together and fall as one through the sky before separating to land individually. The dive occurred above Skydive Perris, where Smith has his production office.

Such skilled social jumps provide a treasured way to connect with other divers, and such connections are a central aspect of why Smith continues to enjoy skydiving.

"It's a big team effort, but you're not competing against each other," Smith said. "You're all competing to get the same goal." He added that the skydiving community "is just a great group of people, and these good friendships with great people make it really fun."



Miley Cyrus flies with Scott Smith.

Photo: Skydive Perris

Kids Fun Run to Feature Anthem Choir

Danielle Ariola, a broker associate/realtor with Compass, will once again head the Kids Fun Run. It will be her second year.

The race is a non-competitive run that starts at 9:30 a.m. (Visit: Palisades4th.com). All children 10 years and younger are invited to run the 1/2 mile loop, that starts and finishes at the entrance to the Palisades Park on the corner of Alma Real and Toyopa.

"We are doing something different this year. We will have quite a crew singing the

National Anthem," Ariola said. Most of the singers will be attending third grade at Palisades Elementary in the fall (and may even be joined by some young siblings).

Singers will include: Rory Klein, Harlow and Colette Jacobsson, Lainey Berman, Elliott and Parker McFarland, Drew Kahle, Quinn and Andrew Wellman, Hannah Shockley, Chloe and Delilah Davis, Ada Grace Cannon, Dylan and Liv Ellison, Sahiba Sandhu, Kate Taniguchi and Caroline Ouellette.

Ariola said about her first year organizing

a run that has more than 300 kids, "I was a bit nervous."

She said the biggest surprise was "how smooth and easy it was. Of course, I have our trusty volunteers that helped me at registration to thank. Everyone brought so much positivity and excitement, which played such a crucial role in setting the tone for the race."

Ariola said, "Watching these kids at the starting line has to be the highlight of the day for me. The anticipation and intensity on their faces while waiting for the start is by far the greatest reward."

"Last year, one runner took off so fast that his shoe flew off, and he just kept running," she said. "I am hoping for another fun year."

She said that the 4th of July in the Palisades always represents family to her.

"I am so grateful that I have mine to put to work . . . err . . . I mean enjoy the festivities," Ariola joked. She said her daughter, Rory Klein, will be singing, running, and handing out temporary tattoos.

"My mom, Mary Ariola, will most likely be acting out her best rendition of 'God Bless America' throughout the day, and my brother, Chris Ariola, and I are also sponsors for the 5K/10K race."

"We are so looking forward to seeing everyone on the 4th and, as always, hoping for a record-breaking turnout," she said.



Kids take off after the start of the Kids Fun Run.

Photo: Shelby Pascoe

Food Available at Palisades High School Stadium on July 4th

If a resident is headed to the Palisades High School Stadium for the Fireworks, there will be at least 13 food trucks in the parking lot to choose from:

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Denise Crosby Selected Grand Marshal

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

As the character Faye Richardson in *Suits*, Denise Crosby says “That’s the problem with this place. You’re a bunch of wild dogs running around, defeating all over legal standards you swore to uphold. You can bet your ass I’m gonna put a leash on every one of you.”

Wow! Now that’s the kind of person we need running Pacific Palisades.

Except, that was only a role Crosby was playing, and that character is nothing like the charming and delightful actress that this editor spoke to by phone on June 9.

Crosby said she was thrilled that she had been asked to be the Grand Marshal for the 4th of July Parade.

“I was totally surprised—it came out of the blue,” she said, and added “I have been enjoying and reveling in this parade for 30 years.

“I feel proud to be part of this beautiful place that we’re privileged to live in,” Crosby said.

It will be the first time she will ride in the Palisades parade. Her son Augie, now a professional baseball player, rode in the parade with the Pacific Palisades Baseball Association after his Red Pony team won the World Series. She watched her son march with Gerry Blanck Karate Kids several times prior to that.

Crosby does have parade experience: her first was the 1987 Hollywood Christmas Parade. The cast of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* rode on a float and “Jimmy Stewart was the grand marshal that year,” she said.

“I grew up in Hollywood and it was the parade I went to as a child, on the corner of Hollywood and Vine,” Crosby said. “It seemed magical.” And now she was part of that magic.

Her second parade experience was the Pride Parade in Boston in 2013, the first parade held after the marathon bombing. There were 400,000 spectators, 20,000 parade marchers, 72 vehicles and 21 floats, and Crosby was Grand Marshal.

“It was supposed to be Patrick Stewart, but at the last minute he couldn’t make it,

so I subbed in,” she said, and described the thousands of pairs of sneakers that had been assembled as a memorial by the runners at a location along the route. “There were strong waves of sentiment.”

Her history with Pacific Palisades goes back to when she was a child. “We always went to Will Rogers State Beach, and we always stopped at the Hot Dog Show and Wil Wright’s ice cream shop,” she said. “It was a little slice of heaven, here.”

As a teenager, she came to the Palisades because “I was a cheerleader for Hollywood High School and we loved to play the Palisades because the boys were so cute,” Crosby said. “They had the cutest boys in the league.”

After her first marriage to Geoffrey Edwards ended, she came to the Palisades to go hiking with friends. “I met my future husband [Ken Sylk, a playwright] in 1990 in what is now our living room,” Crosby said.

Eventually a hike turned into a romance and that turned into a marriage. “I was living in West Hollywood and my husband was living here,” Crosby said. “We thought maybe we should start over with our own place, somewhere new. But my husband persevered about staying here. I’m so glad he did.”

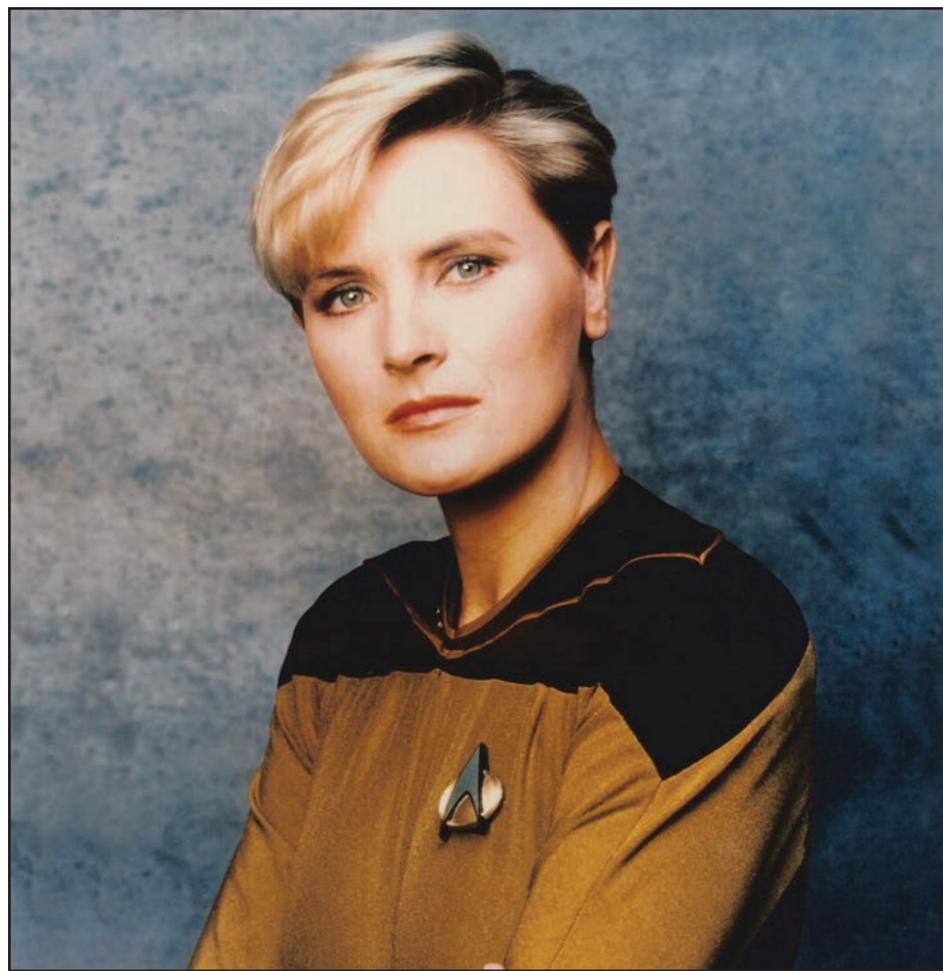
They originally rented, but then the landlord decided to sell and gave them the first opportunity to buy. “We love it,” Crosby said. “The house is 100 years old and one of the original Palisades homes.”

Crosby has extensive credits in television and movies but might be best known for her role as Lt. Tasha Yar on *Star Trek*. She also played Romulan Commander Sela in subsequent episodes.

She has participated in *Star Trek* conventions held throughout the United States.

“God love the Trekkies,” Crosby said. “They are a loyal group and devoted to the characters and the show.”

She plans to attend a convention in New Jersey and a second in Raleigh this summer. At the beginning of 2024, she will join 14 other actors on Trekkie cruise to Aruba with 3,000 fans. “We do sketches and shows, and the fans love it,” she said. “I don’t know if this craze will ever go away.”



Denise Crosby played Lt. Tasha Yar on *Star Trek*.

Photo courtesy Paramount Studios

She made her film debut in *48 Hours*, which was the start of an extensive career. Crosby has appeared in *The Man Who Love Women*, *Skin Deep*, *Jackie Brown*, *Deep Impact*, *Miracle Mile* and *The Red Shoe Diaries*.

She co-starred in Stephen King’s classic film *Pet Sematary* in 1989, with Fred Gwynne and Dale Midkiff. “I loved making the film,” she said and added that she appreciated working with King because it was “such a compelling story.” King wrote the screenplay and had a cameo as a minister. He had said of all of his novels, this is the one that scared him the most.

For *General Hospital* fans, she appeared in a guest role as Carolyn Webber last winter. “I hadn’t done a soap since the beginning,” she said. Her first television role was in *Days of Our Lives* in 1980.

“We were shooting 105 pages a day,” Crosby said. “One day I had 40 pages. I just wanted to see if I could do it.”

One of her favorite television roles was in *Key West* with Jennifer Tilly and Fisher Stevens.

“I played the mayor,” she said. It was a comedy-drama, produced by Fox, and aired in 1993. Unfortunately, a change of top management at Fox saw the “death” of the series. “I had such fun making that show.”

Constantly working, Crosby has appeared in numerous television series including *Southland*, *Mad Men*, *NYPD Blue*, *The X-Files*, *Lois and Clark*, *How to Get Away with Murder*, *The Magicians*, *NCIS* and *Creepshow*.

She is the producer and host of the feature documentary *Trekkies*, released by Paramount Pictures.

She has no regrets about career choices, “I don’t reside in that place,” she said.

