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New Royalty Takes Reign Over the Bellflower Community

On April 4th, the new Miss Bellflower Courts were chosen to represent the Bellflower community and provide volunteer services throughout the year.

Rachel Udabe was crowned the 2014 Miss Bellflower Queen. Her princesses are Samantha Salmon, Betty Gonzalez and Shiena Bas. The new 2014 Miss Teen Bellflower is Trisha Howland. Her princesses are Natalie Wilson, Jennifer Sarabia, and Hannah Mercado.

The theme for this year's competition was Timeless Classics. Contest-



Pictured above: Rachel Udabe



Pictured above: Trisha Howland

ants opened the show with a group dance routine, competed in various styles of fashion and participated in an onstage Q&A. Miss Bellflower division ranges from ages 16 to 21 years old and Miss Teen Bellflower ranges from 13 to 15 years old.

Bellflower's football star Ron Yary, Rick Kemppainen, Phil Hawkins, Robin Rae Robinson and Ali Sajjad Taj judged the pageant. Winners were selected based on their interview and competition scores.

Contestants in the Teen Division were Hannah Mercado, Jennifer Sarabia, Natalie Wilson and Trisha Howland. Leslie Cerecer, Jasmine Luebanos, Rachel Udabe, Diana Quintero, Rebecca Garcia, Brianna Laredo, Betty Gonzalez, Shiena Bas and Samantha Salmon competed in the Miss Division.

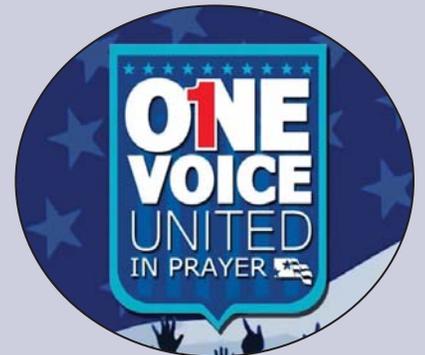
The 2012/13 courts said their final farewell and received special recognition from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Congresswoman Linda

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Community Unites For National Prayer

All Bellflower citizens are invited to the National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 1, 2014. The annual day of inspiration will be presented by the Bellflower Ministerial Association and will take place at Bellflower City Hall, located at 16600 Civic Center Drive.

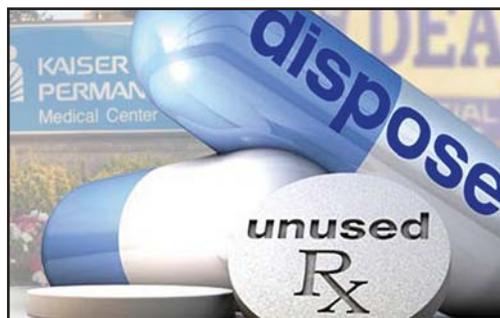
The event will begin at 11:55 a.m. and will be followed by refreshments in the patio area. For more information call Bellflower Kingdom Causes at (562) 804-2189.



City Hall Closed Monday, May 26

in observance of Memorial Day

Drug Take-Back a Success



Bellflower Kaiser Medical Center hosted their 2nd National Drug Take-Back event and collected 623.3 pounds! The event collected 384.5 lbs more than the first collection in 2013.

The next Drug Take-Back event is scheduled for October 2014. (Be on the look out for info)

CHP Teams Up to Stop Teen Death

Traffic collisions are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States. In response to this troubling fact, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has partnered with Impact Teen Drivers with a shared goal, to change the teen culture and make distracted driving intolerable. The year-long traffic safety campaign continues through September 2014.

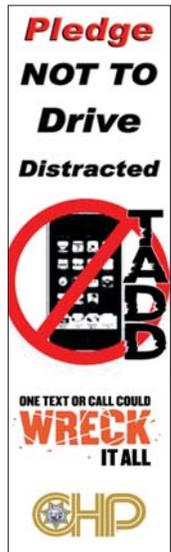
"Enforcement alone is not the answer – education plays an equally important role in keeping California's teenage drivers safe," added Commissioner Joe Farrow. "We encourage parents to get involved by talking to their teen driver about the rules of the road and by being good role models behind the wheel."

