

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Navy Sea Cadet car wash

The United States Navy Sea Cadets will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at McDonald's, 3750 Sierra Highway.

PALMDALE

Revolutionary girls to meet

The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10 a.m. today at 2705 East Ave. Q. For details, call (661) 942-0746.

Cleaning cars for cash

Highland High School Marching Band and Color Guard will have a fundraiser car wash from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Suburban Realty, 3001 West Rancho Vista Blvd. For details, call (661) 878-3475.

AV Desert Divers to meet

The AV Desert Divers will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Larry Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, in the Primrose Room.

Terry Hodgkins will give a presentation on lobstering.

For details, call (661) 947-0863 or visit www.avdesertdivers.org.

Eagles tee off for Cub Scouts

The Antelope Valley Eagles will present their fifth annual benefit golf tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Rancho Vista Golf Course, 3905 Club Vista Ave.

The event will include a longest drive, closest to the pin and hole-in-one contest along with raffles and trophies.

Registration is \$55 each, with a four-person scramble format.

Proceeds will benefit Cub Scout Troop 641 of Quartz Hill.

For details, call (661) 948-8622 or (661) 609-7440.

LANCASTER

Non-profit garage sale on tap

Saint Vincent de Paul will have a non-profit garage sale from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at 44352 Kirkland Ave.

For details, call (661) 942-3222.

Lamb barbecue and dance

The Lancaster Elks, 240 East Ave. K, will have a lamb barbecue dinner and dance at 5 p.m. today.

The night will include live music by the Dave Wilson Band and Jeanie Wood and raffles.

Tickets are \$18.

Members and guests welcome.

For details, call (661) 942-1625.

Little league car wash

El Dorado Little League will have a fundraiser car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Challenger Mobil, 849 East Ave. I.

The league will also have sign-ups for the upcoming season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the team's field, 3461 East Pondera St.

For details, visit www.eldoradoliittleleague.com.

Freethinkers group to meet

The Antelope Valley Freethinkers, a nonprofit organization of atheists, agnostics, humanists, and other nonbelievers, will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Greenhouse Café, 1169 Commerce Center Drive.

The group meets the first Sunday of the month.

For details, call (661) 575-7391 or visit www.meetup.com/av-freethinkers.

CALIFORNIA CITY

Oktoberfest lunch, auction

The California City Optimist Club will have an Oktoberfest Quarter Auction at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Strata Sports Center, 10350 Heather Ave.

Tickets are \$10 and include a 1 p.m. lunch.

For details, call (760) 977-8064.

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Making dreams a reality

By LIANE M. ROTH Valley Life Editor

For most people in the Antelope Valley, donning pajamas and snuggling down for a good night's rest on a comfortable bed in a warm house is a given.

For others, a safe, clean and affordable roof over the head is a dream, a wish, an

unreachable goal.

That is why Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing ministry headquartered in Americus, Ga., has stepped in to build more than 500,000 decent, reasonably priced houses, sheltering 2.5 million people

worldwide.

Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, the organization's vision is: "A world where everyone has a decent place to live."

Through volunteer labor and

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Recycle those newspapers into baskets

By LIANE M. ROTH Valley Life Editor

Recycling newspapers into fun crafts is not only a great way to "go green," little ones will be entertained for hours for minimal expense when you introduce them to fun and exciting art projects for pennies on the dollar.

This basket woven out of newspaper comes together easily when worked around a form such as a roll of paper towels used in this project, said representatives from Disney's FamilyFun, the designers behind the colorful crafts. Clear tape keeps the strips secure.

Easy-Weave Newsprint Baskets

Courtesy of Disney's FamilyFun

Materials:

Scissors
Newspaper
Transparent tape
Paper towel roll
Rubber band

Instructions:

Cut newspaper into 5-1/4- by 21-1/2-inch strips. Fold each strip lengthwise to about an inch wide. We used 3/4-inch strips for the short basket, 1-1/2-inch strips for the taller ones.