Interestingly, she auditioned five times for *Ghost Busters*. The role would eventually go to Sigourney Weaver, who was Bill Murray’s choice. If you wonder how Crosby would have been in the role. . . her screen test was just put on the new blue-ray version of *Ghostbusters* that was just released.

Now, she is supporting the writer’s strike. “They’ve got to do it. The contracts they are using don’t apply to the streaming.”

Crosby has been on the picket line several times, but said, “I worry about the ripple effect if this goes on.” All of the businesses and local people, which support filming, from cleaners to caterers to rentals, are suffering. “Streaming companies can sit this out for a long time.”

In addition to a more equitable sharing of the enormous profits that streaming companies are making, Crosby also worries about AI (artificial intelligence).

AI could be used to replace creative people. Management could “plug in the name of characters, stipulate there has to be a car chase, and the timing and there would be a script,” Crosby said, noting that actors have also overwhelmingly voted to strike if an agreement is not made with studios, streamers and production companies by June 30.

When Crosby left *Star Trek* by choice, her character said, “Death is that state in which one exists only in the memory of others. Which is why it is not an end. No goodbyes. Just good memories.”

Just like the characters she plays, Crosby is insightful. When asked if she had any career regrets, she said, “I’m where I should be.”



Crosby played Deb in *Ray Donovan*.

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Gracious, Enthusiastic and Vibrant: Sylvia Boyd Selected Parade Marshal

Anyone who has ever met Sylvia Boyd is struck by her enthusiasm, her genuineness and her kindness. Her “can do” attitude is infectious. She is a positive life force.

This year, she was unanimously selected by parade organizers PAPA (Palisades Americanism Parade Association) to be the town’s parade marshal.

The Marquez resident first volunteered to help with the Fourth of July Parade in 2005. The next year she was put in charge of the PAPA People. That position meant she found and organized parade volunteers, a position she has held through 2022.

Boyd receives this honor, not only for her time volunteering, but also for her dedication to this community.

“If you love the Palisades like I do, you do whatever you can to enhance where you live,” Boyd said. “I’m loyal to wherever I live and work.”

Boyd is a member of the Marquez Knolls Association. She has served as an elder at the Palisades Presbyterian Church and is now a deacon.

In 2016, she received a Pacific Palisades Community Council Sparkplug award for her Food for Thought Speaker series, in which she planned a free weekly lunch for the community and supplied speakers.

Born in Hollywood, Boyd was a child actress known as the Armenian Shirley Temple. Between 1941 and 1946, she was in eight films.

Boyd, aka Sylvia Arisian, played Bette Davis and Claude Raines’ child, Fanny, in *Mr. Skeffington* (1944).

She was in *Moon Over Her Shoulder* (1941), *Sheriff of Cimarron* (1945), *The Great Stagecoach Robbery* (1945) and *Humoresque* (1947).



Sylvia Boyd was selected as the 2023 Parade Marshal.

She graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1950, attended Cal State Northridge a year before marrying her high school sweetheart Jon in 1951.

He enlisted as a Marine during the Korean War and Boyd went with him to Camp Pendleton.

She continued to act and was up for a part in Cecil B. De Mille’s *The Ten Commandments*, but then found out she was pregnant with her first child.

“So, I dropped out,” she said. “I have no regrets.”

It was then that Boyd joined a new company, Tupperware. For the next 46 years, she traveled the globe, with her husband beside her. They have been married 72 years.

“It was the most exciting life,” Boyd said. “Much more exciting than acting.”

Jon gave up his position with the Los Angeles Fire Department to move with his wife to her first assignment in Fort Wayne, Indiana. From there Boyd was reassigned to Westchester in L.A.

“We did \$4.5 million worth of business our last year at that location,” she said.

In 1982, Jon was asked to be a regional vice president. He told top management, “My wife was the one who built the business” and turned them down, but suggested they give the job to his wife. A year later she was offered the position overseeing six states (Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois) and the couple moved to Cincinnati.

Next, Tupperware sent the Boyds to Australia for three years, before a six-month stint in Toronto. Then she got a call to go to India.

The couple moved there in 1996.

She retired when she was 64, but the company had other plans and sent her to the Midwest for eight months.

In 2000, the company made her president of Tupperware in Canada.

Finally, Boyd made her retirement permanent and came back to the Palisades home the couple had purchased when they worked in Westchester.

“I love my home,” she said, “I love to have people up here.”

In her backyard, with its spectacular views, Boyd routinely has reunions with former Tupperware employees and for several years hosted the after-parade picnic for PAPA.

The Boyds have two children, Lorna and Leslie, and two grandchildren (a third is deceased) and now two great grandchildren, ages 3 and 1.

Recently they added Roxy, a “loveable” foster terrier, to their home.

About being selected as parade marshal, Boyd said, “I was very surprised and very honored.”



Sylvia with her daughter Lorna preparing for the 2019 parade.

Photo: Bart Bartholomew



Sylvia Arisian was a child actress known as the “Armenian Shirley Temple.” She is seen here at age 5 (above), age 3 (right) and age 6 (top right).

Photos: Calisphere

Bands Lead the Parade

Bands are the soul of a parade and this year there will be at least five in the Palisades 4th of July Parade: The Palisades High School Marching Band, the Mountain Fifes & Drums, the Pasadena Scots, the New Orleans Jazz Band and the Oom PaPa Band.

Mountain Fifes & Drums Return

After a few years' absence, the Mountain Fifes & Drums will return to Pacific Palisades.

"We are looking forward to being back at the parade this year," said Joy Hatch, director of the nonprofit. "It is one of our favorites!"

The Mountain Fifes & Drums is a youth music program founded in 2001. It is a living history community service program for boys and girls ages 10-18.

The group just returned from a trip to Drummers Call in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

"We were able to do a concert at Mount Vernon, which was a great experience for the kids," Hatch said. "We are happy that events are taking place again, and we can travel with



The Mountain Fifes & Drums are a crowd favorite.

Photo: Joanne Reich

the group!"

There are about 50 kids currently in the program, and new recruits are selected from a waiting list each August. No musical skills are required to join, but once accepted into the program kids, they are expected to remain until high school graduation.

Rehearsals are held weekly, and kids are taught 18th century military music and history through practice and performances on wooden fifes and rope-tensioned drums.

During the American Revolutionary War, fifes and drums were the instruments for military communications. Enlisted Continental Army musicians were used in the coordination of American Forces.

In this program, kids are taught the historical military discipline, leadership, drill, bearing, customs and courtesies that were expected in the Continental Army.

Annually this group provides 25 to 35 public service performances. "We were one

of three Fife and Drum Corps, nationwide, selected to perform at America's 400th Anniversary, held in Jamestown, Virginia," Hatch said.

Within this group, each recruit can acquire a rank and position through the successful completion of musical competencies and a consistent demonstration of strict behavioral standards. There are nine ranks in three groups: recruits, junior corps and senior corps.

Visit: <https://fifesanddrums.org/about/>



The Palisades Charter High Band will march in the parade.

Photo: Morgan Genser

Palisades Charter High Band Gears Up for 4th

With the annual Palisades 4th of July Parade approaching, Palisades Charter High School's marching band, color guard, and drumline have each begun to prepare routines for the parade this year.

The marching band and drumline will be playing a medley of America's Armed Forces' orchestral theme songs for the town's 75th parade. The color guard will be performing a unique routine with swing flags.

The PaliHi band will also be collaborating with Paul Revere Middle School musicians and some Pali band alumni, and hope to

round off this year's parade with an impressive number of marchers.

"We're really hoping to build back up to getting more members of the community involved in the parade," said Peter Ye, PaliHi band director. "Really, we think anyone with a connection to the Pali Band should get in touch with us and see about participating."

Participants will have to attend a two-day training camp during the summer to perform in the parade. Those interested in performing and marching should email Peter Ye (pye@palihigh.org)

—CHAZ PLAGER

PASADENA SCOTS

Formed in 2006, the Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums are the 2018 Grade 3B World Champions and the current Grade 3 & Grade 5 Western United States Pipe Band Association Champions.

Known as the Pasadena Scots, the band is dedicated to the study and performance of Scottish bagpipe and drum music.

The group have performed at different venues and have played the National Anthem at Staples Center before a National Hockey League game.

The Pasadena Scots got into the holiday spirit in 2012 when they recorded with Rod

Stewart for his PBS television special *Merry Christmas, Baby*.

The Scots also recorded soundtrack music for the movie *How to Train Your Dragon*.

The musicians are a diverse group, and several members are actual rocket scientists employed at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Those scientists/musicians were asked to play as part of the official U.S. Postal release ceremony for the stamp of the 50th Anniversary Moon Landing.

Members, who wear the California State tartan, competed in the World Band Championship in 2009 in Grade 4B, placing sixth. But by 2018 they had been crowned Grade 3B Champions.



Scottish bagpipes will be heard along the parade route.

Photo: Morgan Genser

Oom PaPa Band Epitomizes Hometown

By LAUREL BUSBY
Contributing Writer

In the late '70s, when Marty Hudson was a 12-year-old middle school student at Paul Revere, he joined the Pacific Palisades Oom PaPa band.

"It was really big at that time," said Hudson, who grew up near the Bel Air Bay Club. "It fit my schedule and was super fun."

Forty-four years later, he's still playing trombone with the band.

"It's just a lot of fun, and it's easy to do," said the geotechnical engineer who now lives in El Segundo.

So fun, that both of his sons regularly join the event. Ken, 29, who lives in Palms, started by walking with the group and waving a flag, then graduated to tooting a trumpet in elementary school, and finally joined his father as a trombonist a few years after that. The parade has become an annual fixture in his life, while his younger brother, Ben, 25, an Irvine resident, still joins to play euphonium whenever he can.

"It's always a fun family event," said Ken, who noted his wife, Paige, and his mother, Debbie, attend to cheer them on. "It's good to see all the people I've been seeing in the band for so many years. The parade is always a blast, and there's no barrier to entry."

Their family is one of several who have become hooked on the annual joy of playing in the Oom PaPa band.



The Oom PaPa Band is a town favorite.

Photo: Joanne Reich

Each June, the musicians begin to gather and become reacquainted with their short song list, which includes perennial favorites "76 Trombones," "Louie, Louie," and "California Here I Come." At first, only a hearty few regulars meet on their regular practice spot, a grassy median on Pampas Ricas, while some new members show up to try out the group.

Any musicians are welcome, and as the weeks pass, the band grows bigger and bigger until by the night before the Fourth of July, they have reached critical mass and proudly march through the neighborhood in a preview of the next day's attractions.

Their band leader, Mark Eisenberg, who like Marty Hudson once played in the UCLA marching band, looks forward to the annual fun.

"All of us love it," said Eisenberg, a Playa Del Rey attorney. "It's a great group of people, and we're all dedicated to having fun on the Fourth of July."

The Oom PaPa band was the 1975 brainchild of Palisadians Gene Romig and Sandy Schaefer. Its name was inspired not only by the peppy marching music, which features brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments, but also by PAPA, the Palisades Americanism Parade Association, which orchestrates the parade.

