

ARTS

LB Council honors key advocates

Seven awards at tonight's State of the Arts event recognize this year's artistic achievements

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The Arts Council for Long Beach is hosting its State of the Arts event today to reflect on this year's artistic achievements and to recognize some of the people behind them.

Arts Council Board President Tasha Hunter said the event helps connect the arts community to Long Beach.

"The State of the Arts is important for the community because we highlight our artists, our con-

nection with the city and our educational programs," Hunter said. "We also get to interact with and meet new people."

At this year's event, seven awards are being given to local arts advocates ranging from a teacher to a well-known drag queen, in addition to a Cambodia Town community group.

One of the most distinguished



Rumion



Douglas



Sharon, David McLucas



Wibroe



Jewels



Diaz

a variety of Long Beach organizations that support the arts and diversity.

She's also been a key player in groups including Leadership Long Beach, Soroptimist International of Long Beach, St. Mary's Medical Center and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

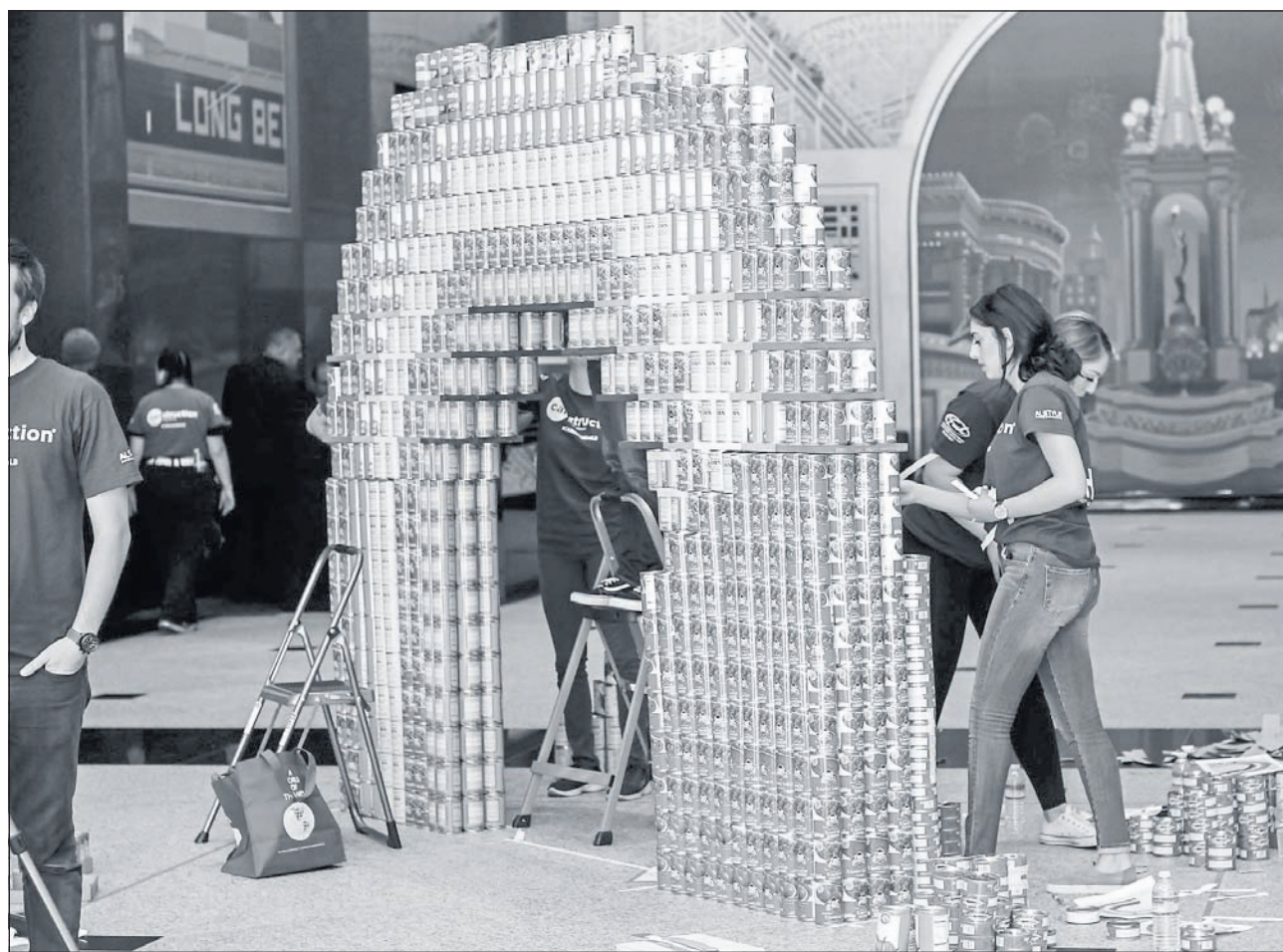
"She's helped cultivate the cul-

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CAN-DO ART

Charity: In friendly competition, architects and engineers strive to see who can create the best sculpture out of donated food that will go to feed the hungry



