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# August Already?!

August is here – it seems like just yesterday that summer had started. You could hear the sounds of kids splashing in pools, the smells of BBQ grills, and the sights of our beautiful desert sunsets.

With this month comes our Kids & Pets issue – one of the most fun to put together. I suppose because of the immense joy that children bring to their families and the significant impact they make on their communities.

Children are not merely the hope for a brighter tomorrow; they are the foundation upon which our society stands. Their innocence, curiosity, and boundless potential have the power to shape the world in ways we can only imagine. Kids represent our hardest work and greatest investment, and we are happy to highlight the best for our kids in this issue.

Additionally, who could forget pets? Their special kind of companionship can be a transformative experience for children and adults alike. Pets provide us with unconditional love and the opportunity to learn, grow, and develop essential life skills in a nurturing environment. And who could ignore the bond between kids and their furry or feathery friends? The bond is often deep and meaningful, fostering qualities like empathy, responsibility, and companionship.

I love pets and have always grown up with dogs, from German shepherds when I was little to our beloved Westie now (you may spot her in this issue).

Although children are of infinitely more value, what children and pets share in common is that they need us. Our care, attention, and intention shape how they are raised and who they become. We hope this issue inspires you to pour a little extra into the children and pets in your life this month.

Cheers!

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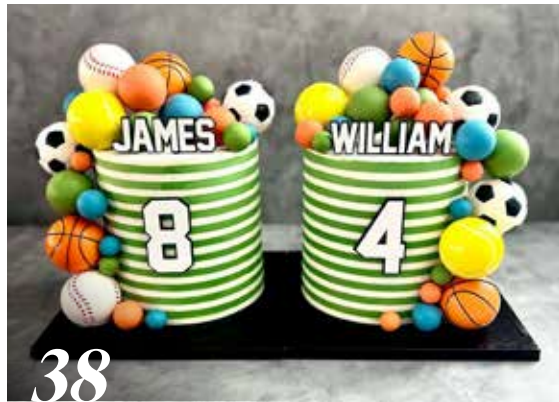
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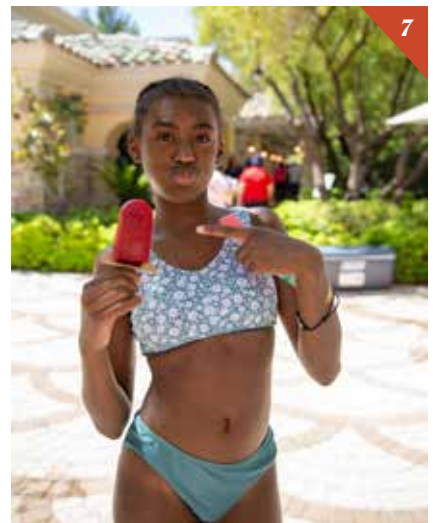
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**1:** South Vegas City Lifestyle’s One-Year Anniversary Party with drinks served up by Blondetenders. **2:** Local attendees at the event. **3:** The festivities kicked off with a ceremonial ribbon cutting hosted by the Vegas Chamber of Commerce. **4:** Guests mingled and enjoyed light bites and refreshments alongside art and live music to support HomeAid of Southern Nevada to help people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. **5:** Raymond Wilson, Michelle Sewell, and Chad Jeffry. **6:** Attendees included local businesses, vendors, and friends who helped build the South Vegas City Lifestyle magazine community. **7:** Sponsors included Sunburst Shutters, Telson Tequila, Irresistible Events & Catering, and Joy Squad Photo Booth Experience.

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## Modern Lady Courses for Children with Poised and Prosper

Poised & Proper, local “modern lady” experts aimed at providing social skills and etiquette courses to both children and adults, announced its upcoming Modern Lady Course for women in the Las Vegas Valley. The course will cover everything you need to know to “Look,” “Live,” “Act,” and “Sound” like a true lady. Over two weekends, the course will teach how to “Sound and Live Like a Lady” and “Look and Act Like a Lady.”

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*A guide to preventative pet care with non-profit organization Heaven Can Wait Animal Society*

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As pet owners, our fur babies hold a special place in our hearts, and we want nothing more than to see them happy and thriving. But how can we ensure their well-being and provide the best possible care? We explored the importance of preventative measures in keeping our beloved pets happy and healthy with Heaven Can Wait Animal Society, a local non-profit provider of accessible veterinary care. By following a few key steps, we can ensure the well-being of our beloved pets.

