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Brush fire that shut down 210 freeway off-ramp in Rialto no longer spreading

Beatriz E. Valenzuela, San Bernardino Sun

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Firefighters have stopped a brush fire that ignited early Tuesday morning along the eastbound lanes of the 210 Freeway, forced the closure of the Alder Avenue offramp in Rialto and threatened structures in the area, California Highway Patrol and Rialto Fire Department officials said.

The fire was reported just before 5 a.m., according to CHP reports.

Arriving firefighters immediately asked for the closure of the offramp, which prompted authorities to issue a SigAlert, according to CHP officials.

The winds pushed the fire and it jumped Renaissance Parkway south of the freeway, threatening several structures in the area, according to a Twitter post from Rialto fire.

Several crews, including some from **San Bernardino County Fire**, joined the battle against the brush fire and managed to stop its spread around 7 a.m. before it caused any damage to homes of businesses, according to officials.

Strong winds are a concern for firefighters as winds have carried and fanned the flames of the Riverdale Fire in Jurupa Valley and caused the Thomas Fire burning in Ventura County to explode to 31,000 acres.

<http://www.sbsun.com/2017/12/05/brush-fire-shuts-down-210-freeway-off-ramp-in-rialto/>

SMALL VEGETATION FIRE IN YUCCA VALLEY TUESDAY MORNING

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Yucca Valley firefighters responded to a small vegetation fire alongside Yucca Mesa Road early Tuesday morning.

County Battalion Chief Mike Snow said firefighters were called about 7 a.m. to two 5-foot-by-5-foot fires near Security and Yucca Mesa Road. The cause was determined to be an open flame, but it's not known how the fire started.

<http://z1077fm.com/local-news/todays-full-newscast/>

THREE CARS CATCH ON FIRE FROM EXPLODING PROPANE HEATER

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An exploding propane heater started three vehicles on fire Friday night in Joshua Tree.

According to a Sheriff's report, a caller said he was camping on BLM land near Sunfair Road off the highway when he heard a loud explosion just before 10 p.m.

He said he could see a pillar of flames about a mile east of his location, and while he was on the phone with Sheriff's dispatch, he heard several smaller explosions. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike Snow said Joshua Tree firefighters were dispatched to Copper Mountain Road, but because of the fire's remote location and rugged terrain, they could not get to the fire.

The brush engine from Twentynine Palms was then sent out, which arrived about 30 minutes after the first call for help. Firefighters found three vehicles on fire and quickly put out the blaze.

The cause of the explosion is still under investigation.

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Cancer Survivors, Los Angeles Dodger Player Give Hope, Inspiration From Atop City of Hope's 46th Rose Parade Float

Staff , Business Wire

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Eleven patients and LA Dodger outfielder Enrique "Kike" Hernandez share how City of Hope is "Making A Difference" in their lives

DUARTE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Every day, City of Hope physicians, scientists and researchers are making a difference in the lives of people from around the world who have been diagnosed with cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. No one knows that better than the 11 patients who are now celebrating their journeys beyond their diagnosis on top of City of Hope's float at the 129th Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

The 2018 float, themed "Transforming Lives With Hope," adds a deeper dimension to the parade's theme of "Making A Difference." Together, these themes reflect the journeys each patient must cross on his or her path to recovery. It represents how City of Hope is more than just a medical center. It is a beacon of hope for patients who have been diagnosed with devastating diseases. City of Hope's physicians not only treat today's patients, but do everything they can to make cancer a thing of the past. Every day, City of Hope is transforming lives with the power of hope.

The campus of City of Hope and its many historical landmarks is represented as the float reflects a patient's journey starting with the inspirational Wishing Tree. The 400 wishes from patients, family members and caregivers displayed across the exterior design are not just heartfelt messages of hope, but reminders of the work that happens daily at City of Hope, where caregivers and scientists work to make these wishes a reality. Eleven physicians, who will be riding alongside their patients, are transforming the future of health — making a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. In turn, the lives they helped save, can now celebrate their journeys that have helped people beyond measure.

Whether it's a young LA Dodger player raising awareness for cancer research, a firefighter helping those in need, a young man donating platelets to help the many cancer patients in need of a transfusion, a cancer survivor who advocates for others to get the critical medical care they need, or a doctor working to find better treatments for devastating diseases, all of these journeys give hope and offer inspiration to everyone involved in the fight against cancer.