Five years after its inception, Eisenberg heard about the group from his high school friend, Palisadian Nancy Morrison. He soon joined the band as a trumpeter, and then, in 1986, he took over the role of drum major and music director.

Eisenberg's wife, Marla, began managing the band four years ago when longtime managers Margot Morrison and Phyllis Schlesinger retired, and the Eisenbergs' children, Michael, 17, and Emma, 15, have been joining the parade since they were babies—first in strollers and now as a trumpeter and cow bell player respectively.

"It's a tradition," Eisenberg said. "I want to

keep that tradition going. It's been a real nice way to just be a part of a larger community."

Richard Greenberg has been with the group since before Michael and Emma were born. He started on snare drum about 20 years ago and now plays the bass drum. Over the years, he has frequently been joined by other drummers, including Greg Victoroff and Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben. Greenberg's oldest son, Aaron, now 42, even joined the fun on snare one year.

"As the rhythm section, we have the hardest job," said Greenberg, who moved to the Palisades in 1979. "We need to maintain a cadence and keep a beat to which the band will march."

Greenberg, a producer, insists on coming to all of the Palisades Fourth of July events each year, and has even quit his job because they insisted that he work on the Fourth of July. Playing with the Oom PaPa band is the day's inevitable highlight.

"I've watched my friend's children grow up on the sidelines," said Greenberg, who with his wife, Jo Ann, also raised three other children, Benjamin, 39, Koby, 34, and Emily, 27, in the Palisades. "I've had people throw water balloons at me, which was refreshing and funny . . . Although we're sitting in Los Angeles and are a storied wealthy community, we're really a small town . . . It's a pure pleasure to walk down Sunset Boulevard in front of a loving community like Pacific Palisades."

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The 26th Mounted Operations Detachment of the California State Guard will once again ride in the parade.

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By LAUREL BUSBY
Contributing Writer

A callout to a unique moment in history will be participating in the Pacific Palisades Fourth of July Parade this year.

During World War II, the 26th Cavalry, a U.S. scouting regiment in the Philippines, noticed Japanese tanks crossing a bridge. Since that bridge was necessary for a U.S. retreat during a failed defense of the then-American commonwealth, a lieutenant, Edwin Ramsey, ordered his horsemen to “mount up” and retake the bridge.

He later told author Peter Stevens, “We must have seemed a vision from another century, wild-eyed horses pounding headlong, cheering, whooping men firing from the saddles.”

Amazingly enough, their gambit succeeded.

“They were able to charge the bridge and take it back,” said Maj. Frank Quiambao, who will be riding in this year’s parade. This January 16, 1942, exhibition of bravery “was the last cavalry charge in U.S. military history.”

Like Ramsey, Quiambao’s father, also named Frank, was first a U.S. Army veteran and then a guerilla fighter who remained in the Philippines after Gen. Douglas MacArthur pulled the American troops out. The elder Quiambao happened to be part of Ramsey’s U.S. Army unit, although they never met until they were in their 80s.

The two were introduced at a Filipino function in Los Angeles after the younger Quiambao, while chatting with Ramsey, discovered their connection. Years later, after the two older men had died, Quiambao attended another function that led to a new beginning for the 26th Cavalry.

He and another descendant of the Filipino Scouts formed the 26th Mounted Operations Detachment of the California State Guard, which began work in 2017 with Quiambao as commander, he said. That same year, they marched in their first Rose Parade.

Six years later, the unit’s role has expanded from parade and event participation to search and rescue, large animal evacuation, and security at large military installations, such as Camp San Luis Obispo, where they patrol the perimeter to ensure that fencing and varied structures are in good repair.

While they no longer charge into battle, the unit does face the occasional danger.

“We’ve had horses rear up and fall down on riders,” Quiambao said. “One time helicopters came over and spooked the horses, but 99 percent of the time we don’t have situations like that. If we have a horse acting skittish before a parade, we scratch them.”

The unit’s focus on safety and training has meant that its role has steadily grown within the state guard, and the 26th’s uniqueness as a revived, operational cavalry unit has been noticed by state guards around the country, Quiambao said.

“People from other states have been calling us up,” he said. “They want to know

how to do this, too.”

A key focus for Quiambao, who has ridden with the unit since its inception, has been finding experienced, skilled riders who have horses who can master the challenges of military work. Both horses and riders must pass a test to join. The riders are expected to ride both on their own and at the monthly and annual trainings.

“You need to know your horse, and your horse has to know you,” Quiambao, 73, said. “They have to know you can keep them safe. If they don’t know you can keep them safe, it’s not going to work.”

Since horses are prey animals, they tend to be skittish with acute senses of sight, smell, and hearing, Quiambao said. Parades can actually be one of their most dangerous endeavors since horses can be frightened by the commotion, such as balloons popping, firecrackers, flags and banners waving, loud musical acts, dancers with dresses that flare outwards, and aerial acts, such as low-formation flights. Even strollers and parade cars can stress the animals.

To prevent accidents, they train the horses until they are desensitized to all of the potential stressors they can anticipate, even dragons, according to Quiambao, since one member noted that the dragons at Chinese New Year parades could be alarming as they race back and forth during parades. They also ensure that there isn’t a band behind them and that they start early, since horses get antsy if they have to stand and wait too long.

Also, “sometimes horses don’t get along

with each other,” the Long Beach resident said. “They bite or kick, so we have to keep horses that don’t like each other separated.”

Generally, at parades, the 26th Mounted includes eight or nine horses followed by several pooper scoopers, who clean up the “little landmines” that the horses drop.

In addition, soldiers called outwalkers walk on either side to ensure that parade-goers don’t get too close. Excited children can create a sudden danger by running toward the horses, Quiambao said, and sometimes unusual events can occur, such a man at a recent Rose Parade, who ran around and in front of the detachment waving a blanket, which he then threw.

Another time two B1 bombers flew low towards them.

“It was fine when they were coming towards us, but when they passed, the horses began jumping around,” he said. “I said to the crowd, ‘You came to see a parade. You get to see a rodeo.’”

Quiambao has now participated in several Palisades Fourth of July parades, and he said that the chance to march down Sunset Boulevard on his horse, Lex, with his fellow soldiers is always a treat.

“Everybody is so enthusiastic and patriotic and happy,” Quiambao said. Plus, every moment on horseback with the unit is special. As a child, he dreamed of being in the cavalry, and, because of the new 26th, “I get to live that dream and be in command of a real horse unit.”

General Cross Serves as Reviewing Officer

By LAUREL BUSBY
Contributing Writer

For the past three years, Brig. Gen. Peter Cross has had more in common with a school superintendent than the traditional military officer.

Under the auspices of the California Military Department, Cross oversees 12 schools, including residential credit recovery programs for children who have been struggling in school and three rigorous high schools where cadets go home to their families each night, he said. Both have changed students' lives, helping them thrive and go to varied colleges, including Ivies and competitive state universities like UCLA.

"These kids are not in any way lacking in intelligence," Cross said. For the credit recovery programs in particular, "they often have environments of trauma at home, including drug abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues, and food security issues. They can't do their homework."

For the students attending the five-month intervention program, which is designed for 16- to 18-year-olds, their new boarding school environment offers a complete switch to a rigorous academic world with clear boundaries, said Cross.

"It's a shock, but they respond very well to the boundaries we set," said Cross. "Students who start with a 1.2 grade point average may improve to a 4.0," which opens up their college possibilities. "It's all because we're taking them out of their environment of trauma."

The free program works with 800 to 1000 students each year, Cross said, and after they complete it, they either graduate from high school or return to their previous high school to finish another year or two. Once home, they receive active mentorship to ensure they stay connected with the new path created for them.

In addition, Cross manages both a six-



Brigadier General Peter Cross will serve as the Diamond Jubilee Reviewing Officer.

Photo: Joanne Reich

week rocketry field trip program for fifth graders and three more traditional schools, Oakland Military Institute, which was founded by former Gov. Jerry Brown and works with 6th to 12th graders, Porterville Military Academy (7th-12th), and California Military Institute (5th-12th) in Perris. All three schools offer some of the routines, uniforms, and structure of military training, but the goal is not to recruit for the military, Cross said. Instead, the schools work to help children succeed academically and develop a positive outlook on their lives and service in their community.

"I think it's the best kept secret of the National Guard," Cross said. "We are helping young people to become good citizens. We are not recruiting into the military. We have a lower enlistment rate than a standard high school."

In his own life, Cross has found the military's intense structure and social nature to

be highly beneficial, because "left to my own devices, I don't think I would have thrived," he said.

A "very artistic" man, who loves to draw and paint, Cross found his way to the Army after being cut from the UC-Berkeley baseball team in 1987. Feeling unsure of his new direction, he noticed the sharp ROTC uniform of a fraternity brother and decided to enlist. After graduation, he received a commission as a second lieutenant in Kuwait, where he headed a platoon guarding Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf's headquarters.

When his tour in Kuwait finished in 1992, he came home to California to relax and enjoy his leave, which was unfortunately cut short when riots broke out in Los Angeles after the Rodney King verdict.

"That was the most disconcerting period of my career," said Cross, 56, who lives in the Bay Area with his wife, Melinda. "There's a reason there's civilian authority over the mil-

itary. It's a dangerous mission to have the military employed on your own country."

Yet, he was proud of the result. "The National Guard performed wonderfully . . . We weren't shooting people or doing anything that exacerbated the situation. More than anything, our presence calmed things down."

During his more than thirty years of service, Cross has earned numerous honors, including the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal. He has specialized in the operations of the military police, an assignment that was particularly dangerous during his two tours in Iraq.

The eight-year conflict entailed dealing with IEDs—improvised explosive devices—that might explode anywhere at any time. Traveling on the roads became precarious, which meant that his assignment of moving from police station to police station to train the Iraqi police was a dangerous endeavor. In the course of his service, he witnessed explosions of IEDs and the consequent horror that ensues.

"Combat is very loud," he said. "It's very shocking, and it's very hard to control people when bullets start flying. People don't understand how chaotic it can be. Your ability to work together is never more important than when those moments occur."

In his new position, life is much calmer, and there is much more joy. Everything isn't perfect, he noted. Some students of the residential program "slip back into their old ways" when they return home, but there are also many students who not only take advantage of the program while they're enrolled but continue to thrive when they return home.

"I think we're giving a lot of kids a chance that wouldn't otherwise have one," said Cross, who had attended his eighth graduation on the day of his interview. "As I get older, it becomes more and more apparent that life is about the next generation and preparing them for success. This job allows me to see thousands of kids benefit from our programs. It's rewarding beyond any job that I've had."



General Peter Cross oversees twelve schools that specifically help students who are struggling.



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Paws N' Claws Sponsors 'Patriotic Pups'

Paws N' Claws will sponsor the Patriotic Pups in the Fourth of July parade. All dogs are welcome but must be friendly and must be kept on a leash.

