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Menifee Painter Inspired by Disaster Volunteer Work

When Hurricane Sandy swept through the Caribbean and up the East Coast of the United States in late October 2012, the storm left dozens dead, thousands homeless and millions without water and power.

"The scene was unbelievable", recalls Mimi Maki, a Menifee resident who serves as a disaster volunteer and public affairs spokesperson for the Red Cross. Many of us remember the images of destruction from television news coverage at the time, but Maki's recollection is from first hand experience. Maki was deployed by the Red Cross to provide humanitarian efforts of mercy to the people whose lives were literally turned upside down.

Maki, a patron member of Arts Council Menifee, has been selected to be honored as November's "Artist of the Month". Maki, a self-taught impressionist and abstract painter, describes how painting has been a cathartic way of expressing and sharing the images from her experiences. "When I return from a deployment, I have a lot of emotions churning inside me. Putting those images on canvas is my way of releasing them while honoring the work that our volunteers do".

As Maki shares her thoughts, she pauses, and begins to swell with emotion. "Painting is a release for the soul. It opens

you up. I cannot imagine a world without the arts. Humans, as a civilization, need music, literature and visual arts to give us our conscience and our humanity" she shares with feeling.

Maki was originally inspired to become a disaster volunteer while she was employed as an airlines customer service supervisor. In January 2000, Alaska Airlines lost a flight off the coast of California near the Channel Islands. As part of the CARE Team, she assisted with the tragedy, the most difficult thing she had ever done. However, she remembers a feeling of relief that she experienced as she surveyed the scene. "On the beach were these folks in red jackets. They were Red Cross members there to help us, and we could not have accomplished our task without them". Maki decided that upon retirement she would sign up to volunteer as a way to give back.

Her experiences on disaster deployments are frequently depicted in her paintings and have won acclaim, especially her "Sandy" series which were made into pins as a fundraiser for the Red Cross and are now much sought after.

As a relatively new member of the

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MSJC Fall Scholarship Luncheon

MSJC awarded nearly \$60,000 in scholarships at the annual President's State of the College Luncheon and Fall Scholarship Awards Ceremony held on Nov. 19. The ceremony, which in previous years was held at the Menifee Valley Campus, was moved to the Menifee Lakes Country Club to accommodate the growing number of students benefitting from scholarships. Four students from Mt. San Jacinto College benefited from the addition of three new scholarships through the

MSJC Foundation. In all, 57 students received scholarships totaling \$58,391 during the event.

Roger Schultz, MSJC Superintendent /President (pictured left), provided guests with a State of the College presentation. He covered the demographics of the district's students and announced that the district will offer more summer classes in 2015. He said student success numbers are climbing and talked about awards the district has received.



The Alma Brook Memorial Scholarship was awarded to students Brandi Koch and Rodrick Williams.

Reagan Monument Makes Cover of International Publication

Arising out of the ashes of an arson attack that attracted nationwide attention a little more than a year ago, the Reagan statue at the Can-Do Monument in Ronald Reagan Sports Park in Temecula, is once again attracting attention - internationally.

"It's a great way to rise out of the ashes of the fire attack he sustained a year ago," an elated Perry Peters stated, referring to the Reagan statue. "The haters have only made us stronger," he added.

Attending a recent Temecula City

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MENIFEE Christmas Tree Lighting

December 5, 2014
4:30pm - 7:30pm
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Memorial Sign Installation on the I-215

During the early afternoon hours on October 8, 1999, Deputy Eric Thach, 34, was dispatched to a report of an open door at a residence in Pedley where a home invasion robbery was in progress. Deputy Thach broadcast an 11-99 (officer needs immediate assistance) and was apparently checking alongside the residence when he was shot through a window from inside the residence. Following the shooting, the suspect fled the residence, and ran into the Santa Ana riverbed. Units responding to the 11-99 were on scene within one minute of the broadcast.

Units responding to the scene pulled Deputy Thach from the area of the residence and administered first aid. It appeared Deputy Thach had been shot with a large caliber weapon. Deputy Thach was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. The suspect was subsequently shot and fatally wounded during the search of the riverbed.

Thatch's daughter, who was 13 at the time of her father's death, is pictured by the Memorial signage that was installed on the I-215 freeway in October 2014.



