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Village News receives \$75K Facebook grant

Will Fritz
Associate Editor

Village News Inc., the company that owns the Fallbrook/Bonsall Village News, Valley News and Anza Valley Outlook, has received a \$75,000 grant from a project supporting local journalism and operated by Facebook.

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Vote approved on water district annexation

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

When the proposal for the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and annex to the Eastern Municipal Water District is heard by San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission, a public vote will follow any LAFCO board approval.

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Fallbrook HS principals discuss graduation

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union High School principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias and Oasis and Ivy high school principal Michael Gray spoke with the Village News on a Zoom call to explain how 2020 high school graduations would look due to COVID-19.

see *GRADS*, page A-10

Fallbrook businesses begin to reopen

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

It wasn't quite a Black Friday level of frenzy in downtown Fallbrook as last weekend was the first time since early March that retail businesses could reopen.

But, it's a start.

All around town, there was more activity than usual with retailers such as 100 Main, Shop Around the Corner, The Spoiled Avocado and Mimi's Boutique and others had activity within them when before there was none.

On Thursday, May 7, Gov. Gavin Newsom and Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of California Health and Human Services, broadly outlined the changes under Phase 2 of the governor's multipoint plan for reducing regulations and restarting the state's economy, while stressing the virus is no less dangerous.

The changes do not add to the state mandates in place for residents conducting everyday affairs,

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Tuula Hukkanen, owner of the 100 Main boutique in downtown Fallbrook, reopens her business to shoppers as coronavirus restrictions on retail businesses are eased. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Fallbrook reports second-lowest per capita COVID-19 cases as of May 11

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook has consistently been one of the communities least affected by coronavirus in San Diego County, according to data released by the county.

Fallbrook, with a population of around 30,000, had 18 coronavirus cases as of May 11. It translates to just 37.3 cases per 100,000 – while Fallbrook's position has fluctuated over the course of the coronavirus outbreak, that means it currently has the second-lowest number of per capita coronavirus cases in San Diego County, behind only the 92107 ZIP code, which covers the Ocean Beach neighborhood of San Diego and had 35.8 cases per 100,000.

The ZIP code that covers Scripps Ranch, 92131, is not far behind Fallbrook with 38.9 cases per 100,000.

Bonsall's 92003 ZIP code has a similarly low number of cases, with just two residents testing

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San Diego County is reporting Fallbrook has consistently been one of the communities least affected by the coronavirus. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Local firefighters recover from COVID-19, return to work

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

All North County Fire Protection District firefighters who previously tested positive for the coronavirus are now healthy and have returned to work, the fire district said.

The fire district announced the firefighters were back on duty in a Facebook post Wednesday, May 6.

The firefighters who have recovered from coronavirus are now trying to give back to the community by donating their plasma, and the antibodies that come with it.

"The silver lining in our firefighters getting COVID-19 is that they are now helping those infected by the virus in ways only those that have antibodies can," the fire district said in the Facebook post. "Our fully recovered firefighters are now donating their plasma to help those who are infected and receiving treatment in our local ICUs."

North County Fire was one of the earliest local fire agencies to report an employee with a coronavirus case. The agency's first case was

announced Saturday, March 14. The district had six North County firefighters ultimately tested positive for the virus.

All of the ill firefighters had mild-to-moderate symptoms, fire Capt. John Choi said.

"None of them required any type of medication, specialized medication; they all went through their course at home, self-quarantining," Choi said.

Firefighters are trying to exercise caution moving forward by wearing protective gear while working with anyone in the community who is believed to be infected, as well as changing into physical training attire while working in their respective fire

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North County Fire Protection District paramedic Kahyl Richter responds to an emergency call wearing personal protective equipment to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Village News/John Choi photo



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OPINION

Thank you, San Diego County



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

These past two months have been difficult for everyone, but especially for business owners throughout the region. We all understand the multiple levels of grief and hardship that COVID-19 has inflicted upon San Diegans. Families who have lost members to the virus and business owners who will never be able to reopen. Throughout these two months, I've relied on facts, not politics, to guide my decisions. California has a population of 39.9 million people. As I write this, 0.11% of the population has tested positive for coronavirus, with 0.004% deaths. While any loss of life is

tragic, these are the facts: Almost 4 million people have filed for unemployment throughout California, including 25% unemployment for the working class in San Diego. That doesn't include the many self-employed that have not filed. We can and should safely open businesses and restart the economy. Many businesses aren't going to be able to survive. I am pleased with the governor's announcement last week to get much-needed businesses open. At our last board of supervisors meeting, we voted unanimously to approve a framework to open some San Diego businesses. I will continue to fight for more local control to safely and responsibly get employers and employees back to work. Allowing some businesses to open is a step forward, but let's continue to look ahead. The goal at the beginning of this was to manage our hospital surges, flatten the curve and protect our most vulnerable. Thanks to our county health officials and the great residents of San Diego County, we've done that. The desire to get San Diegans back to work is strong and together we can do it in a safe way to protect our region and kick-start the economy.

Open California



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75 (R)

We all miss going out to eat, seeing our family dentist and sporting events. Small businesses have taken a huge hit, and we must ensure they recover. The governor just released Phase 2 reopening, based on successes with social distancing and smoothing

the curve. California's economy should reopen quickly. By using social distancing and other protections, most businesses can reopen while keeping customers safe. As a member of the Joint Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery, I'll be working on initiatives to help restore California's economy. First of all, the state should improve its small business loan program to provide forgivable loans to businesses that cover payroll, rent, health insurance premiums and other costs. Secondly, we need to provide unemployment insurance relief for small businesses. The huge spike in unemployment insurance applications will also increase those taxes paid by businesses. California businesses have already lost billions – they shouldn't be penalized because the government ordered them to shut down and lay off workers. Many businesses took advantage of federal Paycheck

Protection Program loans, which provide forgivable loans to small businesses under certain conditions. Under federal law, the loans are not taxable, but under California law, they are. Those loans should be exempt from state income taxes. We also need to take action to suspend enforcement of new rules and regulations if they are unrelated to COVID-19 and don't impact health and safety. Other initiatives would shield businesses from lawsuits over COVID-19 exposure, including essential businesses that remained open, along with removing hiring barriers by suspending Assembly Bill 5. This unprecedented emergency will have long lasting repercussions. But now it's time to focus on recovery. If you'd like to share your thoughts about the pandemic, visit my website to take a short survey, <http://www.ad75.asnrc.org>.

Re: 'Do we permit a virus to destroy our economy?' [Village News, Miller Letter, 4/30/20]

I don't really understand why Diana Miller chose to ask why liberals "always" go to the extreme with their attacks and single case scenarios in her opening statement, then says nothing about it in the following text. However, she does go on an extreme attack of her own on the uneducated, the poor, labor unions and China. She goes on to disparage the "living wage" concept as "exhausted and tired" after 30 years. Yes, it is exhausting and tiring that after 30 years of talking about a living wage, we aren't anywhere near having one. If the minimum wage had been indexed to inflation way back in 1964 when it was raised from \$1/hour to \$1.25/hour; that, by the way, was a 25% increase. The minimum wage would be close to \$14/hour today, and not the \$7.25 federal minimum we have. She disparages the "uneducated" who must work for minimum wages and naively asks why they didn't get themselves "educated." I've got news for this writer: getting a college degree isn't nearly as easy as she would like us to believe. For one thing, it is outrageously expensive, many people do not have the mental capabilities to do so, nor the time or money. She seems to think that everyone has unlimited access to money, time and opportunity. It is also a bit racist in that the majority of people working minimum wage jobs are blacks, Hispanics and immigrants. She goes on to ask just how

much the uneducated should actually be paid, i.e., what are they "worth." Well, let's look at some of the jobs these "unworthy, uneducated masses" are doing for minimum and near-minimum wages: Note: many of these jobs require specialized training. Certified nursing assistants are the people cleaning bedpans, changing adult diapers in nursing homes and all those other lovely tasks. They earn, in California, \$12/hour average and far much less almost everywhere else. Ms. Miller, I would bet almost any amount of money that you wouldn't last one day doing their job for twice the money. And since you asked, just how much, in your infinite wisdom, do you think is an "appropriate" amount to pay them? The following are also minimum wage jobs: school bus drivers, grocery store workers, many bank tellers, agricultural workers, custodians, security guards, laborers, meatpackers and slaughterhouse workers. Again, Ms. Miller – how much "pay" would you want to work in a slaughterhouse? And, the vast majority of these jobs are not held by students and young people working toward something better. They are held by adults with families to take care of. Unlike you, Ms. Miller, not everyone is born with "white privileges" where far more opportunities exist for "bettering" oneself, especially with higher education. Never mind the fact that if we were to "educate" all

the above workers, then just who would do these jobs – and for what price? A higher minimum wage isn't looking like such a bad idea now, is it? Ms. Miller goes on to congratulate herself for her "excellent sound advice" re: saving six month's salary for emergency expenses – like she was the first one to figure this one out – and how to "structure your life after high school." Wow. How did we ever manage without her? Apparently she didn't read the response to her previous letter about saving money and how nearly impossible it is for the average person in to save anything with the low wages in California versus the high cost of living – rent, child care, health insurance premiums, deductibles and copays, utilities, which are the highest in the Continental U.S. in San Diego County, gas – again, highest in the nation – ad infinitum. As for Ms. Miller's heart: I don't know her, but from her letters, I truly doubt she has any empathy to go along with that heart. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Lack of empathy, from American Psychology Association, is an anti-social personality disorder and narcissistic personality disorder. Just sayin.' So according to Ms. Miller, If you fail or fall down, there are plenty of generous Americans to give you a hand up – apparently, just not Ms. Miller. And, not if you are among the uneducated masses who do "nothing" to better yourselves.

Jeff Walker

A thank you to CVS pharmacy staff

My wife and I have lived in Fallbrook for 19 years. We have noticed and appreciated the wonderful service in most of the shops here. At the top of the list for me is Jan Pieters, the CVS pharmacy manager. This past Wednesday, as I was coming out of the CVS store, my wife noticed that I had one hearing aid dangling on my left side. I fixed it immediately and noticed that the hearing aid on my right side was missing. This set cost me \$5,000. I went back into the store and went up and down the aisles searching for the missing item. We both checked throughout the car and the immediate area surrounding the parking spaces. I returned to the pharmacy and met with Pieters who took down my name and phone number in case someone found it and turned it in.


Within 30 minutes of this occurrence, I received a call from him – my hearing aid was turned in, and I retrieved immediately. The next day I called Pieters to thank him since he wasn't there when I returned. He explained that he had met with his staff, before leaving the previous day, and had asked them to make every effort to find the hearing aid of a faithful customer, including checking around as they went to their parking spots after work. One of the workers, Nina, found the small hearing aid in the parking lot right by where she parked; in fact, she nearly stepped on it. My many thanks to Pieters and his staff: maybe miracles do happen in this day and age.

Jim O'Brien

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OPINION

WHO official: Sweden’s policy of individual responsibility 'a model' for the rest of world

John Miltimore
Special to Village News

The World Health Organization praised Sweden as a potential “model” for battling the COVID-19 virus sweeping nations around the world recently.

Sweden, unlike most other nations, has avoided the headline approach to the novel coronavirus pandemic that has resulted in mass economic shutdowns and vast unemployment. Bars, restaurants, libraries, public pools and most schools remain open in the nation of 10 million, which has drawn fire from critics skeptical of the state’s “laissez-faire” approach.

On Wednesday, however, the WHO’s top emergencies expert said Sweden’s social distancing policies are often misunderstood.

“I think there’s a perception out that Sweden has not put in control measures and just has allowed the disease to spread,” Dr. Mike Ryan told reporters. “Nothing can be further from the truth.”

Ryan said the biggest difference between Sweden and most nations is that the Swedes are encouraging voluntary participation with its citizens while focusing government resources on at-risk populations.

“What it has done differently

is it has very much relied on its relationship with its citizenry and the ability and willingness of its citizens to implement self-distancing and self-regulate,” Ryan said. “In that sense, they have implemented public policy through that partnership with the population.”

Partnership is the key word. Sweden isn’t simply issuing sweeping orders and fining or arresting those who disobey. Instead, Swedish leaders are seeking to work in cooperation with its citizenry. They are giving them information and asking them to behave responsibly.

As my colleague Dan Sanchez pointed out, this approach once was part of the fiber of the American system.

“Measures based on individual responsibility used to be part of the American model, too, as codified in the Bill of Rights. Yet we have developed a culture of reflexively giving up that responsibility and those rights whenever we get scared: of terrorists, of economic hardship, of a virus,” Sanchez said.

Many seem to believe that voluntary actions are somehow less effective than government dictates, but this position is simply not true. Human cooperation and voluntary

action are essential ingredients to a vibrant, prosperous culture.

“The hallmark of civil society is cooperation, which is what we should all be thinking about at times like these. The coronavirus defines our collective life at present, but cooperation defines our collective life as a rule. Always,” economist Ant Davies and political scientist James Harrigan said. “When our knee-jerk reaction to immediate problems is to coerce, as is so often the case, we push the obvious solutions to our problems into the background. And still, people cooperate.”

It’s a lesson we’ve simply forgotten. As the economic destruction from our latest collective panic grows, we are seeing the price of our impulse to use raw government force as a means to an end. In the U.S. alone, 30 million people have filed for unemployment. Food production and distribution is being disrupted; slaughterhouses are closing and stocks are being euthanized. The costs, in the U.S. and around the globe, will be severe.

Sweden, on the other hand, has avoided some of the economic destruction other countries are facing, though like its neighbors, the nation is still projecting a

contraction in gross domestic product and increased unemployment. Importantly, however, Sweden is also wildly outperforming models predicting COVID-19 deaths. A recent study predicted that “current Swedish public-health strategy will result in a peak intensive-care load in May that exceeds pre-pandemic capacity by over fortyfold, with a median mortality of 96,000.”

As we head into May, Sweden’s COVID-19 death toll stands just over 2,500. Hospitals are not being overrun. Meanwhile Anders Tegnell, Sweden’s top epidemiologist and the architect of its COVID-19 response, told USA Today that its capital is nearing herd immunity.

“We think that up to 25% people in Stockholm have been exposed to coronavirus and are possibly immune,” Tegnell said. “A recent survey from one of our hospitals in Stockholm found that 27% of staff there are immune. We could reach herd immunity in Stockholm within a matter of weeks.”

Sweden’s results speak for themselves, which is no doubt why the WHO touted the Scandanavian country as “a model” for the rest of the world as humans seek to return to normalcy.

“I think if we are to reach a new normal, Sweden represents a model if we wish to get back to a society in which we don’t have lockdowns,” Ryan told reporters.

It is not to say Sweden’s approach is without costs or trade-offs. Nothing in life is. While Sweden’s per capita death toll is better than most of its European neighbors – France, the UK, Belgium, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands, among them – it also has a higher per capita fatality rate than its Scandanavian neighbors, Norway and Finland. It’s even possible that Sweden will reach the dire morbidity projections of the modelers, though highly unlikely.

Whatever the future holds, the world owes Sweden thanks. The Swedes have shown us a better way. They’ve reminded us that the proper role of the state is to inform individuals and work with them, to seek voluntary action and cooperation instead of resorting to blunt force and edicts.

Perhaps most importantly, Sweden showed that viruses are medical problems, not political ones. When we start to see them as the latter, everyone loses.

Open letter from 151 scholars to California governor: ‘Suspend CA AB-5 Now to Hire Gig Workers During Pandemic’

OAKLAND – A group of 151 economists and political scientists is calling for the immediate suspension of California’s Assembly Bill 5, a law that was passed in 2019 to regulate the use of independent contractors in a variety of activities. The “Open Letter to Suspend California AB 5” is addressed to California Gov. Gavin Newsom and all members of the California state Legislature and calls for the immediate suspension of the law, which prevents individuals from working part time in a variety of indispensable positions, especially during the coronavirus crisis.

The open letter is signed by such notable scholars at Nobel Laureate Vernon Smith of Chapman University, John Taylor of Stanford University, Lee Ohanian of University of

California Los Angeles, David Teece of University of California Berkeley and other economists and political scientists, each affiliated with a California college, university or think tank.

“By prohibiting the use of independent contractor drivers, health care professionals, and workers in other critical areas, AB-5 is doing substantial and avoidable, harm to the very people who now have the fewest resources and the worst alternatives available to them,” Williamson Evers, Senior Fellow at the Independent Institute and initiator of the open letter.

AB 5 unintentionally has pushed all of the risks and all of the costs of a vibrant gig economy onto lower- and middle-income individuals, those who would benefit most from flexibility to work around

the restrictive policies, according to the open letter.

Blocking work that is needed and impoverishing workers laid-off from other jobs may not be the intentions of AB 5, but the law is having these unintended consequences and needs to be suspended. The current situation of voluntary and mandatory self-isolation has created an immediate need for flexible and low-cost ways of delivering goods to people.

