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Happy
Father's
day



Springs team at CCSA Advocacy Day, Sacramento CA

Left to right: Dr. Peter Alvino, Mr. Stephen Darrow, Ms. Marlene Darrow, Ms. Heidi Chan, Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Ms. Jennifer Mejares-Pham, Ms. Judy Adair, Dr. Louis Fetherolf, and Mr. Steaven Chan

ADVOCACY DAY 2016



**TUESDAY
MAY 03**

**STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO**

#CCSAADVOCACYDAY

***Charter school advocacy does not begin
and end with Advocacy Day!***

California's public charter school movement continues to experience dramatic growth. Yet there is still an overwhelming unmet parental demand for quality school options, with more than 150,000 student names on charter school waiting lists across the state.

While charter schools enjoy support among policymakers and the general public, they also have some vocal critics who perpetuate a number of myths about charter schools. For the most updated information on pending legislation, please visit:

www.calcharters.org/capitol



Left to right: Tony (Brother), Heather (Sister), Christy (Wife), Ryan, Ellis (Son) Jeanne (Proud Mom), Rob (Proud Dad)

Springs Alumnus: Dr. Ryan Schaffner

Ryan Schaffner, a Springs employee since 2009, works with our Bookmart Department. He graduated high school from Springs Charter Schools in 2002 and since then, Ryan has earned two B.A. degrees at Biola University; one in History and one in Intercultural Studies; a Master of Philosophy from Oxford; and a Master of Arts from UCLA. He just completed his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Ohio State University. He will be starting as an Adjunct Professor, teaching Ancient Civilizations and World History at the university level.

Ryan married to his beautiful wife Christy 3 years ago. They bought their first home, have a 20-month-old son Ellis, and another little one on the way coming in mid-August!

Congratulations



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MAKING SUMMER COUNT

It's important to take a break, relax, and have some fun over the summer, but it's also a great time to do something that will interest and challenge you. Here are some suggestions for ways to make your summer worthwhile.

1. Get hands-on experience

Make the most of your summer by getting hands-on experience in the real world, whether through a paid job, volunteer work, or an internship. Summer work allows you to develop new skills and looks good on a college application. It shows that you are a dedicated, goal-oriented person — and one who's likely to succeed.

2. Take a class

Consider exploring an interest that you don't have time for during the school year. It may mean learning a new language or gaining in-depth knowledge in a favorite subject, such as chemistry. Get more information about summer learning programs.

3. Join or form a book club

Participating in a book club is a great way to become comfortable sharing your thoughts in a group setting, a common activity in college classes. You can also work on organizational and leadership skills if you help create the reading list or set up some of the meetings.

4. Keep a journal

Keeping a diary or a blog is a great way to boost your writing skills. You may even find the perfect topic for a college-application essay as you write about a vacation you took or your experiences at work or with friends.

5. Read the news

Reading is the best way to build your vocabulary, expand your knowledge and learn to analyze text. Reading newspapers and magazines — in print or online — keeps you informed about important current and world events. You might even discover a new passion if you stumble across the right story.

What now? When summer's over, keep the excitement and motivation going. Read the CollegeBoard article, Learning What You Love in High School (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/learning-what-you-love-in-high-school>) to learn how.

Another successful beach cleanup is in
the books!



Springs National Honor Society students joined the 500+ volunteers for the Coastal Playground & Orange County Coastkeeper beach cleanup last May 14th, at Huntington Beach, CA.

They removed 475 lbs. of trash!



Our goal here at the Corona site is to have a talent show when our testing is over. This gives our students something to look forward to and they get to share their talents with parents, teachers, etc. This was our second year of doing our talent show and again, the students do have talent! A shout out to all of our amazing performers and a great big thank you to all of our parents for the support. CSC Has Talent!!!!



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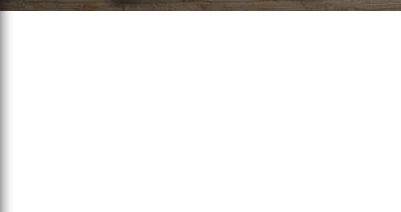
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Teacher Appreciation Day!





