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# The COMMUNITY BUGLE™

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## Making their future so bright, they will need SHADES

Assistance League of Temecula Valley was awarded a grant in the amount of \$22,000 from United Way of the Inland Valleys (UWIV). This grant is provided to cover the costs of the SHADES Financial Literacy for Foster Youth classes to be presented in the first half of 2014.

The session details were designed by United Way of the Inland Valleys' Financial Vision Council to help increase economic stability in the service areas in Riverside County for the most at-risk population - Foster Youth. These sessions target Foster Youth between the ages of 16-18 and teach them to become economically self-sufficient adults upon emancipation from the foster care system.

"Current statistics show foster youth have a 50% high school graduation rate and 65% end up homeless in their first year after emancipation," said Cordell Thomas, Program Instructor. "In the first year of SHADES, sixty-three foster youth graduated from the program with a 71% increase in financial knowledge gained. Many of these foster youth have used their Certificates of Completion to satisfy their Independent Living Program (ILP) requirements with the Department of Public Social Services."

The SHADES sessions are designed to appeal to the foster youth target group, encouraging attendance and knowledge gain in a class-type setting, yet not feel "institutional." The lessons are on: banking basics, budgeting, buying a car, planning for college, identity theft, and credit.

The classes are held in a series of four, two-hour workshops, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, ideally on the same day of the week over four weeks. Each attendee's financial knowledge is tested at the beginning of the session of classes and again at the end to determine the rate of improvement. During the last class the youth play an interactive game that reviews financial knowledge and gives them an opportunity to win prizes.

"Many will agree that it is never too early to learn how to spend and save money wisely," said Tami Sims, Operation Foster Youth chairman and Coordinator of the SHADES Program. "The earlier students learn about debt, savings, and credit, the less likely they are to struggle with debt in the future and the more likely they will become active and productive participants in the economy."

Assistance League Operation Foster Youth teams will schedule and administer SHADES classes in six of the UWIV regions: Temecula/Murrieta; Lake Elsinore; Perris; Moreno Valley; Riverside; Banning/Beaumont.

Assistance League is a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization serving the families of Southwest Riverside County for 25 years. Revenue from the Assistance League Thrift Shop, 28720 Via Montezuma, Temecula, is the main source of funding for their philanthropic programs. For more information about the programs and membership information, call 951.694.8018 or visit [www.temeculavalley.assistanceleague.org](http://www.temeculavalley.assistanceleague.org)



Program instructor Cordell Thomas leads discussion during a SHADES Financial Literacy class.

## Rotary Club of Menifee Provides Trauma Intervention Supplies

Members of the Rotary Club of Menifee recently assembled toiletry kits as a community project at one of their regular meetings. They gathered hotel toiletries and placed them in over 75 totes provided by a fellow member, Dr. Ruth Bol of Children's Dentistry of Menifee Valley. "I was glad to put them to good use," commented Dr. Bol.

When Linda Denver, Rotary President, contacted Gina Magee, Executive Director of Southwest Riverside County Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) and asked if they could use the kits, the answer was an enthusiastic "yes". Magee said that there is often a

need for toiletry items in the women's shelters and in hospitals. She explained, "When families find themselves in the hospital in an emergency situation and need to remain there with their family member, they can use these supplies."

This is just one example of community projects accomplished by Menifee Rotary whose motto is "Service Above Self". Their fundraisers, like the annual Menifee Mayor's Ball and Menifee Motor Madness car show, generate dollars to pay for projects that serve youth through senior residents in Menifee. For more information on Rotary call 951-672-1731. For info on TIP visit [www.tipswrc.org](http://www.tipswrc.org)



Linda Denver, President, Rotary Club of Menifee delivers toiletry kits to Gina Magee, Executive Director of Southwest Riverside County Trauma Intervention Program

**Senatorial Candidates Respond to Questionnaire**

**Make an informed choice on June 3**  
**Responses to Question 1 in print on page 3**

**Three more questions/responses in Section B of our E-newspaper online at [www.thebugle.com](http://www.thebugle.com)**



## New Saddleback Church Extension is Open and Meeting in Wildomar!

Steve Brown (Right), former vocational pastor and resident of the area, along with his wife, Karen (Left), have opened a Saddleback Church Extension in Wildomar. What began as a small group of believers meeting in a private home is now able to grow with the help of the VFW who has offered its facilities for church services. You are invited to attend each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at the VFW on Waite Street. The church is open to everyone and activities are provided for children during the services.



Warren's presentation of Jesus."

These are hard times in our country's history and the newly formed congregation's vision is to reach out to those who have lost their hope in life, offer them a reason for hope—hope through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Each service offers a time of live and contemporary worship music followed by a message of love and encouragement to all who attend. Visiting, joining the group or serving in the new ministry presents an opportunity for Christian camaraderie among a small group of believers.