Dogs will receive a bandana, water, a dog bowl and poop bags, courtesy of Paws N' Claws. Canines and owners are asked to meet at the corner of Via de la Paz and Bowdoin, under the shade trees at Palisades Elementary at 1 p.m. on July 4.

"The best part of the parade is getting to see all my clients," said store owner Leslie Buck. "It makes me feel good to see everyone."

Barbara Buck and Henry Marting, who have lived in Pacific Palisades since 1969, attended their first 4th of July parade with twins Laurie and Leslie in a stroller.

The couple bought dog grooming salon Paws and Claws in 2002 and promptly became the sponsor for Patriotic Pups. This is the store's 21st year of sponsoring the Pups. "I feel honored to live in this wonderful town and serve the community as a business merchant," Barbara said.

While her folks have retired from the day-to-day management of the salon, located at 16634 Marquez Avenue, daughter Leslie has taken over the business.

A third generation is now involved in the family business with Leslie's daughter, Devyn Delgado, working as a bather.

When a dog is taken in for grooming, they are washed and dried, have their nails done, ears and anal glands cleaned, and teeth brushed. The shop also offers a non-anesthesia dental cleaning.

A woman with a large German Shepherd walked in on June 14 and wondered if they could do a bath with medicated soap.

"No problem," was Leslie's reply, as two little white fluff ball dogs, perfectly groomed, exited with their owner after a bath and blow dry.

"Grooming dogs is a challenge, and patience and energy are definitely required," said Leslie, who has a large following and glowing customer reviews.

"I feel lucky to have Leslie bring my little guy to," one person wrote. "As a rescue



Two dogs walked five teens in last year's parade.

Photo: Morgan Genser

dog he was scared of the process, but she was gentle and now he looks at it as his 'spa day.' I've taken him to other places but have found for the money she is the only one I will trust my pup with."

Leslie supports several local animal shelters, and the people who host drives for the animals.

During June, she was allowing a Girl Scout Troop to use her shop as a place to collect items.

Last spring, the store helped organize a Palisades donation drive to help the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter and the South Animal Shelter, resulting in the collection of more than 40 beds, 200 blankets, and

200 cat and 200 dog toys.

Afterwards one of the organizers said, "A huge thanks to Leslie Buck at Paws N' Claws, for giving up her shop for over a month and allowing all the chaos."

Laurie and twin sister Leslie may carry the parade banner—or maybe she'll have help from customers, depending on how many dogs enter this year. Last year there were more than 40.

For the first time in parade history, in addition to Palisades dogs, there will be rescue dogs walking. The Lovejoy Foundation, located in Inglewood (lovejoyfoundation.org), will have rescues walk behind the Patriotic Pups, and those dogs will be available for adoption after the parade.

To schedule an appointment, call (310) 459-2009 or visit: pawsnclawspacificpalisades.com.



As one pampered pooch, dressed in a hat and sunglasses has a luxury ride, it appears that other dogs were grumbling about having to walk.

Photo: Joanne Reich



One owner aided her dog and carried it for part of the parade.

Photo: Joanne Reich

Enter the Home Decorating Contest

By ALISON BURMEISTER

Celebrate the “sparkle and shine” of Pacific Palisades this Fourth of July. Susan Montgomery, local Sotheby’s realtor, and sponsor of the Home Decorating Contest for the fifth year in a row, encourages the entire community to get creative, with this year’s theme, “Diamond Jubilee in 2023.”

“There are so many new families in the Palisades these days,” said Montgomery, who began her real estate career with Coldwell Banker in the late ‘90s, about the time she moved to the Palisades. “I hope everyone will participate.”

In 2018 Montgomery, was named one of the Top 10 Realtors in Southern California for Sotheby’s and top half percent nationwide. “The market has changed dramatically in the past 20 years, but helping clients find a place to call home has been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember.”

Montgomery loves the tradition Fourth of July offers. A longtime resident of Pacific Palisades, she recalls watching the parade with her two twin daughters. Now grown, her one daughter, Madison works as a consultant for McKinsey & Company in New York City and Paulina her other daughter, is a captain, first crew officer, in the 1st Space Brigade. “I



The Tim and Lisa Marschall home on Altata took the Grand Prize.

Photo: Morgan Genser

can still remember seeing the awe on their little faces as they watched the parade go by.” Anyone who has lived in Pacific Palisades

for any amount of time knows that our little diamond in the rough is a bit more polished these days, but Montgomery assures us this competition is all about patriotism, not polish.

“We love homespun ideas,” Montgomery said. “You don’t need some fancy display to enter.” No matter where you live in the 90272, entering is easy.

With the Fourth on a Tuesday this year Montgomery said to consider decorating (Continued on Page 25)



Judges travel around Pacific Palisades looking at homes entered in the 4th of July Decorating Contest. Last year judges included sponsor Susan Montgomery (back), Sam Lagana (red shirt) and Rob Weber (driver)

Photo: Morgan Genser



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Home Decorating

(Continued from Page 24)

over the weekend and submitting a photo Palisades4th.com by the morning of July 2. If you need more time, Montgomery said to still submit and indicate you are putting the finishing touches on before Monday, July 3 when the judging will take place.

On Monday morning, July 3, Montgomery, accompanied by this year's Grand Marshal Denise Crosby, will make their rounds to the homes, selected from the photos submitted, and decide the winners.

In past years the town's honorary mayors have participated in the judging and includ-

ed Kevin Nealon, Billy and Janice Crystal and Eugene Levy.

Montgomery recalls when Billy Crystal was the Honorary Mayor, he loved to see displays that offered "independent messages of what is going on in the world." She said, Eugene Levy loved "meeting everyone's pets and graciously took photos with all the contestants."

Montgomery sees this as a fun way for people to get involved in the community. A time for families and neighbors to come together and create new traditions.

Not to mention the prizes!

"We have so many generous donations from the business of the Palisades," said Montgomery. Look for gift cards to Anawalt, Black Ink, Beech Street, K Bakery, Palisades Garden Cafe, PalisadesGiftShop.com, Matthew's Garden Café, Pearl Dragon, Porta Via, Cafe Vida, Modo Mio, Taj Palace, Viktor Benes (@ Gelson's), Casa Nostra Trattoria, Ogden's Dry Cleaners and Pali Barber Shop.

Additionally, the top home receives a banner that designates them as winner of the contest.

So, recruit your friends, families and neighbors and decorate! Each year as folks gather for the Fourth of July in Pacific Palisades, it is clear what a gem our little town is.

The Tim and Lisa Marschall house won the grand prize last year. The runner-up was the Hassett home and the Joan Sather Memorial Sponsor's Award, which is given to a family that employs the use of homemade decorative elements, was the Simon family on El Medio.



Tim Marschall went to his roof to rearrange the bunting, so that judges would have the full effect.

Photo: Morgan Genser



This home on El Medio received the Joan Sather Memorial Sponsor's Award. Photo: Morgan Genser

HOME DECORATING CONTEST PAST WINNERS

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| 2008 Hoffman family (Via de la Paz) | 2017 Simon family (Toyopa) |
| 2009 No contest held | 2018 Trotti/Connolly family (Haverford) |
| 2010 Mercer family (Toyopa) | 2019 Farnham/Robletto family (Via de la Paz) |
| 2011 Almaraz family (Sunset) | 2020 Simon family (Toyopa) |
| 2012 Hassett family (De Pauw) | 2021 Mercer family (Toyopa) |
| 2013 Mercer family (Toyopa) | 2022 Marschall family (Altata) |
| 2014 Riley/Lowe family (Kagawa) | |
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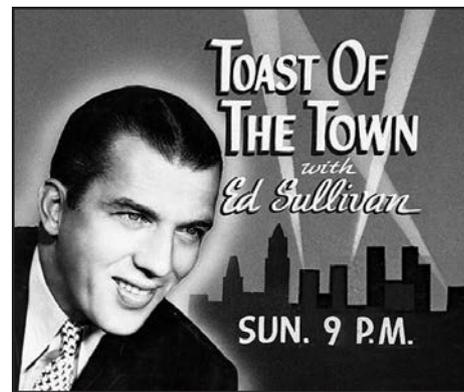
ABC television network operation begins, and its first station is opened in New York.

CBS Television news debuts a nightly newscast with Douglas Edwards and begins network programming.

Political conventions were broadcast for the first time on June 21 from Philadelphia.

The first congressional hearing is televised as "Confrontation Day" between Alger Hiss and Wittaker Chambers before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The Toast of the Town, a variety series hosted by Ed Sullivan, premieres on CBS,



Ed Sullivan, "Toast of the Town" with guests Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. It was later renamed *The Ed Sullivan Show* and ran from 1948-71.

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News on Parade: Dateline 1948

The first year of the Palisades Parade was 1948, a mere 26 years after the founding of the town. It was also an election year in the United States.

TRUMAN ELECTED

The 1948 Presidential election had a surprise ending, when Harry Truman won an upset victory over his opponent, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Harry Truman was President Franklin Roosevelt's vice-president and had assumed the presidency when Roosevelt died in April 1945.

A Democrat, Truman was not popular with the Republican Congress and was not well-liked by members of his own party.

Truman supported civil rights, which upset Southern Democrats. Led by Strom Thurmond, Southerners broke away and established the States' Rights Party.

He was attacked by the left wing of his party because of his policy towards the Soviets, which they regarded as aggressive and provocative. Franklin Roosevelt's former Vice President Henry Wallace and his followers established the Progressive Party.

The Presidential election was a three-way fight between Truman, Dewey and Thurmond. Prior to the election, Truman was down in the polls and had lost all nine of the Gallup Poll's post-convention surveys.

Gambling odds were 15 to 1 against Truman. More than 500 newspapers endorsed Dewey. Then, the election was held on November 2, 1948.

Leading radio commentators that night predicted that once late returns came in, Dewey would emerge victorious.

The pro-Republican *Chicago Daily Tribune*, which once referred to Truman as a "nincompoop" was so certain of Dewey's victory that on Tuesday afternoon, before any polls closed, it printed "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN" as its banner headline for the following day.

Truman learned of his victory at 4 a.m. the following morning when a Secret Service agent woke him at the Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He had defeated Dewey without getting a majority of the popular vote, beating him by 2.7 million votes nationwide. The final electoral tally was Truman 303, Dewey 189 and Thurmond 39.

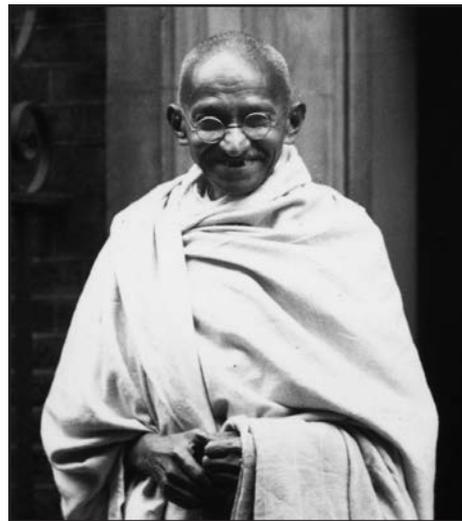
In 1948, Truman also defended his decision to use the atomic bombs in Japan.