The teen driver program is designed to provide awareness and education to teenagers, their parents, teachers, and community members about distracted and reckless driving. The ultimate mission of this partnership is to reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused by distracted driving and poor decision making by teenage drivers.

"It is crucial that we educate teens and empower them to make good decisions behind the wheel," said Kelly Browning, Executive Director of Impact Teen Drivers.

Impact Teen Drivers communicates an educational message to teenage drivers using plain language and relevant messages. Most importantly, the program inspires teenagers to commit to being a responsible driver.

The grant-funded Teen Distracted Drivers Education and Enforcement III campaign consists of an education component, as well as teen distracted driver enforcement operations to be



Jones' Courage Takes the Mound

Jeff Jones, (pictured below on right) owner of Admiral Pest Control has been awarded the American Cancer Society's 2013 Statewide Patient Courage Award, the company announced April 8. As part of Jones' award, he will throw the first pitch at the Los Angeles Dodgers versus San Francisco Giants baseball game on Friday, May 9 (Time Warner SportsNet LA).

Jones was diagnosed with soft tissue sarcoma in November 2006. He was treated with chemotherapy and radiation, but to permanently prevent the cancer from spreading, his right arm and shoulder were amputated on May 9, 2013 – exactly one year before his debut at Dodgers Stadium.

Jones is a cancer survivor who has learned to do daily tasks one-handed, and even more so, has transitioned to become a "lefty."

Getting dressed was no longer the simple task it had always been. "It's so much more work buttoning your shirt," Jones said. "You can do a lot of things but it just takes you twice as long to do it."

This month, Admiral Pest Control begins fundraising for the annual Relay for Life event held on June 28-29. Jones' unexpected journey with cancer gave him a greater appreciation for what cancer patients endure and over the past 6 years, Team Admiral has raised more than \$130,000 in support of cancer research. The company hopes to raise more than \$35,000 for this year's relay.

"Participating in the Relay for Life is a way for us as a company to give back to the community," Jones said. "Cancer touches just about every American. We are proud to be able to give back in this way."



conducted throughout the state. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to the people of California. For more information about the CHP, visit www.chp.ca.gov.

The modified article above was released by the CHP.

Relay for Life Info

Bellflower's Relay for Life event is scheduled for June 28 and 29, 2014. Team captains are actively recruiting volunteers, relay participants and business support through donations or services. To donate, sign up or dedicate a luminaria visit www.relayforlife.org and type in "90706" under "search for an event" bar on the homepage.

WORK AROUND TOWN

Kookoo Grill Teriyaki

15726 Woodruff Ave. Bellflower

Restaurant

(Part-time • 3 positions available)
Applicants can apply in person, morning & evening shifts needed. For more information call Peter at (714) 357-8782.

Starbucks

17524 Lakewood Blvd. Bellflower
Apply online:
www.starbucks.com/careers

Shift Supervisor

Deploy partners and delegates tasks to create/maintain the Starbucks experience for customers. Experience should include 1 year of customer service either retail or restaurant environment.

Barista

Provide customers with prompt service, quality beverages and products, and maintaining a clean and comfortable store environment.

Kaiser Permanente

Various positions in Bellflower
Apply online:
www.kaiserpermanentejobs.org

Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Provides professional nursing care, utilizing the nursing process in accordance with established standards of care, policies, and procedures. For more detailed job description, visit Kaiser's website.

Basic Qualifications:

- Current CA RN license & BLS certification.
- One (1) year recent (within the last 3 years) full-time equivalent experience in an acute care setting

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Sanchez, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, Bellflower Mayor Sonny Santa Ines, Bellflower Council Members Dan Koops and Ron Schnablegger, and several other guests.