The rider stories:

- **Enrique “Kike” Hernandez:** When 26-year-old Dodger outfielder Enrique “Kike” Hernandez found out his dad had multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer, he immediately took him to City of Hope. There, Kike and his dad, Enrique Hernandez, met with Stephen J. Forman, M.D., a world-renowned hematologist and oncologist. Forman helped guide Hernandez’s treatment plan and worked closely and collaboratively with physicians in Florida so Kike’s dad could be treated closer to his home in Puerto Rico. Now, his dad is in remission and Kike and his family could not be happier. Kike already has brought awareness and funds for his native home in the wake of the destruction of Hurricane Maria, and now, he is doing the same for cancer research.
- **Fred Claire:** As a former general manager and executive vice president of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Fred Claire knows what it takes to win. Claire presided over the team’s 1988 World Series championship season and continued his storied run through June 1998, part of a 30-year career with the team. Still, he says he faced his greatest challenge far from the bright lights of the baseball diamond. In 2016, Claire was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma. As he continues to go through treatment, Claire is also looking for ways to give back. He has already helped raise funds and awareness for City of Hope through his inaugural Celebrity Golf Classic.
- **Cory Norton:** Thirty-three-year-old Cory Norton is in the business of helping others. As a firefighter and paramedic for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, he often puts his life on the line to save others. When Norton was diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer on his spine in early 2016, he had an army behind him to help him get through his treatment — including his brothers and sisters from Local 935, who has held numerous fundraisers for Norton and his family. “It’s easy to forget how great people are in this ugly world,” said Norton. “I had so many strangers, people who I have never met before, donate to me and they were willing to help in any way possible. it really opened my eyes again to see the good in this world.” Norton vows to continue to help as many people as he can, because that is what truly matters.
- **Daniel Bliley:** When Daniel Bliley’s mother passed away from leukemia when he was just 8 years old, he knew he wanted to help other patients like his mom. He just wasn’t sure how. When he turned 18, he found a way — by donating platelets to cancer patients who desperately needed these transfusions to live. He’s been donating for 15 years now and is nearing his 200th donation. These donations have helped countless lives.
- **Rosemary Estrada:** Rosemary Estrada is a colon and thyroid cancer survivor. She is part of three generations who have a genetic mutation that increases the risk of colon cancer. But she doesn’t let that define her. With the help of her doctors at City of Hope, Estrada has beaten cancer twice and is ready to beat it again if necessary. Now she wants to give back to other patients by creating awareness for genetic mutations and helping those affected by the disease.
- **Chad Bible:** For the past 21 years, baseball has consumed this San Diego State University outfielder’s life. It wasn’t until Chad Bible was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in January 2017 that he realized there’s more to life than just baseball. He is now in complete remission and is using his experience and status to inspire and bring awareness to cancer.
- **Nicole Allen:** Much of Nicole Allen’s family has passed away from cancer, but she was determined not to leave her three daughters without a mother, so she referred herself to City of Hope after her local oncologist brushed off her concerns over pain and swelling in her breast. Allen, a single mother, traveled weekly from Victorville, California, for her treatment, battled severe depression with the help of her social

workers, and is an advocate for herself and others as a member of City of Hope's Patient and Family Advisory Council.

