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RENTING OUT CAMPUS

Desert Sands Unified School Board members voted 5-0 Tuesday to lease the old Amistad Continuation High School campus to the Riverside County Office of Education for the next 10 months. **B3**

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SunLine submits audit to state

Agency receives \$1.6 million after turning report in two months late

By **Barrett Newkirk**
The Desert Sun

THOUSAND PALMS — SunLine Transit Agency has turned over an audit two months late, allowing the Riverside County Transportation Commission to re-

lease \$1.6 million in state funding.

“The money is in our account,” said Roger Snoble, who started his job as interim general manager on Monday.

RCTC Deputy Executive Director John Standiford con-

firmed SunLine submitted the final audit information late Monday, allowing his agency to wire the payment Tuesday.

The two monthly payments, totaling about \$1.6 million, were for state Transportation Development Act funds, which Standiford said is the revenue source many transportation agencies use to cover general operating expenses. State law requires agencies to submit an

annual audit to receive the money.

Snoble, who was appointed SunLine’s temporary head on Friday, said the delayed funding had not created any issues for the public transportation agency.

Staff members were aware of the delay and were able to carefully manage cash flow, and SunLine also recently received a reimbursement for its

alternative fuel program that brought in about \$600,000 to help cover expenses, Snoble said.

However, “had I not gotten it this week, payroll could have been somewhat difficult,” he said.

After RCTC granted SunLine a three-month extension to complete the audit, SunLine missed

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Palm Springs High School’s Class of 2013 celebrates during graduation Tuesday at the Palm Springs Convention Center. RICHARD LUI/THE DESERT SUN

Seniors reflect on high school years

By **Colin Atagi**
The Desert Sun

PALM SPRINGS — Decked out in black, red and white robes, 426 Palm Springs High School seniors accepted their diplomas Tuesday evening, marking the end of their high school years.

Thousands of friends and family filled the Palm Springs Convention Center, where the annual ceremony was held.

Graduation ceremonies traditionally mark the period where students need to look toward their futures, but several speakers didn’t hesitate to reminisce about the past.

“Our time at Palm Springs High School was anything but an eternity,” valedictorian Emelyn Avina told the crowd.

Senior class President Yoon Ji Jang recalled when her classmates all came from different middle schools and joined as one student body.

“From that day forward, we would be unified under one name, one

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‘CV Link’ railway details revealed at forum

By **Alyson Gaharan**
The Desert Sun

PALM SPRINGS — The 52-mile railway connecting the Coachella Valley will henceforth be known as “CV Link,” the Coachella Valley Association of Governments announced during its first public workshop Tuesday evening.

Formerly known as Parkway 1e11, the project will run alongside the Whitewater channel, providing a continuous pathway for pedestrians, bicyclists and neighborhood electric vehicles.

Tuesday’s standing room-only workshop, held at the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership headquarters in Palm Springs, was the CVAG’s first public outreach effort — the first of many, according to CVAG Transportation Program Manager Michael Shoberg.

Workshop attendees had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with project managers, ask questions and provide the team with feedback. They were also encouraged to post sticky notes with their comments on the concept boards and maps throughout the room.

Audience members’ questions focused largely on the project’s infrastructural challenges, such as how to divide the pathway in order to accommodate different types of traffic, and how emergency vehicles could reach the trail when medical or criminal incidents occur.

Attendees also expressed interest in incorporating an

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Bigger music fest crowd leaves behind fewer personal items

By **Erin Hebert**
The Desert Sun

INDIO — Despite increased attendance at the 2013 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, which was up by about 10,000 from the previous year, there was a noticeable decrease in the amount of items left behind by attendees of this year’s event.

About 750 personal items are cataloged into the 2013 lost and found — including 407 loose forms of identification, such as driver’s licenses, insurance cards, credit cards and passports.

In 2012, Coachella’s cataloged lost and found inventory contained about 900 items.

And while it’s easy enough to identify the owners of those lost pieces of ID, it has become much harder to determine the owners of some of the other lost items, particularly cell phones.

More people, it would seem, are adding lock codes to their phones, “making it near impossible” to find the owners of most of the 53 phones, according to Coachella’s website, which states that 30 of the 53 phones



The Coachella festival’s cataloged lost and found inventory contains about 750 personal items, including 53 phones. SUPPLIED PHOTO

are locked iPhones.