Hiring laws, especially for firms with more than 50 employees, mean that companies are unwilling to make long-term commitments to traditional jobs. Employment decisions hinge on the costs of distributing risk. While employers are not hiring, gig workers could shoulder myriad tasks that are needed to flatten out the effects of the temporary emergency.

“It doesn’t really matter how great the pay is, how predictable are the hours, nor how generous the benefits may be, if the law prevents a job from existing in the first place,” Evers said. “We aren’t sure what our economic needs and capacities are going to be even two months from now. But hiring someone in a traditional job, with hours and benefit requirements, is too expensive to contemplate given that employers do not know whether they will be able to fill any permanent jobs at all and, if so, when.”

A mountain of work needs to be done, deliveries made and people stranded at home helped to receive groceries and medications. Meanwhile, furloughed Californians stand on the verge of being wiped out financially because the law prevents them

from working part time in a variety of indispensable positions.

Read the entire letter and list of signatories at <https://www.independent.org/news/article.asp?id=13119>.

Williamson M. Evers, Ph.D., is a Senior Fellow, director of the Center on Educational Excellence and assistant editor for “The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy at the Independent Institute.”

The Independent Institute, 100 Swan Way, in Oakland is a nonprofit research and educational organization that promotes the power of independent thinking to boldly advance peaceful, prosperous, and free societies grounded in a commitment to human worth and dignity. For more information, visit <http://www.Independent.org>.

Re: ‘The coronavirus: who’s really at fault?’ [Village News, S. Jones Letter, 5/7/20]

Sue Jones asks what I would do regarding the coronavirus if I were president. First, here are three things you should know.

In 2014, former President Barack Obama said, “There may and likely will come a time in which we have both an airborne disease that is deadly. And in order for us to deal with that effectively, we have to put in place an infrastructure – not just here at home, but globally – that allows us to see it quickly, isolate it quickly,

respond to it quickly, so that if and when a new strain of flu, like the Spanish flu, crops up five years from now or a decade from now, we’ve made the investment and we’re further along to be able to catch it,” according to an article in The Courier, April 20, 2020.

In 2016, the Obama administration created a 69-page National Security Council playbook that included hundreds of tactics and policy decisions to “prevent, slow, or mitigate the

spread of an emerging infectious disease threat,” according to Politico.

In early 2017, “The Obama administration walked incoming Trump administration officials through a hypothetical scenario in which a pandemic worse than the 1918 Spanish flu shut down cities like Seoul and London,” according to Politico.

So, what would I do? The short answer is I would follow my plan, based on Obama’s warning. The

first thing I’d do upon taking office would be to ensure that the federal stockpile of medical equipment and supplies was fully stocked and up to date. I’d read and listen to the daily intelligence reports. Any hint of a pandemic or other calamity would get my full attention.

Also, from day one in office I’d have the pandemic response team prepare and maintain a plan template, updating it as specific information comes in. The team would be responsible

for informing and coordinating the major participants. My part would be to keep the public informed. Following this plan, I would not encounter the problems that Trump has brought on himself and us by not having a plan.

In the political arena, what I wouldn’t do is alienate our trading partners, including China, or needlessly antagonize our presumptive enemies.

John H. Terrell

Virus explodes into Fallbrook

On May 4, Fallbrook’s ZIP code (92028) enjoyed the lowest rate of accumulated COVID-19 cases of any ZIP code in the county, as reported by the HHS website’s daily updated “COVID-19 Summary of Cases By ZIP code.”

At that time, Fallbrook had held to just 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 for over a week, which is 24.9 cases per 100,000 residents. Then disaster struck.

A week later, we find that the number of confirmed cases here in this town has jumped 50% to

18 confirmed sufferers of the virus among our residents. What are we doing wrong? Are we forgetting to wash our hands when we remove our masks?

Other nearby ZIP codes experienced no newly confirmed cases during that same week: 92003 (Bonsall); 92007 (Cardiff); 92008, 10 & 11 (all Carlsbad); 92059 (Pala) and 92061 (Pauma Valley).

If any of you readers know of any factors that may have contributed to any of these six new

cases here, I invite you to share that information in this forum so that we all might better get a handle on keeping this disease under control.

Let me start the process by sharing the following information: I understand that one of those six new cases is that of longtime Fallbrook resident Bill Holtz, who now needs our prayers. He had been reportedly hospitalized at Palomar Hospital for over a week as he recovered from a heart attack.

After being back home for just three days, he suddenly felt very

ill, so he went back to the hospital where it was confirmed that he had contracted the virus. Since it takes at least five days after infection for symptoms to show up, it can be concluded that Bill did not pick up the virus here in Fallbrook. Instead, he must have inadvertently brought it here from the hospital.

If one person contracts the virus at that location, there could be more. In addition to Fallbrook, these ZIP codes each also had their number of confirmed cases jump

by over 33% this past week: 92009 (East Carlsbad), 92020 & 92021 (El Cajon), 92025 (South Escondido), 92026 (North Escondido – the rate here more than doubled this past week), 92056, (Tri-City), 92057 (San Luis Rey), 92058 (Camp Pendleton), 92082 (Valley Center) and 92083 & 84 (Vista).

Notice that each of those areas is fairly close to the hospital in question. I wonder...

Jeffery Jones

May 28 is ‘Everybody deserves a massage day’

I personally want to thank Transcendent Touch Massage for holding “Everybody Deserves a Massage Day” May 28, where people can get a massage for free if they want one and need it but can’t afford it, no questions asked.

Craig Lozzi and his daughter Laurel want to give back to the community and honestly really care about you. They are wonderful people.

I have known Craig and Laurel for years, but when I walked into their new studio location for Transcendent Touch Massage I was actually stunned and in awe of the beauty. First off, the natural wonder of its location nestled in the trees and streams behind Live

Oak Park already started touching me even before I walked in.

The place is gorgeous. And when you walk through the front door the modern wood and marble design makes you feel like you’re in a \$10 million mountain lodge spa. I instantly wished I lived there and didn’t want to leave. The ambience is so relaxing. It’s the perfect place to get a massage.

And Craig is such a great guy and amazing at what he does, I always leave feeling 100 times better. I would seriously go there every single day if I could. I almost always start to fall asleep I get so relaxed.

Between the hot rocks and the ambience and the really good

massage, I just really slip into this deep relaxation that is so calming.

One time I jokingly told Craig, “Man if I could get this every night, I wouldn’t need beer.”

He laughed and said, “Well I don’t think you really kneeded it.”

Was that pun on purpose? What an awesome guy.

Another time, I was getting a kind of massage for tennis or golfers’ elbow. I went because my mother told me she got fully relief from bad tendonitis in her wrist from just one visit. For me, I have felt a lot better each time, but it is sore afterward. A significant sports injury needs some rehab of which

massage is one part.

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Complaint about Fallbrook Senior Center board seat prompts resignation

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

A new member of the board of directors for the nonprofit that operates the Fallbrook Senior Center has resigned after complaints that she was not old enough to serve on the board.

Robyn Dahlson, who is in her 30s, was appointed to the senior center’s board of directors in April and had not yet met all the board members, board president Jack Schirner said.

At least one contender for the seat Dahlson was appointed to claimed that her selection violated the senior center’s bylaws, Schirner maintained that is untrue and said the complaints about her were simply a case of “sour grapes.” He also said the board had a good reason to select Dahlson: her experience with fundraising, which is something the senior center sorely needs, he said.

Dahlson, who was the owner of The Social Flower, a florist in Bonsall, until May, has worked with nonprofits before, according to Schirner, and has a documented history of working with the senior community. Dahlson was featured in the Village News in 2016 for partnering with Regency Assisted Living to create a “Valentines for Seniors” event.

Bob Stanley was one of three people who showed up to the senior center’s board meeting March 11 as a contender to fill an open seat on the board.

Bob Stanley and his wife, Kate Stanley, said they did not hear back

on whether he got the position until he repeatedly emailed Schirner and received a response, March 31, that he had not been selected.

The email Schirner sent to Bob Stanley reads, in part: “You indeed are very qualified for the board position, and I know you would be a strong asset for the center. The other three candidates were also very qualified, and I had to choose the one that seemed to be better positioned to help us move toward a more aggressive stance regarding our future fundraising tactics. If I could have picked two, I would have also picked you. I hope that you will continue to support the senior center until I can find an appropriate position to utilize your many talents.”

But Bob and Kate Stanley were dismayed to learn that Dahlson was not old enough to be a senior center member. Her selection, they claimed, would be a violation of the senior center’s bylaws.

“They never voted. There was no vote and then he put somebody on the board that is not a member of the senior center, not been a member for three months like you’re supposed to be and not even qualified because she’s 37 years old,” Kate Stanley said.

Bob Stanely said he was disappointed that a non-member was selected over him, but that he will “continue going to bingo and helping with other parts of Fallbrook.” But he did call the senior center’s board “fairly out of control” in its decision to make a selection that he thought violated the center’s bylaws.



Robyn Dahlson has resigned her seat on the board of directors for the nonprofit that operates the Fallbrook Senior Center. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Schirner said there was a vote, but because the senior center had closed by that point due to coronavirus, it had to take place via email.

“There was absolutely a vote, but it couldn’t take place in person,” he said.

Schirner, for his part, also said the Stanleys are going off outdated bylaws. He said the senior center’s board formed a committee of two board members and two regular senior center members in September to evaluate 22 separate proposed changes to the bylaws,

including the requirement that all board members must have been senior center members more than three months, and over 50 years old.

“They recommended that we change that requirement,” Schirner said. “We wanted to get a variety of new ideas, and the old rule said nobody under 50 years old can have any good ideas, and of course, we know that’s not true, (so) the board said that we need some young professionals that are interested in senior concerns that can introduce some new ideas.”

Separately, after that change and 14 other ones were made, an opening occurred on the senior center’s nine-member board, Schirner said.

“I had three that were members that expressed interest in sitting on the board, and one that is not a member but is very talented that expressed interest in it also,” Schirner said.

He said the three that were interviewed before the board in March were the existing members, and that he did not become aware of the non-member – Dahlson – until after that meeting.

“The fourth person had experience in fundraising which is something that we needed to do desperately this year,” he said.

Schirner said while Dahlson did not appear before the whole board, he and another board member interviewed her before he made the decision to select her.

“I said unless somebody disagrees strongly, I’m going to select this person and I sent that out to all the board members. One said they don’t like it, the rest were OK with it,” Schirner said.

The senior center’s bylaws, per a copy provided by Schirner, state: “vacancies on the board of directors must be filled promptly with a qualified member within (30) days by the president of the board of directors with at least five (5) votes of approval by the directors,” and that consideration shall be given to anyone who previously ran for a board seat, but it also states that “an exception to the membership requirement may be granted by the board with a majority approval.”

However, Schirner said Dahlson resigned recently after learning the Stanleys had reached out to Village News, which he called “a shame.”


Reached for comment Monday, May 11, Dahlson said, “I was completely unaware of any transgressions that the board may or may not be causing, I was just excited to further donate and give of my time to a community that I already care so much about. At this time, I have chosen to resign because I feel like though I find no fault in what the board did in my election, perhaps learning more about the organization before becoming an elected official will be beneficial for all parties involved. And, just lastly, being on the board is not indicative of my level of service to this organization.”

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Real Estate Round-Up: The cost of stay-at-home



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San Diego’s jobless rate is currently at 25% according to San Diego Association of Governments. That number is expected to grow until the “stay at home” mandate is lifted, and people are able to return to work.

To put some perspective on this number, consider that in 2008 because of the Great Recession, the jobless rate was 11.1%, and we thought that was disastrous.

Do you recall the fallout in real estate because of an 11.1% jobless rate? I do. Thousands of people lost their homes, and businesses shuttered. The loss was unimaginable, and the recovery was slow. People’s lives were forever changed.

So here we are again. We are at a crossroads, where the economy must be measured against the risk to health.

The state faces a budget shortfall, due to the loss of revenue from shuttered businesses, additional costs associated with

unemployment and the expenses to provide resources to implement the state mandates regarding COVID-19 that could top \$54.3 billion according to the state’s legislative analyst’s office.

That figure is expected to grow to \$85 billion in the next few years. A year ago, the state had \$21 billion surplus. The \$54.3 billion deficit does not include the state and local government liabilities of \$1.5 trillion, that are reported outside of the budget.

This number represents outstanding bonds, loans and other long-term liabilities, along with the officially reported unfunded liability for other post-employment benefits, which is primarily retiree health care, as well as unfunded pension liabilities. That’s a separate story.

So, what is the fix for the immediate shortfall to the budget? Every article I’ve read focuses on the multiple cuts that will need to be made in programs throughout the state, which impacts counties and cities. The biggest concern is how the revenue shortfall will impact the state’s constitutionally required funding level for public schools and community colleges. That budget item alone will reflect a deficit of \$18.3 billion. There will also be cuts across the board to many other social programs.

Cuts aren’t the only way to fix a shortfall. The other way is to increase revenue. To date the potential for revenue increase is not being written about but was being discussed before COVID-19. Accessing this revenue will impact all property owners.

Every property owner should be afraid, very, very afraid. California is going to have to raise revenue quickly and if income tax is down and sales tax is down, where else can the government look but at something that is stable and

established – real estate.

Currently, property values remain stable. If foreclosures ensue, then gradually property values will come down and assessed values could be reestablished at the reduced market price. That will take some time to unravel. For now, property taxes are a published number with a set income for the county. This fund is ripe for the picking.

The California Schools and Local Community Funding Act is the first step and has already qualified for the November ballot. Make no mistake, it is an attack on Proposition 13 protections. The initiative would reassess commercial property every three years, whether or not there was a transfer of ownership.

Currently commercial property is treated just like residential property as it pertains to property tax basis. Once the basis is established, the taxable base can increase no more than 2% each year, unless there is a reassessment due to a major remodel or in the case of a change of ownership through the sale of the property. The Legislature expects to garner an additional \$11 billion to the state budget if the initiative passes.

If commercial property assessment changes because this initiative passes, rents will increase and the cost of whatever is being produced will increase to cover the increased rent. It’s the first step on a slippery slope that leads directly to a residential property tax increase.

Here’s the thing, 54% of the residents in California are renters. The “holy grail,” Proposition 13, does not matter to them. With housing prices out of the reach for most residents, the belief that they too might be able to become a homeowner is not factored in. With this short-term thinking, renters do

not perceive any costs to them if Proposition 13 is stripped away. They might even see it as a benefit to them.

More money to the county means more money for programs that assist those in highest need. The county has budgeted to collect \$6.9 billion in property tax for the tax year 2019-2020. Imagine what that number would be if the tax assessor was able to reassess the value every three years like the proposal for commercial property. As the percent of voters who are renters increases, the protection for homeowners decreases.

Another area that is ripe for the taking is in the creation of a service tax on all service providers. Think accountants, hairdressers, gardeners and dry cleaners. Think it can’t happen? Think again.

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Another golden egg is an asset tax. Asset taxes are taxes upon the value of assets. Property tax is one form of asset. But many people have additional assets

like car collectors, art collectors, vineyards, etc. This tax would not be a one size fits all equation but is another opportunity for tax revenue.

With a proposed budget deficit that is a result of the shutdown of California’s economy March 19, the price to everyone will be substantial and inclusive. Only the wealthiest or the poorest of California’s residents will not feel the impact. Middle class will be the hardest hit, because whether they own or rent, the cost to live here will rise, while the benefits will fall.

Given the fact that over 700,000 people left California in 2018, coupled with the revised financial outlook, I would guess that more and more families and retirees will leave the state for greener pastures. Be ready.

The two monthlong and counting “stay at home” order is going to have implications that will last for decades to come. Stay well my friends and enjoy your money while it’s still yours.

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LAFCO approves public vote for FPUD-Rainbow detachment

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

When the proposal for the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and annex to the Eastern Municipal Water District is heard by San Diego County’s Local Agency Formation Commission, a public vote will follow any LAFCO board approval.

LAFCO’s board voted 8-0 to call for a public vote, May 4, and the motion also included the creation of a technical advisory committee. LAFCO executive officer Keene Simonds will draft proposed tasks for the committee and a proposed membership composition, and LAFCO is scheduled to approve that criteria June 1.

“How the item went was in accordance with what we were expecting,” said FPUD general manager Jack Bebee.

“It’s sort of moving forward as we anticipated,” Bebee said. “The process will continue to move. In particular there will be a working group put together by the executive office.”

Although the County Water Authority did not receive its request to postpone any decisions until after the coronavirus gathering restrictions are lifted, the call for a technical advisory committee allows for the participation the CWA desired.

“We are pleased that the Water Authority’s procedural application was approved, and we look forward to working together with San Diego LAFCO and all parties in addressing the issues raised by the

detachment requests,” said CWA general manager Mark Hattam.