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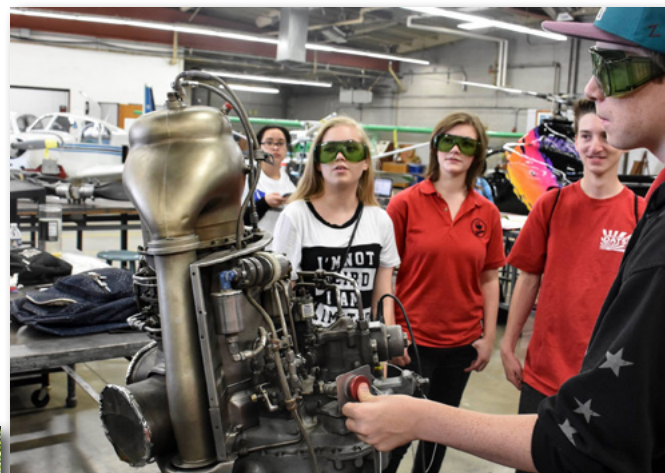
GOOD NEWS! Jurupa Valley Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve our CUP (conditional use permit) for our new Flabob Airport Prep Academy project. Our students gave inspiring speeches and compelled the commissioners with their passion for the school. Even the neighbor next to the airport spoke in support of our project. Thank you so much to all the parents, students, and staff that came out and showed their support!



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The students at FAPA and Magnolia student centers had an opportunity to tour San Bernardino Valley College this past April 22nd. There was a great turnout of 46 students and 3 staff members. Students learned about the different degrees and certificates they can earn at SBVC while they toured the campus.



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On Friday, April 22, 2016, thirty-eight students and four staff members were selected to attend Edwards Air Force Base field trip. Our guide, TSgt. McCullough directed us to where maintenance, modifications, repairs, and avionics updates take place for all aircraft. Then Col. Robert S. Lepper, Jr. greeted us and he stayed with our group, taking time to speak to the students in groups and individually. We then went to the Neil Armstrong -NASA dining room for lunch. After leaving we had a short tour of the flight line on the way to the Global Hawk center. We were briefed on the aircraft and its missions. This trip was extremely valuable to the students that attended. They got a true glimpse of Military Aviation and Engineering.