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Movie Review

Big Hero 6



Talk as much as you want about what kind of future we're leaving our children, I want you to consider how much we have now. We are in the middle of the biggest transition into machines

(even more so than the industrial revolution years before) with more computers, more robots, and more information built into an interconnected computer system that is assessable to everyone. While I can't say this is making people smarter, it is certainly giving us a bigger chance to help others. The trouble with introducing new technology is that the inventor will assume that everyone will use it correctly. That is never the case.

A good example is robotics. By skimming some old *Popular Science* magazines, I see many sketches and prints of robotics acting like our personal servants. We are now living in their future (or our present) yet the majority of the tech is related to industry or toys, but no robot friends. I think the big issue with human-like robots is cracking the code for artificial intelligence of human emotions. How would you program love and hate in the simplest of terms. For now we're just going to have to step back and enjoy the newest cinematic robot creation in *Big Hero 6*.

In the futuristic metropolis of San Fransokyo (a creative combination of San Francisco and Tokyo), Hiro Hamada, a fourteen-year old robotics prodigy who has already finished high school, creates little fighting bots that he uses in street matches to make money. He's rescued from the streets by his older brother Tadashi and taken to a place where he can be appreciated; the robotics college where Tadashi is a student. Hiro is introduced to Professor Callaghan (played by James Cromwell) who encourages Hiro to enter a show that could earn him university admittance. Tadashi also introduces Hiro to Baymax; an inflatable robotic health care companion whose duty is to help the sick and injured. For the college competition, Hiro invents a bunch of nanobots (robots

that are really small but work together to do big things). The nanobots catch everyone's eye but the excitement is worn off fast when a building fire destroys the nanobots and kills Tadashi.

Hiro sulks in his room for a while and gets to know Baymax's abilities more. This causes the robot to accidentally discover that a villain in a Kabuki mask is making a ton of copies of Hiro's nanobots. This gives Hiro the motivation to build armor for Baymax and to search for the man that may be Tadashi's killer.

Big Hero 6 has the public relations distinction of being the next big hit for Disney Animation. Following *Frozen* is a bad spot to be in as most people are going to expect another major hit. *Big Hero 6* managed to entertain me but I doubt it's going to be Disney's most memorable. The best thing about the movie is the setting. San Fransokyo has an awesome look that my inner child is screaming "I WANNA GO!". The balance of the American and Japanese cultures works well as an environment for the futuristic story of robotics.

Speaking of robots, Baymax has so much of a nonthreatening and huggable design that I have a hard time imagining someone hating him. He's curious, gentle, and always wants to help people. He plays the pet role to Hiro whose story is a good one; accepting loss and finding new purpose. Hiro is smart but not yet fully mature enough to understand the need to have friends. Other characters in the film consist of the college students that Tadashi worked with and they eventually do become heroes along with Hiro and Baymax. But these characters weren't given enough film-time for personality development to be expressed. This story belongs to the boy and his robot.

I'll give this four Baymax robots out of five. Though more time with the side characters would have been nice, *Big Hero 6* has the mechanics to be an exciting, fast paced action film that most families would enjoy.

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

Laurel Cemetery in Murrieta

The Temecula Land and Water Company purchased the Murrieta town site from Juan Murrieta in 1884. In 1886, 10 acres for the cemetery were purchased for one gold U.S. dollar. The cemetery was named after the wild mountain laurel (a bluish sage) located on the Santa Rosa Plateau. Mabel Hending 1875-1886, was one of the first to be buried there.

The Murrieta Valley Cemetery District was formed in 1938 as a special district of Riverside County and funded through property taxes. Of the original 10 acres, 7 are developed. Approximately 1,200 people are buried at Laurel Cemetery which is located at 42800 Ivy Street, Murrieta.

The Pena family was among the families that recently gathered at Laurel Cemetery in Murrieta on the Day of the

Dead. It is a tradition to celebrate the lives of those who have passed before them by bringing food and to picnic at graveside.

Trustees Sought

The Resolution to increase the Laurel Cemetery Board of Directors to a 5-member board is on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for December 9, 2014. Laurel Cemetery is in the process of accepting applications for two Trustees for the Board of Directors. Trustees serve a four-year commitment. The applicant must live in Murrieta. This is a "volunteer" position.