"As President of the United States, I had the fateful responsibility of deciding whether or not to use this weapon for the first time. It was the hardest decision I ever had to make. But the President cannot duck hard problems—he cannot pass the buck. I made the decision after discussions with the ablest men in our Government, and after long and prayerful consideration. I decided that the bomb should be used to end the war quickly and save countless lives—Japanese as well as American."

ISRAEL CREATED

The State of Israel was created by the United Nations during May. The country was immediately recognized by the United States and the Soviet Union. David Ben-Gurion became the newly formed country's first Prime Minister. Immediately after the creation of Israel the Arab-Israeli War began when forces from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan invaded the country.

The surrounding Arab nations had disagreed with the formation of Israel from the start, as they believed the land had been distributed unfairly and it had displaced Arab Palestinians.



Mahatma Gandhi

MAHATMA GANDHI

Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in January 1948 by a Hindu extremist.

Gandhi was an anticolonial nationalist and political ethicist, who employed non-violent resistance to lead to India's independence from British Rule.

When he was 23, he went to South Africa and instantly faced discrimination because of his skin color. He was not allowed to sit with European passengers in the stagecoach and told to sit on the floor near the driver, then beaten when he refused; elsewhere he was kicked into a gutter for daring to walk near a house, in another instance thrown off a train at Pietermaritzburg after refusing to leave the first-class carriage.

He is famous for his philosophy of non-violence and harmony that influenced Martin Luther King, James Lawson and Nelson Mandela. His beliefs also influenced famous personalities such as Albert Einstein, John Lennon and Barack Obama.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA TAKEN OVER BY COMMUNISTS

Communists take power in Czechoslovakia, which until then had been considered a democratic country. After World War II, the communist party was seen as favorable by Czechs, but by 1947 had alienated whole blocs of voters.

After communist parties failed to gain



The press inaccurately predicted defeat for President Truman.

Photo: Harry S. Truman Library

power in France and Italy, the Soviet Union's dictator Joseph Stalin backed a coup d'état in Czechoslovakia. Rigged elections were held and the foreign minister either committed suicide or fell from a third story window.

Following the coup, thousands were fired and hundreds were arrested. Thousands of residents left the county to avoid living under communism.

That party dominated the country until the Velvet Revolution of 1989 restored democracy. In 1993, Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

OTHER NEWS

The House Un-American Activities Committee accuses Alger Hiss of spying for the Soviet Union, the U.S. Congress ratifies Marshall Plan, approving \$17 billion in European aid and the World Health Organization is formed by the United Nations. Apartheid begins in South Africa.



Polaroid Land Camera

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The first Polaroid Land Camera is sold at the Boston Jordan Marsh Department Store for \$89.75.

Alfred Kinsey's *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, the first large-scale study (5,300 males), is published. Kinsey reported that the practice of masturbation was nearly universal among men (90 percent did it), that homosexual relations were widely experienced (37 percent had done it once), that premarital sexual relations were common (most college men did it), that half of married men had had extramarital sexual relations, and that

oral sex was routine (70 percent of educated husbands said they and their wives had done it). The nation was shocked, and a negative reaction followed.

The 200-inch telescope at Mount Palomar begins operation, and the "Big Bang" theory of the Universe is proposed by physicists George Gamow and Ralph Alpher.

Cortisone was introduced in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis in 1948 by Philip Showalter Hench and colleagues at the Mayo Clinic.

Cases of polio increase worldwide. The disabling and life-threatening disease infects the spinal cord, causing paralysis. Vaccines were developed by Hilary Koprowski, Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin in the 1950s.

BUSINESS

Companies founded in 1948 included: Atlas Van Lines, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dillard's, Marie Callender's, the True Value Company, Wham-O, and of course, everyone's favorite, In-N-Out Burgers.

FUN FACTS

- Scrabble is copyrighted by James Brunot.
- New York Idlewild Airport opens. Now known as John F. Kennedy Airport, it was originally called Idlewild after the Idlewild Beach Golf Course it displaced. It was built to relieve La Guardia Field (built in 1939).
- Swiss outdoorsman George de Mestral invents Velcro. He got the idea from the cockleburs caught in his clothes and dog's fur. It took nearly 20 years after his initial brainstorm to produce the product. It was not an instant hit, when it came to the market in the early '60s, until NASA's astronauts used it to attach objects to walls.



Scrabble

Local Heroes: Palisades High Football Players

It is expensive to put on the 4th of July parade. Even the people carrying banners used to be paid. About 15 years ago, to save money, it was decided to find local volunteers for that task.

This editor thought it would be a slam dunk to get people in Pacific Palisades to volunteer to carry them. Boy, was this editor mistaken.

Parade volunteer Sylvia Boyd, this year's Parade Marshal sent a plea to all local groups, schools and Scouts. Since schools were out, and the Scouts generally march in the parade, it looked like the banners, which announce who sponsored the entries would not make it into the parade.

Then, local heroes stepped up to save the day. Members of the Palisades High School football team said they would do it.

"The kids who were strong enough went all the way to the end and then walked it again," Boyd said. "They have been one of the best things that have ever happened." Players first walked the parade in 2011 and have continued to do so every year.

"They deserve a shout out," Boyd said.

Tracy Mestres, who is this year's president of the Palisades Quarterback Club, said "Giving back through activities like volunteering in the parade is an important part of our program.



Annually, Palisades High School football players carry the parade banners.

Photo: Joy Daunis

"We hope that by seeing our players as part of the Palisades community, the parade watchers will in turn want to come support our team by watching a game in the Stadium by the Sea or supporting our fundraising efforts."

Every year the team needs to raise \$40,000 to help pay for game day polos, pre-game meals, uniforms, helmets, equipment and medical supplies.

Last year, the team made it into the CIF-

LA Division 1 Championship game, losing to Granada Hills. It was the first time in 38 years they had made it to the final game.

Twenty-two seniors graduated and Dylen Smith will take over as the head coach this year. A quarterback, he played for Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica College and then at the University of Kansas from 1999-2000. He has coached football at SAMO, Malibu High and most recently at Brentwood (2015-22).

He will be assisted by Ray Marsden, a teacher at PaliHi who has served as head JV football coach and softball coach. Prior to Pali, he taught at Paul Revere Middle School. He has coached football and baseball at SAMO.

This year look for the team on the parade route and give them a cheer when they walk by. Or consider sponsoring the football team this year <https://palifootball.org/sponsorship/>.

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PaliHi Ambassadors Vital to Town, Parade

By CHAZ PLAGER

As the days grow longer, the sun grows hotter, and the American spirit steadily increases in anticipation for the 4th of July, a group of unsung heroes work behind the scenes to make sure this year's parade goes as planned.

Those heroes are the Pali High Ambassadors, a school program in which 10-12th graders volunteer in community events, as well as give campus tours to interested middle schoolers.

"Aligned with PCHS's mission to make positive contributions to the global community, this program empowers students to take action and make tangible change within their local communities and the Greater Los An-

geles area," said program leader and Pali principal Dr. Pamela Magee.

Beginning in 2010, the program was initially a group of students who simply led tours, but were soon invited off-campus to help out the Rotary Club, Optimist Club, and American Legion informally.

While informal at first, the potential of a possible program designed around community outreach was recognized, and so the Ambassadors were born.

The Ambassadors are responsible for the smooth operation of several community events beyond the 4th of July Parade, such as the L.A. Marathon, March of Dimes (a charity event for cancer), and Ho!Ho!Ho! Holiday Events.

To become an Ambassador is a competitive process. Students are required to have a 3.0 GPA or above and have participated in extracurricular activities.

For the 2019-20 school year, there were 268 written applications, where students were required to answer 4-6 short questions, as well as supply a teacher recommendation.

Next, 129 of those applicants made it through the written round and were required to make a video introducing themselves, maximum 90 seconds long. Videos that scored well, allowed students to proceed to the interview round.

There were 77 interviews conducted by the Ambassador Cabinet and the Principal Magee and based on those interviews, there



Palisades Ambassadors Ashley Radfar, left, and Lauren Dardashti carry the first banner introducing the parade.

were 19 acceptances that year.

Next year's cabinet consists of President Camryn Rowles, Vice President Talia Aslmand, Chief of Staff Davina Ephraim, Director of External Affairs Niara Knox, Director of Internal Affairs Alexander Loos, and Director of Dolphin Diplomats Willa Browne.

This year, much like all other years, the

Ambassadors will be directly participating in the parade, marching down the street while carrying banners to advertise community-owned organizations.

"Last year, we had the pleasure of supporting the Optimist Club during the parade," said Ambassador President Camryn Rowles. "We look forward to participating in the 4th of July parade again this year!"



Ambassadors (from left to right) Will, Ava, Leon, Avani, Kian, Kaila, Natania, and Rodrigo, are pictured with attendees at the Ho!Ho!Ho! event that takes place in the winter.

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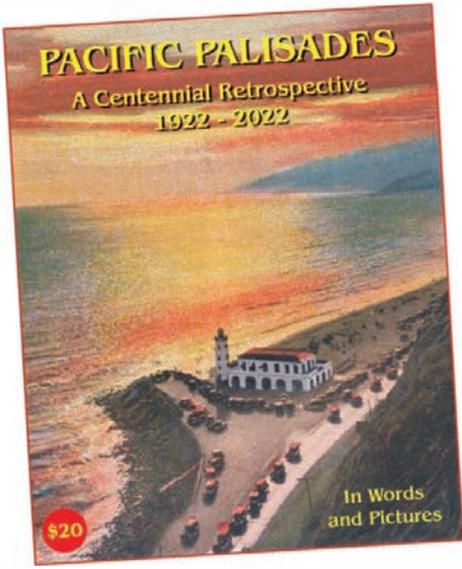
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People from all walks of life, from doctors to artists to writers, volunteers make the daylong Fourth of July celebration in Pacific Palisades successful.

Not only does the 5/10K Will Rogers Run need volunteers to help with cleanup, water and T-shirt distribution, but the parade and evening fireworks need a massive number of volunteers, too.

There is a task or a place for any individual, no matter their occupation. And . . . there's still time to volunteer.

Starting in February, the PAPA committee, aka PAPA People meet monthly in order to orchestrate events. Each committee member has a particular assignment, ranging from permits, insurance, security and traffic control to marching bands, celebrities and fundraising.

Executive Board members Kevin Niles, Rich Wilken, Keith Turner, Andy Frew, and advisors Rob Weber and Ramis Sadrieh join treasurer Daphne Gronich and President Matt Rodman. Visit: Palisades4th.org

Front row (left to right): Kevin Niles, Haldis Toppel, Christine Odionu, Jeff Ridgway, Kimi Petrick, Terry Dimich, Linda and Edward LeBlanc. Second row (left to right): Matt Rodman, Marie Manuel, Rosalie Huntington, Sylvia Boyd, Marge Gold, Daphne Gronich, Joy Daunis, Pat Boren and Sara Margiotta. Back row: Kurt Bierschenk and Andrew Frew (right).



