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## Giving to the Community

Julia Firnkoess, Grand Terrace City News

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Vista Blue Mountain Senior assisted living and memory care hosted a lemonade stand to help the Grand Terrace Girl Scout Troop raise funds toward their Bronze project, a community based sustainable project that Girl Scouts are eligible to participate in once they receive junior girl scout status and complete a journey lesson.

The lemons came from a tree right there on location at Vista Blue Mountain, and the girls squeezed the lemons to help make the lemonade.

Many wonderful local residents stopped by to support the girls.

Girl Scout troop 76 has committed to providing community service outreach to Vista Blue Mountain senior residents for the year 2020, and hopefully for years to come. The Girl Scouts truly enjoy interacting with the senior residents and it is a wonderful way for our youth to intertwine with our elder generation and learn about their lives. They have wonderful stories to tell.

<http://grandterrace.citynewsgroup.com/articles/giving-to-the-community>

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## STRUCTURE FIRE IN JOSHUA TREE

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

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Smoke from the structure fire at Jadeite Street and Flamingo Avenue could be seen for miles Monday morning. Tami Roleff photo

Joshua Tree, Yucca Mesa, Yucca Valley, and Twentynine Palms firefighters were called to a structure fire in Joshua Tree at 8:24 this morning, near the intersection of Jadeite Street and Flamingo Avenue. Z107.7 News will have more information as it becomes available.

<http://z1077fm.com/structure-fire-in-joshua-tree/>

## **Brandon Bachelier Killed in Hesperia Car Accident Amargosa Road and Key Pointe Avenue**

Staff Writer, News Opi

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Hesperia, California (January 26, 2020) – A man who was killed in a car accident that occurred in Hesperia on Friday night has been identified as 40-year-old Brandon Bachelier.

According to the California Highway Patrol, the accident happened near the intersection of Amargosa Road and Key Pointe Avenue at about 11:57 p.m. January 24.

A 2016 Kia Forte and a 2003 Honda Accord are reported to have collided at the intersection for unknown reasons.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department paramedics found Brandon Bachelier outside his Honda Accord.

Sadly, Bachelier was killed in the accident.

The 20-year-old female driver of the second vehicle remained at the scene of the collision.

The authorities believe alcohol may have been a factor in the collision.

The Hesperia Station Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is investigating the cause of the accident.

<https://www.newsopi.com/california/brandon-bachelier-killed-in-hesperia-car-accident-amargosa-road-and-key-pointe-avenue/11350>

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## **Hesperia man killed in head-on crash, alcohol suspected**

Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley news Group

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Alcohol is suspected to have been a factor in a head-on collision late Friday night that left a 40-year-old Hesperia man dead.

Police said the crash involving a 2003 Honda Accord and a 2016 Kia Forte happened at 11:57 p.m. near the intersection of Amargosa Road and Key Pointe Avenue in Hesperia.

“Deputies arrived on scene and found Brandon Bachelier had been ejected from his 2003 Honda Accord as a result of the collision,” stated a sheriff’s news release.

Despite life-saving measures, Bachelier was pronounced deceased at the scene by **San Bernardino County Fire** Department Paramedics.

The 20-year-old female driver of the Kia remained at the scene of the collision.

Sheriff’s officials said the Honda was traveling northbound on Amargosa Road when it traveled into the southbound lanes and collided head-on with the Kia.

“As a result of the collision, the driver side door of the Honda was sheared off and due to Bachelier not wearing his seat belt, Bachelier had been ejected from his vehicle,” stated the release.

The Hesperia Station Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

Officials said that at this time, it appears alcohol may have been a factor in the collision and are asking for any witnesses to contact police at 760-947-1500.

<https://www.vvng.com/hesperia-man-killed-in-head-on-crash-alcohol-suspected/>

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## **Mayor touts San Bernardino as a ‘safe city’**

**Staff Writer, Inland News Today**

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SAN BERNARDINO – (INT) – In spite of 37 reported homicides last year and five this month, Mayor John Valdivia reported ‘large decreases’ in crime during 2019.

In a summary issued Friday, Valdivia says homicides were down 6 percent, robbery 7 percent and burglaries dropped 9 percent.

“Our increased police presence through community-oriented policing continued to make San Bernardino a safe city,” he said.

Valdivia added that the city’s streets are being cleaned up by managing the homeless population. Over 1,000 homeless encampments were removed.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Chief Dan Mejia said that response times to Type 1 emergencies are now under 5-minutes.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=57663>

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## **Fire Department Looks Back on Daring Rescue After Pepsi Truck Skids Off Freeway**

**Kathy Vara, NBC 4 News**

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The fire department crew knew it had a tough task when a Pepsi truck skidded off an overpass of the 15 freeway at Cherry Avenue and over the K-rail, crushing metal and spilling soda everywhere, and trapping the river underneath the hood.

“As soon as we got there, we saw the Pepsi truck slipped over on its side,” said Randy Wormdahl, an engineer for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

“There was a lot of spilled product, Pepsi, different kind of sodas that made it possibly muddy,” Wormdahl said.

The firefighters were afraid the rig might slip.

“The first thing you want to do when there is a vehicle on its side or not on its wheels [is to be] checking for stability,” Wormdahl said.

Rescuers assessed the situation and came up with a plan to secure the truck to a tree.

“Fortunately, we were able to wrap a chain around the axle to keep it stationary so we could access the victim and cut our way in,” Wormdahl said.

The top of the cab was completely crushed with the driver inside, and it was shoved right up against the concrete of the overpass.

“It was a really narrow access space and there was also a chain link fence that was in between us and the truck,” Wormdahl said. “...Our number one goal was to free him and get him out because how he was trapped was pinching off blood supply to his lower leg.”

Firefighters had to use the jaws of life (specialized hydraulic rescue tools) to cut through the metal.

“I was happy he was in as good a condition as he was when we got him out,” said Capt. Kyle Hauducoeur of San Bernardino County Fire Department. “I can’t be more proud of my guys that they were able to help.”

“It’s an awesome feeling but none of us here feel like heroes,” Wormdahl said. “We honestly feel like we are doing our job.”

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/fire-department-looks-back-on-daring-rescue-after-pepsi-truck-skids-off-freeway/2297738/>