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Wood Working Artist Selected for Artist of the Month

When we think of an "artist", we envision a painter with a brush and palette, splashing colors onto a canvas. But those who have recently visited Arts Council Menifee's gallery at the Kay Cenicerros Center, have discovered an interesting and creative artist, Mr. David Ruch, who is showing his "wood intarsia" pieces.

Mr. Ruch's original artistic passion was music, and he has learned to play many stringed instruments including mastering the violin. Music became his profession, recently retiring from teaching music and World History for over 40 years.

Ruch has a second artistic passion, creating with wood. His father, who passed away when David was young, inspired him to pursue his God-given talent in working with wood. Ruch made a soap box racer when he was 10 years old. He then progressed to making his own HO railroad cars and buildings; to flying



wooden model planes; and then learning to work with all of the power machinery in his middle school wood shop class.

Ruch found inspiration to create from his daily life experiences and learned how

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Special Needs Playground, Splash Pad and Swimming Classes

The City of Temecula hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on June 5 for the construction of the Margarita Park Special Needs Playground and Splash Pad. A crowd of about 100 people attended the event. This is the first such playground in Southwest Riverside County and is costing the city approximately \$1,375,000 to build. It is expected to open in September.

The playground will feature inclusive swing seats designed for upper and lower body support with secured and supportive restraints and an ADA wheelchair accessible Trans-Glide, said the city's Inclusion Services Specialist Yvette Martinez. There will also be a sensory garden, tabletop play areas, rubberized surface, spinning, sliding, swaying and crawling equipment and an enclosed fence for safety with only one way in and out.

The splash pad will offer water play in the middle of the playground. It will be equipped with below and above ground features such as interactivity pipes and valves that spray water and tabletop water features, Martinez said.



Special needs kids can learn how to swim at Temecula Elementary School's outside, heated pool, which the city of Temecula operates. The city's Pool Manager, Melissa Davis, explained that the city saw a need for the lessons because some special needs kids had difficulty learning in regular lessons. The special needs lessons have trained volunteers, or buddies, who work one on one with students to keep them on task. The students have the same buddy for all lessons for consistency.

Instructors focus on basic water skills and water adjustment. They teach how to blow bubbles, float, kick and front crawl. There are three students in each lesson and they're grouped by age and skill level. The lessons are for ages three to 15.

The cost is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. They meet for 30 minutes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for two weeks. For more information, call (951) 308-6396 or visit www.swim.cityoftemecula.org to register.

Photos

Top: Nicholas Anselmo poses with his Swim Buddy, Liz Woodbury.

Left: City of Temecula groundbreaking ceremony for special needs playground and splash pad.



Photos and article submission contributed by Laura Rathbun

Travis in "All Shook Up"



Travis Allen, the well-known, award winning Elvis impersonator from Temecula, is currently appearing in the hot new tribute to Elvis Presley, and the only All-Elvis show on the Las Vegas strip! Showtime is 6pm nightly at the V Theater, Planet Hollywood located on the Strip at 3663 Las Vegas Blvd, Suite 360. (866) 932-1818

"All Shook Up" is backed by a live band on stage as Travis performs Elvis numbers from the 50s and 70s. You'll hear all the hits - from Heartbreak Hotel to Suspicious Minds.

A comedian performs on stage during costume changes and the entire show is "amazing". If you're planning a trip to Vegas be sure to fit time into your schedule for this show and use the 2-fer coupon.

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Community Voice

Obama's apologists reawaken Climate diversions from his recurring failures

With widespread affirmation by 300 scientists in a release by National Climate Assessment 2014, the Obama administration has declared climate change (better defined as "global warming") to be extant and demonstrably hurting us today, tomorrow, this month, this year, and forever, unless we elect to sacrifice, pay penalties and elect Democrats this Fall. We must trust this President and his paid experts by reacting properly as already specified in order to dodge perdition. The irony of trusting Obama with this issue is monstrous, gauging by his self-confessed flexible veracity on a wide range of issues that started before his election to Senate or Presidency. What self-respecting breadwinner could surrender his family and progeny to a hoax promoted by contractor climatologists who crave United Nations control of America's interests and deny the overwhelming evidence of our planetary emergence from a thousand year mini-ice age. Only minimal contributions result from industrial emissions generated by a very few years of modern prosperity, most currently by India and China and Brazil who are exempt from Draconian limits on energy consumption.