You may submit your application to Laurel Cemetery (on line on the cemetery website - www.murrietacemetery.org - as well as to the Riverside Board of Supervisors.

suggestions and tips, and introduce new mediums to try".

Maki likes to "tell the story" through her acrylic pieces. "In using color, I try to tap into people's emotions and lead them into a story and tempt their imagination to play a bit". Three of Maki's framed works are currently displayed as part of Arts Council Menifee's gallery at the Kay Cenicerros Center.

Submitted by Bill Zimmerman, President Arts Council Menifee

Just A Minute



Betty O'Brien
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Small Miracles

"A Hundred Million Miracles," is a song from the Broadway Musical, *Flower Drum Song*. It lyrically tells of good things, small miracles that happen every day. I listened to

the song again and then wondered if any had happened to me. There were three.

The first small miracle happened when I was in first grade. Instead of walking along the wide curving highway I decided to take a short cut through a stand of tall oak and maple trees. There in the shade was a patch of purple violets waving in the late afternoon sunshine. I stooped to pick the violets and a poisonous copperhead, inches from my right hand, slithered away.

The second small miracle happened when I was about 10 years old. We lived on a steeply terraced lot. Eighteen steps led from the street below to the second level where the house and yard were located. A second flight of steps led up and around the house to a third level. On that level were a Concord grape arbor, the coal

bin, and a tall sturdy apple tree. On a strong branch my father had hung a bull rope swing with a slotted piece of wood for a seat. Pumping hard I could swing high enough to see all the terraces and across the street to a steep hill. One day the rope broke and I flew out and down, landing flat on my back, on the rocky terrace below. The wind knocked out of me, I lay there gasping, then crawled to the walkway. I suffered no permanent damage.

The third small miracle happened not so long ago. I had taken the train up the peninsula from my South Bay home to San Francisco. In my city suit and ankle strap high heels I had lunch with friends, shopped, and boarded a late afternoon train south. Mine was the next to last stop and I was the only one getting off. The doors opened and the heavily treaded steps swung out from under the train. My ankle strapped high heeled pump caught in the tread as the train began to move. I wrenched my foot free and fell to the gravel. In shredded stockings, I walked to my car, the only one in the lot.

I do believe small miracles are happening every day, but I hope I have had my share.

Teen receives Congressional Award Gold Medal

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Josiah Bierle of Temecula, age 17, was presented the Congressional Award Gold Medal by U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter. Josiah has previously received the Bronze and Silver Medals, and with determination completed the requirements for the Gold Medal. The Congressional Award has four categories with each requiring a commitment to time and service. The categories were Volunteer Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

Josiah completed 400 hours of Volunteer/Community Service working at the Temecula Public Library, March Field Air Museum as a Junior Docent and in the restoration department, and working events with the Civil Air Patrol/Air Force Auxiliary.

His Personal Development required at least 200 hours, and was accomplished by preparing for and attaining his Private Pilot License, which he completed on his 17th birthday.

The 200+ hours for Physical Fitness were completed through competitive swimming. Josiah is a Junior Olympic level competitive swimmer.

The final requirement was a 4-day/4-night Expedition to a location that would be completely new to him. Josiah chose to plan a camping trip and hiking in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Two beautiful hikes and exploration of Font's Point and Slot Canyon highlighted the trip, as well as adapting to some extreme weather involving rain, sleet, and snow during the last night.

Josiah has enjoyed the challenges of the Congressional Award Program so much, that he now has become an advisor to another young man who is completing the requirements to attain his Bronze Medal.

Josiah is a High School Senior this year, and with the application process almost complete, aspires to attend the United States Air Force Academy next year.



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Arts Council, Maki already has found her place in the local art activities, and enjoys the benefits of being a patron member. She signed up for a display booth at last year's "Arts Showcase" held at the Countryside marketplace in Menifee, and sold one of her larger pieces there. "I appreciate the welcoming atmosphere and encouragement I get from the other artist members", said Maki. "We give each other gentle



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Friday, December 5	2014 Christmas Tree Lighting	City of Menifee (Menifee Town Center)	4:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Saturday, December 6	Winterfest	City of Lake Elsinore (Downtown Main Street)	4:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Saturday, December 6	Festival of Trees and Push Cart Parade	City Murrieta (Town Square Park)	3:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
Saturday, December 13	Breakfast with Santa	City of Wildomar (Fire Station 61, 32637 Gravel St, Wildomar, CA 92595)	8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.
Saturday, December 13	Parade of Light and Winter Festival	City of Norco (3737 Crestview Ave., Norco 92860)	9:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.