Small groups meet weekly and membership classes are available through the primary campus in Lake Forest. Please see the Saddleback Extension ad associated with this article on page 3 and call Steve Brown at 951-312-9178, for more information.

The couple's desire is to bring the messages of Rick Warren (Lead pastor at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, and author of *Purpose Driven Life*)— to the area.

"Pastor Warren's messages communicate how to clearly and practically apply God's Word in one's life," they say and make the point that, "This area needs Rick

## Eric Castro Joins the Fleet

Navy Seaman Eric L. Castro, son of Alfredo G. and Bibiana L. Castro of Temecula has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Castro is a 2004 graduate of Temecula Valley High School,

During the eight-week program, Castro completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

## Water District Mismanagement

Part 3 continued from May 2014

Last month's article pointed out that over 24,000 Temecula Valley residents are being charged excessive water/sewer rates compared to those charged by Eastern and the Rancho Division of RCWD. This includes those serviced by Santa Rosa Division of RCWD (about 8,000), Western (about 3,000) and Elsinore Valley (about 13,400). The RCWD scheduled rate increase in July is not included.

This travesty has been going on for many years. In spite of numerous e-mails over the last 3+ years to the Water Boards and to our political representatives at the State, County and City we have seen no progress.

At the State level, the response has been that this is a local problem. At the City and County levels, the response has been that this is a State problem.

It is my opinion that we have both a State and Local problem. The State problem is well stated in an article posted on Reuters: "While State Regulators supervise three companies that provide gas and electricity for most of California, drinking water is supplied through a vast network of agencies which collectively do billions of business setting rates and handing out contracts with scant oversight. There are so many agencies, in fact, that the California Department of Water Resources, which is responsible for managing and protecting the State's water, concedes that it does not even know the exact number."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/25/us-usa-california-water-insight-idUSBREA300YF20140425>

The CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) and the California Department of Water Resources have no jurisdiction over Water Districts. They only have jurisdiction over privately owned Water Companies.

A case can be made that privately owned Water Companies are held to higher standards than the Government owned Water Districts. As an example, the Urban Water Management Plan includes Best Management Practice 11. This practice establishes a maximum of 30% of revenues from the fixed charge. The emphasis is to place at least 70% of revenue on the commodity charge. I believe that all of our Water Districts would fail this test. The most obvious

example is the Santa Rosa Division of RCWD with over \$106/month in fixed charges.

Because of the large number of Districts in the State, economy of scale does not exist. There is very little, if any, long-range planning. As an example, Edison built nuclear plants in preparation for the future. Technology continues to advance and now solar power is becoming a reality.

How many of our Water Districts have required new home construction to provide gray water for landscapes? Or have promoted homeowners to convert their existing tub/shower plumbing to be used for landscape irrigation? With an average of 70% of residential water usage spent on landscapes this would be an enormous contribution to water savings in our area.

The lack of long-range planning affects water in another way as well. In Riverside County, we have sewage plants ranging in size from over 90,000 EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units) to less than 10,000 EDU's. This explains why sewer rates range from about \$17/month to over \$45/Month. As an example, Elsinore Valley (EVMWD) has 3 sewage plants which together service about 32,000 EDU's.

Small sewage plants severely limit the availability/competitive costs of recycled water. Once the plant is paid for, the raw material (recycled sewer water) could be sold to reduce operating costs and the savings could then be passed on to us, the ratepayers. The on-going costs of operations would only be the added chemicals, plant maintenance and delivery costs. Potential users of recycled water are golf courses, agriculture, municipalities for parks and landscape irrigation, etc.

**The Local Problem:**

Water Districts have been around since the 1950s and appear to be doing reasonably well in many parts of the State. Why not here in the Temecula Valley?

All redistricting within the County must pass through LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission). This commission is comprised of numerous county, city and water district elected officials. One stated goal of LAFCO is to respond to Special districts or cities seeking to consolidate two or more government

see WATER

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## Senatorial Election Questionnaire and Responses - VOTE June 3

Douglas VanderHeide of Murrieta was hoping for a debate among the six candidates in the June primary for State Senate, District 28, saying, "I know nothing about any of the candidates other than Jeff Stone. According to the newspapers he's raising the most money, but is he the best man for the job?"

In the absence of a debate, *The Bugle* is providing space for each of the six candidates to answer four questions that VanderHeide sent to the candidates. One answer of up to 150 words is published here in our main section and the other three answers are published in Section B which is available in our E-newspaper delivered to homes by email and available at [www.thebugle.com](http://www.thebugle.com) by clicking the "Current Issue" menu item. Three Candidates responded by the deadline.