Sure, we had some hot spells over last Summer months, but we also experienced record-breaking cold and precipitation last Winter over most of the country. Forest fires abounded, probably set by some ignorant, irresponsible, and reckless camper, smoker, chainsawyer named aptly Mr. Global Warming. California drought

is a repetitive fact of life in a desert that lies between a cyclical ElNino ocean and lofty cold Sierra peaks that release water in inconvenient paths around our poorly located population centers that grow mostly concrete and more thirsty consumers, who complain when delta smelt get too saline. A warming trend rewards farmers everywhere on earth with extended growing seasons and bumper crops that have flourished in our own Midwest, but even God can't control abuse of food corn that is diverted to ethanol production which creates more net pollution than gasoline alternatives. Water conservation is required primarily by poor water management, bettered by feeding an aquifer, harnessing runoff, irrigating rationally, recycling gray or purified water, and using solar/nuclear/wind energy alternatives where they best apply....seawater desalination.

We need to get serious as informed voters to duck the sleazy political maneuvers of inept executives, legislators, commissioners and their hired gun bureaucrats and contractors in all aspects of government to insist on positive results for the real issues; employment, economic frugality through waste/fraud elimination, moral rectitude with tolerance and compassion, security in our streets-homeschools-workplace-borders-homeland. If you agree, vote legally and support the real deal people uncorrupted by self-service reelection surrenders of principle.

Submitted by **Ken Woytek - Menifee**

Water District Inequity Harms The Local Economy

Part 4 continued from June 2014

Water Districts are government entities and as such own nothing. We, the citizens of southwest Riverside County, are buying or paying for all of the wells, sewage plants, infrastructure, etc. and could be considered stockholders in the Water Districts. Water Districts were created by the State to manage our assets, provide safe water and to protect us from private enterprise rising water rates. They were not created to collect additional taxes or to discriminate/red-line the citizenry yet that is what has happened here. In the analysis below, I will compare the rates of the five districts in the area and then use the city of Murrieta as an example of the harm these district's rates and fees are having on our local economy.

SEWER RATES

EMWD: Normal rate is \$25.89 / Month. Sewers are discounted to \$19.42 for a 2- person home occupancy with low water usage.

EVMWD: Normal rate is \$43.50 / Month. Sewer rates are discounted to \$13.52 if no water is used and \$32.97 if 4 or less units of water are used.

WMWD: Normal rate is \$44.53 / Month. RCWD Rancho Division: Normal rate is \$25.89 / month.

RCWD Santa Rosa Division: Normal rate is \$38.75 / month.

Some Murrieta residents are particularly harmed by the inequity as their city is divided among all five of the Districts. For example, if all residents paid the same sewer rates as EMWD and RCWD Rancho Division (\$25.89/month) approximately 8,000 EVMWD customers in Murrieta would save \$17.61 / month (about \$1.69 million annually); 3,000 WMWD customers in Murrieta would save \$18.64 / month (about \$671 thousand annually); 8,000 RCWD Santa Rosa customers in Murrieta would save \$12.86/ month (about \$1.23 million annually). Thus treating all residents equally for sewers would add about \$3.59 million per year back into the pockets of Murrieta residents for spending with local merchants. With over 20,000 customers in Wildomar and Lake Elsinore being served by EVMWD there is another \$4 million in lost opportunity for increased spending with local merchants.

FIXED CHARGES

Fixed charges include service charges and property tax assessments before any water is used. EVMWD has a monthly service charge but no Property Tax assessment. All of the other districts have both a service charge and property tax assessment with Rancho's Santa Rosa Division gouging each of its ratepayers hundreds more per year than any other district.