Ross Chitwood To Sing at Race

Ross Chitwood will sing the National Anthem before the Palisades-Will Rogers 5-10K Race. A graduate of The Juilliard School (2006) and Rice University 2008, Chitwood initially planned to be an opera singer.

Then he started teaching. "I found it so rewarding, that it took over," Chitwood said.

Chitwood grew up in Sulphur, Oklahoma, where his parents nurtured his musical interests. He first played Wilbur in the musical *Charlotte's Web* at nine years old and kept singing in plays and choirs throughout his childhood.

In 2016, when a lead actor dropped out of *The Spitfire Grill* at Theatre Palisades, Chitwood stepped in, so the show could go on. He has performed in a wide array of productions, ranging from classical to contemporary, and performed with the Houston Grand Opera, Aspen Bach Festival, the Long Island Choral Society and the Juilliard



Ross Chitwood

Opera Center.

Chitwood still sings every Sunday at Community United Methodist Church on Via de la Paz, where he serves as Director of Worship and Community.

Just this month, he and his fiancé, Zach, moved to the Palisades.

Matty Gottesman Sings the Anthem

Matty Gottesman has been selected to sing the National Anthem before the start of the fireworks. Many Palisades residents might remember him singing the National Anthem at the Palisades Field of Dreams on opening day in 2018, when he was a Pony player.

Gottesman graduated from Palisades High School in 2022. While there he continued to play varsity baseball, where he was a starting pitcher for the Dolphins.

He wrote his first song as an eight-year-old, and just released his first single, "Don't Play Dumb," in January.

He has been interested in music ever since he was six and went to a birthday party and saw a family friend playing piano. It was the start of music lessons for Gottesman that went on to include guitar, French horn and the drums.

Gottesman has just finished his first year of college at UCLA, where he is studying



Matty Gottesman

music production. His second single, "Lightning Strikes Twice," was released in February. His release "Sleepless Summer" won the Best Pop Song in the 2022 USA Songwriting Competition.

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Town's Parade Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Over the years, the Pacific Palisades Fourth of July Parade has grown to become one of the most popular patriotic celebrations in Southern California, with thousands of spectators lining the streets.

The town's first Fourth of July parade was held in 1948, when American Legion Post 283 members decided to commemorate the day by riding through the Palisades on a fire engine, accompanied by local Boy and Girl Scouts. They all ended up on the land that is now the Palisades Recreation Center, where the Legion hosted picnics and games.

Through the Eisenhower '50s, the parade continued as a rather loose affair, with informal entries and eager marchers, until 1961 when Legion commander Russell Q. Olsen decided it was time to take it up a notch.

He organized the parade as a big community bash, with marching bands, floats and convertibles packed with various Palisades organization and business leaders.

That parade started at the corner of Via de la Paz and Bowdoin (the current starting point), turned right onto Antioch, turned right onto Swarthmore, then left on La Cruz and right on Alma Real. The parade continued on Toyopa and concluded on Pampas Ricas.

In 1965, the Legion, because of financial troubles, turned to the Chamber of Commerce for help in holding the parade.

Two years later, in 1967, volunteers created PAPA (the Palisades Americanism Parade Association) and organized/financed the non-profit's inaugural parade. Tom McKiernan, who owned the McKiernan Prescription Center on Via de la Paz, was the first PAPA president. He was Citizen of the Year in 1971 and Optimist Club president in 1976.

One of PAPA's first decisions was to sponsor a yearly contest to name a theme for the parade, with "Heroes of America" being selected in 1967.

Another new tradition was for the PAPA board to select a grand marshal and a parade marshal to ride in the parade. The first parade marshal was General James Edmundson, a Palisadian and a decorated hero of World War II and the Korean War.

The parade grand marshals have typically been celebrities or well-known public figures, including actors Anthony Hopkins and Eddie Albert, singers Patti Page and Pat Boone, athletes Rafer Johnson and Jim Brown, TV personalities Art Linkletter and Ed Asner and even Kati Stam, Miss America in 2009.

In 1968, Pageantry Productions under Bill and Ronnie Lomas came aboard to help plan the expanding parade.

The Palisades-based Oom PaPa Band formed in 1975, attracting all ages of residents, and continues to march every Fourth.



The original Pacific Palisades 4th of July parade route traveled down La Cruz Drive, past the Post Office, before turning onto Alma Real Drive and ending at the Palisades Recreation center. This photo from 1966 is courtesy of the Vieau Family.

In 1978, the first Will Rogers 10K Run was held in the morning to make it a complete day of activities in the Palisades. A concert, Palisades Rocks the 4th, joined the fireworks display in 2008.

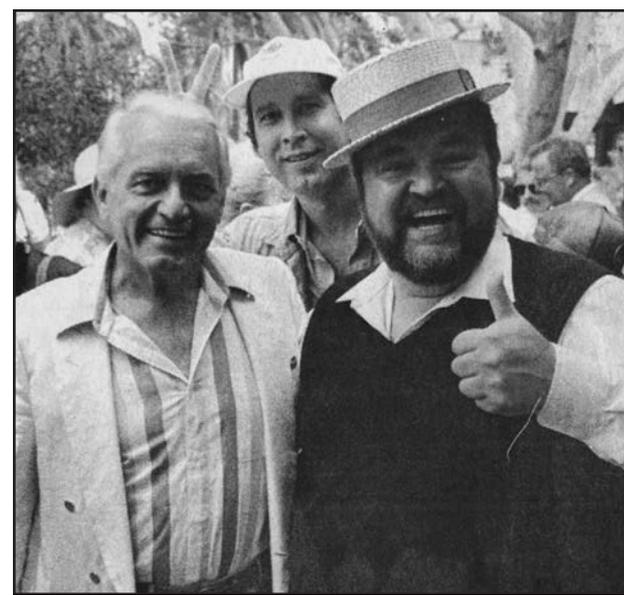
Awards to marching bands, floats and other entries were given out for many years, decided by judges who sat in the reviewing station at Antioch and Via de la Paz.

In 1983, the Float Sweepstakes award was won by realtor Lelah T. Pierson, the Patriotic award went to the Palisades Rotary Club and the Fourth of July Award went to Don Burgess & Associates (a swimming pool construction company).

That year, the Palisades Optimist Club's Briefcase Drill Team took first place in the marching category, beating the Children's International Choir.

In 1995, 71 Patriotic Pups marched in the parade for the first time and rapidly became an annual crowd favorite. A year later, another popular entry, Kids on Bikes, joined the parade.

The parade has been held every year except in 2020, when all L.A. County and City public events were cancelled because of the Covid epidemic.



In 1983, Chevy Chase was the Grand Marshal (and became the 1986 Honorary Mayor.) Here he's being upstaged by former Honorary Mayors Ted Knight (1981) and Dom DeLuise (1983).

Photo: Jim Stout



The Chicken Delight float was a 1962 parade entry.

Photo: George Mann

BORN IN 1948

January: Ted Lange (actor, director), Carl Weathers (actor), M. C. Gainey (actor).

February: Alice Cooper (singer, actor), Barbara Hershey, (actress), Christopher Guest (actor), Bernadette Peters (actress and singer), Mercedes Ruehl (actress).

March: Billy Crystal (actor, comedian), Wolf Blitzer (American journalist), Dianne Wiest (actress), Rhea Perlman (actress).

April: Andrew Scheinman (film and television producer), Freda Foh Shen (actress).
May: Lindsay Crouse (actress), Jim Gardner (broadcaster), Stevie Nicks (singer).

June: Jerry Mathers (actor), Phylicia Rashad (actress), Tina Sinatra (businesswoman), Kathy Bates (actress), Fred Grandy (actor).

July: Saul Rubinek (actor), Daphne Maxwell Reid (actress).

August: Dennis Prager (talk show host), Carole Laure (actress), Steve Edwards (American talk show host).

September: Jeremy Irons (actor), Mimi Kennedy (actress), Bryant Gumbel, (journalist, sportscaster).

October: George Wendt (actor), Kate Jackson (actress), Avery Brooks (actor).

November: Aaron Brown (journalist), Harlee McBride (actress).

December: Ozzy Osbourne (singer, songwriter), Samuel L. Jackson (actor), Steve Garvey (baseball player), Barbara Mandrell (singer).

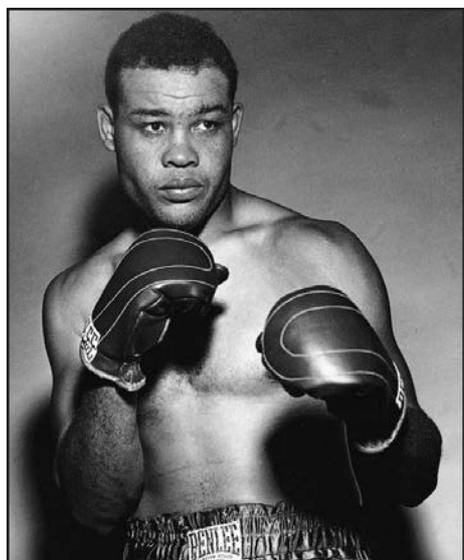
Sporting News: 1948

The Summer Olympics, the Games of the XIV Olympiad, were held in London, England, the first time in 12 years because of World War II.

A total of 4,104 athletes from 59 countries participated in 136 athletic events. These were the first games to be shown on television and the first to feature a covered pool. The United States won the most medals with 84 total, followed by Sweden with 44, and France with 29.

BOXING

Boxer Joe Louis defends his title against Jersey Joe Walcott. Walcott knocked Louis



Joe Louis

down in the third round, but Louis survived to knock out Walcott in the eleventh. He was victorious in 25 consecutive title defenses. Of the more than \$4.6 million earned during his boxing career, Louis only made \$800,000.

He enlisted in the Army, and when he was asked about his decision to enter the racially segregated U.S. Army, he said: "Lots of things wrong with America, but Hitler ain't going to fix them."

Louis was invited to play as an amateur in the San Diego Open on a sponsor's exemption in 1952. Initially, the PGA did not want to allow it because of a bylaw at the time limiting membership to Caucasians. Louis's celebrity status eventually pushed the PGA to remove the bylaw, although the "Caucasian only" clause was not formally amended until 1961.

He appeared in six full-length films, including *This Is the Army*, which starred Ronald Reagan, a former Pacific Palisades Resident and the 40th President of the United States.