**Question 1. State Retirement Funds are under-funded and unsustainable. What would you propose to relieve future generations of the promises that currently exist?**

### Responses:

• **Bonnie Garcia:** During my time in the Assembly, I gained a reputation as a consensus builder because I was more interested in tackling the issues facing California rather than engaging in bitter, partisan politics. I worked across party lines, as well as with business and labor groups to find common ground and shared goals. Now more than ever, we need innovative solutions from state leaders, and I remain open to engaging in ongoing conversations and to reviewing the impact of the changes already made. I believe some of the current plans modifying employee benefits and contributions are reasonable, as they address the sustainability of CalPERS by sharing the costs fairly. However, I do not support any recommendation that changes the terms for current State employees. That being said, I do support working together with state and labor groups who are open to innovative solutions to help to solve these issues. (Republican) Small Business Woman [www.bonniegarcia.org](http://www.bonniegarcia.org)

• **Anna Neveni:** CalPERS's advocacy for higher benefits and its poor investment performance in recent years have locked in long-term debt in California and driven up costs, problems for which there are no easy solutions. The original formula for retirees was reasonable at a little over 50 percent of the salary received for 40 years

of work. A salary of \$50,000 qualified for a pension of \$29,000. Today, the percentage is about 90 percent and consequently there are over 14,000 retirees receiving pensions exceeding \$100,000. The Legislature has refused to act because changing that formula is political and it would affect their own inflated retirement plans. I would propose changing the retirement age to 65, revert to the original 1968 formula and remove all other modifications that were implemented over the years. Many modifications were not made in good faith and pension fund investments were based on a speculative and risky market economy.

(Democratic) - Registered Nurse/Author [www.annanevenic.com](http://www.annanevenic.com)

• **Phillip Drucker:** Firstly, I would refocus the basic question. Pensions are not simply another investment vehicle like a stock or a bond. We cannot afford policies that promote "winners and losers." Pensions are a large part of the fabric of any sane society. They allow those who work hard, but will never become wealthy, to retire, not in luxury, but with a sense of security and dignity. If a pension fails, we all lose. With that in mind, the best course would be to enact policies that minimize and share the risk of funding between current employers and employees as well as existing and future retirees. Contributions from taxpayers should be the funding method of last resort. If we use Governor Brown's Twelve Point Pension Reform Plan as a guideline, we can begin to spread the obligations of pension funding in a fair and reasonable manner. As attractive as other "alternatives" may seem, we simply cannot afford having our pension system turned into a "business venture" or even worse, a casino.

(Democratic) Lawyer [www.philipdrucker4senate.com](http://www.philipdrucker4senate.com)

### Responses to the following questions are in Section B at [www.thebugle.com](http://www.thebugle.com)

2. *In order to address the drought, what long term solutions would you propose to stop an average of 70% of residential water usage being spent on landscapes?*

3. *What solutions would you propose to correct the lack of oversight and water rate inequities between Water Districts throughout the state?*

4. *If elected, what is your plan to address the high unemployment rate in California?*

I am excited to be part of the Bingo team.

Our day as Bingo volunteers is a long one, starting at 2:30 for some as they get the concession stand ready to serve hot dogs, chips, putting soda and waters on ice, brewing the coffee and setting out other treats that the customers enjoy. Others make sure the kids set up the tables and chairs correctly, moving out the flash board, TV monitors and getting the caller's station ready. Everything needs to be set up by 4:30 when the doors open. For me, that's when all the fun starts, seeing the familiar faces along with the new ones. It's fun to welcome them in, get caught up on the prior week's events and next week's plans.

At 6:10 it's time to get down to business, I read the rules of the game, and promptly start at 6:15 with our early bird specials. It's such a joy to see the excitement and anticipation on the players faces as I call out each number. Then I finally hear a winner call out "BINGO!!!"

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## WORLD SERIES CLASSICS: 1971 Style



The 1971 Baltimore Orioles became the second club in the modern era (the 1920 Chicago White Sox were the other) to showcase four twenty-game winners: Dave McNally, Jim Palmer, Mike Cuellar and Pat Dobson. The Orioles also pulled off their third consecutive three-game sweep championship, this time the victims were the Oakland Athletics. Spirits were high on Earl Weaver's Merry Maryland squad. To counter Baltimore's rich starting four, the Pirates trotted out a 19-game winner, Dock Ellis, a 15-game winner, Steve Blass, a 10-game winner, Luke Walker and Bob Johnson, who had an unimpressive 9-10 record. It was clearly, advantage Baltimore. The 37-year old Roberto Clemente had other designs.

Game 1 opened in Baltimore on October 9, 1971. Dave McNally was banged around for three runs in the second inning, but settled down and fired goose eggs for the next seven frames, allowing only one hit over that span. Game two, behind Jim Palmer, showed the O's roughing up six Pirate pitchers for 14 hits (oddly, all singles) and eleven runs. The Series was certainly going the way the "experts" predicted.

