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ROUNDTABLE—No Formal Meeting
Friday, March 29, 2024 - Noon



CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

To be Determined—Chula Vista Animal Care Facility—Assemble Dog Beds

April 12-14—Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Saturday, April 20—Tijuana Home Build

May 22—RED SHOE DAY—For Ronald McDonald House

SAVE THE DATE - June 24—District Governor's Dinner—
Del Mar Hilton

SAVE THE DATE—Friday, June 28—Installation/Outstallation



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— MARCH 22, 2024



Bob Bliss was the sponsor for the Jim Biddle News at Noon.
He is pictured with Troy Ray and Irma Flores.



More lucky drawing winners were Tiffany Hecklinski
and Mark Scott. Congratulations!



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Hello, everyone. Welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today's News sponsored by Bob Bliss of Robert Bliss CPA.

Federal Reserve officials signaled Wednesday that they still expect to cut their key interest rate three times in 2024, despite signs that inflation remained elevated at the start of the year. For now, the officials kept their benchmark rate unchanged for a fifth consecutive time. Speaking at a news conference, Chair Jerome Powell said the surprising pickup in inflation in January and February hadn't fundamentally changed the Fed's picture of the economy: The Fed still expects inflation to continue to cool, though more gradually than it thought three months ago. Powell noted that the Fed faces "two-sided" risks as it seeks to determine the timing of its rate cuts: ease too much or too soon, we could see inflation come back. Ease too late, and we could see unnecessary harm to employment.

In new quarterly projections, the policymakers forecast that stronger growth and inflation above their 2 percent target level would persist into next year. Overall, the forecasts suggest that the central bank still expects an unusual combination: A healthy job market and economy in tandem with inflation that continues to cool — just more gradually than they had predicted three months ago.

A planned SpaceX rocket launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base lit up the California skies Monday evening, briefly turning the evening sky into what appeared to be a scene from a science fiction movie. But the flying object was not unidentified; it was a Falcon 9 rocket carrying 22 Starlink spacecraft. The Starlink spacecrafts were subsequently deployed to low Earth orbit, where they will reportedly be used to provide internet service to remote and difficult-to-access areas all over the planet. The large smoke plume trail left behind by Falcon 9 could be seen from Alpine to Escondido and Kearny Mesa to Chula Vista.

The 2024 Padres season started Wednesday at 3:05 am. Why? Because our season opened this year in Seoul South Korea, in a two-game series against the Dodgers as part of MLB's effort to grow the game internationally. The Padres flew in several days ahead, showcasing a returning Korean hometown favorite, shortstop Ha-Seong Kim. The Friars split the series with the Dodgers, losing 5 to 2 in the first game and beating them 15 to 11 in the second. Next up - three exhibition games against the Seattle Mariners, then Opening Day at Petco Park against the Giants next Thursday.

All gates for Monday's exhibition game will open early at 3:00 p.m. to allow fans the opportunity to explore the newly renovated Gallagher Square and watch the Padres take batting practice. Padres alumni will also be on hand prior to Monday's exhibition game to conduct autograph sessions from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and to run a youth baseball clinic at the new and improved Play Ball Field in Gallagher Square. The fan-favorite Padres Foundation Garage Sale will take place at both Monday and Tuesday's exhibition games, featuring one-of-a-kind Padres items, collectibles and more at the Park Boulevard Plaza, with proceeds benefiting the Padres Foundation. The NCAA March Madness basketball tournament started this week. Number 5 seeded SDSU Aztecs are playing the Number 12 University of Alabama Blazers in the first round of East Division meet-ups this morning.

This week's sponsor is that lucky duck Bob Bliss who this year celebrates 37 years of membership in Chula Vista Rotary. Bob has over three decades of experience and has been a loyal and reputable member of the business community. Once you are his client, you are a part of his trusted network and he will treat your finances like his own. The vast majority of people that sign on with Robert Bliss CPA become lifetime customers and never feel the need to go anywhere else for their tax and financial needs. If you are a busy individual and do not feel like you have the time to handle your bookkeeping, personal expenses, and, most importantly, tax preparation, give Bob a call. This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon.



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