For more information, contact Tyler Masters, WRCOG, at (951) 955-8378 or masters@wrcog.ca.us

   

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Wine Town Rollers Holiday Bout

The Wine Town Rollers (WTR), Temecula's first and only roller derby league, will be hosting a 'Babes in Toyland' holiday bout and their season closer on Saturday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at 951 Elite Volleyball on 36595 Kevin Rd in Wildomar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with first whistle at 7 p.m. Tickets at early bird prices of \$5 are available for purchase on brownpapertickets.com, \$8 at the door (cash only) and free for children 10 and under.

The 'Babes in Toyland' bout will feature skaters from the league's home team and also WTR's newest Harvest skaters, those athletes who have passed their skills tests and are waiting to be drafted to a home team. The bout will pair up Team Nice vs. Team Naughty to bring their best roller derby game to the track for a night of hard-hitting and strategic action.

The bout will include music, vendors, raffles, food and half-time activities to accompany the full roller derby bout. Fans are encouraged to dress in their favorite holiday colors, costumes, and more for the chance to win prizes given out by the WTR event staff throughout the evening.

WTR is devoted to the hard-hitting world of women's flat-track roller derby and is currently comprised of three home teams, the Winchester Rivals, Margarita Hot Sprints, the Hit Bosses and their travel team, the Whine Makers. In addition to these teams, WTR also has a 16-week Raisinette training program for new skaters learning skating skills and the game of roller derby.

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Five Honored For Work In Veterans Education

At the November 8 Tribute held at the Community Recreation Center in Ronald Reagan Sports Park, Michael R. McCracken, president and founder of Veterans – Temecula Valley, presented five awards to individuals who excelled in the use of education as a tool to help veterans advance themselves and their communities.

Outstanding Community Service Awards were presented to Master Chief Petty Officer Hank Mikalisi, USN (Ret.), Major Wilma Owens, USMC, Master Gunnery Sergeant Isaac Ford Jr., USMC (Ret.), and Master Sergeant Wendy Sickora, USMC (Ret.). The fifth recipient preferred to remain anonymous and was presented the award privately.

Keynote speaker was Major Owens, currently Dean of Career & Technical Extended Education at Palomar Community College in San Marcos. She pointed out that too many veterans leave military service without information on the educational opportunities available to them. They have the skills and ability to succeed in life, but they are not getting the proper guidance. "Yes, there is a program for educating veterans for post-military service," she noted, "however, there are still some who fall short of receiving this knowledge, and they can use our help."



Master Chief Mikalisi was selected in large part for his service at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, as manager of the task analysis section of individualized learning development under the Chief of Naval Technical Training. His department designed and developed prototype self-paced computer-managed instructional packages for the Basic Electricity /Electronics School. Mikalisi conducted workshops for curriculum developers on performing job analysis that required deletions, updating, and development of new lesson materials to match current shipboard configurations.

He received a framed award-winning photo "Coming Home," by local photographer Mrs. Nelda Argusa. Her photo, *Coming Home*, just completed touring various area art exhibits, and was on display in Temecula City Hall chambers. She donated the photo and said



that by accepting the award, (the recipient) "was getting a piece of her heart, as well." The photo depicts a military-family couple holding hands with the chain of his military dog tags entwined in their clasp.



The art photographer made a particular impression on Master Chief Mikalisi, who was obviously moved by the gift. As a veteran, he had to wear civilian clothes when he returned home because "those who did not serve would call us names, and we did not feel welcome when we wore our uniforms." The photo, according to McCracken, represents the positive and negative impact of military service; however, it is a constant reminder of who we are and why we serve.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Ford is a recruitment coordinator of diversity and military outreach. Master Sergeant Sickora is Military Liaison and Director of Military Education outreach for Ashford University.

Each award-winner was chosen for specific accomplishments, but, it was, and remains, the dedication to comrades which ties them together: never leaving anyone behind on the battle field. In this situation, the bond is extended to education, post-military service, using their military experience connections to reach out and support veterans and those on active duty to achieve their goals and continue their successful/productive lifestyle in our communities.