PHOTOS BY HUNTER LEE

The team from P2S Engineering and MHP Structural Engineers builds a rainbow in the lobby of the Landmark Building.

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Pallets of canned goods were scattered throughout the lobby of the Landmark Square Building early Thursday morning as teams of local architects and engineers created structures out of donated cans as part of the fifth annual CANstruction Long Beach.

Local firms P2S Engineering and MHP Structural Engineers competed against architectural firm Moffat & Nichol to create their sculptures within the 12-hour period. The teams were tasked with designing and building a structure centered around the theme of "the CAN-dy Story."

P2S Engineering's and MHP Structural Engineers' design included a rainbow shooting out of a Skittles bag, while Moffat & Nichol created a large gumball machine.

"It's a great opportunity to build something fun and have it go to a good cause," said Chris Stone, a vol-



Architectural firm Moffat & Nichol, armed with an 800-can donation from L.A.-based El Pato Sauce, works on its creation, in the shape of a gumball machine.

unteer from MHP.

The completed exhibits and voting bins will remain on display until Oct. 21, after which the exhibits will be deconstructed. All of the canned

goods will be donated to Food Finders, a Lakewood-based food bank and food rescue organization that links donated food to pantries and

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PUBLIC HEALTH

LB hit with 12 typhus cases

Twice the number of normal instances reported so far in 2018 for disease spread through fleas

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A typhus outbreak throughout Los Angeles County has hit Long Beach hard.

The city has confirmed double the number of cases so far in 2018 than it's seen in past years, according to the Long Beach Health Department.

Long Beach has had 12 reported cases so far, and "several others are under investigation," according to a statement from the department. Other L.A. County cities have also seen spikes, with Los Angeles reporting 59 confirmed cases and Pasadena reporting 20.

Long Beach's Health Department has taken steps to curb the surge by notifying medical providers to be on the lookout for the disease's symptoms, which include high fever, chills, headache and a rash. Because typhus is a flea-borne illness, all of Long Beach's veterinarians were also alerted to the heightened need to ensure proper flea control.

"Flea-borne typhus is an important issue to our city, and we are working hard to combat it," Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement. "Educating our residents is an important step towards controlling the spread of this disease."

While typhus does not affect animals, they're often the way infected fleas find their way to humans. Rats, possums and other wild animals are part of the problem, but the disease is most often transferred by people's own cats and dogs. Because of that, City Health Officer Dr. Anissa Davis said it's especially important for Long Beach residents — particularly pet owners — to keep an eye out for fleas and treat animals to prevent the fleas from spreading.

"While typhus can be treated with antibiotics, early detection is important to avoid complications," Davis said. "The best way to avoid becoming infected with flea-borne typhus is to practice

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NEIGHBORS

LBS Financial Credit Union raises \$7,800 for three LB-area schools

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When LBS Financial Credit Union first opened its doors in 1935, it was run by teachers and served as a credit union for the Long Beach Unified School District. Today, the credit union serves several school districts and local businesses, but it hasn't forgotten its roots in education.

For the past eight years, the credit union has selected a school to hold a

supply drive. In September, it raised more than \$2,600 each for Craig Williams Elementary in Lakewood, Lindbergh STEM Academy in Long Beach and Ferguson Elementary in Hawaiian Gardens.

"We serve the whole community now, but our efforts and charity efforts are in schools," said Heather Summers, the credit union's senior vice president of marketing.

LBS Financial launched

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AVIATION

Long Beach Airport's busiest runway reopens

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After nine months of renovations, the Long Beach Airport's busiest runway was officially reopened on Thursday, with a ribbon-cutting that featured the city's vice mayor taking a ceremonial first flight.

The airport's general aviation runway, which typically has 22,000 takeoffs and landings each year, had been closed since January so that its width could be reduced from 150 to 100 feet and a run-up area where pilots can warm up their planes' engines could be added. Blast pads were also installed to prevent the spread of debris during takeoffs and landings.