HORSE RACING

Citation is the eighth winner of the American Triple Crown in 1948 taking the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and Belmont. According to ESPN, he was racing's first millionaire horse, earning \$1,085,760 in a 45-race career that ran from 1947-51. He won 32 times and was in the money in

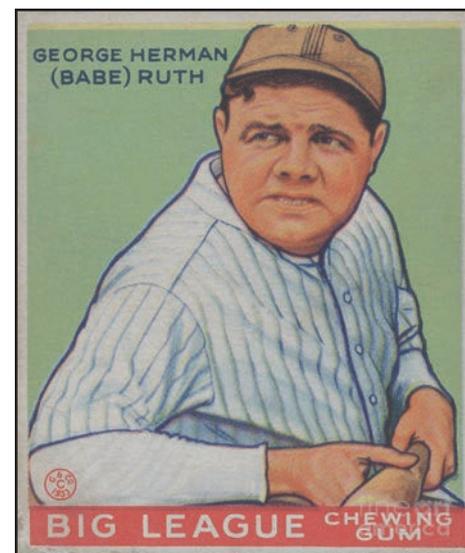


Vintage postcard and bubblegum card.

all but one. At his peak as a two- and three-year-old, Citation won 28 of his 30 races, including 16 consecutive wins between 1948 and 1950 that established a modern-day record.

BASEBALL

Babe Ruth dies in August 1948. An outfielder with the Yankees, Ruth, known as the "Sultan of Swat," had a .342 batting average and 714 home runs. Ruth quickly emerged as the greatest hitter to have ever played the game. In his first season with the Yankees in 1920, he shattered his own single-season record by hitting 54 home runs, 25 more than he had hit in 1919.



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The Parade was founded 75 years ago by Pacific Palisades residents and local veterans of our American Legion-Ronald Reagan Palisades Post 283 to celebrate our country's Independence Day each year.

Inside the beloved Palisades Barber Shop, owned by last year's Parade Marshal Joe Almaraz, a T-shirt displayed on the wall reads, "If you're rich you live in Beverly Hills, if you're famous you live in Malibu, but if you're lucky you live in Pacific Palisades." I hope you share that sentiment.

We're incredibly fortunate to live in such an amazing community, where our beautiful outdoor spaces, great schools, youth sports, activities, merchants, restaurants, service organizations and leadership contribute to one of the finest living environments anywhere. Add to that our annual celebration on the 4th of July, when thousands of our fellow neighbors sit on the curb or in folding chairs to cheer the parade.

Then we pull out blankets at night and look up into the sky to watch some of the most amazing fireworks anywhere. Whether you're young or old, a longtime resident of

the Palisades or brand new, this is a day that creates lasting memories.

While I've served as the president of the Parade Association for years, none of this happens without our Treasurer Daphne Gronich working tirelessly to make our 4th of July celebration a reality. Executive Board members Kevin Niles, Rich Wilken, Keith Turner, Andy Few, and advisors Rob Weber and Ramis Sadrieh are also indispensable in bringing you this great day.

Our Board is incredibly grateful to our neighbor-volunteers who come out to help each year. They're the real stars. Our celebration can only happen because of the incredibly hard work and countless hours of these volunteers who show up in advance and pull it all together on the 4th.

If you'd like to help and be part of the fun, please join us by volunteering, and maybe even take on a greater role in future years. This is a true community day, the best day in the Palisades, and you can be involved. Email PalisadesParade@gmail.com if you're interested or sign up for our mailing list!

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Matt Rodman shares a laugh with wife Rene at the parade

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We look forward to seeing you at the Palisades-Will Rogers 5K/10K Run in the morning, our 75th annual Parade in the afternoon, then music and fireworks in the evening at Palisades High. Information about all the day's events can be found at Palisades4th.com.

—Matthew Rodman,
PAPA President





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The Landes Family Float was a delightful entry in the parade.

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The YMCA Float last year won the top prize.

Photo: Morgan Genser

Win \$500 Prize For Best Float

The Palisades-Malibu YMCA float won the First Annual Auxiliary Award and the \$1,000 prize in 2022.

Judges were impressed with the more than 100 "jugheads" that had been made, using recycled material and then mounted on the side of the float. Resident Cindy Simon, who is a "cardboard" artist finds ways to upcycle and reuse materials.

Last year, Unit 283 hoped that by offering prize money it might encourage decorating and also reward service organizations who give so much to the community.

One parade goer commented that it seemed like there were more floats in 2022 and wondered if the prize had provided extra encouragement.

PAPA President Matt Rodman said, "The Palisades Americanism Parade Association hopes that the American Legion Auxiliary

Award for the Best Community Organization Float will become an annual part of the 4th of July Parade. We thank the members of the Auxiliary for their sponsorship of this award. We look forward to the diamond anniversary of the parade next year, and the second annual Auxiliary Award."

The first year was so successful, that this year the American Legion Auxiliary has decided to give two \$500 prizes.

"We decided to add a second prize this year to encourage more local community participation in the parade," says Ruth Kahn Wells, President-Elect of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 283.

All local service organizations/schools/non-profits are eligible. To win, entrants must register with Pageantry Productions at PALISADES4th.COM.

Many groups might worry about how to build a float.

Luckily, resident Lou Kamer, who has helped build floats in the past, has offered assistance. He said that in prior years, "We've built Washington crossing the Potomac boats, and Apollo lunar landers with Palisades honorary co-mayors Janice and Billy Crystal.

"We've recreated our beautiful local mountains with Resilient Palisades and made a mini-Palisades on a flatbed truck, complete with sun and clouds, dolphins, and a kiddie pool . . . complete with bubbles," he said.

This year, all float builders are encouraged to chat with Lou to get an idea, and then meet at the YMCA's Simon Meadow the day before the parade to assemble the floats.

"We'll decorate and store the floats," Kamer said. Then on the Fourth "we'll head up to the parade staging area and off you go."

Floats must be registered with the parade (palisades4th.com) to be eligible.



Resident Lou Kamer is set to help build floats, again.

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Howling Heroes Will Ride in Parade

The top three winners of the Los Angeles Fire Foundation's Howling Heroes competition have been invited to ride in the 4th of July Parade. Look for Sampson, Tesla Tess and Tallulah Marlene.

It was a tough choice for the judging panel, which included Fire Chief Kristen Crowley. The field had been narrowed from 95 to 10 and judges felt all were deserving.

But Sampson was crowned the Howling Hero this year and will serve as an LAFD mascot, attending a number of LAFD events through the year.

Sampson, the pet of Mark and Amy Yee, was described as always happy, full of sweet energy, humor, and very social. He loves to be around people of all ages and abilities.

The Yees wrote, "Sampson is a patient and sensitive sidekick, particularly around our son with autism and special needs." Sampson was the runner up in 2022, but this year was named the "top dog."

The runner-up this year was Tesla Tess, owned by Mike Kammerer and Colleen Wiley. The 15-year-old dog served as LAFD, FEMA, Urban Search and Rescue K-9.

"Recently retired," Kammerer and Wiley wrote that Tess started training, when she was 18 months old, working with her handler, Tai. "Even though she is officially retired from the force, she still serves as a therapy aide in Acton."

The dog helps patients recover from their



Sampson

injuries and surgeries by greeting them in the waiting room with her wagging tail, bringing smiles to their faces. Colleen writes that Tess sits by the side of the therapist as the patients are being treated and often, they reach over and pat the dog on the head and give loving hugs.

Second runner-up this year was Pacific Palisades own Tallulah Marlene, owned by Luzanne Otte.

Tallulah's owner wrote, "At 6 months old, she witnessed the heroic firefighters waging battle against the Palisades Fire. While most puppies would be terrified by four days of 24-hour air drops, Tallulah was intrigued.



Tesla Tess

"She cheerfully assisted in daily deliveries of snack packs donated by my employer, Barrister Executive Suites. While firefighters appreciated deliveries, they were even more grateful for the puppy ostensibly exploiting a captive audience to rehearse a burgeoning vaudeville act.

"When fire engines pass, Tallulah wiggles in my arms and frantically double paws at the air, hoping they'll stop to bring her along," Otte wrote.

Anyone could nominate their dog, by sending a photo, writing why the dog was a hero and making a suggested donation (www.gogophotocontest.com/howl-



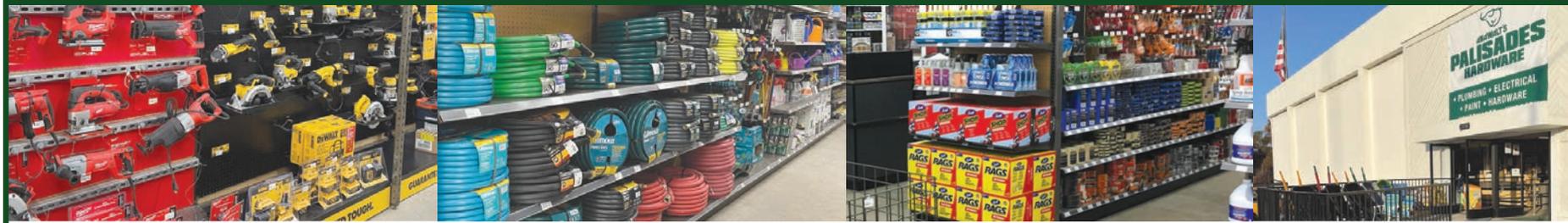
Tallulah Marlene

ingheroes).

Liz Lin, the President of the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation said "the funds raised from this contest help support the LAFD's canine therapy program. Our goal is to have a canine therapy dog in every one of the LAFD's bureaus. We currently have two therapy dogs, Willow and Jack, and need two more."

The Canine Therapy Program is intended to help alleviate the psychological and emotional trauma impacting firefighters.

To learn more about the LAFD's canine therapy program, visit: supportlafd.org/news/k9-therapy.html



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Palisades Fireworks “Celebrate America”

If a resident wants to cap a beautiful July 4th, look no further than the professional fireworks show that will be held at the Palisades High School stadium, starting at 9 p.m.

This production is done by one of the premiere pyrotechnic companies in the country.

President and CEO of Pyro Spectaculars James Souza said that the Palisades show will be called “Celebrate America,” and the music will follow the theme, including patriotic favorites, such as “God Bless America, Stars and Stripes Forever and America the Beautiful.” The 20-minute show will include 1,000 three and two-and half inch shells.

Souza said to look for special shells, such as the “floral pattern of peonies and chrysanthemums, the happy faces, whistles and spinners and of course the gigantic grand finale.”

Pyro Spectaculars, based in Rialto, will produce 400 fireworks shows on the Fourth, including Macy’s Fourth of July show, which will be broadcast on NBC.

“We are producing the Macy’s spectacular that will be shot from five barges on the East River,” Souza said. “It will be the largest fireworks show in the nation.”

Covid and the bans on all public events, including sporting events, concerts and live entertainment, nearly destroyed this family business.

“Our business was down 90 percent, and we were forced to layoff most employees,” Souza said. “We are thankful that we received Payroll Protection Program loans and SBA EIDL (small business) loans to help us return to a new normal.”

This business was started in the early 1900s, by Manuel



This photo of Statute of Liberty’s 125th Anniversary is one of James Souza’s favorites.