## Wellness Procedures

Spaying/neutering and vaccinations are essential wellness procedures for responsible pet ownership. According to Francesca Fulciniti, the Executive Director of Heaven Can Wait Animal Society, these procedures prevent life-threatening conditions and improve overall behavior. They contribute to our pets' physical health and make them more pleasant to live with.

## Healthy Diets

Diet plays a significant role in our pets' wellness, just like it does for humans. Offering a healthy diet is crucial to help them feel their best. Fulciniti advises against feeding them "people food," as it can cause digestive issues or be toxic. However, she understands the desire to show love through food and suggests healthier options like apples, carrots, blueberries, and peanut butter (without xylitol) in moderation.

## Fun & Play

Enrichment toys and activities are vital for promoting the well-being of our pets. Snuffle mats, puzzle toys, and feather toys are great options for dogs and cats, according to Fulciniti. However, it's important to be cautious of toys or objects that can be ingested and potentially harm them.

## Behavior and Stress Management

Establishing good behaviors from the beginning is another essential aspect of pet care. Obedience training for dogs can turn daily walks into enjoyable experiences for both pet and owner. For cats, providing spaces for them to retreat, such as cat trees and beds, and offering scratching posts is crucial. Additionally, maintaining a clean litterbox ensures the comfort and well-being of feline companions.

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### Francesca Fulciniti

Francesca Fulciniti is an accomplished non-profit executive passionate about animal welfare, currently serving as the Executive Director of Heaven Can Wait Animal Society. She has three cats and a dog and can speak Italian.







## Preventative Measures

Regular veterinary visits are crucial for preventative health checks. Fulciniti emphasizes their significance in safeguarding pets' overall well-being. Animals often hide signs of pain, illness, and injury, so these visits can help identify issues before they escalate. When pets are young, these checks ensure they receive necessary vaccinations and help pet parents understand what is normal or abnormal for their companions. As pets age, preventative health checks become even more important in detecting minor issues before they become serious and costly.

## “Tail” of Caution

Fulciniti shares a personal story to emphasize the impact of preventative health checks. When her cat started urinating outside the litter box, she discovered a urinary tract infection (UTI) in its early stages by collecting a urine sample. Prompt treatment resolved the issue, preventing life-threatening complications and saving the cat's well-being and significant veterinary expenses.

By prioritizing preventative care, we can provide our pets with a happy and healthy life. Spaying/neutering, vaccinations, proper nutrition, enrichment toys, good behaviors, and regular veterinary visits all contribute to their well-being, significantly enhancing their lives.