BRITTANY MURRAY — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vice Mayor Dee Andrews took a ceremonial first flight to mark the reopening of an airport runway.

The runway, known as 26L-8R, is dedicated to small aircraft traffic and operations by flight schools and flying clubs. The work is expected to

extend the runway's life by at least 20 years, according to the airport.

Vice Mayor Dee Andrews took the ceremonial first flight around 10 a.m. in a low-wing two seat airplane. Piloting the plane was Curt Castagna, president of the Aeroplex/Aerorelease Group, a consulting, development and property management company that works with several aviation businesses that frequently use the runway.

"It's used every day, multiple times a day, seven days a week," Castagna said. "The fact that we now have the runway open and we're now taking some of the pressure off these other runways, there's a little more diversity where the traffic comes in and out of the air-

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CRIME

Vandals damage Old Santa Barbara Mission

By The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA » Vandals caused as much as \$30,000 in damage to Old Mission Santa Barbara, spraying the stone facade of the centuries-old building with red paint and scrawling “rape” and other words, including a misspelling of genocide, across its walls.

The damage was discovered early Wednesday by a passer-by who called police. No one has been arrested.

Police say they hope surveillance video and other evidence might lead to suspects.

“It’s not the happiest way to start the day,” Monica Orozco, the mission’s executive director, told the Los Angeles Times. “It’s disappointing and upsetting.”

The words “never forget the lives + land stolen” were also written in red paint on a side building where as many as 30 Franciscan friars sleep.

“My first thought is always for the friars who live here because it’s their home,” Orozco said. “Imagine having your home vandalized. It’s a real invasion of your life and can make you feel unsafe.”

Authorities told the Times they believe the vandalism may have been a protest of Spanish treatment of Native Americans during the years Spain controlled California.

The mission, founded in

1786, is a popular tourist attraction as well as an active parish serving hundreds of families.

It was the 10th of California’s 21 missions founded by Spanish Franciscan priests and one of the most beautiful with its towering spires, classic Spanish California architecture and lush gardens.

Orozco said mission officials hope to have the damage repaired in time for a wedding scheduled Saturday.



MACKENZIE ECCLES — KEY-TV VIA AP

Father Larry Gosselin in front of historic Old Mission Santa Barbara, where vandals caused some \$30,000 damage, splattering it with red paint and spraying “rape.”

The arts

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ture of Long Beach,” Hunter said. “And working with young people, helping nurture them to their pathways and careers in the arts.”

Douglas said she is humbled to receive the award. She hopes it will inspire others to get involved with nonprofit work.

“I think we’re at a good place,” Douglas said. “I think with the leadership of Griselda Suarez as the executive director, the Arts

IF YOU GO

Where: Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

When: 6–9 p.m. tonight.

Cost: Free.

Information: artslb.org.

Council has been working to be inclusive and to make the community aware that there is an Arts Council.”

Other winners: David and Sharon McClucas – State of the Arts

Award: Over the years, the pair have collected more than 20,000 items that show the struggles of Af-

rican-Americans going back to the days of slave ships.

Their collection has become somewhat of a mobile history museum that they take throughout the community.

David and Sharon McClucas’ exhibition “Forgotten Images” earned the award for embodying the Arts Council’s theme this year, Art Revolution.

Lisa Wibroe – Creative Economy Leader: Wibroe organized the first Long Beach Open Studio Tour in 2010, and with artist Tina Burnight expanded the tour

from 20 events to 45-plus in 2018. The tour’s mission is to build relationships between local artists and the community.

Cambodia Town Inc. – Incite/Insight Award: Cambodia Town Inc. is being recognized for its annual Cambodia Town Culture Festival that started in 2009.

The festival aims to educate Cambodian youth and the public about the country’s culture and traditions through local artists.

Cambodia Town Inc. has also teamed up with the Arts Council for projects including murals in recent years.

Jewels – Incite/Insight Award: One of Long Beach’s best-known drag queens, Jewels, came to Long Beach 20 years ago and uses her position as an artist to help others succeed and to advocate for the community, the Arts Council said.

You may recognize Jewels from Hamburger Mary’s, but she is also involved with other events, shows and fundraisers in Long Beach.

Jose Diaz – Incite/Insight Award: In 2012, Diaz founded the JD Dance Company in Long Beach, which helps local, low-income and minority families by offer-

ing its dance services at discounted rates. JD Dance Company started as a kids’ Latin dance class but has grown to travel and compete in national competitions.