Celestine Butler sang the Star Spangled Banner. Butler is a freshman at USC's Thornton School of Music. She recently sang with legendary vocal artist Chaka Khan. Butler's father, Preston, a Marine Corps veteran, was an honoree at a past Tribute.



The Temecula Valley High School JROTC presented the Colors. Of the group's leader, Chief Master Sergeant Jeffrey "Chip" Dodson, USAF (Ret.), McCracken offered "a special thanks to one of the greatest examples of

Canyon Lake Holiday Home Tour

The Canyon Lake Women's Club invites you to celebrate the Holiday Season at their Magical Mystery Holiday Home Tour, where you will delight in six beautifully decorated Homes, Our Holiday Boutique and our Opportunity Drawing for uniquely decorated trees and wreaths, all to benefit Local Charities. (For a list of our local charity beneficiary's please visit our web page at www.canyonlakewomanclub.com/recipient-list)

This year's Holiday Home Tour will be held on Sunday, December 7, starting at 9am, where we will gather at the Canyon Lake Lodge for Boutique shopping and complementary refreshments. For your enjoyment the bar will be open.

The Holiday Showcase Home Tour starts at 11am and is a self-guided tour of six unique homes. You can visit the homes in any order and at your own pace. Each home will be beautifully decorated with the Magical Spirit that only the Christmas Holidays can bring! Children 12 and over welcome.

Tickets are \$15 and are 100% tax deductible! Tickets available at the Canyon Lake Towne Center (31568 Railroad Canyon Road) at Coldwell Banker, Pack, Wrap and Post and the POA. For your convenience tickets are also available online at clwc.brownpapertickets.com

Community Voice

Assessment of post-election, new Congress policy

Throughout our land, the Republican party has fragmented its electoral base into intractable dogmatic wings that defy any attempt to unite for practical advantage in winning races for governmental offices. Socially moderate leaders of the modern party are at odds, even engaged in open warfare, with more conservative elements of the Lincoln legacy. Major battles for office at all levels of government are lost regularly when a pragmatist accepts lawful rare abortions in instances of rape or incest, because the evangelists and dogmatic Catholics withhold support on moral grounds. Similar opposition to mushrooming welfare benefits or government intrusion may lack support from charitable humanitarians who promote the social safety net. Illegal immigration spawns discord between honest opinions that differ substantively about whose sins should morally be forgiven in THIS world, rather than in the next. Similar differences divide devout Republicans on the issue of unisex marriage. Race rage divides many otherwise reasonable citizens within the same party, a plight shared with Democrats, Libertarians, and other affiliations.

Considering the wide differences in every group, the most fractious occur in, and condemn the GOP. This is most probably a result of excess pride fueled by conservative convictions widely held in rural, provincial regions in fly-over America. It could be inferred that the

solid coalitions binding the Democrat party are only possible because of loosely-held, fact-free generalities of "belief" or "feelings." Whatever the reason, it is not only possible, but predictable, that die-hard progressive/socialists among Dems strongly bond divergent groups together to fight and win important elections.

Imagine how ugly a Clinton primary could get, if the Teachers' Union decided that private school professors were not capable of honesty. Or, if mega-corporate PACs and labor union funds discouraged support for Latinos, Black people and poverty-stricken welfare recipients. The ghetto-dwellers who suffer inordinate drive-by injury would denigrate gun control promoters to the detriment of any centrist candidate from the "party for the little guy."

If only the knot-heads who make up the Republican party could similarly compromise or work together for the common good, gaining favor enough to win occasional control of California and other coastal governments, there might one day appear the vaunted diversity and inclusiveness so heralded by Democrat ideologues. It would be a welcome relief from current hegemony that is riddled by European Utopia thought and action, and the battles fought over the smallest of differences would be much easier to wage than those against major differences held by Democrats. **Ken Woytek, Menifee**

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North Pole 2014

Climbing Higher, a special needs community, presents "North Pole 2014" on Sunday, December 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at RockRidge Church located at 27570 Commerce Center Drive, #125, in Temecula.

A wonderful program is planned for all special needs young adults, their families and caregivers. The program will include many groups of singers and dancers, some from the Climbing Higher special needs community. Santa Claus will be there with gifts for all, a special Christmas Story and holiday snacks.

