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Fire station will become place for homeless

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The county's fire station in Panorama Heights has been closed for more than a decade. Located just southeast of Copper Mountain College, the station is slated to become a day-use facility for homeless people.

SAN BERNARDINO — The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors tackled issues of homelessness and services for elders at its Tuesday meeting.

Acting as the governing body of the **county fire** protection district, the board approved a lease agreement with the Family Assistance Program that will turn Fire Station 35 in Joshua Tree into a day-use homeless facility.

The building, located on Sierra Avenue in the Panorama Heights area, has been closed for over a decade and covers about 2,760 square feet, including living quarters and a kitchen.

The proposal for the Family Assistance Program includes using the space to provide a place to bathe, rest and eat for the local homeless community.

The lease has been approved through April 2024, with the Family Assistance Program paying the county one dollar a year. No information was released about when the facility will open.

This program will be partially funded by the California Emergency Aid Program, a one-time block grant from the state, said Office of Homeless Services Chief Tom Hernandez.

“Most of the funds went to emergency services, rental assistance and subsidies,” said Hernandez. “One program to apply through capital improvements was the Morongo Basin project.”

From this grant, an additional \$195,000 was also allocated to the Morongo Unified School District for homeless services.

Also on Tuesday, the supervisors Sharon Nevins, director of Aging and Adult Services, told the board money has been allocated to Reach Out Morongo Basin and other county nonprofits to support seniors.

Reach Out will receive \$50,000 for its family caregiver support program and \$30,000 was allocated toward senior support services.

“These programs are designed to serve our seniors,” Nevins said. “Designed to make sure that they can successfully age in place.”

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_edaf279c-6c6a-11e9-8c0c-73ced9320fdd.html

MORONGO BASIN HOMELESS SHELTER APPROVED BY THE COUNTY

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County supervisors yesterday gave the green light to a long-awaited, first-of-its-kind homeless shelter in Morongo Basin. Reporter Mike Lipsitz files this report...

San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe voted in favor of converting the former **San Bernardino County Fire Station 35** in Joshua Tree into a day-use homeless shelter. Rowe was joined by her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors in supporting the measure. The agreement authorizes a five-year lease with the non-profit Family Assistance Program beginning today. The Family Assistance Program will provide shelter, food, clothing, hygiene items, and support services to area homeless. Services will be geared toward homeless youth, but the facility will be open to anyone in need. Fire Station 35 has been vacant since it was closed more than 15 years ago. The Family Assistance Program will pay one dollar per year to provide services at the 2,760 square foot facility, which includes living quarters with showers, a kitchen, and specialized garage space. No estimates yet as to when the facility will open its doors.

<http://z1077fm.com/morongo-basin-homeless-shelter-approved-by-the-county/>

Fontana Days Parade will have many participants on May 4

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Dennis Powell (wearing uniform), a former pitcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers, attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dodgers Dreamfield at Jack Bulik Park in Fontana earlier this year. Pictured at left is philanthropist Holly Robinson Peete. Powell is scheduled to attend the Fontana Days Parade on May 4.

Many fans of the Los Angeles Dodgers live in Fontana, and they will have a particularly good reason to be happy about the 2019 Fontana Days Parade.

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, the team's official charity, will be honored as the grand marshal of the parade, which will take place on Saturday, May 4.

Dennis Powell, a former pitcher with the Dodgers, is scheduled to represent the team during the event. Earlier this year, Powell attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Dodgers Dreamfield which is being built at Jack Bulik Park in Fontana thanks in part to financial support from the foundation.

The annual parade, presented by the Exchange Club of Fontana, will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Sierra Avenue and Arrow Boulevard and will proceed south on Sierra to Merrill Avenue.

The parade will have a "Star Wars" theme -- "May The 4th Be With You." High school bands participating in the parade will have a chance to win cash prizes based on their adaptation of the theme.

A large crowd is expected, and sunny weather is in the forecast, with temperatures in the 70s.

The parade is being held separately from the Fontana Days Festival, which will take place May 30-June 2 at Veterans Park.

----- HERE IS A PRELIMINARY LIST of scheduled parade entrants (not in order of appearance):

- Fontana Police Department 1952 Ford
- Fontana Exchange Club banner (held by Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council)
- Grand Marshal Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation/Dennis Powell
- Young Homes float
- State Sen. Connie Leyva
- Jasmin Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
- Legendary Heroes Taekwondo
- Fontana Senior Center classes
- Fontana Senior Center clubs
- Fontana Senior Center Prom Court and veterans
- Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council
- Lewis Library and Technology Center
- Fontana High School Folklorico dancers
- Pomona Valley Corvette Association
- Inland Empire Square Dancers
- Fontana Walks
- Fontana A.B. Miller Marching Rebel Alliance
- Fontana High School Marching Steelers
- Jurupa Hills High School Marching Spartans
- Miss Fontana Pageant winners
- California Youth Spirit Corps
- Jesse Sandoval, Fontana City Council

- Stater Bros.
- Fontana Tiny Tot Program
- Hot 103.9 radio station
- Henry Elementary School cheerleaders
- Fontana Kiwanis Club
- Route 66 Dance Studio
- Ballet Folklorico, Tierra de mi Padre
- Fontana Boxing Club
- Toni Lewis, City Clerk
- Sequoia Middle School Marching Band
- Cub Scout Pack 588
- Fontana Chamber of Commerce, Amy Loera
- Truman Middle School Cheer Team
- Fontana First Assembly of God Church
- 9/11 beam
- **San Bernardino County Fire Department**
- Summit High School Cheer
- Iglesia Cristiana El Sembrador
- United Steelworkers Local 7600
- KFON TV
- Janet Koehler-Brooks, Fontana City Treasurer
- Josie Gonzales, San Bernardino County Supervisor
- Les Schwab Tire Center
- Fontana Art Association

- Loveland Church
- Just Play
- Miss Black Awareness Pageant winners
- Summit SkyHawks Marching Regiment
- Kaiser Catamount Pride Band and Color Guard
- CAFFS
- Fontana Woman's Club
- Uplifting Arts Academy
- Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House
- San Bernardino County Sheriff's Mounted Posse
- Fontana Expanded Learning Program
- Buffalo Soldiers Mounted Cavalry Unit
- South Hills Pop Warner
- Fontana Foundation of Hope

----- SEVERAL ROAD CLOSURES are planned in the downtown area because of the parade.

