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## Honoring those who served



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Students at Cornerstone Christian School sing "You're a Grand Old Flag" as part of their tribute to veterans.

Third and fourth grade students at Cornerstone Christian School saluted veterans in a moving ceremony Wednesday morning.

As 31 veterans and representatives sat in the audience along with students, the performers sang patriotic songs, offered prayers and read essays about their gratitude to those who have fought for our country. Each veteran was given a flower and a treat bag containing candy and a gift card to In-N-Out Burger. Lillian Alvarez, third-grade teacher, and Laurie Wilson, fourth-grade teacher, organized the annual event.



Navy E4 Kristopher Lackey bows his head during a prayer offered by the students. Beside him is Army veteran Daniel Short.

## Boo! You're under arrest

### Halloween sex-offender sweep bags 118

By Josh Thompson

Compliance checks on Halloween night led to the arrests of 118 sex-offender parolees statewide during the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's annual "Operation Boo," conducted to ensure the parolees don't attempt to attract children to their homes that night.

The state has not responded to a request for the number of Chino Valley arrests.

State agents checked on nearly 2,100 sex offender parolees that night, said state prison spokesman Luis Patino.

The arrests were for possession of weapons, drugs or child pornography, and other various parole violations, he said.

"(This) proves that our statewide efforts with Operation Boo on Halloween night are not only well-founded,

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## Championship battle



Champion photo by Josh Thompson

Chino Hills High defender Charles Flowers (#24) takes down Charter Oak's Bryce Bobo (#5) during Charter Oak's 38-7 victory Thursday night to become the first 5-0 Sierra League football champion since 2007. In other games, Chino High won, Ayala High lost and Don Lugo High had a bye. See Pages C1-3.

## On with the show

### Cancer survivors step out in style

By Melodie H. Magouirk

Four Chino Valley cancer survivors showed off their success with style to raise money for those still in the fight.

The annual Celebrate with Style fashion show is put on by Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation to benefit the Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Cancer Care Center Endowment. All 10 of the models for the Oct. 29 event were cancer survivors. Of the 10, four were from Chino Valley.

Held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario, the fashion show featured posh décor and music, along with a luncheon, set up on either side of a runway where everyday survivors became models, dressed in casual, career and formal wear from Macy's Department Store.

Love. During the first two segments of the fashion show, she wore wigs, but when she was escorted during the formal wear segment by her husband of 46 years, Norman, she let her new, spiky growth be her style statement.

"My husband has leukemia; he was diagnosed in February 2010," Mrs. Mauch said. "When I got my diagnosis, I said I will have to be OK, because I have to take care of him."

Participating in such a glamorous event made Mrs. Mauch feel like a star, she said, adding she hopes it was inspirational to others.

"It shows that there is life after cancer, that there is hope for cancer patients," she said. "Don't let it get you down. There is a future."

Jeanne Molinaro of Chino Hills works as a radiology technician at PVHMC. Diagnosed in 1999 with colon cancer and in 2009 with ovar-

## Cough up alternative routes, SCE told

By Marianne Napoles

In a stunning development for opponents of the path of the 200-foot transmission towers in Chino Hills, the Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has given Southern California Edison 60 days to produce an alternative.

The commission also ordered the utility to stop building transmission towers in Chino Hills, expanding a temporary halt the CPUC put in place last month.

CPUC President Michael Peevey announced Thursday that Edison has until Jan. 10 to come up with a solution that includes costs, feasibility, and timeframes.

He offered five alternatives, including the city's preferred route through the Chino Hills State Park proposed several years ago but rejected by Edison and the CPUC.

The alternative chosen by Edison should be See EDISON, Page A4

## Superintendent recommends budget cuts

By Brenda Dunkle

Although Superintendent Wayne Joseph narrowed down a list of potential budget cuts at a special school board meeting Thursday, the trustees said they would like

to consider at a future meeting the entire list he brought to them in October. **Board vacancy Page A5**

Trustee Fred Youngblood also said he wants to take a second look at cuts the board declined last spring.

No action was taken Thursday night on the proposed cuts.

On Oct. 13, Mr. Joseph presented 33 recommendations that would cut \$23.6 million from the district's budget through 2014. On Thursday, he pared the list to \$4.8 million, which would cover the district's projected deficit through 2013-14. Those cuts and their projected savings include: eliminate seven junior high intervention counselors, \$865,220; eliminate some services to pregnant and parenting teens at Buena Vista Contin-

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## Kitchen duty brings the joy of cooking to Chino Hills teen

By Marianne Napoles

A 14-year-old Chino Hills boy who learned two months ago that he has a brain tumor was named corporate chef for the day after making a five-course lunch in the test kitchen of B.J.'s Restaurants.

Cameron Mitchell, a freshman at Damien High School, was whisked off to B.J.'s home office in Huntington Beach for a tour and hands-on cooking when the restaurant learned he thought it would be "cool" to be a chef.

The son of Chino High School teachers Craig and Liza Mitchell, Cameron is being assisted by The Let It Be Foundation, which helps families of children with life-threatening conditions.

After Foundation president Ruthe Rosen contacted the Chino Hills B.J.'s, the president of B.J.'s Restaurant Foundation got involved within 24 hours, she said.

Cameron was told he would be touring B.J.'s in Chino Hills with family members but a bigger surprise was in store. He was taken to corporate headquarters where he was introduced to executive chef Ray Martin and given a personalized smock and jacket.

He toured the three-story complex and met the CEO, CFO, and even the brewmaster. "It was cool that everybody knew who I was," he said.