EMWD: \$12-\$13 / month.

EVMWD: \$15-\$16 / month.

WMWD: \$30-\$31 / month.

RCWD Rancho Division: \$35-\$36 / month.

RCWD Santa Rosa Division: \$67-\$68 / month.

If all of the districts' fixed charges were similar to EMWD and EVMWD (about \$15/month) about 3,000 WMWD customers would save \$15/month (about \$45,000); 40,000 RCWD Rancho Division customers would save \$20/month (about \$800,000); 8,000 RCWD Santa Rosa Division customers would save \$52/month (about \$416,000). The annual savings in fixed charges alone would be \$15 million across southwest Riverside county.

Why has this gone on so long?

Water Districts manage themselves. Unlike privately owned water companies, there is no oversight by the State Water Resources Board or the CPUC California Public Utilities Commission. Management answers only to the elected Directors of the District and to LAFCO. LAFCO (Local Area Formation Commission) for Riverside County is tasked with the job of approving boundaries. This committee is comprised of elected officials from across the entire county including a select group of city councilmembers, water district directors, two county Supervisors and one appointed resident of the county. What the Commission failed to do was to ensure that all water districts could serve the residents of the county fairly and equitably. As an example, the eastern desert area of the county is served by only one Water District. That district encompasses an area of 135 square miles and serves their residents with both water and sewer service. Compare this to the small

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Movie Review

How to Train Your Dragon 2



DreamWorks Animation was, at one point, the only major competitor that Disney had. Warner Brothers and Fox occasionally attracted attention but from the late 1990s through the early 2010s, Disney and DreamWorks were neck to neck in crafting stories that everyone could enjoy. Not every film was a hit but the Shrek and Kung Fu Panda series were seen as the flagship characters from DreamWorks with a branding image. Shrek's face would appear on clothing and popsicles while Kung Fu Panda was made into every kind of toy. While I like both movies, neither are my favorites.

My favorite DreamWorks animated movie has to be *How to Train Your Dragon*. There are many reasons why I should have hated it as it contains many of the plot sequences that I cannot stand; the dopy kid who becomes the hero; hiding the pet; parents that won't listen to reason; and the liar-revealed plot. However, despite all of that, DreamWorks allowed the scenes sufficient time to get an idea of every emotion the character went through. Great animation, a fantastic story, and even a great dragon battle made *How to Train Your Dragon* a masterpiece. So I had a lot of hyped up expectations for *How to Train Your Dragon 2*.

Set five years after the first movie, the Viking village of Berk has settled into the idea of having dragons as full pets. Our hero Hiccup (played by Jay Baruchel) has matured into a twenty year old, taking plenty of time with his dragon Toothless to explore new worlds. His father Stoick the Vast (played by Gerald Butler) feels that his son is now ready to replace him as chief of the village. Hiccup flies off to think about the offer, with his girlfriend Astrid (Played by America Ferrera) for emotional support.

Hiccup and Astrid encounter a dragon poacher named Eret who reveals that he's gathering as many dragons as possible for his chief, an insane conqueror named Drago Bludvist (played by Djimon Hounsou). Hiccup and Astrid get away in time to tell Stoick, who thinks that Drago

wants a full war. Hiccup wants to solve the situation with peace and flies off to try

On his way to Drago's lair, another dragon rider captures him, only to reveal herself as Hiccup's long lost mother, Valka (played by Cate Blanchett). Hiccup hears the explanation for her disappearance and more information about Drago that could make Hiccup's war much darker than expected. Craig Ferguson, Jonah Hill, Kristen Wigg, and Christopher Mintz-Plasse all return in this sequel as Berk Vikings.

Talk about a sequel that doesn't rehash the first movie! *How to Train Your Dragon 2* matures the story and characters in a way that brings in more comedy, more action, and even some gripping drama. The movie knows what it wants to give its audience and allows plenty of time for development of Hiccup, his mother and his father becoming a family.