We invite all to come! Questions, call 951-676-8129.

community involvement, pride of service, mentorship, and team-work. Through his leadership the phrase, 'giving back to the community is taken to a whole new level.'

Azusa Pacific University, Pennsylvania State University, Kaplan University. Academy of Art University of San Francisco, the Folds of Honor and W.A.V.E.S. Project representatives attended the Tribute. Door prizes were donated by Azusa Pacific, Pennsylvania State and Kaplan Universities, San Joaquin College, Famous Dave's and The Legends Golf Club. For more information on this program, how to get involved, or to add resources to our inventory, e-mail michael@veteranstemeculavalley.com

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Council meeting at a friend's suggestion, Peters, president and founder of Friends of Ronald Reagan Sports Park, was surprised to be called up to the podium to receive a copy of A & E Magazine, a monthly publication for awards and engraving professionals world-wide.

Presenting him with a copy of the publication was Bob Hagel, a member of the city's Public Traffic Safety Commission. Without Perry's knowledge, Hagel, who, with his wife, Dana, have owned Eagle's Mark Awards and

Signs of Murrieta for 12 years, submitted the shot that was selected to appear on the cover of the October issue of A & E.

Hagel visited and took pictures of the Monument at 6:30 a.m. one morning, and again later that evening, determined to get the perfect shot. He was proud of the fact he was given the job of etching the Reagan quotation on the granite behind his statue. He learned of the competition just a week before the deadline for submissions.

According to Hagel, the statue was different from most memorials of individuals. Sculptor Christopher

Pardell, who created the Monument, gave it a distinct quality -- not your usual man on a pedestal. Proud of having done the engraving for this Monument, Hagel also believes his photo was selected because Reagan is very well known and liked across the globe.

Ironically, the Monument is not yet complete. Four figures -- a father, mother, son and daughter -- representing the volunteers who actually built the park, cannot be added until an additional \$60,000 is raised. Artist rendering below magazine cover. Donations are accepted at www.ronaldreagansportspark.com

Book Review by Esther Tyrrell



Looking for the perfect gift for the reader on your list? Here are my recommendations:

Three outstanding memoirs:

Special Deluxe: A Memoir of Life and Cars by Neil Young (Blue Rider Press, Penguin Audio), a behind-the-scenes look into the artist's journey from Canadian schoolboy to rock'n'roll icon.

The frothy and lavishly illustrated *True Love* (Celebra Hardcover and Penguin Audio), a glimpse into two tumultuous years in the life of Jennifer Lopez.

And Richard Zoglin's *Hope: Entertainer of the Century* (Simon & Schuster, Brilliance Audio) that chronicles the life and times of show business legend Bob Hope.

Those into non-stop action will enjoy *Sentinels of Fire* by P.T. Deutermann (St. Martin's Press, Brilliance Audio), a historically accurate account of World War II involving Japanese Kamikazes vs. American destroyers. And *The Lost Key* by Catherine Coulter (Putnam Adult and Brilliance Audio), that takes rookie FBI agents to Wall Street searching for the unlikely combination of hidden treasure, U-boats, and vicious murderers.

Sure to contribute to thought-provoking conversations are *Stop the Coming Civil War* by controversial politico Michael Savage (Center Street Publishing and Hachette Audio) that explores the consequences of today's disturbing chasm between the Right and the Left. And John Maxwell's *Good Leaders Ask Good Questions* (Center Street Publishing and Hachette Audio), an inspirational instruction manual in achieving excellence in leadership.

Two impressive coffee table books are *Rock and Roll Stories* by Lynn Goldsmith (Abrams) with photographs and anecdotes highlighting classic rock greats like Mick Jagger, Genesis, Patti Smith and Bruce Springsteen. And *The New York Times Complete World War 2: 1939-1945*, Ed. by Richard Overy (Black Dog & Leventhal).

You will keep the young artists on your list busy with *Draw!* by Raúl Colón (Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books) and the interactive *Mix It Up!* by Herve Tullet (Chronicle Books). They're both playful and educational.

Happy Holidays!

Monthly Bingo at Chaparral High

Bingo dates are planned for select Saturdays: Dec 13, 2014; Jan 17, 2015, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, June 20, and July 18, 2015 in the Chaparral High gymnasium located at 27215 Nicolas Rd. in Temecula.