The big moment came when he stepped into the test kitchen with Chef Ray. "It felt like all the attention was on me," Cameron said. "Even the sous chefs chopping up the food



Submitted photo

Cameron Mitchell of Chino Hills displays his Mediterranean "Rock" Salad with roasted red peppers, Kalamata olives, balsamic vinaigrette and a Parmesan crisp.

With the help of experts, Cameron prepared a meal of baked spaghetti, five-cheese sweet chicken pizza, Tostitos Guac Bowl, Mediterranean salad, and a fruit puff with mixed berries and Chantilly cinnamon cream.

His parents and grandmother Denise Mitchell were given a custom menu listing Cameron's creations and treated to a culinary feast.

Mrs. Rosen invites the community to a video presentation of Cameron's experience that will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Monday on the big screen televisions at B.J.'s in Chino Hills, 4585 Chino Hills Parkway at The Commons. A fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. during which B.J.'s will donate 15 percent of food sales to the Let It Be Foundation.

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presented with refreshed data, said Mr. Peevey, the commissioner assigned to the Tehachapi project.

"I have visited Chino Hills and seen the construction first-hand," he stated in a news release. "The CPUC has heard from Chino Hills residents who are unhappy with the transmission towers running through their city in extremely close proximity to homes."

The CPUC issued its order to stop work in response to the city's Oct. 31 application for a rehearing and motion for partial stay of the decision.

The commission had ordered a temporary halt to the project on Oct. 19 until Edison addressed Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements, including the installation of red lights and orange marker balls.

"This stay takes the FAA out of the picture," said Mayor Ed Graham. "It now calls for a total time-out for the project until the CPUC reviews it again."

Edison spokesman Paul Klein said the utility is reviewing the order.

Mayor Graham described the decisions as incredible first steps for the entire community. "From this point for-

ward, the CPUC is instructing Edison to spend the money to review the five alternatives instead of the city continuing to pay for alternate studies," he said.

The five alternatives are: the city's proposed route through Chino Hills State Park, partial burying of the lines, other routes through the city or State Park, usage of the existing right-of-way with more and shorter towers, and "mitigation for impact" of the line.

Joanne Genis, a member of Hope for the Hills who has been fighting the battle for four years, said she was speechless. "This is totally amazing," she said. "Edison has 60 days to put this all together."

Mrs. Genis said she hopes the CPUC will change the way it makes decisions.

"The commission cannot approve projects that are just on paper without taking into consideration the visual impacts," she said.

Mayor Graham credited Hope for the Hills, the grassroots group fighting the towers, for putting a face on the project in front of the CPUC. He said the CPUC did not understand the significant impact the towers would have on the community.

He noted that two commissioners, including Mr. Peevey, have toured the towers, and three more are expected to take tours this year.

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**Election 2011**

Gary George Lee McDougal Paul Gomez

**Chaffey College board incumbents defeat challengers**

All three incumbents in Tuesday's election were returned to their seats on the Chaffey Community College governing board after fewer than one in six registered voters had cast their ballots.

Top vote getter was Gary George of Chino, with 11,917 votes, or 24.7 percent of the ballots cast. He was followed by fellow incumbents Lee McDougal with 11,180 votes, or 23.2 percent, and Paul Gomez with 10,177 votes, 21.1 percent. Both Mr. McDougal

and Mr. Gomez are from Rancho Cucamonga.

Challengers Kim Toliver of Rancho Cucamonga and Flora Martinez of Montclair netted 9,556 (19.8 percent) and 5,345 (11.1 percent) votes, respectively.

The board makes policy, personnel and other decisions for Chaffey College, which has campuses in Rancho Cucamonga, Chino and Fontana.

Of 323,747 registered voters in the district, 48,184 cast ballots, a 14.8 percent turnout.

**Budget**

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ation High, \$880,372; sweep a teacher credentialing block grant into the general fund, \$150,000; eliminate the videographer, who is responsible for the management of the district's cable access channel 17, \$130,874; eliminate one district secretary, \$117,398;

Eliminate a maintenance II position that assists in work on ventilation systems, \$144,156; eliminate one of the two remaining high school librarians, \$194,428; eliminate four high school assistant principal secretaries, \$350,506; reduce work hours for counseling assistants at Cal Aero Preserve Academy, Briggs Fundamental School and Woodcrest Junior High to 3½ hours per day, \$97,234; eliminate 20 elementary library/media center assistants, \$375,912;

Eliminate some bilingual typist clerk I posts at Borba Fundamental School, Marshall, Dickson and Walnut elementary schools so they have the same staffing for that post as other similar schools, \$202,600; eliminate videotaping of board meetings to reduce overtime or hold the board meetings during regular work hours so no overtime is paid, \$240,200; eliminating all grade level/departments chairmen sti-

pends at schools, \$736,500; eliminate junior high activities stipends for activities directors, band directors, drill team advisers, yearbook advisers, drama advisers, pep squad directors, vocal music directors and seventh/eighth grade decathlon advisers, \$162,832; eliminate a carpenter II position, \$149,636.

The cuts are being recommended to address a potential \$4.7 million deficit by 2013-14 and the possibility that the state will further reduce funding to schools if revenue coming into the state falls short of projections.

At Thursday's meeting, the board indicated it will most likely wait until its Dec. 8 meeting to make a decision on the cuts. Mr. Joseph and his cabinet had hoped the board would vote Nov. 17, so the district could file a positive certification with the county.

A positive certification means the district will meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. The district is required to file its first interim financial report with the county by mid December.

If the district files a qualified certification, saying it may not meet its financial obligations for this and the next two fiscal years, the board would have to come up with a plan this spring. Budget sessions have been tentatively set for 5 p.m. Dec. 22 and Jan. 19 at the district office.

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