The Series moved on to Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh (Forbes Field was shuttered after the 1970 season) where Danny Murtaugh handed the ball to Steve Blass. Blass did not disappoint. Blass hurled a three-hitter and Bob Robertson supplied the firepower, a three-run shot off Mike Cuellar. Game four in Pittsburgh marked an historic event: the first night game in World Series history. The Bucs Luke Walker, made an early exit by allowing three first innings runs. Bruce Kison and Dave Giusti righted the Buccaneer ship by combining for 8-1/3 innings of one-hit ball and the Pirates deadlocked the series at 2 games apiece. Clemente went 3-for-4, collecting his eighth hit in the first four games.

Danny Murtaugh dug into his bag of tricks and started seldom used Nelson Briles. Briles made only 14 starts in the regular season completing a mere four of them. The Fall Classic stage was

obviously to Briles' liking. He fired a two-hit shut-out and singled in the only run he would need as Pittsburgh prevailed 4-0.

With the Pirates up 3 games to 2, the Series shifted back to Baltimore. On Saturday October 16, 1971, in true Fall Classic style, the teams battled to a 2-2 tie after nine innings. Some nifty base-running by Frank Robinson set the stage for game seven. Frank Robinson walked, took third on a bouncer up the middle by Merv Rettonmund and eventually scored the winning run on Brooks Robinson's sacrifice fly.

Game seven pitted the game three starters, Mike Cuellar and Steve Blass. Roberto Clemente broke a scoreless tie by launching a Cuellar serving over the wall in left-center. Jose Pagan doubled in Willie Stargell, while Steve Blass and company clung to a precarious 2-0 lead entering the Baltimore eighth. The O's could only manage one-run on Don Buford's run-scoring ground out. Blass then set down the O's 1-2-3 in the ninth and the Pittsburgh Pirates were crowned World Series Champions.

Steve Blass pitched two masterpieces, allowing one run in each (1.00 era), but the spotlight clearly shone on Roberto Clemente. Clemente hit 414 (12-for-29) and had the distinction of playing in 14 World Series games (1960 and 1971) and hitting safely in all of them.

### BULLPEN BANTER

Fourteen and a half months after the 1971 World Series, Roberto Clemente perished in a plane crash off the coast of Puerto Rico. He was attempting to bring food, clothing and medical supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

### TRIVIA TIME:

I was the last man to score a run at Philadelphia's fabled Shibe Park. (October 1, 1970) Who am I??? Hint?? Alex doesn't give hints!! Well, O.K. I'm currently a colorful commentator.

E-mail your answers to:  
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Being one of the callers of Bingo has many benefits. I enjoy meeting the players and I have made many new friends. These are people I wouldn't normally have a chance to meet. Now when I am out shopping in the area I am recognized as the Bingo Caller which makes me feel like a celebrity as they wave and say hello. The small group of volunteers and all the regulars have come to be my Tuesday night family! I would have never in my life ever thought that I would be saying I enjoy Bingo and surely never thought of being a "Bingo Caller", yet every Tuesday

winners and wave good bye as some of the players leave saying "I will win next time". Everyone is always smiling regardless. I just hope they all know, their playing is making a big difference to the Vista Murrieta Golden Alliance.

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## Jasmine Houston Named Gates Millennium Scholar

Jasmine Houston, a senior at San Jacinto High School and dual enrollment student at Mt. San Jacinto College, has been named a winner of the 2014 Gates Millennium Scholarship. More than 52,000 students nationwide applied for the prestigious scholarship funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The scholarship is a full, four-year college scholarship to any U.S. accredited college. The scholarship was awarded based on academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Houston holds a 4.67 GPA and will graduate June 5th from San Jacinto High School where she is co-valedictorian. Courses taken at Mt. San Jacinto College were Spanish 101 & 102, Political Science 101 and Math 105. She is also a recipient of the Caroline Brubaker Daughters of the American Revolution English Award Scholarship and a member of the National Honor Society.

Clubs and activities Jasmine has been associated with include AVID, AP Club, Interact Club, Christian Club, County of Riverside Youth Advisory Council Third District, MSJC Talent Search, SJHS Girls Softball, and SJHS Boys Soccer Team Stat Girl.

Houston was accepted to CSU, Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Polytechnic, CSU Sacramento, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, Cal



Baptist University, Biola University and Northern Arizona University.

Jasmine has accepted admission and will attend UCLA in the Fall, majoring in biochemistry. She is the daughter of Sara Houston and lives with grandparents Michael and Jean Houston, along with sisters Marissa and Ariana Houston, all of Hemet.

