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FULLERTON...With 2014 marking 90 years since the Muckenthaler Villa's construction, what better way to celebrate than with some fresh new changes to the ground's facilities? With the help of the community, including the local Boy Scouts of America, the Muckenthaler Cultural Center Foundation has updated several on-site amenities.



*New backdrop for the Muckenthaler amphitheatre*

The Muckenthaler hosts a number of dance groups, musical acts, and storytellers, throughout the year, which means keeping the stage in tip-top shape is crucial. The amphitheatre received a new backdrop that will provide a superb setting to best feature the acts that will take the stage throughout the season, while a new sound booth has greatly improved the acoustics of the stage. In addition, the on-site classrooms have received a new ceiling and roof.

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*Art classroom renovations in progress*

Maintaining the Villa's classic beauty is a top priority for the Foundation. With the help of the surrounding Boy Scout Troops, new accent landscaping has been planted around the grounds of the building to better accentuate and highlight the artistry of the architecture.

Inside the Villa, the women's facilities have received a contemporary 1920s vintage-glamour upgrade. With newly painted walls, installed countertops and updated stalls, the facilities now match that classic prestige that the 1920s were known for.



*Brand new ceiling! Fresh start for 2014 art classes*

Recognized for its long-established classic motif, the Muckenthaler Cultural Center plans to continue the improvement and preservation of the property.

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center Foundation, the Muck, is located at 1201 West Malvern Avenue, Fullerton California 92833. *Photos: TheMuck*

**LOS ANGELES...** Woodcraft Rangers Nvision Afterschool programs focus on many areas of growth and learning that greatly enhance a student's overall learning experience. All avenues of art and design have become increasingly popular for the 15,000 children in Woodcraft Rangers programs, which means always pushing the envelope to create experiences that capture students at their interest levels.

Woodcraft Rangers is teaming up with Project C.A.N.V.A.S Shoes and Sportie LA for a shoe design competition called Shoe 4 U. Because many of their families struggle to buy shoes, this year Woodcraft Rangers is asking students to design a pair of shoes for a family member. Students are learning to give back, or pay it forward, as well as hone their art and design skills.



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Judging for the competition is based on design skill and how well the shoe design reflects the personality and interests of the recipient. 140 students from seven elementary and middle schools will take a blank canvas shoe and, with the help of some paint and imagination, create a personalized shoe to honor their loved one.

As part of the popular Shoe 4 U contest, Sportie LA, a major footwear retailer in Los Angeles that sells Project C.A.N.V.A.S Shoes will donate \$5 to Woodcraft Rangers programs for every pair sold through July 31, 2014. The winning Shoe 4 U artists will receive their own pair of shoes and their painted shoes will be on display when the organization holds its annual gala, Woodcraft Rangers Excellence 2014, at their new headquarters in Little Tokyo.



FAME Fest is a monthly open art street event founded in 2012 by Sportie LA owner Isack Fadlon. Held the first Thursday of every month, the popular art fest has grown in popularity but remains fresh and hip, showcasing cutting edge art. FAME Fest has invited the students of Manual Arts and West Adams High Schools to participate in the April 3rd FAME Fest event where they will create a graffiti panel as well as demonstrate the painting of Project C.A.N.V.A.S Shoes. The event takes place from 6 – 10 PM and features other artists as well as food trucks and open houses at local businesses.

Schools participating in the ongoing Shoe 4 U Competition include Haddon Elementary, Garvey Intermediate and LA Academy, Carver, Gage, Hillview and Walnut Park Middle Schools. *Photos: Woodcraft*

**BURBANK...** A stellar group of some of Hollywood's finest young talent will be attending the "Amazing Akana" event scheduled for April 4th, 2014 at 7:30 PM. Attending will be:

Lela Brown is a highly regarded commercial talent and much beloved rapper having appeared onstage at Radio City Music Hall. SEE: <http://www.misslelabrown.com>.

Katelyn Hilario just wrapped a new feature film, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" scheduled for release this coming fall. SEE: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm6089019/>.

Alexis Fowlkes co-starred in "Annie" on ABC-TV's "Modern Family." She clearly supports the war against childhood obesity having also appeared in Michelle Obama's "Let's Move.gov" campaign. SEE: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4779157/>.