Doors open at 5 pm, First bingo game starts at 6 pm. The \$20 buy-in fee includes admission and first pack of 10 bingo games. Additional games, daubers, raffle tickets, and refreshments are available to purchase. Bingo players must be 18 or older. No students, regardless of age, and no smoking on school grounds.

Proceeds from games will help fund school programs. Attendees should check the website www.chsef.org prior to attendance to confirm scheduled dates.

Happy Holiday Season



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Elks Honor Veterans

On Veteran's Day, November 11, the Temecula Valley Elk members and officers were honored to have a celebration of the heroes of our Nation. They invited our Elk Veterans, Veterans of the community, family, friends and neighbors to join in this celebration. Vince's Spaghetti of Temecula generously provided the meal for the Veterans! They had a distinguished guest speaker, Mr. George Kinnison, who spoke about his tremendous life history. He was a World War II Submarine

Veteran; a Korean War Air Force pilot Veteran and spent over 20 years as a civilian test pilot. His fascinating talk about his exciting and colorful life was a walk in history. The Lodge had more than 80 people in attendance, including members of the Temecula American Legion Post 852.

The Elks' slogan for the Veterans is "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



L-R: Gary Kinnison (George's son); George Kinnison (speaker and Veteran); Bob Walker (President of the Temecula Valley Elks); Laurel Frey (Chairman of Family Night Entertainment); Len Heiselt (Ret. SubVet Base Commander)

Reader Ads

Sanctuary For Rent Temecula church looking to share sanctuary (seats 75-100) with another church. Facilities include classrooms and kitchen. Available Sunday afternoon and/or evenings and midweek. Call Mel for more details at **951-308-2746**.

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Afraid? Have unanswered questions? This is the place to meet others who know what you are going through. As heart patients or caregivers ourselves, we offer compassion, hope and understanding while teaching lifestyle changes for a healthier heart. Our qualified guest speakers provide us with valuable medical information, the latest medical breakthroughs, demonstrations and answers to your lingering questions.

The Mended Hearts, Inc. is a 60 year old organization whose mission is to inspire hope and improve the quality of life through on-going peer support. We are living testaments that people can survive heart disease and go on to live full, happy, healthy lives. All heart patients and their caregivers are cordially invited. Please join us the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00 to Noon at the Professional Office Building behind the Loma Linda University Medical Center, Murrieta. FREE. 951-461-6958

Club/Org Events

Mental Health Forum—NAMI-Temecula Valley meets on the third Wed. of the month, 6 – 8:15 p.m. at Assistance League, 28720 Via Montezuma in Temecula. On December 17 : "Meet the Advocates" followed by cider, chocolate, and socializing. Free. **672-2089**

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**

Temecula Valley Garden Club - Tuesday, December 9, 8:30 a.m.- annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale, pot luck luncheon, and celebration of holiday spirit. Community Recreation Center, 30875 Rancho Vista Road, Temecula. Visitors welcome. **951-677-6390**

Community Access Center for SW Riverside County residents with disabilities. Come and learn what tools you can use to remain independent. Office in Menifee (27070 Sun City Blvd.) is open on the first Friday of the month from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. **951.263.0708**

American Association of University Women - Temecula Branch is collecting donations for the Casa de Paz shelter. We are hoping to make it a joyous holiday for the women and children in the shelter. For information of the donation drop, email kat74@verizon.net

Senior Golden Years of Temecula Valley - 2nd and 4th Wed. at 12:45 pm with Bingo after meeting (\$1 per card). Monies taken in are given as prizes-free refreshments. Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 Sixth St., in Temecula. Call about our trips. **951-694-6464**

Wildomar Senior Citizens Assoc. - First Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Potluck and informational meeting in the clubhouse (21601 Canyon Drive) Call Grace for more info at **951 245 5370**

Murrieta Garden Club - 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Murrieta Community Center (41816 Juniper Street- across from Fire Station 1). Please join us. Questions? **(951) 677-7310**

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**

Woodcarvers Of Temecula Valley—Meet every Friday noon to 3:00, at Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 Sixth St., in Old Town Temecula, 951-694-6464. Members to help you learn. Beginners to experienced welcome.

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