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Firefighter Vince Felix burns a hillside with a drip torch during a backfire operation along Highway 1 in Big Sur on Sunday.

WEARY CREWS FIGHT HUNDREDS OF FIRES

Firefighters continue to fight the Basin Complex Fire in the Los Padres National Forest near Big Sur on Sunday, and did battle with wildfires across the state. **A7**

TODAY'S NEWS

Bush fires back

President defends decisions on removing North Korea from terror list, attending the Olympics in Beijing. **A3**

Rodriguez divorce

Cynthia Rodriguez to file for divorce from A-Rod, reports say; Madonna says she is not divorcing Guy Ritchie. **C5**

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'Green' energy project draws fire

Sunrise Powerlink solar development crosses state park

BY ANGELA FRANZER
THE DESERT SUN

San Diego Gas and Electric wants to build a large solar power line outside the Coachella Valley, a green idea that local environmentalists say isn't as green as it seems.

The plan would include a transmission line known as the Sunrise Powerlink in the Imperial Valley and San Diego County that could handle the electricity needs of more than 650,000 customers, SDG&E reported.

But the construction plan calls for the line to cut through 23 miles of nearby Anza-Borrego State Park and is a move that disappoints many environmental groups.

"It's simply not needed. You don't need a new (power line)

through state wilderness," said Jeff Morgan, chairman of the Tahquitz group of the Sierra Club that opposes the Sunrise Powerlink project.

Morgan pointed to solar energy as a possible solution to provide service to a growing number of customers.

"Power should be given close to the source," he said, explaining that solar technology is constantly getting better and could provide a substantial amount of energy.

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Anza-Borrego at a glance

■ Parts of the park are as far as 90 miles from the Coachella Valley, but park officials say other areas are only about 15 or 20 miles away, as the park extends all the way to the county line at Highway 86. However, these areas are not accessible because there are no roads and the terrain is very rugged.

■ It is the largest state park in the state of California and is made up of 500 miles of dirt roads, 12 wilderness areas and miles of hiking trails

■ The park is named after Spanish explorer Juan Bautista de Anza and the Spanish name borrego, meaning highhorn sheep.

■ The park is well-known for washes, wildflowers, palm groves and cacti.

SOURCE: PARK RANGERS AND PARKS.CA.GOV

LA QUINTA'S KIM TAKES SECOND PGA TITLE



Anthony Kim poses with the trophy after winning the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., on Sunday.

Rising star shines again

La Quinta resident Anthony Kim turned in a gem Sunday in the AT&T National to affirm his status as a rising star on the PGA Tour.

Three shots behind going into the final round of the tournament in Bethesda, Md., the 23-year-old Kim emerged

from the pack with consecutive birdies around the turn at Congressional and closed with a 5-under 65 for a two-shot victory over Fredrik Jacobson.

Kim, who won for the first time earlier this year at the Wachovia Championship, finished at 12-under 268 and

earned \$1.08 million.

Kim became the first American under 25 to win twice in one year on the PGA Tour since Tiger Woods.

Woods, the tournament host, was not in attendance as he is recovering from season-ending knee surgery. **More PGA, C1**

Homeless group calls for your aid

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission launches drive for \$12M expansion

BY DENISE GOOLSBY
THE DESERT SUN

INDIO — The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission is embarking on an ambitious fundraising campaign to double the number of homeless people it can feed and house in the eastern part of the Coachella Valley.

Plans for a new 35,000-square-foot community care facility in Indio were approved last month. Rescue Mission officials plan to have 150 beds, a small medical and dental clinic, a larger cafeteria area and classrooms at the new facility.

As they move ahead with a capital campaign to pay for the \$12 million project, Rescue Mission officials say a new facility can't come soon enough.

"We're turning people away every night," said Darla Burkett, the rescue mission's executive director. "An additional 25 people a night sleep on the chapel floor."

The Rescue Mission has been providing shelter for 34 women and children and 50 men daily. It serves more than 9,000 meals each month and provides food boxes filled with groceries to 85 to 125 families each week.

But the shelter can only accommodate a fraction of the thousands of homeless in the valley, Burkett said.

About 4,500 homeless people

How to help

The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission is in need of donations and volunteers. For more information about how to help, call 347-3512 or visit www.cvrmm.org.

Inside

Plans move forward to create a homeless shelter and resource center for the western part of the Coachella Valley. **B1**

live in Riverside County, with nearly 1,200 in the Coachella Valley, according to county statistics from 2007.

The Rescue Mission is one of only a few emergency facilities for the homeless, including Martha's Village & Kitchen, also in Indio.

Last week, Riverside County supervisors voted to spend about \$4.9 million on property north of Interstate 10 in Palm Springs, paving the way for a west valley homeless shelter.

Rescue Mission officials plan to break ground on their new facility in about a year at the northeast corner of Van Buren Street and Manila Avenue. The shelter will be built across from the Rescue Mission's current building, constructed in 1933.

Indio Planning Commission members, who unanimously approved the plan, **Please see MISSION, A4**

Heart drugs for 8-year-olds?

BY LINDSEY TANNER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — For the first time, an influential doctors' group is recommending that some children as young as 8 be given cholesterol-fighting drugs to ward off future heart problems.

It is the strongest guidance ever given by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which released its new guidelines Monday. The academy also recommends low-fat milk for 1-year-olds and wider cholesterol testing.

Dr. Stephen Daniels, of the academy's nutrition committee, says the new advice is based on mounting evidence showing that damage leading to heart disease, the nation's leading killer, begins early in life.

It also stems from recent research showing that cholesterol-fighting drugs are generally safe for children, Daniels said.

Please see HEART, A4

Kids and cholesterol

New advice from the American Academy of Pediatrics urges doctors to screen more children for high cholesterol and to put more of them on cholesterol-lowering drugs, including those as young as 8:

Which children should have cholesterol tests?

Between the ages of 2 and 10, children with a family history of inherited cholesterol disease or with parents or grandparents who got heart disease at an early age.

Screening also is advised for kids who are overweight or have other heart disease risk factors and those whose family history isn't known.

Which children should doctors consider putting on cholesterol-lowering drugs?

Children who are at least 8 years old who have too much LDL, the "bad" cholesterol, along with

other risky conditions, including obesity and high blood pressure.

Overweight children with too little HDL, the "good" cholesterol, should focus on improving their diets and boosting physical activity levels.

What other recommendations did the academy make?

Instead of whole milk, low-fat milk — with 1 percent or 2 percent milk fat — is preferable for 1-year-olds who are overweight or whose families have a history of obesity or heart disease.

SOURCE: AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS.

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