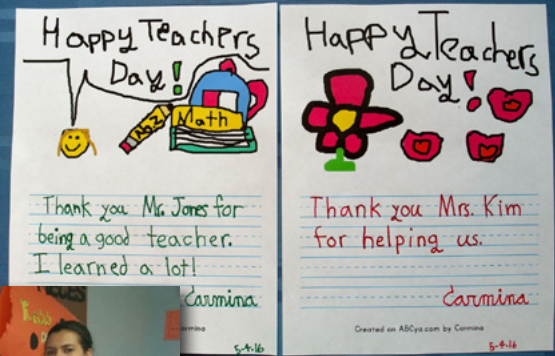


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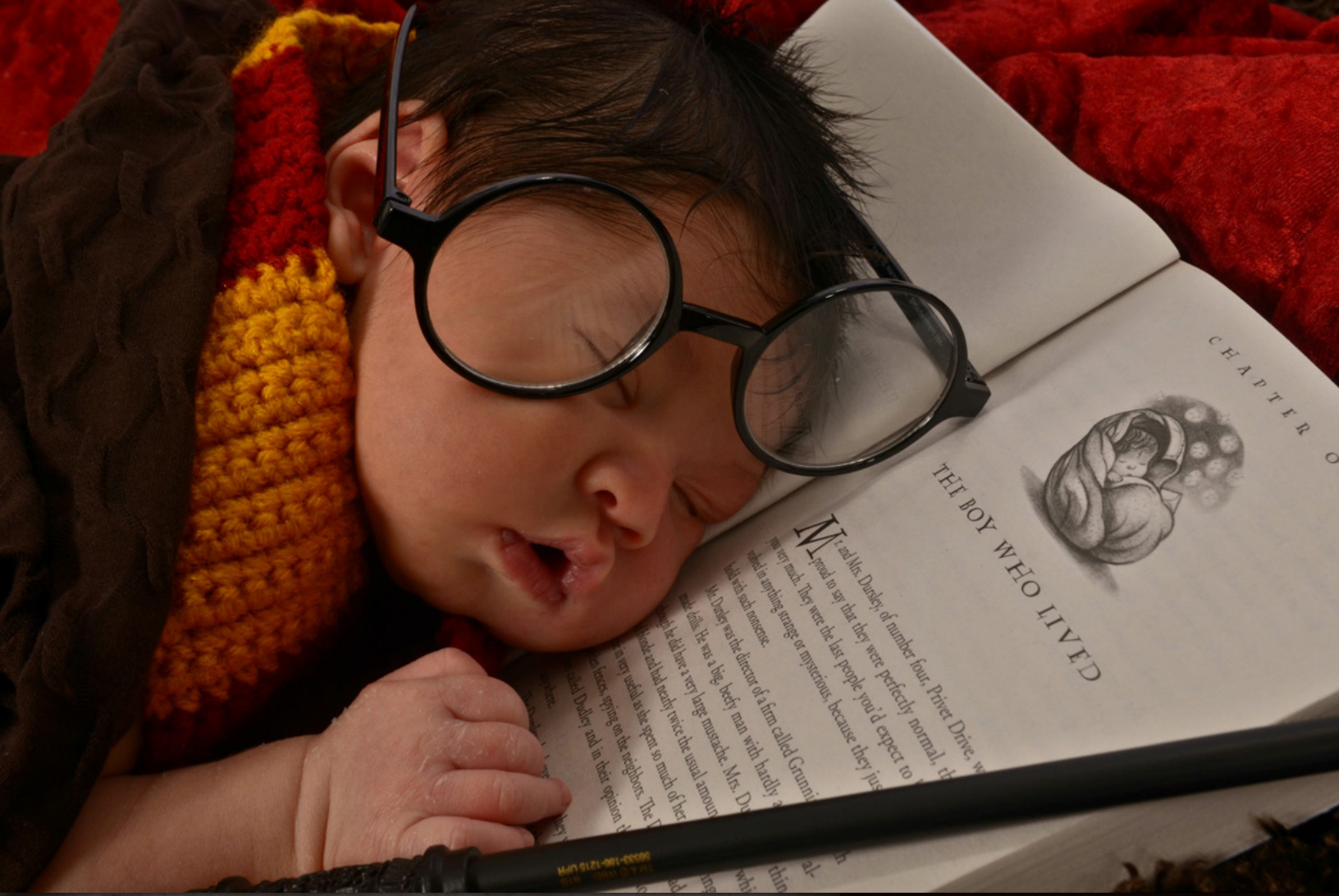


Staff Appreciation - Our staff was loved all week with special treats! One family came and made "pupusas" for all of our staff.



Family Fun Fair - FAPA/ Magnolia families enjoyed a day at the park. There were inflatables, bungee jumping, human hamster balls, dancing, a hike to Mt. Rubidoux, and food trucks. This outreach to the families and neighbors brought many inquires to our programs!





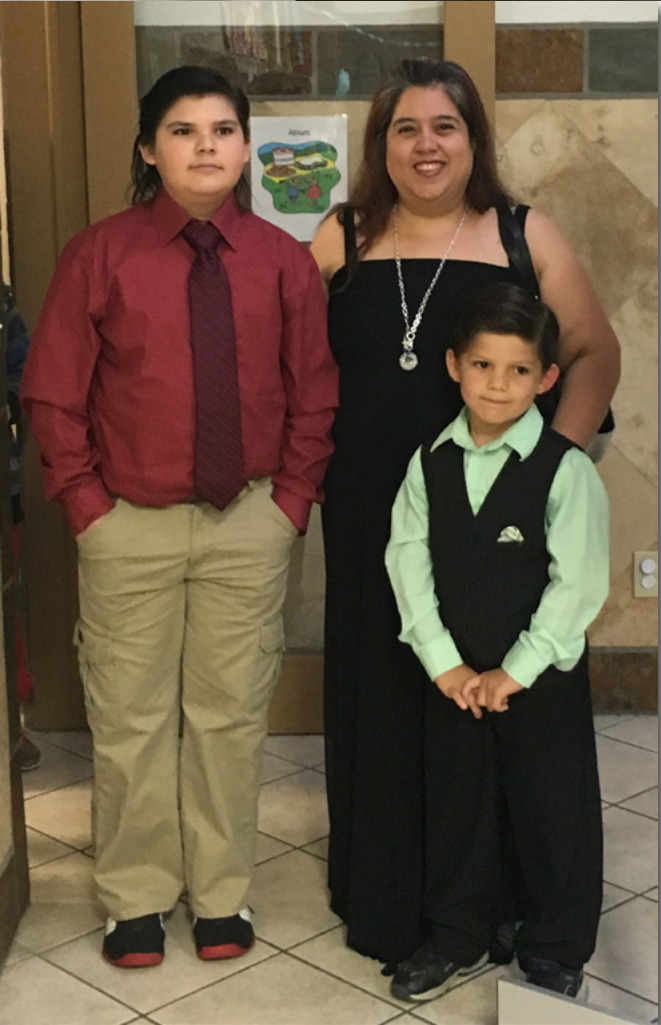
Congratulations,
Mrs. McMillan!