Scholarships were awarded to contestants by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia for volunteerism and scholastic achievement, along with a scholarship provided by the Soroptimist International of Bellflower. Sponsors of this year's competition included the Bellflower Noon Lions, Supervisor Don Knabe, Kiwanis Club

of Bellflower, Rotary Club of Bellflower, CR&R and many community members. Cinderelaz Closet provided many dresses for the contestants.

For more information call Janna Enkhorn at (562) 630-1855 or Doreen Robbins at (562) 920-6556.

WINE TASTING

An upscale wine & spirits boutique
Featured Wine: Handcraft & Gnarly

Cost \$10

MAY 3, 2014

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Bellflower Beverage Depot
16536 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, CA

Info: (562) 867-1700

St. John Bosco's Varsity Wrestling & Basketball Earn State Titles



ABOVE: St. John Bosco High School Varsity Wrestling Team and Varsity Basketball Team celebrated its third team state championship of the 2013-14 school year. The two teams were honored for earning team state titles and championship banners were unveiled at the ceremony. St. Joseph High School cheerleaders were also recognized for placing 3rd place at the National Competition. **TOP LEFT:** St. John Bosco's Drum Line Unit placed 2nd in the American Drum Line Association Championships.

The New York Underworld Musical *Guys & Dolls JR.* Steals the Spotlight

Beginning the first weekend of May, The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) will proudly present *Guys & Dolls JR.* The production will open on Saturday, May 2 at the Bristol Civic Auditorium and feature talented young actors from Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, La Puente, Rossmoor and Cypress.

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *Guys & Dolls JR* introduces colorful, legendary characters such as Sarah Brown, the upright but uptight "mission doll;" Sky Masterson, the slick, high-rolling gambler who woos her on a bet and ends up falling in love; Adelaide, a nightclub performer whose chronic flu is brought on by the fact she's been engaged to the same man for 14 years; and Nathan

Detroit, her devoted fiancé, desperate as always to find a spot for his infamous floating dice game.

All performances will take place at the Bristol Civic Auditorium, located inside Bellflower City Hall - 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower CA 90706. Tickets are \$8.00 presale and \$12.00 at the door. To purchase tickets visit the Bellflower Theater Company Box Office located at 9831 Belmont St. Bellflower, 90706 or more information

call (562) 867-3524 or email staff@bellflowertheater.org.



Performances
Friday, May 2 • 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3 • 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4 • 2:00 p.m.

Chihua- WOW

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014
10 AM - 5 PM

ADOPTION EVENT

50% OFF

adoption fees
on all Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes

ADOPTION FEE INCLUDES:

- Spay/Neuter
- Micro-chip
- Flea treatment
- First set of vaccines
- Dog toy
- Pet health guide

MAY EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA
(562) 925-5543

READ WITH DOGS

Thursday, May 1
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading to a Therapy Dog from Beach Animals Reading with Kids (BARK)! Beginning readers are welcome. Call to reserve a spot!



LEGO CLUB

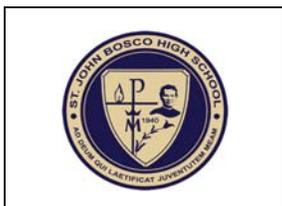
Saturday, May 10
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Library will provide the LEGOs and you bring your imagination! All materials must stay in the library. Children ages 5-14 years and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

(Please do not bring your own LEGOs.) Sponsored by *Friends of the Bellflower Library*.



City of Bellflower High School Graduations



St. John Bosco High School
Sat. May 24
9:00 a.m.
St. John Bosco Quad



Bellflower High School
Thurs. June 19
6:30 p.m.
Ron Yary Stadium



Mayfair High School
Wed. June 18
6:30 p.m.
Ron Yary Stadium



Somerset High School
Tues. June 17
6:30 p.m.
Somerset High School



Valley Christian High School
Fri. June 13
7:30 p.m.
Cottonwood Church