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Summer sizzles at SMC with planetarium shows, special events and more.

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This SMC professor, who retires with 38 years of service, leaves the college with a prestigious honor.

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It was a time of bittersweet goodbyes and happy reunions at SMC's annual Recognition Breakfast. [Photos and story >>](#)

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The logo for the SMC Trivia Contest features the letters "SMC" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the words "Trivia Contest" are written in a large, stylized, orange, cursive font. The text is set against a white background with a yellow banner-like shape behind the words "Trivia Contest".

Jeff Caffrey in the Media Center won the second "SMC Trivia Contest," becoming a two-time winner! [Find out more](#)

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Anderson receives \$5,000 a year for each of the next three years to be used for projects of his choice that will enhance his teaching. He plans to use the funds for upgrading the college's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Laboratory, allowing chemistry students and teachers to run more complex experiments.

"Not only has Dr. Anderson been responsible for the installation and maintenance of a highly sophisticated piece of equipment, he has trained students on the instrument, giving them skills usually offered only at graduate schools and which are highly valued in the chemical industry and academia," said SMC President **Dr. Piedad F. Robertson**.

"His dedication shows in his students, who have gone on to such institutions as Berkeley and MIT."

Anderson is the second recipient of the Elkin award, which was the first of four chairs of excellence established at SMC. The first recipient was physics professor **Richard Masada**, who was named in 2000 and who used his award money for robotics research.

The other chairs of excellence are in biology, music and earth science. Such awards — believed to be rare for a community college — are administered by the SMC Foundation and are funded from the interest earned on the endowments.

Anderson, who has taught chemistry at SMC for five years, received a bachelor's of science in chemistry from Andrews University in Michigan and a doctorate in organic chemistry from UCLA.

An accomplished pianist as well as a scientist, Anderson lives in Van Nuys



Dr. Jamey Anderson has become known for his sophisticated work with students in SMC's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Laboratory.

with his partner **Brian Driscoll**.

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Ten SMC retirees and eight employees with 25 years of service were honored last week at the annual SMC Recognition Breakfast, sponsored by the Academic and Classified senates. The event drew dozens of current and retired SMC employees, marking a reunion for some and goodbyes for others.



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Retirees for 2002-03 are **Mike Brandt**, transportation technology professor, who has worked at SMC 20 years; English professor **Charlie Donaldson**, 30 years; counselor **Loring Emile**, 13 years; nursing professor **Loann Haegele**, 30 years; recreation and leisure studies professor **Jo Kidd**, 38 years; counselor **Beverly Tholen**, 31 years; transportation technology professor **John Verdugo**, 27 years; transportation technology professor **Paul Walters**, 22 years; custodian **Wilbur Williamson**, 31 years; and earth science professor **Bruce Young**, 46 years.

Receiving recognition for 25 years of service were physical education professor **Marty Berson**; **Dennis Bice**, warehouse and mail services supervisor; **Lawrence Boone**, adjunct transportation technology professor; **Jack Fenn**, locksmith; math professor **John Kennedy**; basketball coach **John McMullen**; **Ruth Seymour**, radio station director; and track and cross country coach **Tommie Smith**.

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The other officers elected with Stiefel are Disney executive **Whitney Green**, vice president; **Patricia H. Summers**, a human resources and financial executive currently on sabbatical, secretary; and SMC Executive Vice President of Business & Administration **Tom Donner**, treasurer.



Frank Stiefel, incoming SMC Foundation president, with Graham Pope, outgoing SMC Foundation president.

The SMC Foundation is the private fundraising arm of the college. With assets of more than \$10 million, the Foundation raised an all-time record \$5.5 million in donations in 2002-03; presented a record \$600,000 this year in scholarships to 900 students; and has raised more than half of a \$15.7 million capital campaign for a proposed 500-seat theatre at the college's Madison campus.

Stiefel, executive producer of @Radical Media, has won several of the advertising and commercial production industry's top awards, including Gold Lions at the Cannes Film Festival and Clios.

For 17 years he was president and executive producer of Stiefel & Company in Santa Monica, which produced more than 1,500 commercials since it was founded in 1986. In 2002, the company was acquired by @Radical Media, which has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Sydney, London, Paris and Berlin.

Stiefel has produced three short subject films, which have been honored at a wide range of festivals, including Sundance, Toronto, Telluride and American Film Festival.

Stiefel has been active in the Association of Independent Commercial Producers, serving in several capacities, including national chairperson.

In 1998, he was appointed to the SMC Foundation Board of Directors. He

also teaches an SMC class called “The Commercial.”

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Please note the following key dates in July:

- **Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m.:** SMC Board of Trustees, Ilona Katz Board Room.
- **Wednesday, July 9 at noon:** Classified Senate, Loft (Drescher 300E).
- **Friday, July 11 at 7 & 8 p.m.:** “Janet Planet Planetarium Show” & “Martian Closeup,” Planetarium.
- **Thursday, July 17 at noon:** CSEA, B 111.
- **Friday, July 18 at 7 & 8 p.m.:** “Janet Planet Planetarium Show” & “Martian Closeup,” Planetarium.
- **Saturday, July 19 at 2 & 7 p.m.:** SMC’s Madison Theater Project co-produces “Suzanna Guzman & the Debussy Trio,” Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.
- **Friday, July 25 at 7 & 8 p.m.:** “Janet Planet Planetarium Show” (Planetarium) & “Guest Lecture: Rocking & Rolling on Mars” Science 140.
- **Saturday & Sunday, July 26-27, 9 a.m. to 9 a.m.:** “Relay for Life,” Corsair Field.