Photo courtesy Pyro Spectaculars

de Sousa (the family name was Americanized to Souza). He mixed fireworks recipes” in his kitchen to bring pizzazz to local Portuguese celebrations. It soon became a business, as more and more people outside the community wanted breathtaking fireworks for special events.

The company sets off vibrant displays from graduations to sporting milestones and historical celebrations. Residents may not have realized that it was Souza fireworks at Super Bowls and the Olympic games in Athens, Salt Lake City and Atlanta. Souza was also responsible for the

fireworks for the 100th and 125th anniversaries of the Statue of Liberty.

“This year is dedicated to our mom and nana, Shirley Souza, 91, who passed last August,” Souza said. “She was the matriarch to the Souza family.”

With the 2026 World Cup scheduled for 16 Cities in Canada, Mexico and the USA, and the 2028 Olympics coming to L.A., event organizers only have to reach out to Souza to ensure they will truly have a spectacular start or finish to any ceremony.




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Mary Katharine Goddard: American Revolution Patriot Printer

By JEFF RIDGWAY

Is it true that there is a woman's name on the Declaration of Independence?

Yes, at the bottom of the document it reads: "Baltimore, in Maryland: Printed by Mary Katharine Goddard."

Goddard's is the only woman's name that appears anywhere on an official copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Born in 1738 in colonial Connecticut, she grew up as an inquisitive youth, as the roiling colonies prepared for Revolution.

As a young woman, she helped her flighty brother, William, a printer, out with various projects and publishing efforts.

Goddard learned the craft of a printer: composing pages, setting type, and operating the press at the *Providence Gazette*. She loved the work, and the chance to do her own work.

She understood the importance of her role too, as colonial America printers were the primary source of information for what was occurring nearby and around the colonies.

When William went to Philadelphia to set up the *Pennsylvania Chronicle*, and then to Baltimore Maryland where he had begun the *Maryland Journal*, she followed.

In April 1775, the beginning of the Revolutionary War started with the famous fights at Lexington and Concord. The *Maryland Journal* was one of the first papers to report this news to the readership of Baltimore and the surrounding regions.

On a personal level, things were not going well for her brother William, and Goddard was carrying the load of the printing business. Just shy of her 37th birthday, she decided she deserved full credit for her work.

She changed the newspaper's ownership information to: Published by M.K. Goddard. Daring for a woman, but discretion in a man's world had her use her initials rather than her full name.



This hardcover picture book was published in January 2022. The author is Ella Schwartz and the illustrator is Dow Phumiruk.

During her ownership, she editorialized about British brutality, reprinted Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* and published extra editions about Congress' call to arms and the Battle of Bunker Hill. She was called one of the most prominent publishers during the nation's revolutionary era.

After the Continental Congress approved a plan for a continental postal system to replace the one operated by the British, Goddard was named the first postmaster of Baltimore, and was the first woman postmaster in the thirteen colonies.

But colonies were not yet a new nation, until the Continental Congress acted. And then it did. On July 4, 1776, a hand-written version of a Declaration of Independence (a message to the world), was approved and announced the intention of Americans to

be free and self-governing by casting off the bonds of Great Britain.

This was an exhilarating and dangerous action by colonists because the British considered it treason.

The Declaration was voted upon and signed by the delegates. Each man knew he might be placing his life in jeopardy. Copies of the Declaration, called Broadshets, were hastily printed and distributed throughout the colonies. But to be safe, no names of delegates were printed upon the sheets; an understandable act of discretion, as they could be arrested and hung.

The war continued, and the Congressional Congress fled its home in Philadelphia for Baltimore, setting up just a few blocks from Goddard's printing shop.

Fortunate for her, because as postmistress



Mary K. Goddard, Printer/Postmaster in 1770

and printer she was responsible for the delegates' mail and for printing congressional documents—as well as running the *Maryland Journal*, which became an important source of information and a voice of American liberty.

Then the Continental Congress made a truly daring decision—to print a new version of the Declaration, that included the names of the signers. This was to shore up patriotic fervor in the public as well as be an official document to announce American Independence to the world. And Goddard was tasked with printing the official document.

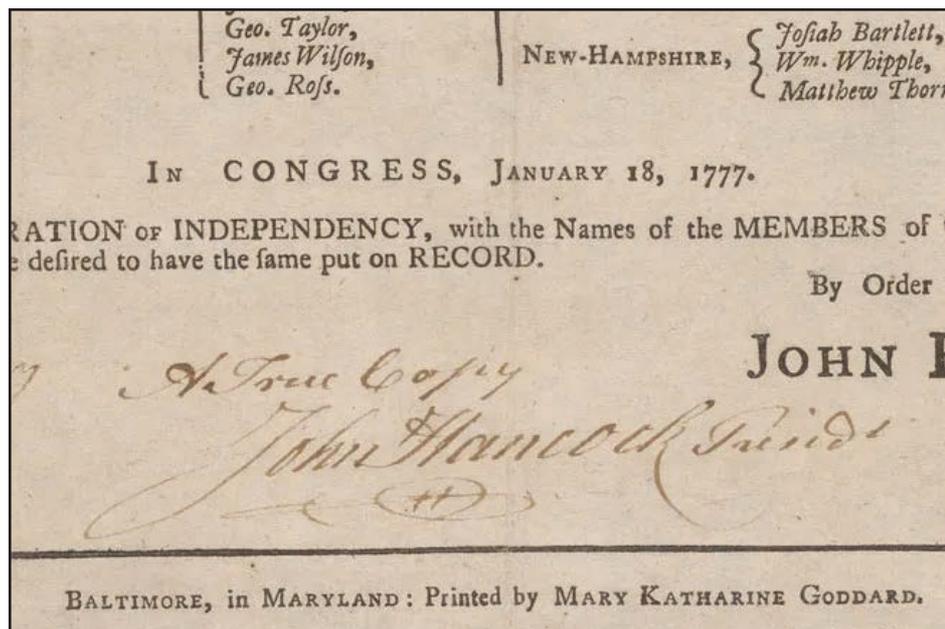
She carefully designed the layout and set it on the press.

It stands as one of the most beautiful, printed Declaration copies.

Under the signed names, from John Hancock and his outsized larger signature (supposedly so the King George 'could read it from across the room') to the smaller fifty-plus signatures shown organized under each of the thirteen colonies, is Goddard's name.

As was custom with printers at the time, she added her name at the bottom. She knew she was taking a risk, placing her very life at risk. But she was a patriot and wanted to show it.

(Editor's note: For more on the subject, bookseller Jeff Ridgway recommends *Her Name Was Mary Katharine—The Only Woman Whose Name Is on The Declaration of Independence*. New York, NY: Little, Brown & Co. 2022. For other book recommendations, stop by his store *Collections, Antiques . . . and Books!* at 15326 Antioch St.)



Detail of a copy of the Declaration printed by Goddard.

Photo: New York Public Library



Replica of the type Goddard used to print the Declaration.

Photo: IntimaPress.com

Brigadier General David G. Smith to Ride in Parade

“Those who say that we’re in a time when there are no heroes, they just don’t know where to look,” Ronald Reagan once said.

With his quote, the former President and Palisades resident probably had Brigadier General David G. Smith in mind. The officer has spent his life flying, instructing, and defending freedom.

One of the Air Force’s most distinguished officers, Smith will ride in the Pacific Palisades 4th of July Parade.

Since joining the Air Force in 1982, he has traveled the world with the mission of spreading liberty and freeing people from tyranny.

Smith traces his heritage to the American Revolution on his father’s side of the family. His father served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

His mother was a combat nurse in the European theater during WWII. Smith’s grandparents were “White Russians” (The term describes Russians living in the area between Russian and Poland). They immigrated during the Russian revolution. “They would clearly have been killed if they had stayed in Russia,” Smith said.

What he learned from his family’s legacy was “freedom is not free, but a cherished commodity that not everybody on earth gets to enjoy.”

Smith was born in Camp Zama, Japan. He received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1976 from the Chaminade University of Hawaii and after graduation worked as a marketer for Jack Daniels distillery. Then, the company was bought out.

“The day I received the call that my position would be eliminated at the end of the fiscal year, I walked to the mailbox, and there was a brochure from the Air Force,”



Brigadier General David G. Smith

Photo: Andy Morataya

Smith said. “It simply said, ‘Aim High.’”

In 1994, he received his Masters of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and added his Doctor of Business Administration in 2012 from Arizona Northcentral University.

A master navigator, he has flown B-52s at multiple locations and served as instructor and assistant flight commander.

Smith was the lead navigator for the SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition, winning nine of 11 awards, which included the Fairchild Trophy in 1986. The Trophy is awarded to the best bomber unit in the combined fields of navigation and bombing, and he was recognized by President Ronald Reagan.

He was individually selected to serve as

Regimental Air Liaison Officer attached to the elite 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, to evaluate the close air support mission in joint operations with the United States Army (1998-2001) at Fort Irwin, California.

Smith said that was also a challenging experience in many ways, but “I learned so much about our amazing soldiers on that assignment, and how hard they work.” He said he appreciated the true dedication of those serving the country.

In 2008, he was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. After his extensive life-long career in the military, Smith said that “combat operations in Iraq was clearly my toughest challenge.”

He said it was a combination of horrors of war, signs of senseless loss, and uplifting remarkable morale from dedicated Americans and the Iraqi’s.

“The reality is there are horrors in war, but I also believe we were doing a lot of good there,” Smith said. “There are very sad stories, and uplifting ones, but the reality is, it was a war zone, and that is a challenge to any participant.”

Smith is the Special Assistant to the Commanding General, California State Guard (CSG), California Military Department, and the director of the multi-billion-dollar Air Force Production and Flight Test Facility, Plant 42 in Palmdale.

“I have cherished my time with the United States Air Force, and I have also cherished my time with the California Guard,” Smith said. “The dedication of the men and women I have had the rare opportunity to serve with is absolutely awesome.”

Smith has been in several parades, but a small community Fourth of July parade in Kailua, Hawaii, stands out. “A medal of honor recipient was in that parade and my son asked why I saluted that individual although very junior in rank to me,” Smith said. “It was a wonderful learning moment to explain the importance of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and how anybody who has earned that award warrants a salute.”

Smith is married to the former Denise Cook, and they have six children: son Damien and daughters Daira; Darcie; Avalon; Bailee and Madyson; and seven grandchildren.



A B-52H Stratofortress pilot and copilot practice an aerial refueling with a KC-135 Stratotanker over Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. The B-52 is assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command’s 307th Bomb Wing, which hosts the only schoolhouse where Reserve and Active Duty aircrew learn to fly the B-52.



Brigadier General David Smith has flown the B-52 at multiple locations, as well as serving as an instructor and flight commander.

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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the People. — He has refused for a long time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Law for Naturalization of Strangers; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance. — He has kept among us, in times of Peace, standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: — For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For calling our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our People. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Swords. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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