Please welcome
Robert Jaí Ellis
Ramírez!

Future
Flabobian!



HEMET QUEST STUDENT CENTER



Mother and Son dance was a huge success! Students were happy to participate in.



"Walk for a Cure" cancer walk!

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Free tostadas were given to every student to celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Dance Party Thursdays are so much fun!





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**HEMET STUDENT
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Students and staff took a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm. We experienced the guided physics tour offered through the park and rode 3 rides together as a group. Great Day with Super Students!



Students enjoyed a group activity day at Rancho Park in San Jacinto. A fun game of kickball with students and staff started off the festivities. Basketball and football ended our exciting day. Much fun and laughter was had by all. Until next year Rancho...

High School Students and staff participated in a random pick 2 on 2 B-Ball tournament during lunch. Teams,



playing 1/2 court, reaching 5 points first progressed on by process of elimination. Mr. Garcia, custodian, and his teammate Zion Stone battled to the finish and won 5-3 against Mr. Maria, English teacher, and his teammate Timothy Bolden. Fantastic sportsmanship and super display of physical agility during the HOT, HUMID weather!



HEMET LEARNING CENTER



We celebrated a fantastic and successful year at the Hemet Learning Center with our end of the year festivities on May 26th. This included our Semester Awards, Kindergarten and 8th grade graduations, and our end of the year performance/showcase held at the Historic Hemet Theater in downtown Hemet.



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Mrs. Jorgensen taught her art students how to do a cool/warm watercolor design. Aren't they beautiful?



Mrs. Crawford's Performing Arts students have been hard at work rehearsing for their performance! They are so excited to show off their amazing talents!



In Mrs. Cowden's Reading class the students did book reports in a fun and creative way. They were able to choose their own books and then they each created a dodecahedron shaped report about their books!



Students in iShine Learning Center's Conversational Spanish class have been learning how to voice their opinion IN SPANISH! After learning the verb Gustar, to like, they can now talk about foods they do and don't like!

Hands-on Science students investigated the food chain by dissecting owl pellets and identifying the bones they found!





MURRIETA STUDENT CENTER

“A Flight Back In Time” was the theme of this year’s Prom, which was hosted at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. A few of our Learning Center students, Ashton Christensen (senior), Michellah Thompson (Junior), Sable Hunt (Junior), and Zach Traylor (Junior), attended and had a great time! Michellah Thompson was inspired by the themed era so much that she designed and created her gown for the special event.

Murrieta is having a fundraiser for Fitivities Game. Contact Ms. Christie if you are interested in purchasing one of these amazing and fun family games.

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After studying the Revolutionary War in great details, Ms. Maguire's 5th graders took a field trip on The Californian. Students role played as colonists on a vessel with a captain, who was loyal to King George. They debated both sides of the war. They also learned to be sailors, fire a cannon, move cargo, and chart a course for spices.



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ORAA students experienced the “H₂O, Where Did You Go?” theatrical-style production. It taught students about the journey of water, the value of water, water cycle, and the importance of conservation. This production used funny skits, songs, visual aids, and audience participation to engage students.

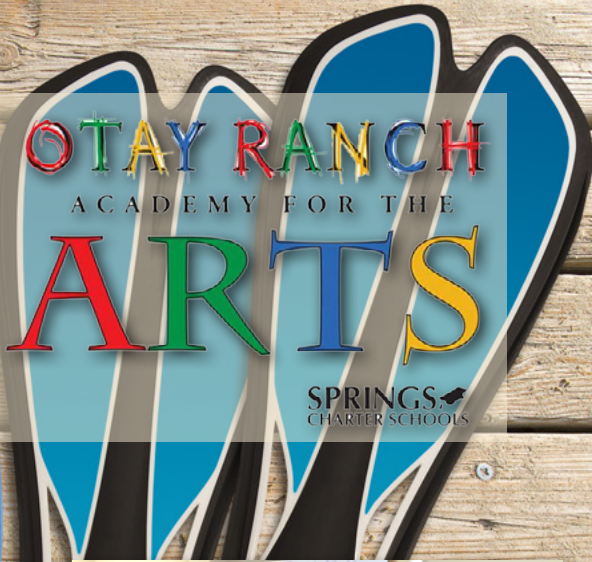
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A long time ago... in a galaxy far far away...Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week came to ORAA. Parents and families showered ORAA teachers and staff with words of appreciation and lots of goodies too. Students dressed up on May the Fourth in their Star Wars gear... and so did the staff. Kindergarten students even had Jedi training. It was a week that was out of this world!