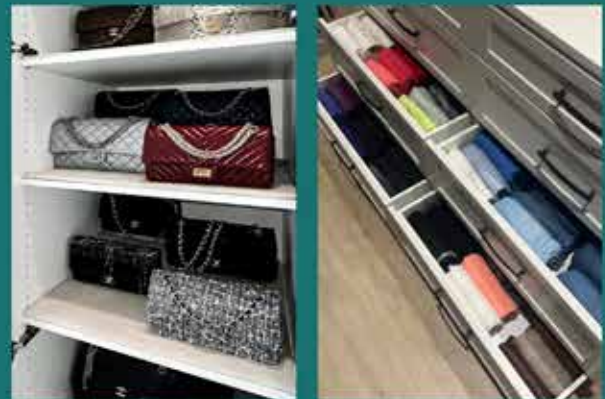
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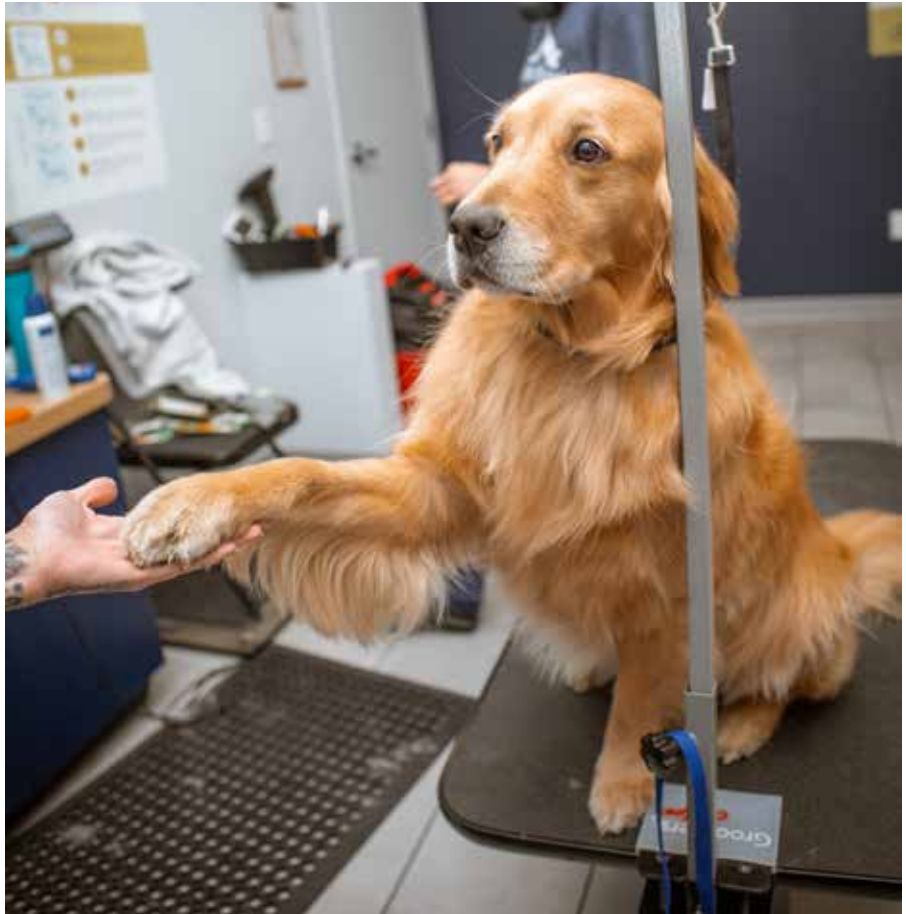
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True to its name, the Sugar Factory pumps out loads of sweetness, but it also has savory creations on the menu, appealing to anyone who's willing to try something new. Located in the vibrant Harmon Corner Retail Center, just outside of Planet Hollywood, this confectionery wonderland is a must-visit for those craving a truly indulgent experience.

As you step inside, you'll be greeted by a delightful ice cream shop-inspired décor, vibrant lighting, and extravagant dishes that are sure to catch your eye. The atmosphere is light-hearted and fun, attracting visitors from all over the world. Whether you're a family looking for a sweet treat, a birthday boy or girl seeking a memorable celebration, or a bachelorette party in search of a sugar-filled adventure, the Sugar Factory has something for everyone. Each corner and wall of this establishment is adorned with beautiful flowers, captivating light-up signs, and LED screens, creating an Instagrammable dining experience you won't forget.

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The menu at Sugar Factory boasts a plethora of over-the-top food options that will satisfy even the most insatiable appetites. Indulge in Nutella Peanut Butter Crispy French Toast, Fruity Pebbles Waffles, or Fried Oreo Cheesecake Pancakes for a truly decadent breakfast experience. If savory dishes are more to your liking, try the Flaming Hot Cheetos® Burger, Steak Sandwich Melt, Hot Honey Chicken and Waffles, Brooklyn Pizza Loaded Fries, Birria Tacos, or the famous 24K Gold Burger. With such a diverse range of mouthwatering options, it's impossible to leave this place with an empty stomach.

Bright colors are celebrated at the Sugar Factory, and you'll find that the "Rainbow Sliders" and "Rainbow Pancakes" are no exception. True to their name, these delightful creations feature rainbow-colored hamburger buns and pancakes that are guaranteed to make the little ones squeal with joy.

Of course, no visit to Sugar Factory would be complete without indulging in one of their decadent desserts. Choose from an array of milkshakes, cheesecakes, or fondue options that will satisfy your sweet tooth. If you're celebrating a birthday, be sure to request the birthday dessert bowl. Brace yourself for an extraordinary surprise as the classic ice cream sundae arrives in an overflowing mega-sized trough, accompanied by clapping, singing, and flair sparklers.