One decision the LAFCO board will make will be whether the public vote will be for just FPUD and Rainbow or for the entire CWA service area as has been requested by the CWA.

“It would be premature for staff to offer anything,” Simonds said. “I’m guessing we will have other requests of conditions.”

Under state legislation regulating LAFCO agencies, a LAFCO board has the option of requiring a public vote on a reorganization and a protest vote may also take place if petitions signed by at least 25% of an affected agency’s ratepayers or registered voters are received by LAFCO (if the petition includes a majority of the electorate the reorganization is denied without a vote). The County Water Authority Act requires a majority vote of the electorate of an agency which detaches from the CWA.

If LAFCO approves the FPUD-Rainbow detachment the ratification would go directly to voters. “We would not be holding a protest period,” Simonds said.

“We now know with certainty we would hold an election,” Simonds said. “We’re taking that out of the equation.”

The LAFCO decision for a public vote means that the vote will be for registered voters rather than for landowners. “It puts all of the confirmation in the hands of the registered voters,” Simonds said. “Only registered voters would have a say in confirming the detachments should LAFCO actually approve them.”

FPUD has been part of the San Diego County Water Authority

since the SDCWA was formed in 1944. The Rainbow Municipal Water District was founded in 1953 and became a CWA member. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California began delivering water to San Diego County in 1947.

MWD’s San Diego Aqueduct conveys water to a delivery point 6 miles south of the Riverside County line, which allowed MWD and the CWA to provide equal contributions for the connection between MWD’s Colorado River Aqueduct and the San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside.

The CWA northern boundary is the county line. All but one of FPUD’s connections are from MWD pipelines rather than from CWA pipelines, and four of Rainbow’s eight connections are to the MWD portion of the pipeline.

The CWA’s supply rate is a melded rate which melds the cost of water delivered from MWD, water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District under the Quantification Settlement Agreement, and water produced by the Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant in Carlsbad.

The CWA also has transportation, storage and customer service charges along with fees and charges for fixed expenditures which are incurred even when water use is reduced. This creates the possibility that FPUD and Rainbow can reduce their cost of purchasing water – and thus their rates – by detaching from the CWA and becoming part of another MWD member agency.

“Water costs have a significant effect in our community,” said FPUD board member Charley Wolk.

Wolk has lived in Fallbrook since 1972. He rejoined the FPUD board after the 2018 election and had previously spent 14 years on FPUD’s board. Wolk noted that in the 1970s the CWA wholesale water rate to member agencies was \$75 per acre-foot. The rate now exceeds \$1,600 per acre-foot. “The increase has made many agriculture operations unsustainable,” Wolk said.

Many of the fixed costs are for CWA infrastructure. “Due to our unique location we don’t use it,” Bebee said.

“Our district has significant challenges moving forward,” Bebee said. “We can’t continue to build infrastructure for the rest of the county.”

The Eastern Municipal Water District is a member of MWD and purchases imported water directly from MWD. The Western Municipal Water District is also a member of MWD and provides

retail water sales of MWD supply to the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and to the Rancho California Water District.

If FPUD and Rainbow detach from the CWA and join Eastern, their status would be similar to that of the two water districts which obtain MWD water from Western. The Eastern Municipal Water District currently covers 555 square miles and includes Hemet, Menifee, Murrieta, Perris, Romoland, San Jacinto, Temecula and Winchester. Eastern has more than 140,000 water customers.

Each county in California has a LAFCO which handles jurisdictional boundary changes including incorporations, annexations, consolations and detachments within that county. Because the Eastern Municipal Water District is all currently within Riverside County, a reorganization would have required approval from both San Diego County’s LAFCO and Riverside County’s LAFCO, although both LAFCO boards approved a Memorandum of Understanding delegating the entire process to San Diego LAFCO. FPUD and Rainbow will be responsible for all LAFCO fees.

The CWA and the other 22 CWA agencies could incur adverse financial impacts if FPUD and Rainbow left (a preliminary CWA analysis estimated an annual impact of \$13 million in 2018 dollars), so the CWA requested that the process be conducted entirely within San Diego LAFCO.

During the Oct. 7 San Diego LAFCO hearing, the CWA requested that any reorganization have rate neutrality and that day’s 8-0 LAFCO board vote which approved the MOU also gave direction to LAFCO staff to review the economic impacts not only for FPUD and Rainbow but also to the CWA and the other member agencies.

The LAFCO board and staff members prefer that FPUD and Rainbow work out financial terms to compensate the CWA and the 22 remaining agencies, although LAFCO would consider financial terms if no agreement is reached.

“It could potentially affect every ratepayer in this entire region,” said county supervisor Dianne Jacob, who is the chair of the LAFCO board. “It’s not just about the ratepayers in Fallbrook and Rainbow.”

LAFCO staff analyzes any proposed reorganization both for service impacts and for financial impacts. The analysis will conclude with the preparation of a report and a staff recommendation. The LAFCO board will hold a public hearing and may or may not adopt the staff recommendation.

“I think we have a wide range of stakeholders,” Jacob said.

“There are going to be some really tough decisions,” Jacob said. “This potentially could be a very expensive process for these two water districts.”

Because the other 22 CWA agencies are also affected, the CWA has requested a vote for the entire CWA service area. “The Water Authority is coming forward with a unique request,” Simonds said.

The County Water Authority Act has a provision for members leaving the CWA, and that provision states that the vote shall be by the electorate of that agency.

“The County Water Authority

Act specifically says who votes in the election,” said Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy. “We should follow that act.”

Bebee noted that the provision of a vote by only the district desiring to leave was part of the County Water Authority Act when FPUD joined the CWA in 1944. “Those rules are still in effect today,” he said.

“These provisions are in the County Water Authority Act, and I believe they should be followed,” Wolk said. “The County Water Authority Act clearly states that Fallbrook ratepayers are the ones who can decide whether we should leave or not.”

A vote of the entire CWA area would increase the expense for FPUD and Rainbow. “The applicants are responsible for all costs borne in this election,” Simonds said.

A delay in any LAFCO preliminary decisions could delay the final vote past the 2022 elections in which case FPUD and Rainbow would continue to pay CWA wholesale prices rather than Eastern rates. “The overall process is a very lengthy process,” Bebee said. “We don’t support staying the proceedings.”

“I don’t see any reason to delay their application,” said Jim Desmond, who is the other county supervisor on the LAFCO board.

The decision allows the process to proceed to the next phase. “That work will now continue,” Simonds said.

A complete analysis and potential concurrence are acceptable uses of time for FPUD. “We would be open to more meaningful dialogue with the Water Authority,” Bebee said.

The CWA is also willing to defer major decisions until analysis and negotiations have been conducted. “We concur with staff’s position,” Hattam said. “We would suggest that it be brought up and talked about at that time.”

The motion approved May 4 added the technical advisory committee to the staff recommendation and also directed LAFCO staff to develop a cost estimate for FPUD and Rainbow. “It’s only fair that we have some idea of what these costs are going to be,” Jacob said.

“This is a complex proposal with a lot of moving parts,” Simonds said.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a simple process. I think it’s going to be complicated. We may have to hire some consultants,” Jacob said.

“I think we’re going to need some technical expertise,” said LAFCO public member Andy Vanderlaan, who lives in the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

If FPUD, Rainbow and the CWA reach an agreement on how much the departing agencies will pay the CWA to leave, that decision will be ratified but not decided by LAFCO. “Hopefully this will get resolved before,” Jacob said.

The technical advisory committee may allow for some negotiations as well as analysis.

“I will offer up to the commission what I think will work best,” Simonds said. “Part of the challenge will be to create a composition.”

Simonds estimates that the review process will take approximately one year, in which case the voter confirmation election could take place at the June 2022 election if not at an earlier special election.

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Village News Inc. awarded \$75,000 grant from Facebook Journalism Project

Will Fritz
Associate Editor

Village News Inc., the company that owns the Fallbrook/Bonsall Village News, Valley News and Anza Valley Outlook, has received a \$75,000 grant from a project supporting local journalism and operated by Facebook.

Village News Inc. joins other California news organizations including Voice of San Diego, the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle and San Jose Spotlight, in receiving money through the Facebook Journalism Project’s COVID-19 Local News Relief Fund Grant Program. Twenty-six newsrooms in California were selected to receive more than \$2.2 million in grant money, it was announced Thursday, May 7. Out of more than 2,000 applications, approximately 200 news organizations across the

country were selected to receive nearly \$16 million in grants stemming from \$25 million in local news relief funding announced in March as part of Facebook’s \$100 million global investment in local news, per a statement from Facebook.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has showcased the importance of local news to communities, especially during crisis situations,” Facebook’s statement said. “From sharing critical, time-sensitive information on the pandemic to asking tough questions to community leaders, local news organizations play a critical role in keeping communities informed and engaged.”

Village News Inc. publisher Julie Reeder said the company is excited and thankful to receive the grant money, which will help fund operations during a time when advertising has dropped by more

than half.

It is especially helpful because “COVID-19 is the reason we have to work overtime writing and delivering news, and virus-related stories needed to be in front of the payroll,” Reeder said.

Village News Inc. has released a Spanish-language newspaper, Nuestra Vida Hoy, to communicate important coronavirus resources and information to the Spanish-speaking community in the area.

The company has also been conducting free webinars to help local business owners and managers with marketing online until they can reopen physical stores and offices.

And now that Village News Inc. has been selected to receive the Facebook Journalism Project’s grant money, the company will be using some of the funds to give back to the community.

“In addition, because we are

receiving this grant, we are forming our own stimulus packages of advertising to offer small businesses who haven’t been able to afford advertising,” Reeder said. “It’s a way we can pass on the blessing to other businesses and further strengthen our community.”

According to Facebook, four in five of the news organizations receiving grant money are independently owned – as Village News Inc. is.

Grant recipients were selected through a process led by the Local Media Association and The Lenfest Institute for Journalism and with significant contributions from the Institute for Nonprofit News, Local Independent Online News Publishers, Local Media Consortium and the National Association of Broadcasters.

Remaining funds from Facebook’s COVID-19 News Relief Fund Grant Program will

be used throughout 2020 to support projects focused on longer-term sustainability in local journalism, the company said.

The grants announced are in addition to a previous \$300 million commitment the Facebook Journalism Project made “to serve journalists around the world through diverse and inclusive programs and partnerships.” Facebook has several program tracks to help fund local journalism including the Local News Accelerator, Community Network and Instagram Local News Fellowship.

These programs help bring news organizations together across the country to learn from one another and collaboratively develop strategies to improve their business both on and off Facebook,” the company said.

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Foundation for Senior Care offers popular computer classes online

FALLBROOK – The Foundation for Senior Care is offering their computer classes online with Zoom. As a support to older adults during the COVID-19 crisis, the Foundation for Senior Care is waiving the cost for these computer classes; however, donations are appreciated.

How to use Zoom

This class begins May 14, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with instructor Bob Cebulski. It will cover how to use Zoom, including the controls on each device, including desktop computer, laptop, tablet or phone.

For help getting set up, contact the office at 760-723-7570 or email senior_care_computer_classes@yahoo.com.

iPhone/iPad Class

This class will be held twice, May 20 and 27, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with instructors Bob Cebulski and Len Tevebaugh. It will cover iPhone basics and communicating with family and friends through

the phone, email and messaging. In addition, Safari, contacts, maps and calendar will be covered. The camera and the photo app section will cover taking and editing photos, camera formats and functions, and saving and sharing photos with iCloud. The built-in functionality of the iPhone, including iCloud drive, the files app, keychain and iCloud photo storage. It will also cover the control center, notifications, Air Drop, Find MY – Find my Friends and Find My iPhone, protecting your iPhone/iPad in case of loss and theft and emergency S.O.S.

Register online, <http://www.foundationforseniorcare.org>, or by phone at 760-723-7570.

More dates and classes will come. Although classes are being offered at no charge, donations are what keep the programs running, and residents are asked to consider donating their class fee.

Submitted by Foundation for Senior Care.

North County Fire warns drivers, pedestrians to exercise caution

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

The North County Fire Protection District is warning residents of the Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow areas to exercise extra caution while out and about on foot and to watch for pedestrians while driving after two back-to-back accidents.

Two crashes involving pedestrians occurred on South Mission Road in Fallbrook in recent weeks, and with many people out walking amid pandemic-related stay-at-home orders, North County Fire Capt. John Choi said the fire district wanted to get ahead of the problem by getting the word out to the public.

“What we don’t want to do is start making the issue when we have four or five,” he said. “Simple messages like that could possibly save the life of a kid.”

In a Facebook post April 28, North County Fire offered safety tips to pedestrians including to avoid

being distracted by using phones or other electronics while walking, make eye contact with drivers before crossing streets and wear reflective clothing at night. The fire district also warned drivers to pay more attention.

“The amount of people using local streets for exercise has, without a doubt, increased since the closures

of parks and recreation areas,” the fire district said. “We have seen an increase in accidents where a pedestrian/bicyclist is hit by a motorist. Please use caution as you drive around town and be on the lookout for kids crossing driveways.”

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BWC donates to local nonprofits

BONSALL – In many respects, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to measures that altered the way many people have grown to be accustomed and virtually stopped the way they interact with others in their social, family and business circle.

The Bonsall Woman’s Club found a way to continue with their calendar of events. And this time of the year they meet to discuss where several dollars are returned to the community in the form of charitable donations. Hence, the club’s board has been remarkably busy with workarounds to the standard monthly meeting.

Via the magic of the electronics medium, mail, etc., they “met” in session and approved a list of suggested recipients for this year. One of the board members and past president, Marlene Rantanen, said she was “glad to see much of the higher donations went for food.”

Fallbrook Food Pantry; Love on Your Back, a program to help schoolchildren by providing backpacks are filled with food to ensure a balanced meal other than what they receive during the school day, and Fallbrook Senior Center received funds for meals.

Two new local organizations were added this year: the YMCA on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and the Angels of Rawley Foundation, which was established in 2017.

The Angels of Rawley name came from founder Stacie Dasinger, who lost her 8-year-old dog, Rawley, to a horrible skin disease. In her grieving, she began



Angels of Rawley, a dog rescue in San Diego, is one of the nonprofit groups that received funds recently from the Bonsall Woman’s Club.

to take dogs from a high kill shelter by transporting, fostering and coordinating a rescue program for the animals. In October 2016, she was told to return three potentially neurologically challenged dogs back to the high kill shelter. She sought the help of family and friends who took in the three and started what is now Angels of Rawley Foundation. These three little dogs have been the “foundation” of why the team at Angels of Rawley loves to do what

they do, which is to save lives, no matter the breed or need.

Dasinger said, “I know because of Rawley, this is where I am supposed to be and what I am supposed to be doing to carry on her legacy.”

For more information on the Bonsall Woman’s Club, visit <https://www.bonsallwomensclub.org>.

Submitted by Bonsall Woman’s Club.

Fallbrook high school principals discuss graduation procedures

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Before reaching out to the students and families of students scheduled to graduate in the coming weeks, Fallbrook High School principal Narciso Iglesias and principal Michael Gray of Oasis and Ivy high schools spoke with the Village News on a Zoom call to explain what was about to take place.

“We’re going to be communicating to our families that we are going to celebrate our students via virtual graduation,” Iglesias said. “It’s been a tough, tough year. Believe me, my heart is completely broken, and I know that nothing I say or do will really heal the hurt and frustration that they’re feeling.”

“I’ll be expressing to them that I am grateful and I’ve been honored to be their principal during their senior year, but also want them to know that, we’re going to be moving forward with the virtual graduation and they need to know that it’s not ideal. I get it. While we’re hopeful for a summer celebration of sorts, I feel it’s incredibly important to acknowledge and celebrate their accomplishments as we bring a close to the school year.”

Bonsall High School announced April 23 that they would also be holding a virtual graduation.

“We know that many students, particularly our graduating seniors, were looking forward to celebrating with graduation ceremonies and other senior activities, including prom and grad night,” according to the district’s statement. “Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with a heavy heart, we must announce that all school events for the rest of the year have been canceled.”

Bonsall Unified officials said they are dedicated to celebrating seniors’ accomplishments in a “safe and memorable way.”

Iglesias said he was hoping to communicate all the ways they would be celebrating the seniors in the virtual event.

“I want to let them know that I’m going to be sending out a Google form asking for their accomplishments, their scholarship awards, their athletic endeavors, their leadership roles and extracurricular activities,” he said. “And then I want to ask about their future plans and even for a special quote from them. I’ll be communicating also for the next steps for senior deadlines and schedules.”

Iglesias said there may be some confusion about restrictions pertaining to the district because of the grab-and-go food program the school has been conducting since the school year was put on hold.

“Part of the difficulty is just all these restrictions at this time,” he said. “We have been working hard to do the essential business of feeding our community. People often get this blurred because when we work as these essential workers, we know we’re doing something that’s critical to support our community.”