Other items found and organized by Coachella workers include 93 wallets and coin purses, 18 cameras, 17 pairs of eyeglasses, 15 groups of keys, 11 purses and backpacks, 11 pairs of sunglasses, and two empty camera bags.

The inventory was first posted May 9.

After three months, items will be donated to charity.

Those who may have lost items at this year’s festival can email info@coachella.com with the lost item category in the subject line.

Instructions for claiming items vary and can be found at coachella.com/lostandfound.

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INSIDE VALLEY

FATAL CRASHES

Two men died in separate traffic crashes in the Coachella Valley on Tuesday. **B2**

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Rachel La Faye Overman
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On June 2, 2013, Mother went peacefully at home with her children by her side. She went to her Heavenly home to be with the two she loved most, Jesus and her husband Tommy of 63 years. She married Clyde Thomas Overman in Durham, N.C. Faye was the mother of the Oasis Church. She loved going to church, reading her Bible and books about angels and praying for her family and friends. She loved the Lord with all her heart and always preaching to her kids to live and believe the way she did. She was blessed by God with the gift of healing mostly those with cancer. She was a true blessing to all who know her and loved by many. They had three children, Tina (Jim) Huffman of Palm Desert, Calif., Richard (Karen) Overman of Arkansas, and Cheryl (Tom) McDonald of Arizona. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren: Tommy and Deborah Ellis of North Carolina, Donald and Tamara Vallier of Palm Desert, Kathy Tetachuk of Idaho, Randy Dietz of Indio, Calif., Summer Oshaben of Banning, Calif., Yvonne and Deja Overman of Arkansas, Vince Anderson of the United States Air Force (deployed), Mark and Donnie Overman of Texas and Lisa Overman of Riverside, as well as 67 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. She loved her good friend, Mary Lou who was always there for her and her family. Thank you Mary Lou we all love and like you. Rachel will be truly missed but never forgotten. A visitation will be held at Forest Lawn Cathedral City on Friday, June 7, 2013 from 3 pm to 5 pm with a funeral service to follow at 5 pm with interment to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries. To view and sign this guestbook, visit www.mydesert.com/obituaries

Death Notices

- Corona**
Adams, Dorothy Marie, 83
- Indian Wells**
Herklotz, Paul, 91
- Palm Desert**
Overman, Rachel, 89
- Palm Springs**
Marshall, Timothy "Tim", 54
- Palo Alto**
Dubinsky, Lillian Darling, 89
- Rancho Mirage**
Crane, Stacey L.
Ream, Billy
Shibata, Jeanne Hisako

CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

Mega Millions/Tuesday
Numbers picked 10, 11, 12, 20, 55 Meganumber 19
JACKPOT: \$12M

SuperLotto Plus/Saturday

Numbers picked	6, 9, 10, 25, 45	Meganumber 4
PICKS	WINNERS	PRIZE
5 plus mega	0	\$14 million
5 no mega	4	\$12,170
4 plus mega	21	\$1,159
4 no mega	498	\$81
3 plus mega	815	\$44
3 no mega	20,461	\$8
2 plus mega	9,519	\$10
1 plus mega	43,307	\$2
mega only	62,754	\$1
Tonight's jackpot estimate (drawing: 7:57 p.m.)		\$15M

Powerball/Saturday

Numbers picked	22, 28, 33, 53, 59	Powerball number 14
PICKS	WINNERS	PRIZE
5 plus powerball	0	\$40 million
5 no powerball	0	\$810,517
4 plus powerball	4	\$8,392
4 no powerball	96	\$118
3 plus powerball	172	\$103
3 no powerball	5,277	\$8
2 plus powerball	2,919	\$7
1 plus powerball	14,453	\$4
Powerball only	41,085	\$3
Tonight's jackpot estimate		\$50M

Daily Derby/Tuesday

1st place	02, Lucky Star
2nd place	10, Solid Gold
3rd place	01, Gold Rush
Race time	1:48.63

Match winners and time for top prize.
Match either for other prizes.

Daily 3/Tuesday

Afternoon numbers	0, 3, 9
Night numbers	6, 3, 8

Match three in order for top prize; combinations for other prizes.

Daily 4/Tuesday

Numbers picked	7, 6, 7, 2
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Match four in order for top prize; combinations for other prizes.