- **Becky Velazquez-McIntyre:** While undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer, Becky Velazquez-McIntyre read about a naval officer who had donated a "mission accomplished" ship's bell after finishing his chemo. Velazquez-McIntyre loved the idea and decided to make sure City of Hope had a similar bell at their facility. That way, when patients finished their treatments, they could ring the "survivor bell." Velazquez-McIntyre has now donated nine bells to City of Hope infusion centers around the state, raising money for the bells by selling handmade soaps.
- **Elizabeth Jenkins:** Beth Jenkins, M.D., 43, a pediatrician who lives in Newbury Park, California, has a lot to celebrate. Not only did she undergo a full islet cell transplant at City of Hope in 2009 to make this type 1 diabetic insulin-free, she is also the first such patient in the United States — and only the second woman in the world — to have had a successful pregnancy post-islet cell transplant.
- **Gary Lorenzini:** There are some things people will never forget. For Arcadia-based real estate agent Gary Lorenzini, it was when he was told that he had prostate cancer. After his diagnosis, he went to City of Hope where he underwent minimally invasive robotically assisted surgical techniques, which minimizes side effects. Fortunately, the cancer was contained within the prostate and had not spread. Now he is seven years cancer-free and giving back to his surgeon and City of Hope by raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer research.
- **Jackie Solano:** When the Antelope Valley, California, resident was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer, she didn't let that stop her from running the Star Wars Half Marathon in 2017 with her sister at Disneyland, even though she was in the middle of chemotherapy. The 31-year-old was determined to fight it and used running to help mentally prepare her for emotional journey. The next finish line for Jackie Solano? Being declared cancer-free.

About City of Hope

City of Hope is an independent research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as one of only 49 comprehensive cancer centers, the highest recognition bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, City of Hope is also a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, with research and treatment protocols that advance care throughout the world. City of Hope is located in Duarte, California, just northeast of Los Angeles, with community clinics throughout Southern California. It is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer by *U.S. News & World Report*. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation, diabetes and numerous breakthrough cancer drugs based on technology developed at the institution. For more information about City of Hope, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

About the Pasadena Tournament of Roses®

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration® with the Rose Parade® presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game® presented by Northwestern Mutual and a variety of accompanying events. 935 volunteer members of the association will drive the success of 129th Rose Parade themed "Making A Difference," on Monday, January 1, 2018, followed by the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the 104th Rose Bowl Game. For more information, visit www.tournamentofroses.com. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20171205005521/en/Cancer-Survivors-Los-Angeles-Dodger-Player-Give>

1 dead, 3 injured in head-on Hwy 138 crash

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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PINON HILLS — Authorities said a woman is dead and three others were injured in a head-on crash on Highway 138 here Monday afternoon.

Reported at 1:30 p.m., the crash occurred on Highway 138 just west of Redwood Drive, and involved a tan GMC Sierra pickup truck and a white Chevy pickup truck.

California Highway Patrol Sgt. Todd Weichers said the crash occurred after the driver of the GMC Sierra lost control and went onto the dirt shoulder. He was reported to be driving recklessly as he headed west on Highway 138, near Highway 2, minutes before the crash occurred.

“The tan pickup was described as being all over the road,” Weichers said. Calls reporting a head-on crash were received minutes later.

“He overcorrected and entered the opposing lane, where he collided into the other pickup, which was headed east,” Weichers said.

A woman and two men were in the Chevy. The woman, who was the right front passenger, was pronounced dead on scene, while the men were trapped inside. According to **San Bernardino County Fire Department** spokesman Eric Sherwin, an extrication was requested to free them.

The name of the woman is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin. Weichers said the two men in the Chevy suffered major injuries and were airlifted to trauma centers for treatment, while the driver of the GMC was taken to a trauma center by ground ambulance. No other injuries were reported.

The crash shut down a section of Highway 138 between Oasis and Phelan roads for almost three hours as officials investigated the scene. All lanes were reported to be open by 4:30 p.m. Alcohol may be a factor in the cause of the crash, Weichers said.

“We are looking into possibility of alcohol being involved, but it remains under investigation,” Weichers said. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Victorville CHP officer at 760-241-1186

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20171204/1-dead-3-injured-in-head-on-hwy-138-crash>

WEATHER UPDATE: Powerful winds continue to blast Fontana

Staff, Fontana Herald News

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Trees are buffeted by strong winds along Foothill Boulevard in Fontana on Dec. 4.
Posted: Monday, December 4, 2017, 2:24 p.m.

Powerful, gusty winds are battering Fontana and other areas of Southern California, and a high wind warning and red flag warning will be in effect until Thursday, Dec. 7, according to the National Weather Service.

Residents are urged to be cautious because of the potential for brush fires, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

Here is the forecast:

Monday night, Dec. 4 -- Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Windy, with a north wind 30 to 35 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 -- Areas of blowing dust. Sunny, with a high near 65. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph.

Tuesday night -- Mostly clear, with a low around 45. Breezy, with a north wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 -- Sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a north wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday night -- Clear, with a low around 49. Breezy.