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First grade students paint Roald Dahl's BFG and two other giants.

Principal, Philip Parks, Vice Principal, Terri Kurczewski, and Springs Superintendent, Kathleen Hermsmeyer attended the 5th Annual Hands United for Children Fundraiser Gala for O'Farrell Charter School at The Prado Ballroom in Balboa Park.

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Ms. Maguire's 5th graders requested a Science Fair. They were allowed to choose any project they wanted to do as long as they showed Scientific Method. They rose to the challenge and created some wonderful projects, i.e. The Floating Egg, Echo, Lava Lamp, Vortex, etc...



OTAY RANCH ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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Otay Ranch Academy for the Arts celebrated their 2nd Annual Family Fun Day. Families, students, and community friends came out to take part in a fun day filled with games, face painting, petting zoo, food trucks, karaoke, photo booth, and much more! The day kicked off with a Fun in the Sun Run sponsored by ORAA's PTA and then was followed by festivities and fun.





WE'RE MOVING!!! The Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center will begin the 2016/2017 school year at our brand new location, **8968 Archibald Ave Rancho Cucamonga 91730.**



The new location will offer a new K-8 "fully supported" collaborative learning program, Homeschool High school classes and Homeschool K-8 learning center classes.



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Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center

Heritage Day: Parents joined the Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center as we celebrated Family Heritage Day. Students dressed up in honor of their heritage and brought cultural food to share during a site wide potluck.



Upcoming Events

- June 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. we will be celebrating our Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation, End of the Year Performances, and Spring Open House.
- June 7th is our Field Day/End of the Year Celebration.



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**RIVERSIDE
LEARNING
CENTER**



In PE/Nutrition, students exercised and worked as team players, through playing a relay game of tic tac toe. In Mrs. Lyles', Digging for Dinosaurs class, students enjoyed making tissue paper art with dinosaur shadows.



Upcoming Events:

- June 6th : 8th Grade ceremony at Cesar Chavez Community Center at 10:30 a.m.
- June 7th: Kindergarten ceremony, Riverside Learning Center at 1:30 p.m.
- June 7th: Last day of school for Learning Center



VENTURE ONLINE ACADEMY

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Venture online has been the best choice for our son Alessio. We needed to find a program that could accommodate his education and his passion of motocross. Throughout the year he has grown not only academically but he has also grown as a rider. He has been able to maintain good grades and train for Loretta Lynn's which has been his dream.

Not only has it been positive for his motocross and grades but he has also become more confident and less stressed out. He dealt with a lot of bullying and peer pressure in school and was always stressed out, he is now happy and I couldn't have asked for a better outcome. We will continue with Venture online for the years to come.

June

LYLES, MELINDA	1
BERAULT, LEAH	2
JOHNSON, APRIL	2
HARTMAN, JANET	3
DIAZ, ANNA	3
LAWRENCE, MELISSA	4
RYE, GINA	4
KADLEC, ERIC	4
LEWANDOWSKI, PATRICIA	5
GARCIA, CHRISTOPHER	5
TONER, MICHAEL	5
ADAIR, JAMES	5
HERNANDEZ, LISBETH	7
MINNESANG, ALLISON	7
KERSHISNIK, REBECCA	8
VAN LEEUWEN, KATHERINE	9
MCMILLAN, KRISTAL	10
MCMILLAN, KRISTINE	10

BAILEY, BRIAN	11
BRAVO, EDITH	11
HOLLISON, DEBORAH	11
SMITH, DENISE	11
CAMPBELL, JEANNIE	11
HUBBELL, JULIANNA	11
ARNOLD, LYNNE	11
VILORIA, CHERRY	12
MCGREGOR, DAX	12
ADKINS, MONIKA	12
ARDALAN, JAMSHID	13
CHIOTTI, JILL	13
COLE, DANA	14
GROOME, DEBORAH	14
STEIN, JACQUELINE	15
PRICE, VIVIAN	16
LOFT, BEVERLY	16
LANDERS, JOYCE	17
ADAIR, JUDITH	18