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## COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

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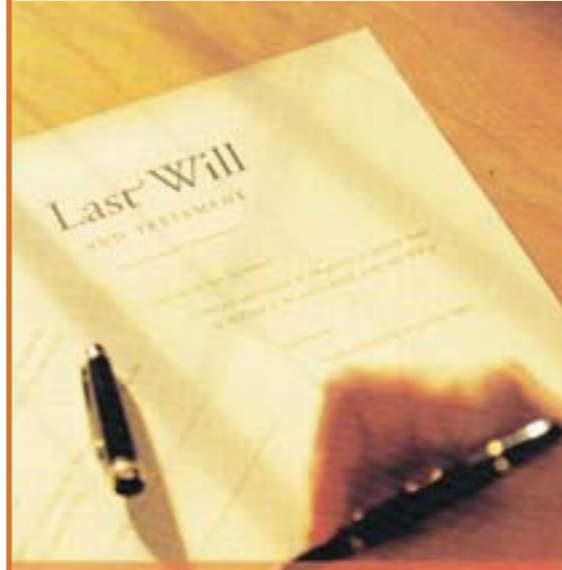
"This was a very gratifying experience for students, families, and staff, and we plan to make it an annual tradition," said Liz Cooke, head counselor.

The event preceded the release of a national report by *U.S. News & World*

*Report* which ranked Chaparral, Great Oak, and Temecula Valley High Schools as among the best high schools in the nation. All three high schools were deemed Silver Medalists. The magazine collected data on more than 19,400 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. A total of 574 California schools (4,707 nationally) were ranked for the magazine's list this year. The rankings were calculated by looking at student performance on state-mandated standardized tests, evaluating how effectively schools educated black, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students, and performance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams to determine the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work.

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## 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Students from five Inland Empire high schools competed in the Rotary District 5330 4-Way Speech Contest finals. The finals were held on May 3 at the District Conference in Cathedral City.

Top prize was awarded to Shyamlee Nanda, a student at Redlands High School representing the Rotary Club of Redlands. She took home a \$600 cash prize for her winning speech about Freedom.

Second place went to Cassidy Thornburg, a student at Murrieta Valley High School representing the Rotary Club of Murrieta, who won \$400.

Third place went to Vicky Lee, a Corona High School student representing the Corona Rotary Club, who won \$200.

Runners-up in the finals were Susie Chavez who attends Murrieta Valley High and represented Temecula Sunrise Rotary Club and Claudine Ignacio, a Valley View High School student representing the Moreno Valley Noon Rotary Club.

The Rotary International 4-Way Test was created in 1932. It has been used by businesses, industry, government groups, civic organizations, schools and colleges. An ethical tenet in today's culture,

it states:

Of the things that we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary's Four-Way Test Speech contestants address topics of current interest and importance and are to include and use concepts from the Four-Way Test as methods of discussion or analysis in the body of the speech.

"The 4-Way Test Speech Contest is one of the highlights of the District Conference," Melanie Rice, Assistant District Governor and Speech Contest Chair said. "Each of the 60 clubs in our District can nominate one student for the elimination rounds which were held on April 19. Out of the 15 competing in the elimination rounds, these five students moved to District Conference and the final round of competition."

Rotary District 5330 includes clubs from Big Bear on the North to Temecula on the South, and from Corona on the West to Twenty Nine Palms on the East.



Rotary District 5330 Governor Joe Ramos with 4-Way Speech Contest winners (from left) Shyamlee Nanda, Cassidy Thornburg, Vicky Lee, Claudine Ignacio and Susie Chavez.

## County Candidates Address Youth Issues

All 2014 Riverside County Candidates for District Attorney, Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education were invited to participate in a candidate forum. Eleven candidates participated with Supervisor Tavaglione sending a message that he was unable to attend due to his participation in Sacramento as the "May budget and legislative deadline approaches".

The forum focused on how to collaboratively reduce juvenile delinquency, victimization and truancy in Riverside County. Questions addressed topics including Riverside County's 23.9% Elementary School Truancy Rate; high risk behaviors in youth like drug use, gangs and running away; domestic human trafficking and commercial sex trafficking; the National Center for Educational Statistics report indicating 1 in 3 students are bullied during the school year and 64% of children bullied do not report it; the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the U.S.; and Georgia Tech's College of Computing data reflecting 22% of California students taking the AP exam in computer science were girls, 1.5% black and 8% Hispanic. Each candidate was given two minutes to make an opening statement followed by five rounds of questions.

In emphasizing accountability and collaboration, Retired Alford Unified Superintendent Wendel Tucker echoed words from Attorney General Kamala Harris to "hold everybody accountable for getting kids to school."

Lieutenant Chad Bianco pointed out the importance in leaders having personal

relationships with the people they serve and individually believing you can make a difference. Bianco also pointed out the impact our civil servants can have if each one served as a role model for just one at-risk youth.

To address achievement gaps, Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Young pointed out the need to bring the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a college readiness program, into elementary schools, expand Rachel's Challenge in Riverside County schools, a program designed to create safe and connected school environments based on the life and writing of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School Massacre in 1999, and focus attention on attendance when addressing the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

Veteran Homicide Prosecutor Mike Hestrin encouraged public servants to be "fully well rounded" and "reach out beyond their comfort zones" into the community like his father, a former Palm Springs police officer who community members have said, "changed my life." Hestrin shared his vision of all 250 county prosecutors serving six hours per month to work in crime prevention programs.