Thursday, Dec. 7 -- Areas of blowing dust. Sunny, with a high near 75. Windy.
Thursday night -- Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Friday, Dec. 8 -- Sunny, with a high near 77.

Friday night -- Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Saturday, Dec. 9 -- Sunny, with a high near 79.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/weather-update-powerful-winds-continue-to-blast-fontana/article_f796b0f8-d941-11e7-a044-476fcd5296ac.html

Hesperia Woman Killed in Highway 138 Crash

Staff ,247 Headline

PINON HILLS – A 41-year-old Hesperia woman lost her life as a result of a head-on collision on Highway 138 on Monday afternoon.

At around 1:30 p.m. the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the area between Acorn and Pine Tree Roads on SR-138 in Pinon Hills for the report of a traffic collision. When they arrived they located the two pickup trucks, one GMC dual axle truck and a GMC Sierra truck, both with major damage.

The dual axle truck was occupied only by the driver and the Sierra was occupied by three. The front right passenger of the Sierra, identified as Delmy Mejia Viera, 41, of Hesperia, was located trapped inside the vehicle. Mejia-Viera was extricated from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics at 1:45 p.m. All others involved were airlifted to trauma centers for treatment.

Through investigation, officers learned that the GMC dual-axle pickup truck was driving westbound when the vehicle crossed into the eastbound lanes causing the two pickup trucks to crash head-on.)The crash remains under investigation by the CHP.

<https://247headline.com/hesperia-woman-killed-in-highway-138-crash/>

Hesperia City Council meeting: On the agenda

Rene Ray De La Cruz , VV Daily Press

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HESPERIA — Mayor Pro Tem Russ Blewett is expected to take Mayor Paul Russ' seat, with another Council member taking the mayor pro tem spot on the dais, during Tuesday night's meeting. The Council will also discuss several agenda items during the meeting including:

- Direction to staff on the Development Impact Fee Study and resulting proposed fees. The study comes after the city tried to stimulate building development by lowering DIFs for three years, starting in fiscal year 2011.
- The approval of a memorandum of understanding between the city and Teamsters Local (Union)1932, which represents a group of 75 city employees. A few of the particulars in the MOU include a salary increase, sick leave, health and life insurance.
- The approval of a parcel map that would create multiple parcels on about 3 acres for the construction of a Starbucks coffee shop, which would be located on the north side of Main Street, between Jellico and E avenues.
- As the Hesperia Fire District, the approval to annex two parcel developments into the current Community Facilities District. One parcel includes the 96-unit Villas 55-plus apartment project on Avenal Street, which opened in August. The other parcel includes another 96 units slated to be built soon.
- A second reading that amends the Hesperia Municipal Code regarding the regulation of cannabis-related development within the city, as well as expand the eligible area for delivery services in the Commercial Industrial Business Park zone district.

- An increase to contract with Inland Waterworks Supply, for Milwaukee water products in the amount of \$30,000 with a new not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000. These products are needed for maintenance and repair of the water system infrastructure through the Milwaukee Parts commodity.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20171204/hesperia-city-council-meeting-on-agenda>

LAKE ARROWHEAD BONFIRE RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017

Michael P. Neufeld, Rotwnews

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San Bernardino County firefighters invite children of all ages to the December 11, bonfire at Lake Arrowhead Village (File Photo)

Lake Arrowhead, CA – The Lake Arrowhead Firefighters bonfire has been rescheduled by the Fire Marshal, due to the windy conditions.

Santa Claus will be looking for you when he arrives from the North Pole on a fire engine. He'll spend time with children as Christmas music fills the chilly night air around the annual Firefighters Bonfire in the parking lot of Lake Arrowhead Village, on Monday December 11.

Free hot dogs and hot cocoa will be served starting at 6:0 p.m. by members of **San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters** Local 935.

SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

Firefighters will be on hand to, not only cook the hot dogs, but to accept donations for the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive.

The Spark of Love Toy Drive collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for under-served children and teens in the mountain communities.

Cash donations will also be accepted.

<http://rotwnews.com/2017/12/04/lake-arrowhead-bonfire-rescheduled-to-monday-december-11-2017/>