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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Mostly Sunny

74°



Saturday

Mostly Sunny

76°



Sunday

Sunny

76°



Blondes Have More Fun



Pictured above at their "home court" on 15th Street are seven members of this year's 15th Street Barbies team (left to right): Jana Fiserova-Cooney (Redondo Beach), Kimi Murphy (Manhattan Beach), Lorie Armendariz (Hermosa Beach); Kathy Cookson (Redondo Beach); Kristin Degener (Redondo Beach); Teresa Goldmann (Redondo Beach); and E.E. Wang Lukowski (center - El Segundo). Other team members include: Debra Esteves Kondo (Hermosa Beach), Ilana Shusman (Los Angeles) and Summer Williamson (Hollywood).

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MB Senior Little League All-Stars Making a Statement

By Gregg McMullin

The Manhattan Beach Senior Little League All-Stars team made history with its first-ever district tournament championship. The boys did it by going undefeated and advancing to the Sub-Division Sectionals in Oxnard on their quest to advance to the Senior Little League World Series. It was a collective win by the team, demonstrating that baseball is strong in Manhattan Beach and that the high school has a great feeder system in place.

At any level of baseball, you'll find that good pitching will beat good hitting anytime. Good pitching gives the defense confidence to make plays behind their pitcher and it gives the pitcher the poise to keep his team in the game by not walking batters. The Manhattan Beach All-Stars' pitching staff did what it had to do and the defense played well. The result was two complete game victories for Manhattan Beach. It eventually set the tone for the championship game when the All-Stars had virtually everyone ready to throw if needed.

The All-Stars advanced through the winner's bracket by first defeating the host team Lomita 5-3. With Manhattan Beach trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Derek Largent hammered a 2-0 fastball over the fence in left-centerfield for a three-run home run to give his team a 5-3 lead. It was Manhattan Beach's first lead of the game.

Sean Isaac, who threw a complete game, stymied Lomita in the seventh inning and the All-Stars secured their first-ever Senior Little League tournament win. Isaacs worked

out of some jams earlier in the game and Anthony Lombardo kept Manhattan Beach in the game with a home run.

In their second game, the All-Stars faced a talented North Venice team. Manhattan Beach used a different tactic in generating runs early on by using the bunt to advance runners into scoring position. Timely hitting and another homerun from Largent gave the

Manhattan Beach a 4-0 lead.

Lombardo picked up where Isaacs left off on the mound, keeping North Venice off-balance by spotting his pitches. The defense played well behind him and he threw another complete game for Manhattan Beach.

The All-Stars cruised into the championship

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"Being" in Colorado

By Karen Russo

Once again John and I are spending part of the summer in Durango, Colorado, a mecca for active seniors, in the gorgeous San Juan Mountains. Durango was in full swing by 1880, providing the wood and coal driven trains that brought silver down the mountain from Silverton. Many of those 49ers rushing to California spotted gold in the rivers of Colorado and stopped. Thus, scattered about the whole area are the remnants of old abandoned mining towns--as well as the larger ones that survived and have thrived more recently on tourism, such as Silverton, Ouray and Telluride.

For us it began about 12 years ago when we were on a driving trip through the Southwest. After visits to Bryce, Zion and Monument Valley, we ran into

friends from La Quinta at the Strater Hotel (1880) in Durango. They were looking for a place to relocate and finally settled on Bend, Oregon. We, however, stumbled upon a place called The Ranch. It is smack in the middle of the Animas Valley, about halfway up the mountain from downtown Durango to what have become all our favorite hiking spots. Some of the mountain-style houses at The Ranch were for rent. Happy day... Actually, we bought property with the intent of building, plans drawn and all. But second thoughts prevailed. Half the newcomers here are full-timers, enjoying all the seasons including winter skiing. The other half come for long summers to escape the hellish heat of Arizona,

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