Board of Education Member Area 2 Lynne Craig stated the need to promote credit recovery programs such as RCOE's Comeback Kids and resource centers like the Youth Opportunity Centers and Regional Learning Centers and believed in solutions like "flexible school hours" for some students, smaller class sizes, and 1-on-1 instruction.

Teacher, businessman and author Michael Martinez Scott shared his idea of partnering up students with other students and urged creative and engaging teaching

## \$95,000 in grants launches Native American health initiative

Inter Tribal Sports, Inc. (ITS) has received three generous grants over the past seven months from the Notah Begay, III Foundation (NB3F), Coca-Cola Foundation, and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The awards have allowed ITS to take a lead role in addressing the obesity and Type 2 Diabetes epidemics in its southern California service area. The twenty-two tribal communities and over 1,200 youth served by ITS in Riverside and San Diego counties will have the opportunity to take part in this project to address these epidemics.

Morbidities such as obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes affect tribal communities disproportionately. The incidence of diabetes is 177% higher than the national average and American Indian/Alaskan Native youth and adults have the highest rate of Type 2 Diabetes of any ethnicity. While ITS has been running youth athletic leagues since 2002, the organization was not directly addressing the nutritional component.

NB3F Executive Director, Crystal Echo Hawk said, "We believe that Inter Tribal Sports initiative and tireless effort will ensure that our children buck the trends that are devastating the health of Native Americans and give hope and promise to a generation that it is possible to Live Healthy, Live Native."

Ben Foster, ITS' Executive Director explains that they have had successful sports leagues for years and now ITS can place a greater emphasis on providing additional enrichment opportunities that include a holistic approach to overall health, nutrition, and cultural awareness.

Components of the initiative include

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agencies into one, in an effort to streamline their services and reduce the cost to the local taxpayer.

This is exactly the case in Murrieta where 4 separate Water Districts serve the ratepayers with 5 different rate structures across a 35 square mile area. Why didn't Rick Gibbs and Randon Lane bring consolidation before the commission when they served on LAFCO? In the desert area of Riverside county, one water district serves a 135 square mile area and they do it effectively and efficiently including providing sewer service! Why have our City and County leaders made no effort to consolidate the five Water Districts that serve Southwest Riverside County?

Water rate inequities exist throughout California and responsible legislators can address the problem. Last year State

styles, recalling when he used to play chess with his students to challenge them.

Along similar lines, educator and parent Arthur Gonzales encouraged educators and mentors to help kids "make them feel proud of themselves," and have them "show something they wrote or artwork" so they feel "that I can do something."

County Board of Education Member Area 1 Gerald Colapinto with a musical background also urged that students should be helped to "feel good about themselves," and recalled previously forming a band to help engage students.

District Attorney Paul Zellerbach emphasized the continued need for engaging the students and parents through programs like Project Safe Neighborhood who give countywide presentations to parents and youth on gang awareness and parenting tips and the Youth Accountability Team, a collaborative diversion program for youth made up of

development of a Wellness Division within the organization, hiring a Wellness Specialist, and hosting a health summit of leading health professionals, tribal leadership, and community organizers. Activities include integrating traditional Native foods, creating a kid-friendly cookbook, and launching a more proactive social media and marketing campaign to increase community engagement which includes health and nutrition education and highlighting community success stories.

In addition to the three key funders, local and national organizations such as the Sansum Diabetes Institute, American Diabetes Association, Indian Health Council, Inc., Southern Indian Health Council, Inc. and the California Indian Culture & Sovereignty Center at California State University at San Marcos have pledged their support and/or involvement in the process. "We are so grateful to our partners who have committed to this important project," stated Foster. "This is an exciting stage in the evolution of our organization as we broaden the impact on the communities we serve."

"Coca-Cola partners with local community organizations to make a meaningful impact on that community's need," said Lori George Billingsley, Vice President, Community Relations, Coca-Cola North America Group. "Our partnership with Inter Tribal Sports supports that mission. Our collaborative work will help to encourage active living and nutrition education among tribal youth – empowering them to be leaders in their communities."

To learn more about ITS please visit [www.intertribalsports.org](http://www.intertribalsports.org)

Senator Ricardo Lara (33rd District) requested an audit of the cost of water delivery in Southeast Los Angeles County. The State Auditor came up with recommendations to rectify their situation. Senator Lara is now working on legislation to address these recommendations.

When are the Politicians and the Water Districts going to offer some real solutions other than raising fees and taxes so they can throw more money into their own coffers?

How do we citizens fire mismanaged Water Districts? We need to vote out the incumbents and petition LAFCO for consolidation. We need regional support from all voters. Please do your part for the good of all!