“They’re getting blurred because people think that we have fewer restrictions and we don’t. We’re following all the mandates from the state and from the county,” he said.

Iglesias said he expects there to

be about seven speakers featured in the virtual graduation and the slide shows with the students, including their accomplishments and future goals.

“We’re hoping we’ll be able to do something small where we’ll do social distancing and have students pick up their cap and gown in the near future,” he said. “That way they can capture that photo that they want and then submit it to me.”

“It’s going to be a beautiful presentation. Again, it’s not ideal. But we’re trying to do our very best to capture their moment.”

The school will be working with a subsidiary company of American Sports Memories to produce the virtual graduation event.

Gray said Ivy and Oasis will be doing the same thing for their graduation ceremonies, albeit on a smaller scale.

“I think I’ve only got 26 kids graduating,” he said. “And if we can pull it off maybe 35 at Ivy, and we won’t have many speakers, but we will have our valedictorian and salutatorian. I got here the second week in August and I had three kids graduate in November, but they were hoping to be able to come back and walk. We’ve got to reach out to them and see if they even want to be part of it now.”

Like Iglesias, Gray wasn’t exactly thrilled to have to do his first graduation at his new school in a virtual format.

“It’s tough, the kids are wonderful,” Gray said. “Especially in my two little schools, one of my schools up at Ivy are some kids that have worked really hard to get where they are. They struggled at the main campus at Fallbrook, academically, socially, sometimes emotionally they did. So for them to get where they are is really quite an accomplishment. I want them to understand that.”

“I know that this situation and experience that they’re in right now – though it is going to be delivered this way – it doesn’t mean that what they have accomplished is not going to be celebrated. It’s an important time for them.”

“The same way for my seniors at Oasis,” he said. “Most of my seniors have been there all four years and have been on the distance learning type of academics their whole life. They are students that have tried hard, this has been the best fit for them. They have been successful there and they’re going to be successful in life. I want to celebrate them just as much as Dr. Iglesias does, this is the best way right now to provide some type of celebratory experience for them.”

Iglesias said he was going to reach out to parents in hopes of creating momentum and excitement for the procedures.

“I am telling them ‘I can’t wait to congratulate you and celebrate you.’” he said. “If I asked for participation, I’m not going to get it because I know I’m heartbroken and I know they’re heartbroken. When I tell them I’m going to celebrate you, I hope that they jump on board. It’s critical that we do it.”

“I keep on saying this is not ideal and it’s not what we want, but I really do feel like we need to celebrate them. And so I’m asking them to join me as we do,” Gray said.

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‘We’re stuck’ say hairstylists frustrated over lack of information on reopening their businesses

Lexington Howe
Intern

Sarah Ankerman of Ankerman Artistry in Temecula opened up her new salon on Valentine’s Day, only to close its doors a month later due to stay at home orders that began March 19.

As Gov. Gavin Newsom recently said, California may be headed for Phase 2 reopening sooner than residents think; however, it won’t include hair salons, which would not be able to reopen until Phase 3.

“I think a hair salon or a small salon or one-on-one is a lot safer than people going to Costco and being around multiple people and not having really any control over the sanitation,” Ankerman said. “There’s no way you can wipe down every single product that clients touch, especially in a place like Costco.”

Ankerman’s business is what

helps her provide for her family, she said.

“I have a 4-year-old little girl at home, and so that’s been really hard,” Ankerman said.

As a hair stylist, she is trained in safety and sanitation practices by the state board.

“Our business is one of the most regulated when it comes to ensuring our clients safety,” she said.

Jeanette Barragan of Fallbrook owns Seven Studio, 1410 S. Mission Road, in Fallbrook. Some of her first concerns upon hearing that they would have to close was how her employees would be able to support themselves without work, alongside concerns regarding sanitation that were similar to Ankerman’s.

“We’ve always been up to code just like hospitals because we are required to take a state board license, and for that we

have to go through all the rules and regulations for disinfectant, sterilization, everything has to be submerged and sterilized,” she said.

Barragan said that clients before the pandemic were pretty considerate with not coming in if they were sick.

“Now that this is all going on, I assume they’ll be a lot more cautious,” she said.

Thankfully for Barragan, her landlord has worked with her rent.

“She sent us an email saying that our rent for May and June would be half off both months, so that’s alleviating,” she said. “If this goes on for who knows how long, there may be an issue.”

Jessica Ortiz works at Wild Hair Salon, 1430 S Mission Road, in Fallbrook, whose doors have also been closed since March 19.

“If you get caught or fined it’s \$1,000,” Ortiz said. “Plus, they’re

threatening to take away your cosmetology license for two years or indefinitely if you get caught violating the governor’s orders.”

Ortiz knows of some people who are still operating behind closed doors.

“For me personally, I’m a single mom; this is my sole income for my kid,” Ortiz said. “I’m not willing to take the chance of getting that \$1,000 fine and losing my license because then how would I take care of my kid?”

Ankerman said she is worried that when things do return to normal, the hair industry won’t be the same and it will look different, potentially affecting the customer’s experience.

“It’s been recommended that stylists wear gowns, facial shields, gloves,” Ankerman said. “Wearing gloves and cutting hair is very, very difficult because the rubber grabs the client’s hair especially

when it’s wet.

“It’s also being recommended that while the client is at the shampoo bowl, we cover the clients face, nose and eyes on top of them wearing a mask,” Ankerman said.

She said that she’s worried that clients will feel uncomfortable with this procedure and ultimately not get their hair done to avoid the hassle, instead try doing it themselves at home.

For Ortiz, one of the frustrations surrounding all the planning is that there really is no definite answer yet.

“We’ve been out of work since March 19 with no income, and we can’t qualify for assistance,” Ortiz said. “They’ve basically said just shut your doors, and we don’t know what to tell you.”

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FPUD to use long-term reserves pending state reimbursement for CUP

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The Fallbrook Public Utility District has a loan arrangement with the state’s Department of Water Resources for the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project, but DWR has not been prompt with its recent payments and FPUD is currently incurring expenses.

The funding shortfall has been solved temporarily by authorization to use FPUD’s long-term reserves to fund the Conjunctive Use Project expenditures. A 5-0 FPUD board vote April 27 authorized the use of those funds.

“The state won’t pay us that money,” FPUD board member Charley Wolk said. “It seems to be appropriate to use the money they have paid us.”

The Santa Margarita Conjunctive

Use Project being pursued by FPUD, U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will enhance groundwater recharge and recovery capability within the lower Santa Margarita River basin and develop a program which will increase available water supplies for FPUD and Camp Pendleton.

The Camp Pendleton infrastructure will include piping to deliver the water to the boundary of the Naval Weapons Station and Fallbrook behind the FPUD solar facility site on Alturas Road. Construction of the facilities from the NWS boundary is FPUD’s responsibility.

The water will be treated at the Alturas Road plant and delivered into FPUD’s distribution system. FPUD’s costs will include a groundwater treatment plant, a

distribution system to the Gheen Zone east of Stage Coach Lane, the Gheen Pump Station and a storage tank with piping and construction management and supervisory control and data acquisition system integration.

The State Water Resources Control Board has a State Revolving Fund loan program which provides water agencies with low-interest loans. In January 2017, FPUD’s board authorized an application for a State Revolving Fund loan from the SWRCB to construct the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project, and the funding agreement for a loan of \$53,334,000 to repaid over 30 years at an interest rate of 1.9% was finalized June 20, 2019.

The loan agreement was finalized before the July 10, 2019, deadline for bids and assumed a

\$51 million construction cost along with \$2,334,000 for construction management and SCADA integration. Filanc Alberici JV had the low bid amount of \$54,398,232 and FPUD worked with the State Water Resources Control Board to amend the agreement so that the additional \$3.4 million can also be funded by the State Revolving Fund loan.

In January, the SWRCB approved a loan amount of \$62,935,885 which includes a contingency of \$5,440,000 as well as the construction, design and construction management costs.

As of April 16, the total amount invoiced to FPUD was \$11.9 million, but only \$5.1 million had been reimbursed by the state.

“It’s taking a long time to get the money from the state,” Bebee said. “That’s leaving us having to

carry large payments.”

FPUD had placed \$4.2 million of that reimbursement in the district’s long-term reserves fund while utilizing the other \$900,000 for operating cash.

The use of funding from the reserves will be tracked and money will be returned to that account once payments from DWR are received.

During the April 27 meeting, Wolk also recommended that Bebee and board president Ken Endter meet personally with state Sen. Brian Jones and state Assemblywoman Marie Waldron to address the DWR delay.

“It’s up to them,” Bebee said of meeting with Jones and Waldron in person. “At least we’re going to get a phone call set up.”

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Rainbow awards contract for Olive Hill pipeline

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T.E. Roberts Inc. will construct the Rainbow Municipal Water District transmission line, which will serve Olive Hills Estates.

Michael Mack and Helene Brazier were not able to participate in the April 28 Rainbow board meeting, but the other three directors voted to award the contract to T.E. Roberts for the Orange company’s bid of \$1,128,075. The action also found the work within existing right of way to be categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review.

“We’re working on the project to install a section of pipeline,” Tom Kennedy, Rainbow general manager, said. “It’s kind of a missing link in our pipeline network.”

A pipeline in that area had been taken out of service before Kennedy joining Rainbow’s staff.

“This just restores that capacity,” he said.

Rainbow had been researching opportunities to increase flow from the northern Metropolitan Water District of Southern California aqueduct connections to Rainbow’s south pressure zone, or Hutton Zone.

“There were some pipeline capacity issues, especially related to Water Authority shutdowns,” Kennedy said.

The San Diego Aqueduct between MWD’s Colorado River Aqueduct and the San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside was built in the 1940s, before the 1953 creation of the Rainbow Municipal Water District. MWD and the San Diego County Water Authority split

the cost equally, so the delivery point at which the SDCWA takes over ownership, operations, and maintenance is 6 miles south of the Riverside County line.

Four of Rainbow’s connections to the San Diego Aqueduct are to the MWD section of the aqueduct while four others are along the CWA section. Both MWD and the CWA have planned shutdowns for inspections and maintenance, as does Rainbow, and unplanned failures can also lead to shutdowns.

Rainbow hired HDR as a consultant to determine how to increase flow and provide Hutton Zone customers with a reliable supply during a shutdown. HDR along with Rainbow staff determined that constructing a new 14-inch transmission line within Olive Hills Estates would help Rainbow meet southern zone

demands during shutdowns.

The work will construct approximately 2,550 feet of 14-inch diameter ductile iron pipe along with fittings and approximately 30 feet of 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe between Olive Hill Road west of state Route 76 and Via Caballero.

The portions along Olive Hill Road and along Triple Crown Drive are within public right of way, so that part will require excavation and traffic control permits from the county’s Department of Public Works. The work not within the public right of way is within an existing Rainbow public easement through the Olive Hill Estates community.

Rainbow staff prepared a bid package and sent that document electronically to Rainbow’s list of prequalified contractors. Five

bids were received by the March 13 deadline. The bid opening took place April 1 by Zoom teleconference. The T.E. Roberts of \$1,128,075 was the lowest. Ortiz Corporation of National City had the second-lowest bid at \$1,282,157. The engineer’s estimate was \$1,300,000. The bids were evaluated and no irregularities were found. The T.E. Roberts bid was found to be complete, and all required licenses and bonding are in place.

The schedule calls for completion within 150 working days, or approximately 200 calendar days.

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County assessor announces filing extension for business property tax statements to June 1

SAN DIEGO – San Diego County assessor/recorder/county clerk, Ernest J. Dronenburg Jr. announced a new filing deadline granted by Gov. Gavin Newsom’s executive order to help small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic avoid late filing penalties.

Dronenburg and Mike Schaefer, the vice chair of the state Board of Equalization, who both represent San Diego County, were among many elected officials from across California calling on the governor to grant this relief to business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

California state law automatically applies a 10% penalty for those who file late after May 7. Executive Order N-62-20 effectively extends the filing deadline for Business Personal Property Statements from Thursday, May 7, to Monday, June 1, helping businesses avoid a state-

mandated 10% penalty.

“We are grateful Gov. Newsom through an executive order approved the request to extend the filing deadline to June 1, providing California small-business owners some relief from the state-mandated Business Personal Property 10% late filing penalty,” Dronenburg said. “My office is working proactively to help taxpayers, and with this executive order we are now able to save over 40,000 San Diego County business owners from the state-mandated 10% late filing penalty they would have incurred after today.

“My office remains open and committed to providing taxpayers excellent customer service online, over the phone and through email to ensure everyone has the tools they need to avoid the state mandate penalties by filing timely before the newly granted June 1 filing deadline,” he said.

Businesses are required to report their taxable business personal property with a combined value of \$100,000 or if requested to do so with the assessor’s office on an annual basis. State law requires that a 1% tax be applied to all business property valued of \$5,000 or more. The county assessor’s Business Personal Property Division mailed approximately 64,000 statements to business, aircraft and vessel owners. As of May 6, only 23,000 statements, which account for less than 50% of the mandated filers, had filed.

Eligible business owners are strongly encouraged to e-file their statements online by June 1. Questions regarding e-filing or general assistance can receive support by calling 858-505-6100 or via email at ARCCBusinessE-file.FGG@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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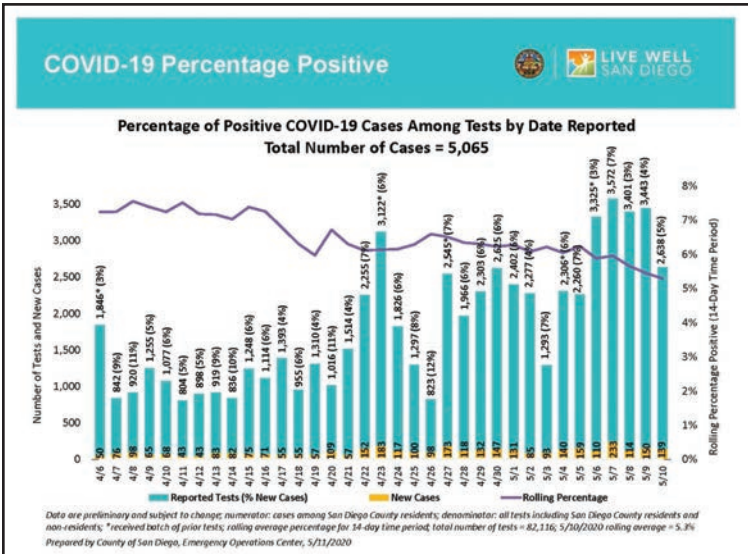
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Camp Pendleton sailor serves aboard USNS Mercy



Hospital corpsman Petty Officer 3rd Class Yesenia Ocenasek from U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton inventories medical equipment in the sterilization processing department aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy, Wednesday, May 6. Mercy deployed in support of the nation's COVID-19 response efforts and served as a referral hospital for non-COVID-19 patients currently admitted to shore-based hospitals. The ship allows shore base hospitals to focus their efforts on COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 testing trends up in San Diego County



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NBC News apologizes for ‘inaccurately’ quoting William Barr

David Bauder
The Associated Press

NBC has apologized for “inaccurately” cutting a portion of an interview with Attorney General William Barr that left a false impression with viewers of “Meet the Press.”

The apology didn’t satisfy President Donald Trump, who tweeted both Sunday, May 10, and Monday, May 11, that “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd should be fired.

The news show was discussing the Justice Department’s decision recently to drop its case against Michael Flynn, the president’s former national security adviser, when Todd played a portion of an interview that Barr gave Thursday to CBS News.

When Barr was asked by reporter Catherine Herridge what history would say about the decision, Barr replied that “history is written by the winner. So it largely depends on who’s writing the history.”

Todd said that he was struck by the cynicism of that answer. “It’s a correct answer,” Todd

said. “But he’s the attorney general. He didn’t make the case that he was upholding the rule of law. He was almost admitting that, ‘yeah, this is a political job.’”

However, “Meet the Press” didn’t include Barr’s full answer to Herridge’s question. He went on to say, “But I think a fair history would say that it was a good decision because it upheld the rule of law. It upheld the standards of the Department of Justice, and it undid what was an injustice.”

In other words, Barr actually said what Todd accused him of not saying.

In apologizing for the mistake, NBC tweeted that it “inadvertently and inaccurately” cut the video.

“Earlier today, we inadvertently and inaccurately cut short a video clip of an interview with AG Barr before offering commentary and analysis. The remaining clip included important remarks from the attorney general that we missed, and we regret the error,” the network said in their tweet.

NBC offered no comment on the president’s tweets.



This combination photo shows Chuck Todd at the 2018 NBCUniversal Upfront in New York May 14, 2018, left, and Attorney General William Barr speaking at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, Feb. 26, 2020. NBC News is apologizing for a “Meet the Press” segment that cut a portion of an interview with Attorney General William Barr that left a false impression.