I love seeing how much Hiccup has really aged and how he has to come to grips with finding a way to become the leader his father wants him to be, while continuing to fulfill his position as a peacekeeper. His road is much darker here where simple reason is not enough to stop an enemy. We get to see a Viking war with many dragons that is so intense and so well shot that this battle is up there with *Game of Thrones* and *Lords of the Rings*.

Like the first movie, *How to Train Your Dragon 2*'s animation is stunning, really expanding the Viking world we thought we knew and even throwing in some creative dragons not seen before. I hope this franchise is continued as this series could become one of the all time great fantasy stories. Let's just hope DreamWorks can achieve a hit with this one.

I'll give this five Toothless dragons out of five. *How to Train Your Dragon 2* is the rare sequel that improves upon the first, soaring high like the dragon it wants to be.

More Robert Nickerson reviews are available at www.mastermindfilmproductions.com

College Athletic Signing



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Just A Minute



Betty O'Brien
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Stubborn

Good genes, favorable environment, luck and a healthy lifestyle have a lot to do with it, but I think those of us who have lived long beyond the pangs and passions of youth have a strong streak of stubbornness.

I must have been a stubborn kid. My father, not unkindly, called me "a square-headed Dutchman (German)," though I am solidly half Irish. I guess I usually got whatever I was seriously determined to have.

My own first recollection of stubbornness was when, at about age 6 or 7, my father brought home a pair of roller skates for me. I eyed them critically, noting the soft leather panel which laced over the arch of the foot, and said, "Those are baby skates. I want skates with ball 'bearians.'" He tried, with no success, to explain that my feet were too small for skates with ball bearings. He, a machinist, finally bought and cut down steel skates which did fit my feet. I wore them for more than five years and he patiently extended the axle and replaced the wheels when the steel wore through and the ball bearings fell out.

Stubbornness can save money. A collection of readings was a required text for a sophomore course in Comparative Literature. At the bookstore I discovered that the text was expensive, heavy and had fine print on tissue thin pages. I didn't buy it. Instead, each week I went to the library and looked up the readings. Very often, I found the library selection was lighter, had better print format and often included illustrations.

Stubbornness can call up unexpected bravery. Newcomers to California, we had just bought our ten-passenger station wagon. I commented that I had to take the

driver's test and was apprehensive about parallel parking. The salesman said, "You can borrow my Mustang; it will be easier." "No thanks, I can do it," I said. Amazingly, I did.

I once stubbornly battled and won at "bait and switch." A department store nearby, in a full-page newspaper ad, offered a Boston rocker at a great price. Within an hour of the store's opening, I went there to buy the rocker. Brushing off the salesperson's attempt to steer me to a more expensive rocker, I asked for the manager, presented my case, and six weeks later got my Boston rocker. It's still in the family.

I confess I almost gave up on cream puffs. I dumped one dozen eggs into my Sunbeam Mixmaster, turned it on, and in a minute looked at uncooked, curdled, scrambled eggs. The "batter" looked so bad I threw the whole mess out. "This recipe is supposed to work," I mulled. I must have done something wrong. I again put twelve eggs in the bowl, got to the curdled mess stage again, but kept mixing and folding just another two or three minutes and the "mess" turned into a mass of satiny batter. Despite calories and cholesterol, I still occasionally make picture-perfect cream puffs.

I'm a pretty good gardener so when the nursery said fuchsias are difficult to grow in this hot, dry climate I thought, "Watch me." In my old yard in the San Francisco Bay Area I had big fuchsias, little fuchsias, fuchsias tall and fuchsias small on the fence and on the wall. So I bought them here. I planted them inside and outside - always in shady spots. But as soon as I turned my back, my beauties drooped and threatened to die until I finally gave up. I failed fuchsias. But would you like a cream puff?

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McCabe's Nursery is a family run business serving the Temecula Valley and was formed in 2003 by key founder John McCabe after his retirement from the pharmaceutical sales industry in 2002. Having a talent and passion for designing landscapes as well as having extensive knowledge of plants and trees, John decided to combine his talents of designing outdoor living spaces, botany, and his sales and marketing background to create McCabe's Nursery which has since grown to 40 employees.