**Douglas VanderHeide, Murrieta**

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probation officers, law enforcement, district attorneys and mental health counselors. Zellerbach encouraged leaders to "get to the root of the problem; don't just expel" students.

Sheriff Stan Sniff stated that law enforcement engages the community when the officers are "reflective and diverse" and have "bi-lingual and tri-lingual" abilities to engage with the communities. Sniff pointed to UCR's Sociology Department study finding a direct link between crime and education and emphasized, "staying in school is critical."

Community volunteer and Lake Elsinore Unified School District Board of Education member Jeanie Corral directed her closing remarks to the youth, stating, "we have dedicated our lives to helping you. We care about what happens to you. You make choices daily. Education is the key that makes your life. You can always be a life long learner."



## WHEN PIGS FLY

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 hosted a fund raiser entitled "When Pigs Fly" at the lodge on Saturday, May 3. Under the direction of Helene Fowler, Elks National Foundation Chairperson, tables at the lodge were decorated for the event and each had a Purple Pig bank adorned with wings to accept donations that support the annual fundraiser for children with disabilities. The Purple Pig is the major project of the California-Hawaii Elk Association (CHEA) supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families. Also

on hand to accept donations was a large "Flameboyant Pig" which survived the disastrous fire that destroyed the old Lodge in 2007. Robert Farrens, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman and member of the Temecula Lodge was present to support the fund raiser.

The Purple Pig theme was carried to the menu for the event with the entrée of BBQ Pork Ribs. Funds were also raised by selling drawing tickets for items donated by members. A total of \$1646 was raised.

Music for entertainment and dancing was provided by Wii3.

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**RSVP: Robbie Motter, Director: 951-679-8048 [rmotter@aol.com](mailto:rmotter@aol.com)**

## Club/Org Events

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**Wildomar Senior Citizens Assoc.** Free meeting at 11:30 a.m. first Tuesday of each month for potluck at the clubhouse (21601 Canyon Drive in Wildomar). Topic for June - Medicare. Call Sandy for more info at **951 226-8789**

**SW Riverside County Marine Corps League** Detachment 1057 meets on the last Saturday of each month at 9am at Grand Isles, 24405 Village Walk Place in Murrieta. More info: [www.mcl1057.org](http://www.mcl1057.org) or call **951-775-1191**.

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**Temecula Valley Rose Society** - Third Thurs, 10:15am - 1 pm at the Temecula Public Library (30600 Pauba Road). June 19, Laura Starr, Master Gardener will give a presentation on "Container Gardening with Succulents." **[temeculavalleyrosesociety.org](http://temeculavalleyrosesociety.org)**

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## State Senatorial Candidate Questionnaire - Continued from the Main Section (page 3)

**Question 2.** In order to address the drought, what long term solutions would you propose to stop an average of 70% of residential water usage being spent on landscapes?

• **Bonnie Garcia:** Legislators cannot and should not regulate the percentage of residential water used on landscaping, or any other use whatsoever. As a State Senator, I will work to improve storage capacities in order to meet increasing demand and partner with local governments and environmental organizations to advocate for stricter conservation levels and techniques. We can address drought concerns without infringing on the rights of individuals and the jurisdictions of local water districts. Conservation is key to alleviating water shortages and both residential and commercial water use should be highlighted as one of many opportunities to conserve water where we may have failed to do so. We need local governments to encourage conservation while focusing on new technologies and a responsible water plan at the state level. This is a complex issue and a broad stroke approach at the state level will do nothing to solve the problem.

• **Anna Nevenic:** Over 60 percent of water is used for outdoor landscaping. The value of water recycling is monumental as it will capture the 3.5 million acre-feet that is discharged to the ocean each year. Golf courses and large development must convert to recycled water systems. Funding and rebates should be provided for businesses and individuals who convert their lawn to desert landscape.

• **Philip Drucker:** Any true "smart-water" solution to our drought problems has to involve an integrated plan involving reuse and conservation by residential and commercial users with the full support their local municipalities and legislators. As for the particular issue of residential landscaping, a simple and effective method of conservation involves utilizing greywater technology. Greywater is reused water from your bathroom sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines. In particular, direct laundry-to-landscape greywater systems are low tech, easily attainable and represent an economic, affordable form of recycled irrigation. Another low-tech common sense solution for residential uses is the harvesting of rainwater. Lastly, when it comes to landscaping, there is nothing wrong with planting for your environment. For instance, if you live in the desert, you can plant a rock/cactus garden or at least utilize grass and plants that requires less water. The solutions are there and it would be better if we educated and then allowed individuals to voluntarily deal with the drought as opposed to imposing arbitrary rationing quotas and penalties for water use.

**Question 3.** What solutions would you propose to correct the lack of oversight and water rate inequities between Water Districts throughout the state?