Elon Musk becomes champion of defying virus stay-home orders

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The Associated Press

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has emerged as a champion of defying stay-home orders intended to stop the coronavirus from spreading, picking up support – as well as critics – on social media.

Among the supporters was President Donald Trump, who Tuesday morning, May 12, tweeted that Tesla’s San Francisco Bay Area factory should be allowed to open despite local health department orders that it stay closed except for minimum basic operations.

“It can be done fast and safely,” the president tweeted, joining many of Musk’s 34 million Twitter followers who back the defiance.

Among Musk’s biggest critics is California Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, who used an expletive to describe the CEO after his threats to relocate his operations to Texas or Nevada. She said the company is disregarding worker safety and bullying public officials.

Tesla’s factory reopened Monday, May 11, with Musk practically daring local authorities to arrest him. The plant apparently continued operations Tuesday. The company met a Monday deadline to submit a site-specific plan to protect worker safety, which the Alameda County Public Health Department is reviewing, county representative Neetu Balram said.

The restart defied orders from the

county health department, which has deemed the factory a nonessential business that can’t fully open under virus restrictions. The department said Monday it warned the company was operating in violation of the county health order and hoped Tesla will “comply without further enforcement measures” until the county approves a site-specific plan required by the state.

“We look forward to reviewing Tesla’s plan and coming to agreement on protocol and a timeline to reopen safely,” according to the statement.

State law allows a fine of up to

impose stay-at-home orders in mid-March. Gov. Gavin Newsom has repeatedly said that counties can impose restrictions that are more stringent than state orders.

The order in the Bay Area has been extended until the end of the month, but the counties plan to allow some limited business and manufacturing starting May 18, the same day Detroit automakers plan to reopen auto assembly plants. Some auto parts plants were to restart production.

The Detroit automakers’ 150,000 U.S. workers are represented by the

United Auto Workers union, which has negotiated for added safety precautions. Tesla’s workers do not have a union.

Musk, whose company has sued Alameda County seeking to overturn

its order, threatened to move Tesla’s manufacturing operations and headquarters from the state.

Tesla contended in the lawsuit that Alameda County can’t be more restrictive than orders from Newsom. The lawsuit said the governor’s coronavirus restrictions refer to federal guidelines classifying vehicle manufacturing as essential businesses that are allowed to continue operating.

No agency appeared ready to enforce the order against Tesla. County sheriff’s Sgt. Ray Kelly said any enforcement would come from Fremont police. Geneva Bosques, Fremont police representative, said officers would take action at the direction of the county health officer.



Vehicles are seen parked at the Tesla car plant AP photo/Ben Margot photo Monday, May 11, 2020, in Fremont. The parking lot was nearly full at Tesla’s California electric car factory Monday, an indication that the company could be resuming production in defiance of an order from county health authorities.

Musk has been ranting about the stay-home order since the company’s April 29 first quarter earnings were released.

\$1,000 a day or up to 90 days in jail for operating in violation of health orders.

The plant in Fremont, a city of more than 230,000 people south of San Francisco, had been closed since March 23. It employs about 10,000 workers.

Public health experts have credited the stay-home orders with slowing the spread of novel coronavirus, helping hospitals handle an influx of cases. The coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms for most people. But it has killed more than 80,000 people in the U.S., with the death toll rising.

Alameda County was among six San Francisco Bay Area counties that were the first in the nation to

California protesters talk mental strain, importance of freedom

Jamie Joseph
The Epoch Times

Kiki O’Bourke was among the approximately 1,500 protesters in Huntington Beach Saturday, May 9, who urged Gov. Gavin Newsom to expedite his plan for reopening the state.

“Emotionally, it’s killed me,” he told The Epoch Times. He’s physically healthy – aside from a hernia that was supposed to be fixed in February by an operation that’s now been postponed indefinitely.

O’Bourke is worried about friends and family with mental health issues. Some of them have had “domestic problems rising” during lockdown, he said. A friend of his committed suicide recently. Tears filled his eyes as he talked about it.

He fears losing his freedom, and that’s why he decided to protest. He said the state’s regulations are an “overreach of power,” similar to what his father fled in Cuba.

“My dad left Cuba to get me out of there,” he said. “It’s liberty or death.”

The protests in California and across the nation have come under fire for ignoring social distancing precautions. Some media reports have also criticized the organizers for hiding funding sources and allegedly acting with a political motive, with the protests said to

have the flavor of 2009’s Tea Party protests.

A majority of the protesters, May 9, didn’t wear masks or practice social distancing. Many held “Trump 2020” banners. Many waved American flags or dressed in stars and stripes. Music and chants of “U.S.A.!” drifted for blocks.

Mental health, civil rights and the need to make a living were the reasons most protesters cited for attending.

“I’ve felt very depressed some days,” Orange County nurse Marianne Smith said.

Getting out to protest and call for freedom has given her a boost, she said.

“It has impacted me to be very aware of my civil rights. For the first time in my life, I’m awake,” she said.

Another protester, Dan Shabati, said the stay-at-home order bankrupted his retail business, which had thrived for 25 years.

Phase two of Newsom’s reopening plan includes retail businesses reopening for curbside service only, he said. But his business doesn’t work that way; customers want to test his products in the store. He also doesn’t operate online for that reason.

“I think it’s very controlling,” he said of the restrictions.

In the afternoon, the protesters

moved from the Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street, where they caused gridlock, to the shoreline. The beach was officially open for recreational use, such as jogging or surfing. But a May 8 press release from the city had warned locals, “Beachgoers must ‘keep it moving’ at all times” and “settling in place” is not permitted.

The Huntington Beach Police Department reported that crowds were peaceful, and they made no arrests, similar to the larger protests May 1, which had about twice as many attendees.

Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner told The Epoch Times he understands the desire to reopen and supports doing it safely. He expects some jobs to return, but some to be lost because of bankruptcies like that of Shabati’s business.

“We’re seeing the state borrowing from the federal government to cover employment benefits – that’s going to be a long-term fiscal bomb for us,” he said.

As of May 10, the Orange County Health Agency reported 3,502 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 76 deaths. Of the cases, 337 patients are residents in nursing homes and 259 are in Orange County jails.

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A protester holds a sign in Huntington Beach, Saturday, May 9. The Epoch Times/Jamie Joseph photos



Protesters call for the rapid reopening of California in Huntington Beach.

Flynn was set up by FBI, documents indicate

Petr Svab
The Epoch Times

The belief that Lt. Gen Michael Flynn was set up by the FBI has been backed up by a string of evidence in documents released by the Department of Justice.

Flynn, former head of the Defense Intelligence Agency and former national security adviser to President Donald Trump, pleaded guilty in 2017 to one count of lying to the FBI.

On May 7, however, the DOJ dropped the case against him, saying that when the FBI interviewed Flynn Jan. 24, 2017, the investigation into him was “no longer justifiably predicated” and “seems to have been undertaken only to elicit those very false statements and thereby criminalize Mr. Flynn.”

The motion to dismiss the case was accompanied by more than a dozen documents substantiating the decision.

The FBI opened a counterintelligence case on Flynn Aug. 16, 2016. The stated reason was public information that Flynn was an adviser to Trump, had “ties” to some entities “affiliated” with Russia and visited Russia the year before.

After four months of investigating, the FBI couldn’t find any “derogatory” information on Flynn.

On Jan. 4, 2017, William Barnett, one of the agents managing the Flynn case, drafted a document to close the case, saying there were no more investigative leads to follow.

That afternoon, the former head of FBI counterintelligence operations, Peter Strzok, reached out to Flynn’s case manager, urging him to keep the case open. The documents indicate the case manager was likely Barnett.

Former FBI Director James Comey later said in a meeting with lawmakers that he authorized the closing of the Flynn case, but that it was kept open because the bureau learned about Flynn’s calls with former Russian Ambassador to the United States Sergey Kislyak.

“I think I had authorized it to be closed at the ... end of December, beginning of January. And we kept it open once we became aware of these communications,” Comey told the House Intelligence Committee March 2, 2017. “There were additional steps the investigators wanted to consider.”

But what steps?
Flynn’s calls coincided with new sanctions imposed on Russia by former President Barack Obama in late December 2016. Flynn’s lawyers were never given the transcripts of the calls, but the DOJ said he requested from Kislyak “that Russia avoid ‘escalating’ tensions in response to” the sanctions. Russia responded by holding off on its retaliation for several months.

The morning of Jan. 4, 2017, Lisa Page, special counsel to former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe and Strzok’s mistress, sent an email to former FBI General Counsel James Baker. “Code section at question,” the email’s subject read, with “18 USC 953” in the body.

The number refers to the Logan Act, a 1799 law that prohibits Americans from conducting diplomacy on their own with countries that the United States has a dispute with.

Less than 10 minutes later, Strzok emailed Page the text of the statute – writing “because I am awesome” – and attached a 2015 document about Logan Act from the Congressional Research Service.

“All the legislative history they cite does not involve incoming administrations,” he said in the email, quoting from the document that “viability” of the statute may involve “constitutional issues, such as freedom of speech and right to travel.”

“You are awesome. Thank you,” Page replied, and a few hours later sent the text of the statute to McCabe without any mention of the constitutional issues.

In the afternoon, Strzok texted another FBI staffer about the need to keep the Flynn case open.

“We need to decide what to do with him w/r/t (with regards to) the (redacted),” he said.

The “seventh floor (was) involved,” he said by text, referring to the FBI top leadership.

But there seemed to be no appetite at the DOJ to pursue a Logan Act violation. No one has ever been convicted of breaking the law, and only two people were ever charged, the last one in 1852.

Mary McCord, former head of the DOJ’s National Security Division, said she was not thinking about a criminal investigation at the time, according to a report from her July 17, 2017, interview with the FBI and the Special Counsel office.

“It seemed logical to her that there may be some communications between an incoming administration and their foreign partners, so the Logan Act seemed like a stretch to her,” according to the report from the interview.

“The feeling among NSD attorneys was Flynn’s behavior was a technical violation of the Logan Act, but they were not sure this would have a lot of jury appeal, or if pursuing it would be a good use of the power of the Justice Department,” according to an Aug.15, 2017, FBI report from an interview with former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates.

“Yates had the impression the FBI was more eager to pursue prosecution initially,” according to the report.

McCord did call the Kislyak calls “concerning” and Yates labeled them “problematic.” Yet neither of them clearly explained what was “concerning” or “problematic” about them.

“Indeed, Mr. Flynn’s request that Russia avoid ‘escalating’ tensions in response to U.S. sanctions in an effort to mollify geopolitical tensions was consistent with him advocating for, not against, the interests of the United States,” Timothy Shea, interim U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, in the motion to dismiss the Flynn case, said.

In any event, with no Logan Act charge incoming, the Flynn case seemed dead in the water. But it still wasn’t closed. Nobody seems to have provided a good explanation why.

“Nothing, to my mind, happens until the 13th of January,” Comey told the House committee.

‘Flood is coming’
In fact, the week after the scramble to keep the Flynn probe open was one of the most consequential in American history, with national repercussions rippling out for years to come.

The FBI, and Comey in particular, played a central role.

On Jan. 6, 2017, Trump was briefed by the former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper as well as the heads of the FBI, National Security Agency and CIA on their “assessment” that Russia meddled in the election. They also said the Kremlin favored Trump in their influence campaign, though the NSA partially dissented from that assessment.

A declassified version of the report was released the same day, “a virtually unheard-of, real-time revelation by the American intelligence agencies that undermined the legitimacy of the president who is about to direct them,” according to The New York Times.

As an annex to the assessment was attached a two-page summary of the Steele dossier, a collection of unsubstantiated claims about supposed Trump-Russia collusion.

The dossier was supposedly written by Christopher Steele, a former British spy. He was paid through intermediaries by the Democratic National Committee and the campaign of former State Secretary Hillary Clinton. Both Steele and his employers had for months peddled the dossier to the media, the FBI, the State Department, the DOJ and Congress.



In this Monday, June 24, 2019, file photo, Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump’s former national security adviser, departs a federal courthouse after a hearing in Washington. Trump said Sunday, March 15, 2020, that he is considering a full pardon for Flynn, who had pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about dealings with Russia’s ambassador before Trump took office.

Right after the Jan. 6 meeting, Comey privately briefed Trump on the most salacious allegation from the dossier. He didn’t give him the summary.

“I said there was something that Clapper wanted me to speak to PE (President-elect) about alone or in a very small group,” Comey said about the meeting in an email Jan. 7, 2017, to senior FBI leadership, according to a May 21, 2018, release by Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

“I then executed the session exactly as I had planned,” Comey said, adding, “I said media like CNN had them (the dossier content) and were looking for a news hook.”

As it seems, the FBI was aware that information about the Trump-Comey briefing was in fact the hook CNN would use.

“Flood is coming,” McCabe said Jan. 8, 2017, in the subject of an email to senior FBI leadership.

“CNN is close to going forward with the sensitive story. ... The trigger for them (CNN) is they know the material was discussed in the brief and presented in an attachment,” he said in the email.

Less than an hour later, McCabe emailed Yates and then-Principal Deputy Attorney General Matthew Axelrod with the subject line “News.”

“Just an FYI, and as expected, it seems CNN is close to running a story about the sensitive reporting,” he said.

On Jan. 10, 2017, Strzok wrote to other senior FBI officials, “Per Rich, CNN to publish C material today between 4 and 5.”

That afternoon, CCN ran a story saying (incorrectly) that Trump was presented with a “two-page synopsis” of the dossier during the Jan. 6 briefing. Shortly after, BuzzFeed released one of the versions of the dossier itself.

Within hours, the collusion narrative was imprinted on much of the nation’s psyche. More leaks were coming that would build on that foundation.

On Jan. 12, 2017, The Washington Post’s David Ignatius published a column where he said a “senior U.S. government official” told him that Flynn called Kislyak multiple times Jan. 29, 2016. Ignatius suggested that if Flynn talked about the Russia sanctions, he may have violated the “spirit” of the Logan Act. Other media followed with their own stories, repeating the Logan Act narrative.

Under the enormous pressure to distance themselves from anything Russia-related, several Trump team members, including the incoming Vice President Mike Pence, questioned Flynn about the calls. Flynn said he didn’t talk about sanctions and that’s what the team told the media.

The calls “had nothing whatsoever to do with the sanctions,” Pence told CBS News Jan. 15, 2017, in an interview the network almost wholly dedicated to questions about Russia.

With this denial, the FBI effectively had Flynn trapped. The officials knew that Pence, a man known for closely guarding his reputation, told a lie on national television and that Flynn was responsible.

Yates and some others from the intelligence community wanted to inform the Trump team of Flynn’s predicament, she said. Her take was that the lie made Flynn “compromised” because the Russians would know he lied.

It would have possibly led to Flynn’s firing, but the outcome was uncertain. After all, Trump held Flynn in high regard.

Comey seemed aware that the “compromise” angle was weak.

It was “possible,” he testified, that the lie made Flynn blackmailable, but “that struck me as a bit of a reach, though, honestly,” he said.

Comey blocked the idea of informing the White House. The Kislyak transcripts were the FBI’s information and he had the last word on who gets it, Yates said.

Instead, Comey had a more ambitious plan – to have Flynn interviewed by his agents.

“For some reason (Flynn) hasn’t been candid with the Vice President about this,” Comey explained the need for the interview. “My judgment was we could not close the investigation of Mr. Flynn without asking him what is the deal here. That was the purpose.”

Yet, if the bureau really wanted to know why Flynn may have lied to Pence, it took step after step that seemed to defeat that purpose.

The officials didn’t plan at all to confront Flynn about what he told Pence. They instead went to great lengths to cast the interview as a friendly chat between fellow government officials. If Flynn was to say something they knew wasn’t true, the agents would ask again, slipping in some words from the call transcripts, Strzok later told the FBI and the Special Counsel office. If Flynn didn’t catch on, they wouldn’t press again. They were not to confront Flynn about any discrepancies directly or show him the transcripts.

This approach didn’t sit well with Bill Priestap, former FBI head of counterintelligence.

“What’s our goal? Truth/ Admission or to – get him to lie, so we can prosecute him or get him fired?” he said in his notes dated Jan. 24, 2017, arguing the team should “rethink” its approach.

“We regularly show subjects evidence. With the goal of getting them to admit their wrongdoing,” he said. “I don’t see how getting someone to admit their wrongdoing is going easy on him.”

The bureau was risking its reputation, he said.

“If we’re seen as playing games, WH (White House) will be furious. Protect our institution by not playing games,” he said in his notes.

His concerns were dismissed. What’s more, Comey went forward with the interview without consulting or even informing the DOJ, which later angered Yates, she said.

When McCabe called Flynn Jan. 24, 2017, to set up the interview, Flynn readily agreed to have the agents over for a talk about the Kislyak calls. He said that the FBI probably already knew what was said anyway.

“You listen to everything they (Russian representatives) say,” Flynn said, according to McCabe’s notes from that day.