Jayla Calhoun has co-starred on TV including the principal role of "Ebony Stallworth" on the sitcom "Family Time." A true winner in every sense Jayla has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for academic and leadership skills. SEE: [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4375152/?ref\\_=fn\\_al\\_nm\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4375152/?ref_=fn_al_nm_1).

Damarr Calhoun has been in an episode of ABC's drama series "Scandal." He also played a lead role in the Nickelodeon hit comedy, "Instant Mom." He also has an extensive portfolio of commercial work. SEE: [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4376348/?ref\\_=nv\\_sr\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4376348/?ref_=nv_sr_1).

Sophia Strauss is an actress and model and recently finished the new feature film "Cooties" starring Elijah Woods and directed by James Franco. She has been in several movies and music videos including one with Taylor Swift. SEE: [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3652629/?ref\\_=fn\\_al\\_nm\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3652629/?ref_=fn_al_nm_1).

Victoria Strauss walked LA Fashion Week runway for Tumbler and Topsy. She has been featured in "iCarly," "Bones" and "Workoholics" and the movies "Not So Bummer Summer" and "The New Muppet Movie." SEE: [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3642947/?ref\\_=fn\\_al\\_nm\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3642947/?ref_=fn_al_nm_1).

Lauren Suthers is a singer/songwriter, dancer and actress – a triple threat. She has worked with some of the top choreographers from tWitch to Nigel Lythgoe and is about to release her first EP with the Multi-Platinum Grammy Award winning team of 3013 Music Group. SEE: [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4558564/?ref\\_=fn\\_al\\_nm\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4558564/?ref_=fn_al_nm_1).

Samantha Elizondo has performed at The House of Blues and other major venues in Los Angeles and Mexico. One of her songs was produced by Grammy Award winner Ismael Gallegos. She has also performed for Univision and K-Love. SEE: [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm5192291/?ref\\_=nv\\_sr\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm5192291/?ref_=nv_sr_1).

Dario Baldwin is better known by his stage name "Doe Bella" is a rapper, actor, host and fashion designer. He recently released his sixth solo CD.



*The Amazing Akanas*

"The Amazing Akanas" will be presented live and onstage one day only, April 4th, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Renegade Theatre, 1514 N. Garner Street, Los Angeles, CA 90046. It will be hosted by film and television star Jean Paul San Pedro and actor/comedian Allen Rueckert. It will also feature the ten member strong Akana family, one of the most recognizable forces in the world of competitive

inline speed skating. Together they will be launching the campaign against childhood obesity and wrapping their in production documentary film, "The Amazing Akanas" scheduled for release in late April.

Tickets may be obtained by simply going to: <http://www.gofundme.com/amazingakana> and donating \$10 per ticket. Simply note "Tickets" in your remarks, but do hurry as the venue is nearly sold out.

**SAN DIEGO...**Despite recent rainfall, CAL FIRE continues to respond to a significant increase in wildfires, especially in Central and Southern California where rain totals have done little to combat drought conditions. Starting Monday, March 31, CAL FIRE will move to peak staffing levels in San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

"Even with rain in March, our fire activity has remained 200 percent more over average statewide," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director. "The rain has been great, but it has not been enough to make up for our dry winter and California's drought.

While CAL FIRE never was able to transition out of fire season in 2013, the return to peak staffing means all equipment and facilities will be staffed around the clock. The move comes several months earlier than normal, but is needed as spring temperatures rise and dry out conditions even more.

Between January 1 and March 22, CAL FIRE has responded to over 800 wildfires that have charred nearly 2,300 acres. In an average year for the same time period, CAL FIRE would typically respond to under 275 wildfires for approximately 1,000 acres.

CAL FIRE continues to ask homeowners to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires by maintaining 100 feet of Defensible Space. For more information on preparing for wildfires and defensible space visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

Visit [Drought.ca.gov](http://Drought.ca.gov) to learn more about how California is dealing with the effects of the drought, and for more water conservation ideas, visit [SaveOurH2O.org](http://SaveOurH2O.org).

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