Don't forget to capture the sugar train magic with a picture-perfect moment, savor each delightful bite, and come with your loved ones to experience the wonder of the Sugar Factory. A visit to this enchanting restaurant will truly add the cherry on top to any meal and create sweet memories.





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# Empowering Youth Through Martial Arts



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*MAC Las Vegas Taekwondo builds confidence, discipline, and focus*

When it comes to martial arts training in South Vegas, MAC Las Vegas Taekwondo stands out as a premier destination for children and teenagers seeking to develop essential life skills. Founded by Grand Master Jaesung Yoon in 2016, MAC Las Vegas continues to thrive under the guidance of its dedicated Owner and Headmaster, Glenn "Cody" Smith. South Vegas City Lifestyle had the opportunity to ask Master Cody some questions to learn





more about the services offered at MAC and the transformative impact Taekwondo can have on the lives of young individuals.

MAC Las Vegas Taekwondo provides a World Taekwondo Platform or Kukkiwon-based instruction, catering to students of all ages. With martial arts classes for youth, teenagers, and adults, MAC offers a comprehensive range of programs designed to meet the diverse needs of its members. Additionally, the academy

organizes premier demonstration and fitness classes, ensuring there is something for everyone.

When asked about the benefits of Taekwondo for youth, Master Cody enthusiastically shared, "The benefits are endless for the youth. For most of my students, it has made them disciplined in their approach to their daily lives, where they have seen success outside of martial arts." Taekwondo fosters

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discipline, self-confidence, and focus, crucial skills that are indispensable for teenagers and children as they navigate life's challenges.

Cody emphasizes that Taekwondo is available for individuals of all ages, stating, "All ages are suitable for Taekwondo training. The best age groups range from 4 to 70 years of age." This inclusivity allows families to train together, fostering a supportive environment and encouraging the pursuit of physical and mental well-being as a team.

When asked about success stories, Master Cody modestly acknowledged that all of his students, particularly the black belts, have achieved remarkable feats. However, he highlighted Jamie Kim as an exceptional example. "Jamie is driven and self-motivated. Not only is she an excellent martial artist, but she is also a great example of a leader others can look up to. Jamie recently was promoted to third degree and is becoming a great instructor!"

MAC Las Vegas Taekwondo also actively participates in various events and tournaments. While there are numerous

national tournaments dedicated to Taekwondo, MAC's involvement extends beyond the competition arena. Master Cody and his students perform at local festivals and schools, showcasing their skills and demonstrating their dedication to continuous improvement.

In closing, Cody shared a personal reflection: "From someone who has been doing martial arts since they were four years of age to now, the benefits for myself have helped personally and professionally. My hope is to see my students go on to great things." With his passion for martial arts and commitment to his students' growth, Master Cody is undoubtedly making a positive impact on the lives of all who walk through the doors of MAC Las Vegas Taekwondo.

Whether it is developing self-confidence, instilling discipline, or honing focus, MAC Las Vegas Taekwondo provides an environment where youth can flourish. Through the guidance of experienced instructors like Master Cody, children and teenagers in South Vegas are given the opportunity to unlock their full potential, preparing them to face life's challenges head-on and achieve greatness.







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- AUGUST 2ND** : **SOMETHING ROTTEN - SUPER SUMMER THEATRE**  
 SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK | 8:00 PM  
 Experience Super Summer Theatre with its production of Something Rotten from August 2nd through August 5th. Enjoy the production in an open-air pavilion "under the stars" at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. Hailed by Time Out New York as "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years," Something Rotten is an irresistible ode to musicals and an uproarious dose of Broadway fun. Tickets at [supersummertheatre.org](http://supersummertheatre.org).
- AUGUST 5TH** : **DAUGHTRY**  
 M POOL AT THE M RESORT | 7:00 PM  
 This August, world-famous rock band, Daughtry, will take the stage during the pool concert series. Buy tickets at [themresort.com](http://themresort.com).
- AUGUST 6TH** : **MAN OR ASTRO-MAN? 2023 TOUR IN THE WALL**  
 AREA15 | 7:00 PM  
 Don your space suit and envelop yourself in a unique combination of vintage 1960s surf-rock and early electronic, space-age beats with "Man or Astro-Man?" on Sunday, August 6, inside The Wall at AREA15. Get tickets at [area15.com](http://area15.com).
- AUGUST 20TH** : **BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH LITERACY FESTIVAL**  
 WINDMILL LIBRARY | 11:00 AM  
 The day will feature book readings from various authors, writing workshops, and crafting projects. Kids can enjoy the musical styling of DJ Patrick Cornett and receive giveaway items while supplies last. Caretakers and youth can visit local not-for-profits to get information about their services. For more information, call 702-507-6068.
- AUGUST 25TH** : **CAROLINE JONES**  
 STONEY'S ROCKIN' COUNTRY | 10:00 PM  
 Guitar heroine Caroline Jones is on her way through Stoney's Rockin' Country on Friday Night, August 25th, at 10:00 p.m. Get tickets at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).
- AUGUST 29TH** : **BEETLEJUICE**  
 THE SMITH CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS | 7:30 PM  
 Based on Tim Burton's dearly beloved film, this hilarious musical tells the story of Lydia Deetz, a strange and unusual teenager whose whole life changes when she meets a recently deceased couple and a demon with a thing for stripes. For more information, visit [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com).