McCabe said he told Flynn he wanted the interview done “as quickly, quietly and discretely

as possible.” If Flynn wanted anybody to sit in, such as one of the White House lawyers, the DOJ would have to be involved, McCabe told him.

It was some “egregious” behavior, according to Marc Ruskin, a 27-year FBI veteran and Epoch Times contributor.

“To affirmatively go ahead and say that you don’t need to have an attorney present really goes beyond the bounds of anything that most agents in the past would have considered an acceptable behavior,” he said in a phone call. Still, Flynn agreed to talk to the agents alone.

About two hours later, Strzok and Supervisory Special Agent Joe Pientka showed up at the West Wing of the White House for the interview.

Flynn was “relaxed and jocular” with the agents, “unguarded” during the interview and “clearly saw the FBI agents as allies,” Strzok later said.

As part of the rather sprawling interview, Flynn denied talking to Kislyak about sanctions. The agents asked again: Did he ask for Russia to not engage in “tit-for-tat”?

He seemed less sure. “Not really. I don’t remember. It wasn’t, ‘Don’t do anything,’” he said, according to the agents’ report from the interview and their notes.

Flynn said in a Jan. 29 declaration to court he still doesn’t remember talking to Kislyak about sanctions.

“I told the agents that tit-for-tat is a phrase I use, which suggests that the topic of sanctions could have been raised,” he said.

The FBI and the DOJ seemed none the wiser after the interview.

The agents came back with the impression “that Flynn was not lying or did not think he was lying,” Strzok said.

“Do you believe that Mr. Flynn lied?” Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., asked Comey during the committee meeting.

“I don’t know. I think there is an argument to be made that he lied. It is a close one,” he replied.

DOJ prosecutors were skeptical that Flynn just didn’t remember, according to Yates. They asked the FBI if it wanted to interview Flynn again – a common practice in cases where it seems the interviewee lacked candor.

But the FBI not only didn’t want another interview, but Yates “recalled them being pretty emphatic about it,” the report from her interview said. She said she didn’t know why.

Despite previously insisting on the opposite, Comey was suddenly all for informing the White House of Flynn’s situation.

He “said it was a great idea” for Yates to talk to the White House counsel, and his associate Jan. 26, 2017. They told them that Flynn lied to Pence and that the FBI interviewed him in the White House two days before.

McCord described McGahn as “shocked” by the news. Flynn was fired two weeks later.

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Bulging deficits may threaten prized Pentagon arms projects

Robert Burns
The Associated Press

The government’s \$3 trillion effort to rescue the economy from the coronavirus crisis is stirring worry at the Pentagon. Bulging federal deficits may force a reversal of years of big defense spending gains and threaten prized projects like the rebuilding of the nation’s arsenal of nuclear weapons.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the sudden burst of deficit spending to prop up a damaged economy is bringing the Pentagon closer to a point where it will have to shed older weapons faster and tighten its belt.

“It has accelerated this day of reckoning,” Esper said in an interview with The Associated Press.

It also sets up confrontations with Congress over how that reckoning will be achieved. Past efforts to eliminate older weapons and to make other cost-saving moves like closing underused military bases met resistance. Since it is a presidential election year, much of this struggle may slip to 2021. If presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden wins, the pace of defense cuts could speed up, if he follows the traditional Democratic path to put less emphasis on defense buildups.

After Congress passed four programs to sustain the economy

through the virus shock, the budget deficit – the gap between what the government spends and what it collects in taxes – will hit a record \$3.7 trillion this year, according to the Congressional Budget Office. By the time the budget year ends in September, the government’s debt – its accumulated annual deficits – will equal 101% of the U.S. gross domestic product.

Rep. Ken Calvert of California, the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations defense subcommittee, said defense budgets were strained even before this year’s unplanned burst of deficit spending.

“There’s no question that budgetary pressure will only increase now for all segments of our federal budget, including defense,” Calvert said.

For military leaders, the money crunch poses an economic threat that could undermine what they see as spending crucial to U.S. security.

One prominent example is the Trump administration’s plan – inherited from the Obama administration – to pour hundreds of billions of dollars into replacing every major element of the nuclear weapons complex, from some of the warheads designed and built by the Energy Department to the bombers, submarines and land-based missiles that would deliver the warheads in combat.

Until now there has been a

consensus in Congress supporting this nuclear modernization program, which includes replacing the aged communications systems that command and control nuclear weapons. Some House Democrats sought last year to block funding for the next-generation intercontinental ballistic missile, to replace the Minuteman 3, but they gave in and the project survived.

Nuclear modernization is a fat target for budget cutters. Mackenzie Eaglen, a defense specialist at the American Enterprise Institute, foresees the possibility of calls by some in Congress to reduce the planned fleet of Columbia-class nuclear ballistic missile submarines from 12 to perhaps nine. The Navy has estimated the total cost of this program at about \$110 billion, with each boat costing \$6.6 billion.

The Navy several years ago accepted a two-year delay in the Columbia program, and according to a Congressional Research Service report in April, the first sub is now scheduled to enter service in 2031 and the number of subs in the fleet will drop to 10 for most of the 2030s as the current fleet of Ohio-class subs is retired.

Esper said nuclear modernization, at a price approaching \$1 trillion, is too important to put off, even in an economic crisis.

“We’re not going to risk the strategic deterrent,” he told a

Pentagon news conference May 5, referring to the overall nuclear arsenal, whose stated purpose is to deter a nuclear attack on the U.S. or its allies. “My inclination is not to risk any of the modernization programs. It’s to go back and pull out more of the legacy programs.”

But others, including supporters of nuclear modernization, said it’s an obvious target for reductions. The Congressional Budget Office estimated the first 10 years of the modernization plan will cost nearly \$500 billion, and that over a 30-year span the total would hit \$1.2 trillion, including the cost of sustaining the current force.

In all, the administration’s proposed nuclear weapons budget for 2021 would approach \$46 billion.

“There’s going to be a temptation to cut crucial programs like this because of the trillions and trillions of dollars that are being borrowed for the coronavirus stimulus,” Fred Fleitz, president of the Center for Security Policy, said. He said he supports fully rebuilding the nuclear weapons complex.

If Esper succeeds in shielding nuclear modernization, he likely will have to overcome obstacles to accelerating the elimination of older weapons programs, all of which have political constituencies.

Even the oldest of the Air Force’s aircraft have their strong defenders on Capitol Hill. For

example, Sen. Martha McSally, an Arizona Republican and former Air Force pilot, has already reminded Air Force leaders she will fight reductions in A-10 Warthog planes. She said the Pentagon’s 2021 budget proposal would “prematurely phase out” 44 of those planes, which are used for supporting ground troops and first entered service in the 1970s.

Among other candidates for a faster phasing out or retirement are the B-1 non-nuclear bomber and the Air Force’s MQ-9 Reaper attack drone. The Reaper is vulnerable to modern air defenses. Other candidates are the Army’s Bradley Fighting Vehicle, which may give way to a new-generation combat vehicle, and some older Navy warships.

In the face of these pressures, many in Congress are already brushing off the idea that the coronavirus crisis should force a spending slowdown. Sen. Roger Wicker, a Mississippi Republican whose state is home to a major shipbuilding facility at Pascagoula, advocated for a \$20 billion boost to the Pentagon budget.

“In terms of the \$3 trillion we’ve spent on our economy, it strikes me it’s a relative bargain to try to come up with \$20 billion, only \$20 billion, to get us back where we need to be where the top military leaders in our country tell us will keep us safe,” Wicker said at a hearing recently.

OBITUARIES



Glen Herman Holzhausen was born on a farm outside Chesaning, Michigan, April 20, 1923. In the morning of May 8, 2020, he died at Paramount Parks Assisted Living facility in Eagle, Idaho, where he lived for the past four years. He was aged 97 years and 18 days.

Glen was the second child and eldest son of Philip and Eva Holzhausen and grandson of Herman and Juliana Holzhausen who immigrated to Michigan from Germany.

Glen chose not to stay on the farm but to attend college at General Motors Institute, which is now Kettering University, in Flint, Michigan, and become a mechanical engineer. During his time at the institute he was drafted into the Army. Following basic training, he was stationed in the

Panama Canal Zone.

Glen met his first wife, the accomplished singer Mary Katherine Litz, at a USO show in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1944. They were married Aug. 24, 1946.

Glen completed his engineering degree at General Motors Institute in 1948 and worked several jobs as a mechanical engineer focused primarily on the design of internal combustion engines. The majority of his working career was spent at Garrett AiResearch in Southern California where he played an active role in bringing turbocharging technology to large diesel engines.

In 1982, he retired from Garrett, and he and Kathie moved to Fallbrook. Kathie was active in the community, and Glen managed his 10-acre avocado ranch. Kathie died in 1993, and Glen married Sara Ewald in 2000. After Sara died in 2016, Glen moved to Eagle, Idaho, to be closer to his daughter Lisa and her family.

Preceding Glen in death were his wife Kathie in 1993, wife Sara in 2016, brothers Phil, Wayne, Richard and sister Barbara. Surviving Glen are his children Gary (wife Leslie), Dale (wife Patti) and Lisa (husband John) and seven grandchildren (Alex, April, George, Kim, Erika, Will and Beck) and sisters Doris (husband Doyle), Margie, Marylyn and many nephews and nieces.

Glen always spoke fondly of his years growing up on the farm in Michigan and never forgot his deep ties to the farm and family. Celebration of life arrangements are pending. As a remembrance of Glen’s life, contributions can be made to your choice of an organization serving military veterans.



Carol Lee Savoca passed away on Mother’s Day, May 10, 2020, after what should be considered a successful bout against cancer. Her determination and strong will bought her several extra years to spend time with the people she loved most.

Carol was born June 7, 1940, in Dayton, Ohio, to Robert and Margaret Deebach. She was the 11th generation of her family in the United States tracing her roots back

to the Plymouth Colony in 1631.

Growing up in a more innocent age as an only child in Ohio, Carol loved the smell of dead ducks hanging in the shed after a successful hunt with her dad, smoking cigarettes poolside at the club and getting into shenanigans with her “cousin” Tom. As she ventured into adulthood, she attended the University of Colorado with her best friend, Jodee, where her youthful hi-jinx continued.

Through her single life, Carol lived the life of an eccentric pet owner; her small apartments became rotating menageries housing everything from roosters to alligators. “Spur of the moment” was a predominant theme of her youth. She craved adventure which she filled by road-tripping the US with friends, family, and sometimes strangers. Eventually fate found her a job in San Francisco where she fell for her boss (and the love of her life), Dominic Joseph Savoca, whom she married after an extended courtship.

Together Carol and Dominic

started a family and eventually moved to Bonsall, California. Carol approached motherhood with the same zeal with which she approached everything else. She provided a warm, loving and creative environment for her children to thrive and extended the same care to all of her children’s friends. At the Savoca household all felt welcome, safe and supported. She understood how to entertain with stately flair but also loved to share one-on-one time with her many close friends to whom she was fiercely committed. She and Dominic became fixtures in the community through a lifetime of volunteerism and community service. Dominic passed away in 2014.

Carol is survived by her family in which she always had such great pride. Her children are Robert (with wife Kate), Elizabeth (with husband Drew), Dominique (with husband Dennis) and Michael. Her grandchildren are Rowan, Violet and Cormac.

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The victory gardens of yesteryear make a return



Fallbrook residents Lesley and Robert Ibaven are growing their own vegetables at home in their backyard.

Roger Boddaert
Special to Village News

The story behind the victory gardens is over half a century old. They were started during World War II when Americans grew their own veggie gardens to supplement fresh produce for the country.

Many farmers and young men went to foreign lands, and farms were depleted of that large labor force. So, women and children stepped up to the plate and started the victory gardens and war gardens of the 1940s.

Since all types of foods were rationed during that time, civilians were encouraged to grow their produce and supplement the family's needs, stretching their ration coupons and preventing possible hoarding of food.

The victory gardens gave Americans a feeling that they were doing something helpful and they took pride in doing so to feed their families.

These gardens were grown all over the United States, and women were particularly encouraged to plant victory gardens in their backyards, city rooftops, window boxes, schools, community gardens and empty city lots.

Anything could be grown in victory gardens from fruits, vegetables, herbs to the raising of poultry for meat and eggs. National garden clubs supported this gigantic horticultural movement throughout the country.

Communities were also encouraged to share their surplus, and communal street gardens became popular with neighbors all sharing in the growing of fresh foods.

The U.S. government asked its citizens to plant their gardens to help with food shortages, and they responded in tremendous numbers. Nearly 20 million families grew around 40% of the country's vegetables by 1944, and my mother and I did our share with potatoes, beets, corn, radish, cucumbers and fruit trees.

When I hear that there might be food shortages under the current pandemic and perishable foods and milk are being dumped, it concerns me.

People grew their own food for millennia with healthy, natural and non-chemical methods, and it's time to get back to basics.

Today, gardening has been resurrected to become a national tradition once again with people growing some of their own edibles in this time of needed healthy foods. Residents can think about how they can be part of this timely gardening network that so many gardeners enjoy today.

Make a plan, select a sunny site, gather the materials, start with good organic soils, plant the veggies, keep them well-watered and take photos to cherish down the road.

When a gardener has an abundant crop, they can store it by canning, dehydrating, pickling and freezing the harvest.

There is a current wave of more farm-to-table foods being grown for avant-garde restaurants and creative chefs, and residents can do the same for their home dining table. All types of vegetable, herbs and fresh produce can also be grown in containers of all sizes if they don't have a patch of dirt to grow in.

Plants can be grown in window boxes, or residents can make containers with recycled wood from an old fence that has been replaced.

Just think about all the wooden pallets that are lying around; build raised planters with a saw, nails and a hammer. Line the bottoms of these planters with hardware wire so no varmints from below can dig their way up and destroy the crops.

Container veggie gardens can be colorful, unique and add charm to a landscape setting and gardeners don't have to worry about gophers or ground squirrels destroying their endeavors.

So use those creative juices and, by all means, have fun with it, for the rewards of the challenge will be healthier, more nutritious and life-changing for the entire family.

The joy of growing food can give multiple emotional and spiritual benefits, so give it a chance.

Make it a family affair, with the joy of working together outside and sharing in the bounty. Residents need to grow healthy foods to have healthy children, so get them involved to produce wholesome and organic foods for a better life ahead.

Remember when Michelle Obama pulled out the White House lawn and planted a garden? The goal was to get children embedded in a healthier lifestyle and reduce child obesity that is so high in this country.

Consider a neighborhood food bank, where John grows tomatoes, Karla grows string beans, Bob plants corn, Erin raises chickens for eggs, while Nancy grows potatoes. All that good food helps sustain one another. This connection with each other and the earth is a good thing about community that perhaps residents need to look at again today.

Have a weekly food share event on the street, start a newsletter and spread the word, for gardening can become contagious.

There is so much valuable information on the internet to discover many veggie choices along with plant compatible themes, and the use of flowers like marigolds to help ward off various bugs.

If there is to be a new normal, keep a safe social distance, practice all safety rules and be a part of the new wave for America, the community and homegrown food.

"He who plants a garden brings happiness for others to enjoy."

Roger Boddaert, aka "Maker of Natural Gardens, can help you lay out and get your project growing. He can be reached at 760-728-4297.

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Use recycled half olive barrels, ceramic pots or large wooden tree-boxes to grow a wide assortment of edibles.



For a faster start in gardening, buy potted plants from a nursery instead of seed packets.



Lesley and Robert Ibaven use a variety of gardening aids to help their plants grow tall and protect them from critters.



Raised garden beds with netting protect plants from pests of all kinds.

HEALTH

Heart surgery at Temecula Valley Hospital breathes new life into local resident

TEMECULA—“I couldn’t even make it up the stairs. I’d stop halfway up. I couldn’t breathe and felt a squeezing on my heart,” Tom James, local resident and Temecula Valley Hospital patient, said. “I went like that for over a month. I wasn’t going anywhere, let alone a hospital, during the COVID-19 quarantine.”

The pain continued to get worse. James’ wife of 45 years, Laurie James knew he needed to get into the hospital for a procedure for his heart. With a history of heart complications, she said she worried daily.

The couple, both over the age of 65, did everything they needed to do to be safe. They stayed in the house for more than two months. They had their groceries delivered. They visited with family, including their three sons and their families, outside, 6 feet away from one another.

It took a call from the doctor to convince Tom James to have surgery. Cardiologist Dr. Jeffery Chung called one evening and pleaded to him to get in for a heart procedure at Temecula Valley Hospital. Chung reassured him that the hospital was safe and had implemented additional safety protocols during COVID-19.

Darlene Wetton, CEO of Temecula Valley Hospital, said she knows there is a big misconception in the region about quarantine procedures.