Lottery information
Riverside offices: (800) 568-8379
On the Web: www.calottery.com

Fantasy 5/Tuesday

Numbers picked	2, 4, 13, 28, 30
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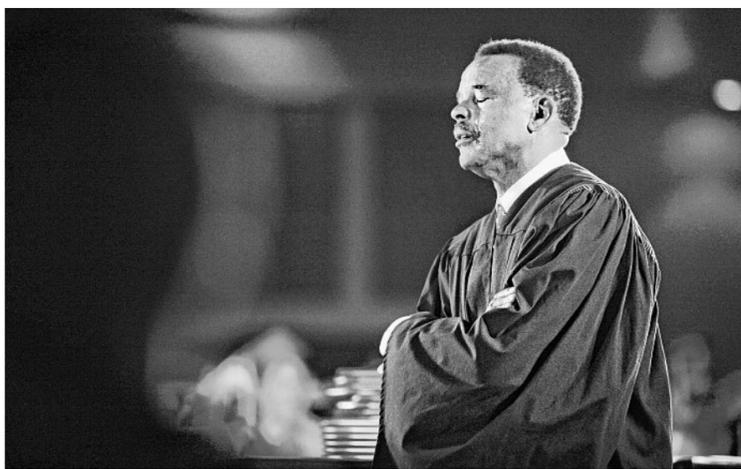
Match all five for top prize. Match at least three for other prizes.



Balloons drop on graduates of Palm Springs High's Class of 2013. PHOTOS BY RICHARD LUI/THE DESERT SUN



Principal Ricky Wright waits patiently as Andrea Abbas adjusts her cap for a portrait during graduation ceremony on Tuesday.



Principal Ricky Wright gets emotional while presiding over his last graduation for Palm Springs High School.

Palm Springs High School graduates listen to Principal Ricky Wright speak at the Palm Springs Convention Center.



Grads

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family," she said during her speech.

Students were acknowledged for their academic achievements, and several received cheers when their names were announced during the ceremony.

It took more than an hour for each student to be handed a diploma.

Principal Ricky Wright used one word to describe his students.

"Unforgettable" — that's appropriate. Unforgettable, because that's what you are to me," he said.

Graduates and those in attendance repeatedly interrupted Wright's speech to give him standing ovations.

This ceremony marks Wright's final graduation at Palm Springs High School. Wright, who has headed Palm Springs High School for 16 years, announced his retirement in January.

He has been an educator for 41 years

SunLine

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its new March 31 deadline. RCTC was then forced to withhold a payment of about \$812,000 in April.

A similar amount for May also couldn't go to SunLine until the audit was done.

Snoble said the audit showed SunLine complied with all requirements.

The staff had already begun to work on the audit for the fiscal year that wraps up at the end of June, he said.

"We still need to do a much better job of getting these audits in," Snoble said.

"I suspect we have a

much better understanding of how we get through these."

C. Mikel Oglesby, SunLine's general manager, in May blamed the missed deadline on personnel issues. The next week, SunLine's board placed Oglesby on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into recent employee dismissals and problems in

the finance department.

Brenda Walker had worked as SunLine's finance director for about four months when she was fired May 2. She is contesting her termination.

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Trailway

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equestrian trail, an aspect Shoberg said the team would take into consideration.

George Hudson, principal and landscape architect at Alta Planning and Design, is part of the team collaborating with CVAG to develop the project's master plan. Receiving questions, comments and concerns from community members is a

crucial part of the planning process, Hudson said.

"Concerns and comments like we heard tonight are exactly what we want to hear at this point," Hudson said. "We want this project to be an asset, not a negative impact in the community. Now, we can begin to address the concerns and move forward."

CVAG is in the process of planning eight other workshops to be held throughout the valley. The next meeting will

probably be held in the east valley in July, Shoberg said.

Not every outreach effort will look like Tuesday's workshop, Shoberg said CVAG wants to meet the people where they are, possibly setting up booths at fairs and finding creative ways to reach the valley's community. Shoberg said the organization also plans to use social media like Facebook and Twitter.

Community outreach is only part of the project's \$80 million price

tag.

So far, CVAG has secured \$47 million for the trailway through grants and other commitments, including a \$10 million matching grant and \$17 million from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Shoberg said the actual cost might fluctuate from the initial estimate, and new connections and pathways will cost additional money. The final price tag won't be determined until later in the process, Shoberg said.