The ten acre plant and tree nursery carries over 55,000 plants and trees. They also provide custom landscaping design

(as pictured below), outdoor living spaces, patio covers, outdoor kitchens, fire and water features, sod, and irrigation systems. In addition to their sales operation, they offer maintenance services, typically without the use of subcontractors, to customers in Murrieta, Temecula, Wildomar, Fallbrook, Menifee, and Winchester.

While the business has experienced significant growth during its ten year history, it has also faced challenges. The business was at breakeven for 2010 and reported losses in 2011. Despite the challenges of our continuing economic downturn, the business began reporting net profits in 2012 and 2013.

"John McCabe's story is one that resonates with many of us - after a successful career in one industry, he took his passion and created a successful, growing business around it that employs his family and dozens of skilled industry professionals while providing a valuable service to the communities in southwest Riverside County," said J. Quijada, Director at SBA's Santa Ana Office.




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A special thanks goes out to Al Rattan, Lydia Percia and Charlene

Kussner of Continental East Development, our new landlords at our Murrieta location. Generous support of this event was provided by: Care RX, Chancellor Place, Elite Health Care, Get Air, LivHome Caregiving, P3 Fitness, Premier Transport, ResCare Caregiving, Sunny Rose Glen and Walgreens Crescent .We are very grateful for their support.

Visiting Nurse Association California (VNA) is a non-profit home health and hospice agency dedicated to enhancing lives every day.



Academic Achievement

Classical Conversations of Temecula, a homeschool community, was pleased to present the academic award of Memory Master to seven hard-working students this school year. These students endured four rigorous proofing tests in order to earn their Memory Master status. Each of these proofings required them to demonstrate complete mastery of seven independent subjects of memory work. These subjects were history, timeline, science, math, geography, English grammar, and Latin. If asked, these students could tell you 161 events and people in a chronological timeline; the story of Europe in twelve concise sentences; the 44

US Presidents; over 100 locations and geographic features in Europe and Asia; facts about biomes, planets, the laws of motion, and the laws of thermodynamics; Latin verb endings of the first conjugation; the eight parts of speech, list of indefinite pronouns, important grammar definitions; and the multiplication tables up to 15X15! Pictured from left to right are Samuel Roen 3rd grade, Andru Henson 5th grade, Katherine Roen 2nd grade, Sarah Schumann 4th grade, Braedon Kindreich 5th grade, Addison Kindreich 7th grade, and Joseph McDonald 5th grade.

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Achieving a goal with the help of RTA Dial-A-Ride

Marion Miller invited some unlikely people to attend her MSJC college graduation. The Temecula resident sent invitations to several Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Dial-A-Ride drivers to attend the ceremony. That might seem like a strange request, but Marion says she wouldn't have gotten her associate's degree without them.

For more than two years, the single mother relied on RTA's Dial-A-Ride service to get to and from the Menifee campus where she studied sociology. Marion qualified for the special curb-to-curb service due to her cerebral palsy, which prevented her from driving her own car and riding RTA's larger fixed-route buses. "This service was a godsend," she said. "It truly helped me become more mobile and more successful. They believed in me and were a big source of support for me on this journey to graduation."

The specialized service isn't for everyone. In fact, applicants must demonstrate that their disabilities prevent them from using RTA's standard bus system. Still, the program remains a popular alternative for hundreds of qualified Inland residents. Last year, the service provided more than 400,000 trips to and



from medical appointments, work places, and shopping and entertainment destinations.

For Marion, it was the trips to her college that mattered most. "School was difficult but getting to class was a piece of cake," she said. "I couldn't have made it to graduation day without my drivers."

One of those drivers is Arnold Quinonez (pictured). "We're big fans of Marion," Quinonez said. "We all knew how hard she worked to graduate. If we played a small part in helping her reach her dream of graduating, then we couldn't be happier."