The closures take place between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will include:

- Sierra Avenue between Upland Avenue and Merrill Avenue
- Arrow Boulevard between Juniper Avenue and Mango Avenue
- Merrill Avenue between Sierra Avenue and Palmetto Avenue

There will be posted detour routes. Motorists on Sierra are encouraged to use Citrus Avenue. Motorists on Arrow are encouraged to use Foothill Boulevard, and those traveling on Merrill are encouraged to use Randall Avenue. Traffic delays are expected.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-days-parade-will-have-many-participants-on-may/article_492fb4cc-6c45-11e9-8694-43dfc7aec787.html

Fire in storage yard sends black smoke over Parker

John Gutekunst, Parker Pioneer

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This fire in a storage yard near Bluewater Lagoon sent a plume of black smoke over Parker early in the afternoon of May 1. Pioneer photo/John Gutekunst

Parker residents got a surprise shortly after noon May 1 when a plume of black smoke began rising over the town. It was coming from a fire near the Colorado River. The fire broke out in a storage yard on a hill behind the IDIS facility on California Avenue, which is near the entrance to Bluewater Lagoon. Responding agencies included the Parker, Bucskin, CRIT and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, the CRIT and Parker Police Departments and the La Paz County Sheriff's Office.

Shortly before 1 p.m., the fire was mostly out.

More details will be announced as they become available.

https://www.parkerpioneer.net/news/article_bcdd7872-6c4b-11e9-99d0-5bfa9286c2a.html

Replica of German WWII plane with 1 aboard crashes in field near Cable Airport in Upland

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A small vintage plane crashed in the field just east of Cable Airport in Upland on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The solo occupant was transferred to an area trauma center. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

A replica of a German World War II observation aircraft crashed in a field just east of Cable Airport in Upland on Wednesday morning.

The only person aboard was the pilot, who was taken to a trauma center, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said. The pilot was Steven Curtis Lund of Placentia. His wife, Sylvia, declined to talk at length Wednesday but did say in a telephone interview that she expects her husband to recover. KNBC reported Lund is 72.

An Upland Police officer surveys the area where a small vintage plane crashed just east of Cable Airport in Upland on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The solo occupant was transferred to an area trauma center. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Lund has licenses as an airplane and helicopter pilot and as a repairman for light sport aircraft, according to FAA records. A replica FW-190A — a German single-seat, single-engine fighter aircraft widely used during World War II — is also registered to Lund, according to FAA records.

Lund had a distinguished flying career for the federal and state governments, according to an interview Lund gave Martin Luther King High students Andrew Costa and Kyle Girard in 2014 for the Riverside school's annual King High Remembers project.

Lund joined the Army in 1965 and became an Airman. He flew Cobra gunships on attack missions and Huey helicopters on transport trips in the Vietnam War, he told the students. After leaving the Army, he joined the National Guard and retired as a lieutenant colonel. After a career in the aerospace industry, Lund worked as a surveillance pilot hunting drug runners for the state Department of Justice.

The single-engine Storch Fi-156C crashed for yet-determined reasons after taking off from Cable Airport at around 10 a.m., said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor.

It was unclear if Lund tried to return because of trouble with the aircraft. The airport has a lot of apartments around it but Lund landed in a field near a small park.

“The plane was on approach for landing and had some sort of mechanical issue and did not make the runway, and came down in a field leading up to the runway,” Upland police Capt. Cliff Mathews said.

The FAA registration for the plane describes the craft as experimental, built from a kit, with an airworthiness certification date in July 2009. It is registered to Lund.

The original Fi-156C was used by Germany during World War II in several roles, including reconnaissance, artillery spotting, and medical evacuation.

It had a remarkably short take-off and landing efficiency, “capable of taking off in less than two hundred feet flying at 25 MPH and landing within fifty feet of touchdown,” according to the Collings Foundation.

Its most famous wartime role was in a German rescue of deposed fascist Italian dictator Benito Mussolini from a remote mountaintop ski resort, where he was being held prisoner. The mountaintop had a flat surface of only 250 feet in any direction.

<https://www.pe.com/2019/05/01/plane-crashes-in-field-near-cable-airport-in-upland/>

Small plane crashes in Upland near Cable Airport, pilot extricated

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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Upland Police taped-off an area in the field around the small plane crash. (Hugo. C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

UPLAND, Calif. — A small plane crash was reported just east of Cable airport, directly across the street from the airport in a field.

It happened Wednesday just before 10:30 am in the city of Upland.

San Bernardino County Fire responded and Twitted that they had completed extrication on the pilot, who was considered to be in critical condition.

The pilot was transported to a local trauma center. His identity was not immediately available.

The crash did not cause any post-crash fire or other hazards, per Fire officials.

The Upland Police responded and taped off the scene and are awaiting the FAA to respond for the crash investigation.

No other injuries were reported, and only one person was onboard the flight.

<https://www.vvng.com/small-plane-crashes-in-upland-near-cable-airport-pilot-extricated/>