COMAIANNI, KIMBERLY	19
CROSBY, KRISTINA	19
REIGHTLEY, LISA	19
SAND, MICHELLE	20
BAUMEISTER, CHERYL	21
SMALLMAN, CHERYL	21
CRAWFORD, DARLA	22
MCCOMBS, VONDELLA	24
BARRAGAN-GUTIERREZ, MARTIN	25
BLOCK, DONNA	25
FYFE, STEPHANIE	25
LAVIN, DINA	26
DE MARTIMPREY, ANNE	26
WONG AH SUN, CHRISTY	26
KRISEL, JULIA	27
FISCHER, JACQUELYN	28
LOWE, CHRISTOPHER	28
PFLAUMER, TERRY	28
SCHILLING, ELLEN	30

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July

BLOCK, MIKE	1
HEREDIA, WILLIAM	1
LOCKOVICH II, ROBERT	1
PALACIOS, LORETTA	6
EVANS, KATHRYN	6
CORDSEN, JENNIFER	8
MUSKIET, BRANDIE	8
GOODING, RENEE	10
ANGLE, TINA	10
GRADIAS, KRISTA	10
THEMM, MANDY	12
HERNANDEZ, MARTIN	13
MILLER, MISTY	14
MCCORMICK, KRISTINA	14
HUNTER, JACQUELYN	14
WALLACE, COURTNIIE	14
RICO, RYAN	14
GLICKMAN JONES, MARJORIE	15
JACOBY, APRIL	15
CHEOWANICH, HOLLIE	18
MARSH, SARAH	19
MC COY, MICHAEL	19
CLEARY, KATHLYN	20
HULL, MICHELLE	20

MARTINEZ, DANIEL	21
FUENTES, TIMOTHY	21
BARELA JR, JAMES	21
COLSON, ALISON	22
RUBALCABA, ELIZABETH	22
ADAIR, JOHN	22
MINOR, SARAH	23
SMITH, WENDY	24
JACKSON, CINDY-ANNE	24
CASTILLO, MONICA	25
RAMIREZ, BRENDA	26
HARREL, KELLY	26
HUGHES, ASHLEY	26
WEST, MATTHEW	26
BRENNER, JENNIFER	27
VELEZ, TERESA	27
ADCOCK, MANDY	29
FISK, LEAH	30
WILSON, MAUREEN	30
YANEZ, ESTHER	30
LEFTRIDGE, ASHLY	30
DEL PIZZO, LISA	30
BALLARD, ERIC	30

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August

MCINTYRE, JESSICA	1
WILSON, KALYN	1
ESCALERA, RONDA	1
STRAKER, GEOFFREY	1
TORQUATO, MARY	2
TEMPLEMAN, LISA	2
MILLER, RAE	2
HEIMBACH, KIMBERLY	3
BOYD, ROBYN	4
CALLISTER, LINDSEY	5
CHAVIRA, TRACY	5
ANTRAM, ERICA	5
DEMPSTER, CARLENE	5
HELVEY, EMILIE	6
BURANDT, ERIN	6
JUSTUS, HEIDI	7
PAVIA JR, VICTOR	7
CORNWELL, DEMETRA	7
COLLINS, PATRICK	8
AERY, TIFFINY	9
PEREZ, WHITNEY	9

BUTTERFIELD, KATHRYN	10
BURNETT, STACEY	10
LUGO, VANESSA	10
GIBLER, JILL	10
LAROCCA, ANGELINA	11
AGHBASHIAN, ROBIN	11
DEERING, JEREMY	12
HODAK, KERRI	12
POLANCO, AIDA	12
SPOCK, ERIN	14
WAKELIN, NICOLETTE	14
PASCHALL, CARRIE	14
WOOD, SUZANNE	14
ELARDO, NIKI	15
COPELAND, ELIZABETH	15
HAGER, ANTHONY	16
RENTZ, PAMELA	16
BLACKMAN, DARLENE	16
BROWN, RICHARD	17
GILPIN, AMY	17

ESSEL, GEORGE	18
HOOPER, KIMBERLY	18
BELDEN, ALYSON	18
PEARCE, DANICA	19
CONTRERAS, MARIE	20
HOPPE, KATHERINE	21
OLLERTON, LORI	21
JAIME, RAYNOLD	22
HANSON, CATHERINE	22
WINES, TODD	23
CHAVEZ, VERONICA	24
GRADIAS, LAURIE	24
SERNA, NINA	25
BOS, TAMARA	26
GUTIERREZ, SHANNON	27
CASTRO, RAINE	27
MARROQUIN, DAWN	28
DEDMON, CHRISTINA	29
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