NOTE: For the first time, the Planetarium shows will continue Fridays in the month of August to coincide with “Mars Fever,” being generated by several space exploration-related Mars events and the fact that the planet is approaching “opposition” in August – which means it will get the closest to Earth it has been since the Ice Age.

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Jo Kidd, retiring recreation and leisure studies professor, won the Professional Excellence Award June 12 from the Alpha chapter of Women in Leisure Services/Chi Kappa Rho, a national organization. She retired last week after teaching at SMC since 1965.



Adjunct dance professors **Meri Bender**, **Iris Pell-Davison** and **Roberta Wolin-Manker** are performing this weekend in "Dance Cycles" at Highways Performance Space in Santa Monica.

Andrea Levine, daughter of Media Services Coordinator **Steve Levine**, was the valedictorian this month at the graduation of Granada Hills High School. She will attend UC Davis this fall as an environmental studies major, with an emphasis in pre-medicine, on a first-year scholarship.

Tony Prestby, public programs coordinator, was installed last week as the new president of the California Community Colleges Classified Senate for a two-year term. He has also been appointed to the Santa Monica Salvation Army Advisory Board representing SMC.

Charlie Yen, director of events and contracts, has received his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix.

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SMC Trivia Contest

Our second SMC Trivia Contest was tough. Maybe it was so hard that we did not get many respondents. But **Jeff Caffrey** in the Media Center did it again, getting the most correct answers. For his brilliance, he gets a copy of the CD "Jarocho de Corazon" by **El Son del Pueblo**, the Santa Barbara-based folkloric music group that recently performed at Santa Monica Pier as part of SMC's Madison Performance Series. Congratulations Jeff!

Here are the correct answers to:

SMC Trivia Contest #2

1) What is the name of SMC's literary journal? **Santa Monica Review**

2) What year did SMC (then called Santa Monica Junior College) sustain damage from its first earthquake?

- (a) 1931
- (b) 1933**
- (c) 1938
- (d) 1947
- (e) 1950

3) What was the first structure to be built on what is now the main campus? **Corsair Stadium**

4) What was the name of the college yearbook, published until the late 1960s?

- (a) SaMoJaC
- (b) Corsair
- (c) Spindrift**
- (d) Beach Annual
- (e) The Pirate

5) What year did President Clinton visit SMC? **1993**

6) Which actor and SMC alum opened a press conference in April 1972 in Culver City by then-Vice President Spiro Agnew?

- (a) Ali McGraw
- (b) Dustin Hoffman
- (c) Arnold Schwarzenegger**

(d) Karen Valentine (Remember that TV show, "Room 222"?)

(e) Doug McClure

7) Which UC campus is the second-most popular transfer destination for SMC students? **UC Irvine**

8) Who is the SMC track named after?

(a) Carl Lewis

(b) Johnny Gray

(c) Evelyn Ashford

(d) Herb Roney

(e) Archie Morrison

9) What year did SMC open its satellite campus at Santa Monica Airport? **1988**

10) Which South American country sends more students to SMC than any other nation on that continent? **Brazil**

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In naming Peterson, SMC President **Dr. Piedad F. Robertson** cited his work in establishing open communication and a team approach to work, as well as instituting changes leading to "greater efficiency and a sense of pride in his department." Peterson oversees a department of 60 employees who work day and night shifts.

He was also praised for his contributions to several campuswide committees, such as Disaster Preparedness, and his extensive volunteer work with Special Olympics and other charitable organizations.

"He is bright, he is fair, and he is governed by a deep sense of morality," Robertson said. "We're very fortunate to have Jeffery as a leader on our campus."



Director of Operations Jeffery Peterson receives the Manager of the Year Award from SMC President Dr. Piedad F. Robertson at the 2003 SMC Commencement.

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The event features teams – each made up of at least 10 people – who will walk or run continuously around the SMC track in shifts, from 9 a.m. Saturday, July 26 to 9 a.m. Sunday, July 27. Participants camp out and enjoy entertainment, as well as build team spirit in the fight against cancer.

The event will also include a luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m. July 26, during which luminaria are lit around the track to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have died of the disease.

"We are proud to have hosted an event for the first time ever in Santa Monica that raised \$60,000 last year, much of it by SMC employees" said public programs coordinator **Tony Prestby**, SMC's liaison for the event. "It was a beautiful, moving and community-building event last year and I know it will be so again this year."

The main sponsor of the event is The American Cancer Society, with support from SMC, City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Police Department.

For information on the event or on forming teams, contact Tony Prestby at ext. 4003 or visit the [website](#).



Mary Lois Roney, wife of SMC Board of Trustees Chair Herb Roney, is flanked by SMC employees Carol Evans and Gloria Mottler at last year's "Relay for Life."

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