“At this time, when home isolation is often encouraged, we want to remind the community that this is not the same as medical isolation,” Wetton said. “Unfortunately, we have begun to see patients that have waited too long to come to the emergency department for their life-threatening conditions, due to an understandable fear of being exposed to COVID-19. We would like to stress to the community that prolonged medical isolation for concerning symptoms may have detrimental effects on your health and we encourage you to seek immediate medical care in these situations.”

Tom James underwent his emergency surgery, and he said he couldn’t believe how safe the hospital was when he arrived. The hospital was clean, the team safe and professional, it was nothing like what he had imagined during a pandemic, he said.

“The team was amazing, everything was absolutely wonderful,” Tom James said. “We pulled up to the hospital. I went in after they checked my temperature, and we followed the safety protocols, including no visitation at this time within the hospital.”

After Tom James had his procedure by cardiologist Dr. Steve Jin to clear his blockage, he said, “I called Laurie once I was in recovery and told her the surgery gave me a new life.”

Now, Tom James is feeling great, he said. He is back at home with a new perspective on life. He said he hopes his story can help others to not be afraid to go in and get the treatment they need and to trust the health care professionals.

“I am so glad I finally went into Temecula Valley Hospital. Before my surgery, I was thinking every day was my last. Temecula Valley Hospital saved my life,” he said. “I am playing out in the pool now. It is a miracle.”

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Temecula Valley Hospital specializes in advanced cardiac services, stroke care, general and surgical specialties, and orthopedics as a recent Blue Distinction Center Designation for Quality in knee and hip replacement surgeries. Temecula Valley Hospital is nationally recognized for patient safety by the Leapfrog Group, with a 2017 Top Hospital Award and seven “A” grades for patient safety.

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Submitted by Temecula Valley Hospital.



Tom James, who underwent emergency heart surgery at Temecula Valley Hospital, poses for a photo with his wife Laurie James.

Dealing with the grief of losing a child

FALLBROOK – Former longtime resident Sherrie Kolb-Cassel née Gonzales published a book, “Improving Grief.” She has lived through nearly every parent’s worst fear: the loss of her son and only child. Rikki died from physical effects of complex addiction.

Kolb-Cassel’s response to her pain has been to establish and maintain “After the Storm,” a blog for parents who have also lost children to addiction or to overdose. Her role is twofold – she writes about her own journey through grief and she facilitates and moderates the posts and replies of other grieving parents who have incurred the same loss as she has.

Kolb-Cassel also maintains a blog, “Grief to Gratitude: Rediscovering Joy after Loss,” which is open to the public, irrespective of relationship.

Most of the pieces contained in “Improving Grief” began as posts or responses in the blog. She writes of her pain and her triumphs, her complicated relationships with the memory of her son, with the god of her understanding, with her son’s son and with her fellow grieving parents. Her writing is immediate, profound and important; it is also occasionally visceral and always utterly and beautifully human. The book is available on Amazon.

Kolb-Cassel has a bachelor’s degree in psychology and began work on her master’s degree in social work recently. She lives with her husband, Ben; grandson, Louie, and three cats in the Joshua Tree area. Her blog is at <http://www.griefftogratitude.home.blog/>.

Submitted by Sherrie Kolb-Cassel.



Sherrie Kolb-Cassel is the author of “Improving Grief.”

Kicking It: with television and gluten-free food

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to Village News

I am still in Anchorage. Having passed my 14-day quarantine, I can now wander amongst the locals.

No. I have not been working out. My good intentions are there, but I tell myself it’s because this apartment is on the second floor sandwiched between the first and third prohibiting me from actually doing jumping jacks.

And you ask, “What about pushups?” “Squats?” Oh, stop! I have a guilty conscious that is why I just cranked out 15 squats before returning to my typing.

But, if you recall, the only reason I started writing this column was to keep myself in check. Admitting to strangers that I have a weak will was supposed to make me stay on target. And it did, but.

OK, I’ll promise myself to get back on planks, pushups and squats. Situps require a weight of some sort on my feet... and I’ll have to wear my face mask over my mouth because I grunt and swear like a longshoreman with each one.

Now you know how weak my convictions really are. While there are many activities that hold my interest, it is sad to report that exercise is not one of them.

If you recall, I had a goal. See, I am goal-oriented. I lost a whole dress size from August to February.

The goal was to get in shape for my European adventure. But like so many of you, my trip fell apart, along with my interest in exercising.

It is my hope to maintain my weight loss by avoiding food I actually like. My daughter’s kitchen is gluten-free. I have been forewarned should I desire any food that contains gluten, I must eat it in the car. Gluten-free toast really isn’t bad at all.

It took numerous phone calls to get my e-reader connected to the internet. The Samsung company technician told me the Alaskan network needed to be updated. I still doubt the company would do that for me. Instead, I called and spoke with one of the Alaska provider’s internet specialists. She had the good sense to do an internet search on how to connect a Samsung e-reader to the internet with my issue. As it turns out, it required a simple check in the general settings.

At last, I can again enjoy endless hours of borrowing books from the Fallbrook Library 24 hours a day. But that isn’t the only thing I’ve been doing. Besides not exercising, I spend a great deal of time on the computer, yet, it barely compares to the endless hours of dumbing down watching television.

It should come as no surprise I now feel as though, albeit unlicensed, fully qualified to remodel every type of poorly maintained abode and put it up for resale making a huge profit.

I have watched infinite spaces across time from Waco, Indianapolis, and various small towns throughout the South stretching north through Canada and back as they transform smelly, old, tired residences, flipping, restoring and converting them into refined residences for a variety of individuals, families and their adopted pets. You, too?

Because it is only rarely that HBO offers a free weekend to view movies I already own. Which consequently leaves little else to view. Turner Classic Movies has exhausted the reruns of every imaginable movie ever filmed.

And wouldn’t you know, just as I learned the new channels for the Anchorage market, the television died. It was a painless end for the old Visio except now it needs replacing. After two days of watching movies on my Microsoft Surface 10-inch screen, I am happy to report Life is Good again with a 55-inch 4K back on the wall.

By the way, Alaskans are very friendly, helpful and not a bit pretentious. Everyone seems to



be from someplace else, even as far away as Hawaii. Which seems odd, doesn’t it? Hawaii, that is. The family had to escape balmy-breezes and clear, sunny days for subzero temperatures, mountains of snow and mosquitoes the size of sparrows? Imagine that.

Amongst other things I now find interesting is how small things now occupy my time. For instance, I squandered an hour watching various YouTube videos learning how to use the new K-cup for the mini-Keurig coffee machine.

That’s all for now. Keep writing those emails, I need to know there is someone out there.

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Social isolation: Spotting the signs and opening minds of older adults and loved ones



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Simona Valanciute is the president and CEO of San Diego Oasis, a national nonprofit that offers lifelong learning courses for older adults.

Simona Valanciute
San Diego Oasis

If you’re the caretaker of a parent or other older adult relative, it can be challenging to convince your loved one to try something new. However, what you may perceive as stubbornness could be a sign they are experiencing social isolation, which poses serious risks to their health and well-being. Social distancing, while important to containing the coronavirus, may exacerbate their loneliness by taking away normal

routines and activities, as well as physical contact and hugs from family and friends. It’s now more important than ever for caretakers to identify the signs of social isolation and help loved ones find ways to stay curious and engaged with the world virtually. Social isolation occurs when a person withdraws and becomes disconnected from friends, family and their community. Multiple studies have shown social isolation is as bad for a person’s health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is even more harmful than obesity; it has also been linked to higher blood pressure, a lowered immune response and earlier onset of dementia. Here are just a few ways an older parent or relative may show negative effects of social isolation:

- Lack of interest in staying connected to the outside world, their hobbies or social activities they once enjoyed
- Poor personal hygiene
- Signs of poor nutrition, such as rapid weight gain or loss or lack of appetite
- Significant disrepair, clutter or hoarding behavior in their home
- Having trouble sleeping, or sleeping more than usual
- Declines in memory or information processing

If you’re thinking these symptoms sound a lot like the signs of depression, you’re

correct: depression and social isolation often go hand in hand. As with depression, the solution for social isolation will differ from person to person, but staying active, socializing with others and focusing one’s mind on something else are the keys to combating both. It can be difficult, though, to convince an older loved one to get outside their comfort zone, whether that’s embracing different ways of communicating through technology or trying new activities. There are a variety of reasons older adults may be reluctant to open their minds to new ways of doing things. Change is hard for people of any age, and older adults especially may rely on rigid ways of thinking to navigate a constantly changing world and feel good about themselves. One healthy way to give older adults that self-esteem: help them learn a new skill or at least experience a familiar activity in a new, virtual way. Doing so may allow them to socialize with new people and develop confidence as they improve. Here are some ideas:

- Go back to school. Multiple community colleges in the San Diego area offer online classes for seniors, and many are free. Organizations like San Diego Oasis, a national nonprofit that offers lifelong

learning courses for seniors, offer dozens of free or low-cost courses in topics from art history, meditation, foreign language to telehealth and more. If your loved one speaks fondly of their college days, or has previously expressed curiosity about a certain subject, sign them up for an online class.

- Get moving in the living room. Virtual fitness classes are everywhere now. Yoga studios and gyms are offering live streamed online classes or video workouts, but your loved one may feel that these are too “young” for them. If that’s the case, check out Silver Sneakers’ selection of home workout videos designed especially for people aged 65 and older. If you’re their primary caretaker and can still visit them at home, try a workout with them – it might get you two laughing, which is also good for your health.
- Participate in religious services online. Older adults who regularly attend some kind of religious service or spiritual group can often live longer than their non-religious peers, particularly because it provides them with a strong social network. Encourage your loved one to attend services or meetings online, if possible, and help them get comfortable

with the technology to do so. If your loved one misses a support group their faith community previously provided, encourage them to check out the free support groups available through San Diego Oasis.

- Demystify technology. Many of the same colleges and nonprofit organizations offering academic or lifelong learning courses for seniors also teach practical skills workshops that help them use new technology. San Diego Oasis offers multiple virtual lessons, taught by engaging, smart and funny instructors, to help seniors master video chats with Zoom, figure out their smartphone and more. You’ve probably heard many people say, “We’re all in this together.” For caretakers of older adults, it means not just looking out for your loved ones’ physical well-being, but also watching out for the signs of social isolation. Opening our minds to new experiences is the best way to stay mentally healthy and connected to the community. Simona Valanciute is the president and CEO of San Diego Oasis, an award-winning nonprofit organization serving people age 50 and better, who pursue healthy aging through lifelong learning, active lifestyles and community service. Learn more at <http://www.sandiegoasis.org>.

‘Every Body Deserves a Massage Day,’ Round 2

Craig Lozzi
Special to Village News

As my daughter, Laurel, said a few weeks ago in her article about touch, life is not the same amid the current COVID-19 pandemic. For at least six weeks now, part of our daily reality, in an effort to be considerate, respectful and responsible to the health and safety of those we love, the community in general, and for ourselves we have been quarantining and practicing “social distancing.” Before this pandemic, I believe our society was already largely a place where many citizens felt isolated and lacking significant connection. How well do we

even know and interact with our neighbors? Perhaps in our “Friendly Village” we are an exception to a culture that is increasingly so busy, fast-moving and preoccupied with the limited orbit of each individual life. Now, practicing collectively this idea of social distancing, simply adds another layer of separation in all of our lives. In 1971, Dr. Ashley Montagu published a book that underscored the significance of touch for human beings entitled “Touching: The Human Significance of the Skin.” He wrote about the results of research that comprehensively showed that the psychological need for touch in the human being

is greater than the physiological need for food. Imagine that. The way touch nurtures a person emotionally and spiritually outstrips their need to feed the body. It is no wonder then, how significant and important love and relationships are to our life. On Feb. 6, Laurel and I introduced the idea of making skilled therapeutic touch more accessible to our community. We introduced “Every Body Deserves a Massage Day.” It was a success, with each of us having a full slate of clients who came and paid us whatever worked with their finances. The inspiration for this quarterly event is the incredible love Laurel

and I share to both giving and receiving massage. We have found that massage offers healing opportunities and simple delight, opening doors for transformation and recalibration. On Thursday, May 28, Laurel and I will again offer a full-hour massage to anyone in the community at whatever price works for them. We are taking every precaution available to ensure the health and safety for each client and for ourselves too. In this time when simple human touch has become less available and when, perhaps our need is the greatest, we simply feel it is necessary to reach out to our community in this manner.

Sessions are by appointment only. Since the availability of these sessions is limited, we ask that once a session is booked it is kept or we are given at least 48 hours’ notice to cancel or reschedule. We will keep a waiting list when our schedule fills up, in case of cancellations. We are excited to share our gifts with anyone in need. In the event, the pandemic escalates to conditions that would preclude this offering, we will schedule another day when conditions are better for everyone. Please call 760-533-3505 for Craig or 323-356-5363 for Laurel.

Temecula Valley Hospital recognized with an ‘A’ spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

TEMECULA – Temecula Valley Hospital was awarded an “A” in the spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Temecula Valley Hospital’s achievements providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality

and safety. The safety grade is a letter grade assigned to all general hospitals across the country and updated every six months, assessing how well the hospital prevents medical errors and other harms to patients. “As the nation copes with a challenging pandemic, our gratitude extends to hospital

leadership and health care workers everywhere for their tremendous dedication,” Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, said. “We hope this ‘A’ helps to thank the people who work and volunteer for Temecula Valley Hospital. They are role models in putting patients first, and their service has been extraordinary in our country’s time of need.” Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public. “During this unsettling time, our health care team has been working so hard to care for our community,” Darlene Wetton,

CEO of Temecula Valley Hospital, said. “Getting an ‘A’ grade for hospital safety is the positive news we all needed to hear. It reiterates how special our team is at Temecula Valley Hospital. I am proud that our staff and physicians know that safety is a No. 1 priority, especially with everything that is happening in the world around us.” Temecula Valley Hospital was awarded an “A” grade today when Leapfrog updated grades for spring 2020. To see full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit <http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org> and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook. For more information, visit <http://www.temeculavalleyhospital.com>. Submitted by Temecula Valley Hospital.

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Prune and mulch to keep roses healthy



The Malibu hybrid tea roses grow well in the Fallbrook area. Village News/Courtesy photo

Frank Brines
ARS Master Consulting Rosarian

There were signs of climate change again this year. The area had above-average rainfall and fluctuations in temps, which was good and bad. It is more difficult to predict what to do and when as I have in past years. The timing and development of growth is dependent on weather, especially a more consistent predictable weather pattern. This year, temperatures and rain fluctuated more than I remember it doing in the past decade. Flower

production is impacted greatly by inconsistent temperatures, sun and water. The increased rain stymied growth and caused some rust, mildew and Botritis fungi to appear quickly. I was able to get several applications of chemicals for fungi before the weeks of rain. Still some rose leaves were affected with rust and lots of Botritis. Abundant sunshine and water produce larger blooms. In my garden, applying fertilizer every two weeks before all the rain resulted in more growth and buds. If you didn't apply fertilizer

during all that rain, be sure to do so soon, along with plenty of water to maintain this production curve. Be vigilant for changes, diseases and pests in the garden now. Be prepared to act on these immediately. Blooms mature quickly in warm weather, so as blossoms fade, lightly prune back to the first outward facing five-leaflet leaf. Don't shorten the cane too much. If you remove just blossom and peduncle, you may get two weaker shoots with less bloom quality. This light pruning sets the stage for the next bloom cycle in about seven weeks. For best production, try to shape the bush to outward facing buds. If you can, keep canes that are larger than the diameter of a wooden pencil. Doing all this pruning now, the next blooms will appear around mid-June before the summer heat. Knowing it can help you prepare for the hot summer in Temecula Valley. Make sure to put all vegetation into your green waste barrel. Roses want a constant supply of nutrients, including micro nutrients, such as copper, iron, manganese, magnesium, etc. Remember that you are also feeding the soil microbiology which is complex and multi tiered, abundant in beneficial microbes which create a sustainable soil diversity acting like an "immune system." Phosphate (N) and potassium (K) help develop strong root systems, better blooms and help prevent stress during adverse conditions. In fact, plants grown with organic fertilizers are themselves more resistant to pests and diseases. A soil test kit for analyzing the soil needs could save you lots of money, energy and guesswork for a fulfilling garden. Organic amendments such as manure, compost or mulch

stay where you put them, break down slowly, don't contribute to groundwater pollution by preventing runoff into drains, improve the soil food web, so that in the long run you end up using less product while providing "food" for all the creatures like earthworms who act like rototillers mixing them into the soil to lower depths. The best thing you can do for your garden is to add a generous layer of mulch that doesn't have wood chips. Keep an eye for worsening conditions such as water stress, insect pests and fungal diseases. Do not use a formula that treats everything. Use only a product especially for the specific problem and treat in proportion to severity, as well as your level of acceptance. If control is lost, it may be necessary to strip off all of the diseased leaves and prune back and basically start over. Some organic formulas use neem oil, insecticidal soaps, baking soda, etc. Read entire labels and use according to directions, including safety equipment to avoid exposure to contaminants. Keep your skin covered when applying chemical treatments. Use approved goggles for eye protection, respirator mask, long sleeve shirt, water/chemical resistant boots and gloves. When the treatment is completed, immediately remove clothing and wash. Take a good shower to remove any possible contamination. Gardens are showing increased prevalence of the "black spot" fungal disease. It appears as dark green to black spots on leaves, which often turn yellow and fall off. The infected leaves, even those that fall, produce spores that can infect other leaves. There are many fungicides available, but control can be difficult. Sometimes you just have to remove and dispose of any affected leaves.