Marion plans to attend UC Riverside and pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

National Youth Arts Competition

The Chaparral High School Performing Arts Department is pleased to announce that students and staff in its Drama Department, under the direction of Chris Irvin, drama/music theater teacher, have earned three awards and five additional nominations in the Ninth Annual National Youth Arts Awards for the 2013-2014 season.

Award winners are: Lead Actor in a Play, James Bowen (Leon in Fools); Supporting Actor in a Musical, James Bowen (Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar); and Supporting Actress in a Musical,

Avalon Penrose (Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar).

Nominations were awarded to: Lead Actor in a Musical, Samuel Irvin (Jesus in Jesus Christ Superstar); Lead Actress in a Musical, Madison Francis (Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar); Supporting Actor in a Musical, Greg McMahon (Pilate in Jesus Christ Superstar); Ensemble in Jesus Christ Superstar, Set Design, Scott Carey, Chris Irvin, Kent Gerow, and CHS Stage Tech students (Fools); and Direction, Chris Irvin (Jesus Christ Superstar).

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to repair violins and other musical instruments. Eventually Ruch was inspired to build his own musical instrument from scratch. He decided to build a Celtic harp which he has played in church on several occasions.

"I see instruments in magazines and I know I've got to try making it", said Ruch. He wrote to a museum and asked for dimensions for the viola de amore they were displaying, and with the information they provided, he built one.

Upon retirement two years ago, Ruch expanded his talent for woodworking with the encouragement of his friend, Al Gingher. Al taught him how to use a scroll saw, and Ruch caught the "bug". His favorite part of his new hobby is Intarsia which involves creating a picture out of wood. Pieces of the picture are cut from different woods and assembled similarly to a jigsaw puzzle.

He also likes Segmentation, an art method similar to intarsia, except that all the picture puzzle pieces come from the same wood, with the colors being differentiated by applying stains or other means.

Another aspect of woodworking he enjoys is Fretwork in which he takes a photograph, converts it to a line drawing,

then cuts it out in wood to make a "carved" portrait.

The passion can be seen in Ruch's eyes when he shows the many different colors and grains that he works with such as Poplar, a white hardwood, or Lace wood, which is red. His shop, a modest shed in his yard, contains large and small pieces of these colorful wood strips ready to be trimmed and assembled into his next work of art.

Ruch has recently joined a group of similar minded wood artists, the Hemet Scrollers, who meet in Nuevo. The group has created and donated over 100 hand made wooden toys to Loma Linda, VIP Tots, and other children's organizations.

Recently, Ruch decided to display his wood creations at the Arts Showcase event that Arts Council Menifee hosted at the Countryside Marketplace. He sold 4 of his pieces that day.

"The Arts Council has offered me a place to show my work right here in town, which gives me inspiration to create more", said Ruch.

For more information on this Artist of the Month, please visit: www.artscouncilmenifee.org

Submitted by Bill Zimmerman,
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ROBBER BARONS

In the nineteenth Century, Jay Gould, who controlled the Erie Railroad, outmaneuvered his archrival, Cornelius Vanderbilt, who ran the New York Central Railroad. Both wanted to secure the lucrative business of shipping cattle from Chicago to New York. And so, a price war ensued. As they undercut each other, the price for shipping cattle dropped to a fraction of what would sustain a profit. Then the intrepid Gould changed tactics. He bought up every steer in Chicago, raised the price of shipping by the Erie Road to full price, and shipped his cattle on the New York Central, thereby getting Vanderbilt to subsidize his venture. Mr. Gould, was indeed, a crafty entrepreneur.

BAILOUTS?? NOTHING NEW

In the early days of the Roman Empire, a shrewd manipulator named Crassus became the richest man in Rome by buying up rights to collect taxes from citizens beyond the reach of official collections (His favorite trick was flooding valleys forcing landowners to move their livestock to higher ground. Thereby, getting a true count of the herd to

be levied). Such "tax farming" was initially quite lucrative as these scoundrels discovered they could pocket the difference between the amount collected and the amount they had agreed to pay the emperor. As more and more Romans tried to get in on the act, however, prices of these collection contracts rose to the point that the tax collector could never collect enough to cover the obligations to Rome. Crassus, then called upon his lobbying skills to convince government to organize one of history's first bailouts. The notion that a financial institution is "Too big to Fail" has deep roots in history.