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Fall care for healthy lawns

By MELINA MYERS Special to the Antelope Valley Press



Summer can be hard on our lawns. With much of the country suffering from extreme heat and drought conditions this past summer, many lawns took a beating.

Fall is the perfect time to help your lawn recover from the stressors of summer and prepare for winter. The warm soil and cooler temperatures promote root growth and thickening of the lawn.

Continue to mow the lawn as long as it keeps growing. Mow high to encourage deep roots and leave clippings on the lawn. They add nutrients and organic matter to the soil and do not cause thatch. There's no need to cut the lawn shorter for winter unless you are in an area subject to winter diseases.

Mow, don't rake those fall leaves. This will save you time and improve your lawn. The leaves add organic matter and nutrients to the soil. As

long as you can see the grass leaves through the shredded leaves your lawn will be fine.

Or shred and collect the leaves in your bagger and add them to your compost, dig into annual gardens to improve the soil, or use as mulch around perennials in the garden.

Consider core aeration if your lawn is suffering from compacted soil and thatch. Core aeration machines remove plugs of soil in the lawn, allowing air and water to reach and nourish the grass roots while promoting the breakdown of the thatch.

Overseed thin lawns after core aerating. This will enable you to get good seed to soil contact and ultimately enjoy a thicker more lush lawn.

And be sure to fertilize. Fall fertilization helps lawns recover from summer stress, encourages root growth, thickens your grass stand, and

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VERNACULAR

Ask what would Steve do

I'm currently reading — syllable by syllable — "Steve Jobs," the devilishly detailed, encyclopedic biography of the co-founder of Apple.

It's meticulously researched and written by Walter Isaacson, former chairman and once managing editor of Time magazine.

Because of my immersion in the book, I was interested in the stories about the release of the new iPhone 5.

Most of the press coverage of late has been about noisy complaints regarding the Map app.

On Friday, Sept. 28, Apple's Chief Executive Tim Cook, who was Jobs' choice as his successor, acknowledged that the company "fell short" with the homegrown application, which replaced Google Inc.'s popular Maps app.

In a letter posted on the firm's website, Cook apologized for the maligned app and, in a rare move, encouraged users to find alternatives while the company worked to fix the software's numerous flaws.

Jobs was the pilot in charge of developing Apple, which this year became the world's wealthiest company. On several occasions he refused to introduce a new product on the promised date if it still had some flaws.

A dramatic example of that kind of stretch for perfection occurred when the company was getting ready to open its Apple stores.

Jobs worked for many months with Ron Johnson, formerly of Target, to establish the first four stores.

In the middle of the night in October, 2000, Johnson had an epiphany that the concept was all wrong.

Jobs exploded in anger when Johnson presented his idea but later that day, the iconic executive announced to his team, "Ron thinks we've got it all wrong. He thinks it should be organized not around products but instead around what people do."

Jobs decided to hit the rewind button and the openings for the completely reorganized stores were delayed until January 2001.

Who knows what Jobs — who died just one year ago on Oct. 5, 2011 — would have done if he had known that the Maps app was seriously flawed?

He might have eliminated it or he might have delayed the introduction for many months in order to vastly improve the application.

Although he emerged as one of the greatest entrepreneurs of the enormously dynamic computer age, he, himself, was deeply flawed, with volcanic temper outbursts and cruel put-downs of many people in his companies.

Although he is credited with many of the most important successes in computer technology, he also suffered a number of failures along the way.

Most reviews of the new model have been positive, but the Maps app reportedly shows a Buenos Aires train station located in the center of a raging river and cars that appear to be melted into the ground in Las Vegas.

It was reported that five million iPhone 5s sold in the first three days.

The book's flyleaf sums up Jobs' career: "His tale is instructive and cautionary, filled with lessons about innovation, character, leadership and values."

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Coming Up

SUNDAY: Travel

Fall colors

Discover the Southwest's autumnal show

MONDAY: Health & Fitness

Think pink

'Fit For a Cure' benefits cancer research



TUESDAY: Focus on Community

Distant designs

Architect to discuss travels



WEDNESDAY: Food & Cooking

Hot and spicy

Serving up bowls of chili