• **Bonnie Garcia:** Any legislation addressing the water crisis in California must respond to the long-term issues like water storage capacity and conservation in a way that optimizes the moderate, efficient use of water resources. There is no one-size-fits-all solution that Sacramento can legislate and enforce throughout the state. Our immediate efforts should be aimed at supplementing the districts with the most need, while maintaining conservation efforts throughout the state and exploring creative solutions for meeting water demand throughout the state. Increases in water storage capacity and investments in new technologies can be focused on those Districts suffering the most from inequities. We need innovative solutions to create incentives for California businesses and communities to make water conservation a top priority. Tax credits do the trick without mandating cuts across-the-board that hurt businesses and families. We also need additional water recycling and storage capabilities in order to facilitate responsible local water usage.

• **Anna Nevenic:** All Water Districts should be transparent, giving information on how much water is used by golf courses and large development. The state agencies and Municipalities should step in to correct rate inequalities among Water Districts in the state. Rates should be higher for the ones who are consuming more than necessary, and this practice will lead to more water conservation.

• **Philip Drucker:** I am for creating a centralized statewide water authority for California that would oversee and enforce water standards, including setting rates, for the thousands of individual water authorities currently operating in California. Now mind you, I am not saying these local agencies are not doing the best they can, but under the circumstances, it is clear we have to do better. In short, California water issues have become so entwined and complicated that due to the very scope of the regulation, the time and the need for State oversight has come.

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**Question 4.** If elected, what is your plan to address the high unemployment rate in California?

• **Bonnie Garcia:** The strength of California's economy is built on the backs of entrepreneurial families that have invested their personal resources into creating jobs and developing new products. These small business owners are the fabric of what makes our state one of the largest economies in the world, yet we continue to punish them with high taxes and extraneous fees while allowing over-regulation to rule the day. As your Senator, I will work hard to ensure my seatmates understand we must be partners with small business owners if we want to create jobs, strengthen our economy and encourage innovation in our state. As an Assemblywoman, I never voted for a tax increase and I helped to create thousands of jobs for our region. I will be an advocate for the avenues of a free enterprise system that recognizes business owners' sacrifices and personal investment while allowing them to create long-term jobs.

• **Anna Nevenic:** We must provide funding for job training and retraining for the jobs in the new economy. Give incentives to businesses and corporations who provide internships for college graduates. Internships will enable our students to gain experience which will be a stepping stone to full employment. Provide incentives for companies to expand and build new plants in our state.

• **Philip Drucker:** The best way to address high unemployment is to stimulate growth at all levels of the economy. We should start at the bottom by extending unemployment benefits. Then, the unemployed will buy more necessary consumer goods and will in turn cause businesses to manufacture more goods. Profits will go up and these companies will then raise wages and hire more employees to meet demand. And unemployment will go down. These employees will soon be able to buy "big ticket" items like furniture, washing machines, and cars. Then, to meet that demand, the "big ticket" manufacturers will hire more workers and pay higher wages to keep the ones they have. And unemployment will go down. These employees will then be able to buy a home, or perhaps a bigger home. These employees will not only have a home they will also have a garage in which sooner or later one or more will start his/her own business. Then those businessmen will hire more workers. And unemployment will go down. That is how I would address the high unemployment rate in California.

## C&T Teaching Credentials

Admissions for the Fall quarter extends through June 20.

Fast Track Career & Technical (C&T) Teaching Credential and BA programs are being offered this upcoming Fall term at the Palm Desert campus of California State University. The program is designed to prepare working professionals to obtain a California teaching credential which authorizes them to teach their professional and work skills in California. The courses may be taken at CSUSB's Palm Desert Campus or completely online and tuition waivers are available for California residents over the age of 60. If a fast track option is elected, the credential may be completed in two quarters of study.

This successful program's ninth year is beginning at Palm Desert. Graduates, mostly second career students that include former judges, business people, engineers, media employees, medical professionals, artists, etc, are now teaching their career specialties. They have found positions at every academic level from K-12 to four year colleges, Riverside ROP in Indio, and Career & Technical Academies in the various school districts.

There is still ample time to interview and admit students. To enroll, students must have at least a high school diploma.

For more information regarding enrollment contact Dennis Larney: dlarney@csusb.edu or call (760) 341-2883 Ext 78157.

## Lions Club Garage Sale

June 27th and 28th

The Murrieta Lions club annual garage sale will be held at The Farm in Wildomar (24400 Cornstalk Rd.). Proceeds of the sale will fund Lion's projects including Guide Dogs of the Desert, Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), Animal Friends of the Valley, and many more.

To make a donation please call Lion Jay at 951.244.8106. We will be glad to pick items up for the sale during the week of June 23rd.

Collections of towels, sheets and blankets will be accepted for the local animal shelter.

We are also having an eyeglass and hearing aid collection.

The Murrieta Lions club is a group of individuals that believe in the motto "we serve". We are actively looking for new members to help serve in our valley. Applications for membership will be available at the sale.

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