EXPLOITING THE POOR VIA DEBIT CARDS

One of the most nefarious scams foisted upon an ill-informed populace is prepaid debit cards. The sweeping financial reform that had bankers scrambling to recoup lost revenue, did not affect prepaid debit card issuers. Russell Simmons, who sells the prepaid debit card called "Rush Card" argued that poor people cannot afford a checking account. This flimsy, flawed argument smacks of total nonsense. Affordability takes on a completely new meaning when one considers the cost of securing a prepaid debit card: \$3.00 activation fee, \$9.95 monthly maintenance fee, \$1.00 for each purchase that a PIN is used and \$1.00 for each online bill pay. Another misconception about prepaid debit cards is that they will enhance your ability to secure a credit card. Totally misleading and decidedly untrue. Exploiting the poor and ill-educated is not illegal, but it is immoral and shameful.

Answer to last month's basenall trivia: Tim McCarver of the St. Louis Cardinals scored the last run at Shibe Park. The colourful chatterbox is still hamming up broadcast studios.

Have a safe fourth and a wonderful month of July.

Edd McDermott, Menifee

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area of Murrieta (about 35 square miles) where LAFCO allowed this city to be chopped up into five districts for water and sewer service.

Murrieta councilmembers are particularly inept at protecting its citizens and tax base revenue. They frequently send, at taxpayer expense, one of their leaders on a trip to China to try to attract Chinese businesses to their city. If they were focused on lost revenue right in their own back yard they would be petitioning LAFCO for consolidation of the five water district boundaries so only one District would serve its residents in a fair and equitable manner. The savings from sewer and fixed charges would be in the millions of dollars per year. That money, in turn, would be available for spending with local

merchants where sales tax would benefit the city. This additional disposable income has the potential to also attract new businesses to the city.

Isn't it time for all residents of southwest Riverside County to pay reasonable and equal rates? Government managers answer to the elected officials and the elected officials answer to those who got them elected. Since 75% of our registered voters don't vote, it is no wonder why the long arm of the corporate interests was able to reach out and buy election power and influence.

A new election season is upon us. It is time for change!

Douglas VanderHeide, Murrieta

Archives of the April, May and June issues of the Bugle are available on request by emailing info@thebugle.com

Bingo at VMHS

Bingo is a winner for more than just one reason at Vista Murrieta High school. For over a year, Vista Murrieta Golden Alliance Marching band and Color Guard has been hosting Bingo every Tuesday night. Ron and Deb Matthews thought up the idea keeps it going with the help of volunteers. It has been a great way to raise money for the kids as well as a fun and enjoyable way to spend Tuesday evenings.

Bingo volunteers start arriving at 2:30 to get the concession stand ready to serve hot dogs, chips, coffee, soft drinks, water,

and other treats that the customers enjoy. Kids set up the tables and chairs, flash board, TV monitors and get the caller's station ready. Everything is ready by 4:30 when the doors open. At 6:10 it's time to get down to business. The rules of the game are read by the caller and our early bird special game begins promptly at 6:15

Come out and join us at VMHS and play Bingo. Prizes generally range from \$100 - \$250. Tell the girls at the door Jay sent you and get a special option coupon.

Attorney Rossi's Special Offers for Probate, Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning are on Page 7 in the Reader Ad section. Be sure to mention the Bugle when you call.

FLAG DAY AT THE LODGE

Flag Day was celebrated on June 11, four days before the actual date of June 14, at the Lake Elsinore / Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591.

The Elks were the first to come up with the idea of a Flag Day in 1907. June 14 was selected as that day by the Grand Lodge. In 1911, observance became obligatory for all lodges but it was not until August 3, 1949 that President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 203 designating June 14 as Flag Day.