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# realty report

A sample of recently sold properties in South Vegas.

NEIGHBORHOOD	ORIGINAL PRICE	SOLD PRICE	%SOLD/ORIG	DOM	BDRMS	BATHS
19 Tea Olive Dr	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	100%	3	5	4
43 Innisbrook Ave	\$1,699,800	\$1,655,800	97%	17	4	5
3489 Raven Ave	\$1,649,000	\$1,550,000	94%	62	4	5
8808 Sweet Magnolia Ct	\$1,349,900	\$1,301,500	96%	60	5	5
10160 Obsidian Ridge St	\$957,901	\$720,000	75%	106	5	6
6479 Bright Numbus Avenue	\$950,000	\$900,000	95%	11	5	5
7194 Grace Estate Ave	\$881,880	\$678,888	77%	173	5	5
1 Chateau Whistler Ct	\$875,000	\$875,000	100%	6	5	4
4784 Laurentia Avenue	\$875,000	\$860,000	98%	214	5	4
12781 Coastline Shadow St	\$869,500	\$850,000	98%	324	4	4
7500 Salvadora Pl	\$805,000	\$772,500	96%	284	4	4
6407 Carmel Creek Ave	\$799,900	\$770,000	96%	14	5	4
6455 West Camero Ave	\$799,000	\$800,000	100%	20	5	4
667 Orbiter Ln	\$799,000	\$793,000	99%	34	5	3
3871 Montone Ave	\$774,900	\$765,000	99%	47	4	3
11552 Bolinger Ln	\$699,000	\$714,200	102%	104	4	4
9716 Claybourne Ct	\$699,000	\$670,000	96%	163	4	3
7991 Avalon Island St	\$698,000	\$698,000	100%	231	5	3
10954 Mount Goyer St	\$695,000	\$680,000	98%	24	4	4
5926 Chatsworth Hill St	\$678,000	\$668,000	99%	3	6	4
12407 Piazza St	\$675,000	\$670,000	99%	24	4	4
6229 Spindrift Foam Ave	\$675,000	\$675,000	100%	100	6	3
61 Honors Course Dr	\$674,888	\$668,500	99%	114	4	3
12858 Slipknot St	\$649,900	\$650,000	100%	8	4	3
3075 West Pyle Ave	\$649,000	\$655,000	101%	80	5	3

*This data is a sampling of sold properties from August 2023. Source: IRES MLS system.*

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passion for creation built a groundbreaking business that will be featured on the Food Network for the second time this October. Korey will showcase her talent on "The Big Bake," proving this bakery has truly mastered the art of custom cakes.



*This circus cake is vanilla flavored with mixed berries and cream, decorated in buttercream frosting with custom fondant décor pieces.*



*Both of these cakes are decorated with vanilla buttercream and colorful balloons!*



*Chocolate cake with cookies and cream filling, decorated in yellow and black buttercream, custom acrylic Pokeball decor.*



*Strawberry cake with vanilla buttercream, decorated in vanilla buttercream, custom acrylic pieces for the name, dinosaur spikes, and head.*



*Chocolate cakes with chocolate mousse, decorated with vanilla buttercream in green and white, custom name and age pieces, and foam sports balls.*



*Confetti with vanilla buttercream cake and vanilla with chocolate buttercream, fresh floral, edible image, and custom acrylic pieces.*





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