Nica Rumion – Incite/Insight Award: A teacher at Stevenson Elementary, Rumion has voluntarily spearheaded an art program at her school while teaching her class.

This year she’s developing a curriculum for other schools to use. Rumion is also a founding director of the Alma Latina Long Beach Dance Company.



COURTESY OF LBS FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION

LBS Financial delivers school supplies to Craig Williams Elementary School in Lakewood in September. LBS Financial has broadened its campaign this year in schools.

Neighbors

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the drive more than eight years ago, and it has only continued to raise more money every year.

“I helped to develop this program, and it’s near and dear to my heart,” Summers said.

Each year, Summers and her team adopt a school in the Bellflower Unified School District. This year the credit union adopted two additional schools within the ABC and Long Beach Unified School districts. By September, the credit union had fulfilled wish list items for three different schools.

“Every year they ask parents to bring in school supplies,” said Summers, who is a Long Beach Unified parent. “Sometimes money for those supplies comes out of teachers’ pockets.”

Summers and her team loaded up their own cars on Sept. 13 with boxes of

school supplies and delivered them in person to each school. This year’s lot included 3,000 sheets of notebook paper, 100 pairs of headphones, 100 packs of crayons, 10,000 sheets of copy paper, 360 glue sticks, 50 glue bottles, hundreds of pencils, pens and Ziploc baggies, baby wipes, arts and craft supplies, dry erase markers and tissues.

“It’s exciting,” Summers said. “It’s really fun for us to get out there and meet the principals and the kids.”

Summer said that she and her team have been greeted in various ways, from assemblies to shaking hands with various ASB presidents.

The school supply drive has its own budget and Summers said that this year it added more ways for both employees and members to contribute.

“We have an internal recycling program, and all of the money from that goes into the donation budget, with hundreds of dollars

to add,” Summer said. “We just keep increasing the budget.”

This summer, the credit union encouraged employees at the Lakewood branch to make a donation in exchange for a chance to wear jeans to work for two days. All proceeds from the event went to the school supply drive. The credit union also matched donations that were straight from employees.

It raised \$1,800 from the employee jeans day and hundreds of dollars from the internal recycling program, Summer said.

Summers said she hopes to grow the program and add more schools to their drive.

Do you know someone who has turned 100, received a Gold Award or Eagle Scout or some other award and would like to see it in the Press-Telegram? Email the information (with a photo and detailed caption) to ptnews@presstelegram.com.

Cans

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shelters.

The teams averaged about 2,000 cans on both of their sculptures, with most of the expenses coming out of pocket. Through outreach to local food distributors, Mofatt & Nichol was supported by Los Angeles-based El Pato Sauce, which donated

800 cans to its sculpture.

Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite sculpture by donating a can in a corresponding bin, resulting in a people’s choice award. Other categories include structural ingenuity, best use of labels, most cans, best meal and juror’s favorite, and will be decided on by a panel of judges.

For more information on CANstruction Long Beach, visit canstructionlongbeach.org. The Landmark Square building is at 111 W. Ocean Blvd.

Runway

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port.”

The cost of construction was \$14.5 million, with part of the money coming from a \$15.3 million Federal Aviation Administration grant that the airport received in

2017 for runway reconstruction and upgrades.

26L-8R is one of three runways at the airport. The others are the primary runway, where larger commercial aircraft arrive and depart, and a secondary traffic runway. In May, the primary runway underwent \$2 million in repairs, including repaving work and the laying of a fuel-resistant coat of asphalt.

Typhus

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flea control in and around the home.”

To help prevent the disease from spreading further, Long Beach encour-

ages people to:

- Practice safe flea control by treating pet dogs and cats regularly;
- Not leave pet food outdoors;
- Avoid debris and overgrown vegetation that may harbor wild animals;
- Not provide food or wa-


ter for wild animals;

- Store trash in cans with secure lids;
- Apply an Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent labeled for use against fleas if there is a risk of exposure during activities such as working outdoors.