Jim Bustamante, Exalted Ruler, opened the meeting with everyone singing the "Star Spangled Banner". He then led a ritual, created by the Grand Lodge where lodge officers narrate the significance of the flag, love of country, the Elk relation-



ship to the flag and what it represents.

Larry Ryan, Lodge Scouting Chairman, then gave a presentation on the history of the development of the flags of the United States from pre-revolutionary days to the present.

As Larry described the different flags and their period of use, Cub Scouts from Pack 20 and Boy Scouts from Troop 430,

brought flags from each period and posted them in the lodge room. Jim then led everyone in a Salute to the Flag.

Gerald Babinski, Past Exalted Ruler, then gave an oration about the flag and its meaning to Elksdom. The meeting was concluded with all singing "God Bless America".

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DYNAMINC WOMEN LUNCH & DINNER MEETINGS

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Wednesday, July 9 • Networking & Lunch Meeting - 11:30am
Speaker: Carrie Flintom "Awaken The Hero Within"

Thursday, July 24 • Networking & Dinner Meeting - 5:30pm
Speaker: Dr. Wanda Binats, PhD
"Using Your Thoughts to Manifest Your Desires"

Meeting Fee: Members \$10, Guests \$15 (Cash or check payable to Robbie Motter)

Location: Boston Billie's (26850 Cherry Hills Blvd. Menifee). Meal may be ordered and paid for by the individual directly to the restaurant.

RSVP: Robbie Motter, Director: 951-679-8048 rmotter@aol.com

Club/Org Events

Retired, Set, Go! meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 11:30-12:30 at the Sun City Library, 26982 Cherry Hills Blvd. Free and the public is invited. Topics: aging issues and fun topics of interest to the community. Hospice of the Valleys **951-200-7800**.

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 or call **951-775-1191**.

Quilts of Valor Foundation - Meets at the Assistance League in Temecula. All fabric is provided. Finished quilts are donated to Veterans. Bring your sewing machine, pins, scissors, rulers. Learn to make quilt blocks. Call Norma for meeting dates **(951) 698-8791**

GWP (Grandparents Without Partners) has a breakfast meeting in Wildomar every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am Join us and meet new friends - order what you like. Call or e-mail Genie for location. **951-461-9560** ngenies@aol.com

Personal Fitness Training now offered at Kay Cenicerros Senior Center for adults age 65 and over. Geri-Fit® Certified Strength Trainer. All equipment provided. Gift certificates available. For more info or to register, call **951-694-6873** or visit gerifit.com

Murrieta Breakfast Lions - Sight and Hearing Assistance Service Club plus youth programs. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7-8 am. Grand Isle Apts. on Village Walk. **951-677-8548 or 461-3054**

Temecula Valley Elks #2801 meet on the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Lodge located at 28061 Diaz Road in Temecula. For info call **951-695-7470**

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks #2591 meet on the first four Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge located at 33700 Mission Trail, Wildomar. For info call (951) **674-6804**.

Assistance League of Temecula Valley meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month; 9:30 a.m. social; 10:00 a.m. meeting. 28720 Via Montezuma, Temecula Visitors welcome. **951-694-8018**

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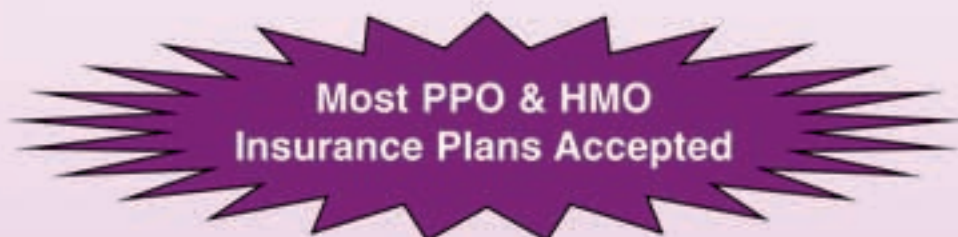
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