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Samuel Chatam
June 18, 1934 - September 24, 2018



Samuel L. Chatam passed away at the age of 84. Funeral services and internment were held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cypress.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Raff Elizabeth Bailey Chatam and their son, Samuel L. Chatam, Jr. (Cody), his first wife (Barbara Smith Chatam), and their three daughters, Denise Chatam Walker, Ph.D.(Alfred), Dalya Chatam Greenwood (Olive), and Andrea Chatam; 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Born in Malone, Texas, Samuel’s grandmother was the center of his young life, and at an early age she led him to accept Christ. Her direction and vision were instrumental in his many life achievements. Samuel graduated from Bishop College, Dallas, TX. He taught high school and elementary school. He had his own janitorial company and bought and sold real estate. His spiritual walk led him to the ministry and he was ordained a Baptist minister. A few years later, after a divorce, he moved to Long Beach, CA where he taught at Lincoln Elementary and Wilson High. After completing his graduate studies at California State University Long Beach, he began a thirty year career as an English professor at Long Beach City College. He was involved in real estate and many other business ventures. He enjoyed traveling with his family, playing golf, and daily exercise. Always the teacher, he encouraged his students, his children, and others to dream big and work hard to achieve those dreams. He lived a productive, meaningful and purposeful life and he will be missed.

Please sign the guestbook at presstelegram.com.

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
4471 Lincoln Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630

Brian Houghton, USN Ret.
Dec. 2, 1941 - Aug. 24, 2018

Brian Houghton was born in Manchester, England to parents Stanley and Edna Houghton. The family moved to Louisville, KY when Brian was 18 yrs old and he joined the US Navy. He served 4 yrs. active duty, then settled in Long Beach, CA where he married Vivian Almarine Hawker. In addition to his Navy Reserve duties, Brian worked for GTE and Verizon for 40yrs, finally retiring to a life of golf with his Navy buddies. Brian passed away in the Long Beach VA hospital, of mesothelioma.

Brian was preceded in death by his wife Almarine, sister Irene, grandson Aaron, and his pet cat Frank. He is survived by Almarine’s children: Michael Stafford, Bryan and Steve Smith, and Laurie McGuire; brother Stanley Houghton, and nieces and nephews: Gina Hartson, Lorraine Houghton, Alison Schumacher, Stan Houghton, Susan Effinger, April Kaiser, Beverly Edwards, Brian Kaiser; and their families.

Brian’s ashes will be scattered at sea on Oct. 13th.

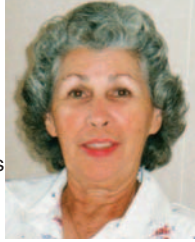
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Neptune Society

Joan Gayle (Beeson) Miller
June 25, 1941 - October 6, 2018

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away Saturday, October 6th, peacefully at her home in Long Beach. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Golda Beeson; and her son, James G. Miller Jr., in March, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, James G. Miller Sr.; son, John G. Miller; daughter, Jill G. (Darren) Birdwell; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and anyone who was blessed to know her, she was such an inspiration to all around her. Viewing Friday, October 12, 4-8pm, at LB First Nazarene Church, 2280 Clark Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815. Services will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 10am at LB First Nazarene Church. Please sign the guest book at www.presstelegram.com/obits

Rose Marie (Abreu) Souza




It is with heavy hearts that we announce her passing on October 8, 2018. Rose was born Sept. 18, 1932 in Makawele, Kauai. She married Delbert Souza on Sept. 25, 1954 in Oahu, after the wedding they boarded a flight to the mainland and settled in Long Beach, CA.

Preceded in death by daughter, Sharon and grandson, Tanner, she is survived by her husband of sixty-four years, Delbert; daughters, Karen and Diane (Steve); grandson, Damien (Rochelle), great grandchildren, Ashley, Damien Jr, and Max; and sisters, Margaret, Catherine and Edna. Funeral services will be private. Sign guestbook presstelegram.com/obits or luybendiliday.com

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Elaine Winston



Elaine passed away peacefully at her home on September 15, 2018 with her daughter by her side. Elaine was born in Long Beach, California on February 22, 1936. She grew up in Long Beach and graduated from Wilson High School in 1953. In 1966, after attending Long Beach City College and Long Beach Secretarial College, she married her soulmate and love of her life, William H. Winston, Jr. Elaine was active in Rick Rackers (Long Beach Assistance League), served as president of Long Beach Lawyers’ Wives in 1978-79, PTA, Assistance League of San Pedro-Palos Verdes, Bravo and Act II for the Norris Center for the Performing Arts, Prime Time Players, and outreach musical programs. She served as volunteer performer for the Salvation Army Adult Day Care Center for over 13 years. She also enjoyed playing tennis, skiing, and her work as an Interior Designer, CID. She and her daughter sang in the Rolling Hills Covenant Church Sanctuary Choir and enjoyed traveling together. Above all else, she loved her family and many friends. She thanked God every day for the blessing of having them in her life. Please sign the guest book at www.presstelegram.com/obits

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