Another new pest is the chilli thrip. It's much smaller than the Western thrip we're accustomed to and more devastating as it eats all varieties of vegetation. Control is quite difficult and new treatments are being studied. Products containing Spinosad bacteria seem to help control soft-bodied larvae, but be aware that even such "natural" products can kill other beneficial insect species. It is never too late to apply a thick layer of mulch. Use composted mulch, not wood products. Pine needles are good too. Apply to a depth of 3-4 inches. Mulch keeps the entire bed uniformly supplied with water. Avoid mulch containing wood chips of any sort: Their breakdown robs the soil of nitrogen, and a mold can grow that is impenetrable to water, fertilizers and oxygen. I've grown many varieties of roses in my gardens. Most will grow well in the Temecula Valley. Some varieties I recommend: Mr Lincoln. Outta the Blue, Easy Does It, Touch of Class, Double Delight, Joey, Gold Medal, Graham Thomas and Fragrant Cloud. Heads up for a high heat summer. Don't expect great roses during July to September when temperatures are high. Just keep plants well hydrated and remove spent petals, leaving the "hips." Don't prune. The plants will enter a short dormancy and build strength for fall. I am an ARS certified master rose consultant. If you would like personal answers to questions, you can leave questions on the TVRS website or write me at roseguy2000@aol.com. And when you've got a moment to spare, visit Rose Haven, 30592 Jedediah Smith Road, in Temecula. The cross street is Cabrillo Avenue. Also, visit <https://www.TemeculaValleyRoseSociety.org>.

Rainbow approves out-of-agency service agreement for Meadowood

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Although Pardee Homes' planned Meadowood development is within the boundaries of the Valley Center Municipal Water District, the Rainbow Municipal Water District will provide water and sewer service to Meadowood. A 3-0 Rainbow board vote April 28, with Helene Brazier and Michael Mack unable to participate in the meeting, approved an agreement for out-of-agency service between Rainbow and the Valley Center district. The action also approved an addendum to the Environmental Impact Report which addresses the provision of infrastructure, and the Rainbow board also directed district staff to prepare an application to San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission to annex the Meadowood area and detach that area from the Valley Center district. "This is really just efficiency of services," said Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy. "We've got stuff across the street, and it just makes more sense." In January 2012, the board of supervisors approved the 384-acre

Meadowood development. At the time the land was within the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District, which is not part of the San Diego County Water Authority, but the board of supervisors' conditions included annexing the property into the SDCWA. The original approved map included 397 single-family homes, 447 multifamily dwelling units, 13 acres for an elementary school which will be built by the Bonsall Unified School District, four acres of park land, 128 acres of biological open space, 47 acres of agricultural open space, 5.9 miles of trails, and a wastewater treatment plant. In order to avoid impacts to sensitive environmental resources, a public park was relocated and the residential component is now expected to consist of 473 single-family and 352 multifamily homes while the public park size has increased to 9.1 acres with the trail length reduced to 5.6 miles. Pardee Homes had entered into a pre-annexation agreement with the Rainbow Municipal Water District in 2004, but in April 2005 the Rainbow board instructed the district's legal counsel to work with Pardee on terminating

the agreement and in December 2008 Rainbow's board voted to terminate that agreement. In January 2011, the Valley Center Municipal Water District board voted to support the annexation of Meadowood into that district, and LAFCO approved the annexation in 2014. Meadowood is not adjacent to the rest of the Valley Center boundaries, and the plan when the property was annexed was for Pardee to construct water and sewer lines to Meadowood at the developer's expense. "Over time it became clear that it was going to be very difficult for Valley Center to serve that," Kennedy said. "They don't have any facilities in the area." The nearest Valley Center facility is across Couser Canyon and multiple miles away from Meadowood. "The project is immediately adjacent to Rainbow's facilities," Kennedy said. "It's pretty easy for us to serve it." Kennedy and Valley Center general manager Gary Arant are their districts' representatives on the San Diego County Water Authority board. Pardee Homes division president Jimmy Ayala is one of the City of San Diego's

representatives on the SDCWA board. The three had discussed having Rainbow rather than Valley Center serve Meadowood. "I'm very happy that we have come full circle," Ayala said. "I'm proud of how this agreement mutually benefits both parties." Pardee Homes has obtained all required permits for Meadowood and has begun grading. The Valley Center district approved the out-of-agency service agreement March 2. The service agreement allows facilities to be constructed while the actual annexation and detachment application is being processed by LAFCO. "This will allow us to get started with design and construction on the connections to our system," Kennedy said. A provision in the agreement that Pardee will pay for certain water and sewer infrastructure to serve the project ensures that the Valley Center district is not responsible for any of those costs. Pardee will pay all applicable water capacity fees which are charged to developers to cover the new development's share of existing infrastructure while the agreement sets sewer capacity fees at \$10.5 million.

"This will be a really good way to improve our wastewater system," Kennedy said. Once the homes are built Rainbow will also have the additional revenue from the Meadowood customers. "I think it will make better opportunities from the water side," Kennedy said. Although Rainbow will be the official applicant to annex the Meadowood area, Pardee will be responsible for the LAFCO processing fees (with a \$50,000 cap) and will also pay the costs to prepare the application materials. Once the detachment is complete, another government action will form a Community Facilities District which will allow the capacity fee costs to be repaid through an assessment on the properties. "We expect that to go through smoothly," Kennedy said. Pardee's engineer of record has been working with Rainbow staff to review the required upgrades to Rainbow's wastewater conveyance system and is in the final stages of completing a full analysis which may include some design alternatives for consideration.

SDCRFA to transition into separate fire protection district

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission will begin the process of making the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority a separate fire protection district. An 8-0 LAFCO board vote Monday, May 4, approved a sphere of influence update for County Service Area No. 135 including support for a recommendation that the SDCRFA be separated from the San Diego County Regional Communications System. "CSA 135 merits reorganization to split the district into two distinct entities," Keene Simonds, LAFCO executive officer, said. "We've given direction for the county to come back with an application, and we're incentivizing that application by waiving the fee. We will work as quickly as possible in processing it." The San Diego County Board of Supervisors and LAFCO

created the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority in 2008. CSA No. 135 covers the entire unincorporated area of the county as well as several incorporated cities who have joined the 800-megahertz communications system which allows emergency and public safety agencies to communicate with one another. The 2008 decision to authorize latent powers for fire protection and emergency medical services within a zone of CSA No. 135 allowed the SDCRFA to be created without the process of forming a new district. "What they did in '08 made sense at the time," Simonds said. The creation brought territory not within the boundaries of a public agency but served by a volunteer fire department into the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority. In 2011, five county service areas responsible for fire protection and emergency medical services were consolidated into the SDCRFA.

The first fire protection districts to be dissolved and added to the SDCRFA boundaries were the Pine Valley and San Diego Rural districts, whose addition to the SDCRFA was approved in 2015. The Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District board supported a consolidation and despite some public opposition that area became part of the SDCRFA in 2019. Last year's actions also included removing the fire protection and emergency medical services latent powers from the Mootamai, Pauma and Yuima water districts in Pauma Valley and making those areas part of the SDCRFA. "This has been a twelve-year process," Simonds said. A sphere of influence study determines the boundaries best served by a particular agency. It is a prerequisite to any jurisdictional change other than an annexation of land within the existing sphere of influence, and LAFCO also conducts periodic sphere of influence updates for all cities

and special districts. The sphere of influence study for CSA No. 135 was based on the periodic update calendar rather than on any annexation proposal. "I think the fire protection district model is a good and appropriate next step," Simonds said. "It's like the Fire Authority growing up and finally coming of age," county supervisor Dianne Jacob, who is also the chair of the LAFCO board, said. A fire protection district may include portions or even the entirety of an incorporated city, so if a city wishes to contract with the SDCRFA the regional agency could provide the coverage. "The Fire Authority stands in strong support of the motion in front of you," SDCRFA fire Chief Tony Mecham said. An application to consolidate into the SDCRFA would need support from the fire department's board as well as the county. "Any decision to join the Fire Authority is a joint application

of both parties," Mecham said. "There is no takeover." The board of supervisors would be the governing body for the SDCRFA as well as for CSA No. 135. A county service area can have an advisory board with local residents or first responders, and as part of the consolidation process for the Pine Valley and San Diego Rural districts the board of supervisors created the CSA No. 135 Fire Advisory Board in October 2014. The process to create a separate district for the SDCRFA will begin with board of supervisors' approval. LAFCO staff will conduct an analysis including public outreach before docketing the proposal for a LAFCO board meeting. "I don't think at this point there will be any significant hiccups in that process," Simonds said. Joe Naiman can be reached by email at jnaiman@reedermedia.com.

Save Our Forest honors volunteers



Walt Parry is an original volunteer for the Save Our Forest San Diego County program, Adopt-A-Road. Parry has just retired, but enjoys reliving his many years of service.

FALLBROOK – Commitment to a remedy for a never-ending problem is a wonderful attribute that Save Our Forest, a committee of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, honored in many of their committed volunteers recently.

Walt Parry and Jeff Garner are recognized for their more than 20-year commitment to the SOF Adopt-A-Road County program on Old Highway 395. The once-a-month commitment by Save Our Forest improves a visitor’s first impression of the community as they get off Interstate 15. Covering from Route 76 to East Mission Road, the commitment requires a number of volunteers, each responsible for a small segment, to get the job done.

With the passing of time and volunteers, replacement volunteers are sorely needed, according to the committee. Residents are encouraged to consider giving an hour or so one time a month to adopt a small segment of that road and take a healthful walk, just like Rosemary Leitmeyer, who recently volunteered to help Save Our Forest.

Another area of SOF volunteerism is its Tree Stewards program. Currently many National

Charity League Ticktockers, as well as adults, are donating their time for community service to care for an individual tree(s). One of the Ticktockers, Nicole Dulin, is turning in her hose as she graduates this year and will be going on to the next phase of her life.

Two work parties prune, weed and generally work each month to care for the hundreds of trees SOF has planted. They are a major part of the mission to support Fallbrook. Environmental Education volunteers are also vital to educating local children who will be the caretakers of the future. Engaging youth in their early years can instill the need to protect the quality of life here, and the necessity of care in the future.

Residents can call the Fallbrook Land Conservancy office at 760-728-0889 if they would like to volunteer to help Save Our Forest fulfill one of their commitments to Fallbrook. Ask for a referral



High school senior Nicole Dulin is one of the many National Charity League Ticktockers who donate their time to water trees in downtown Fallbrook.

number for Save Our Forest. As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work.” Submitted by Save Our Forest.

Olive Hill Nurseries presents a colorful gift to mothers



Monica Mendez-Salas, Village News/Courtesy photos right, presents a mother with a bromeliad when she picked up her children's lunches, May 6.



Colorful bromeliad are ready to be given out to mothers during the lunch pick up at Maie Ellis and La Paloma Elementary schools.



Helping with the bromeliad giveaway are Boys and Girls Clubs of North County staff, from left, Tatyanna Melendez, Peter Montes, Linda Bailon, Monica Mendez-Salas and Olive Hill Nurseries' Denise Godfrey.

FALLBROOK – Olive Hill Nurseries worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs of North County to offer the mothers in Fallbrook a

surprise for Mother’s Day. On Wednesday, May 6, Olive Hill Nurseries donated and dropped off 400 potted bromeliads to Maie Ellis and La Paloma Elementary

schools. These colorful plants were handed out to mothers during the scheduled lunch pick up at each of the schools. “When Sue from Olive Hill

Nurseries approached us with the idea of giving back to the community, we saw a wonderful opportunity,” Allison Barclay, CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of North County, said. “We are so grateful to offer these beautiful Mother’s Day gifts to all our mothers, but we could not have done it without the generosity of the staff over at Olive Hill Nurseries.”

For more information on ways to donate to the Boys and Girls Clubs of North County, visit www.bgcnorthcounty.org or call 760-728-5871.

Submitted by the Boys and Girls Clubs of North County.

The COVID-19 outbreak has created a new reality for all of us, at least temporarily. Chances are you're dealing with many new challenges, both personally and professionally. Remember, we're all in this together. Stay positive and know that things will get better.

In the meantime, you might have immediate concerns about the real estate market. For example, you might be wondering if you should put off moving. Or, you might need to move but are worried about all this uncertainty.

If so, give me a call. As a real estate professional, I have the latest market information, insights and tools - and can give you sound advice. Good information and advice are often the antidote to stress, especially during challenging times. So, please, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Take care and know that I'm thinking of you and wishing you well.

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Rainbow MWD approves Rio Estrella time extension

Joe Naiman
Village News reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District has approved a time extension for Development Solutions Bon LLC to complete the infrastructure for the Rio Estrella development.

A 3-0 Rainbow board vote, Tuesday, April 28, with Helene Brazier and Michael Mack not able to participate in the meeting, extended the expiration date for which the improvements must be completed from July 11, 2020, to July 11, 2022. The time extension agreement covers completion of water and sewer infrastructure improvements but does not require completion of the homes or other lot improvements themselves.

“That’s a fairly standard extension of time for a development that’s taken longer than anticipated,” Tom Kennedy, Rainbow general manager, said. “They’ve still got a couple of phases they haven’t started working on yet.”

The 11 legal parcels near Camino Del Rey and Old River Road were owned by San Luis Rey Downs Enterprises LLC and the development was known as Golf Green Estates when the county’s Planning Commission approved the tentative parcel map and site plan in 2013.

“The golf course is gone, so it’s no longer Golf Green Estates,” Kennedy said.

The property was also subsequently sold to Development Solutions Bon LLC.

A tentative parcel map becomes a final map after all conditions of the tentative map, other than those for which permits cannot be issued until a final map is recorded, are fulfilled. A final map is required for grading and building permits. The conditions of a final map include secured agreements to ensure that the infrastructure will be built and that payment for labor and materials used to build the infrastructure will be made.

In September 2016, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the final map to subdivide the 29-acre parcel into 94 residential lots ranging from 6,000 to 19,113 square feet along with eight homeowners association lots. The county supervisors also approved a security agreement to cover completion of the infrastructure including water and sewer facilities. The on-site improvements will include approximately 5,475 feet of water main and 4,618 feet of sewer main.

The security agreement included a performance bond to ensure the improvements’ completion. The bond covered \$814,200 for water facilities and \$726,000 for sewer infrastructure. The security agreement does not cover capacity fees which are charged to developers to cover the new development’s share of existing infrastructure. Rainbow anticipates to receive approximately \$3.7 million from water and wastewater capacity fees.

Before the Planning Commission approval San Luis Rey Downs Enterprises LLC submitted a

sewer permit application for 116 equivalent dwelling units. The November 2005 application also included a payment of \$1,777,000. The sewer permit has been renewed periodically even though the development has not been constructed.

In 2015 Rainbow’s board approved a joint use agreement with the project ownership, the county, the Bonsall Unified School District and San Diego Gas and Electric which focused on utility rights. An agreement approved by Rainbow’s board in May 2016 focused on water and sewer infrastructure to be provided by the developer to serve the project and also addressed the realignment of existing facilities.

In December 2017 the Rainbow board voted to honor the \$1,777,000 previously paid for 116 equivalent dwelling units of sewer capacity, to require payment of the full amount of sewer fees required to serve Rio Estrella, and to grant Rainbow the property rights for a lot at Old River Road and Calle de Las Estrellas in exchange for additional capacity credit equal to the lot’s \$247,035 value.

That lot will be used for the Schoolhouse Lift Station, whose construction will also be funded by other projects’ capacity fees; Rainbow expects to issue a request for proposals for the lift station contract in late summer.

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Coldwell Banker names its top agents for April



Coldwell Banker Village Properties announces\ Village News/Courtesy photo that the team of Jerry and Linda Gordon is its top listing, selling and producing team for the month of April.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fallbrook Music Society announces concert channel on YouTube



Child prodigies Joshua Schaefer and Lucas Schaefer can be seen performing on the Fallbrook Music Society's YouTube channel.



The husband and wife team of Todd Rewoldt and Lesi Mei perform a concert on the Fallbrook Music Society's YouTube channel.

FALLBROOK – Like everyone, Fallbrook Music Society has been exploring ways to stay connected with supporters during this pandemic. While in-person performances have been canceled that has not stopped the organization.

“I am just thrilled to be able to announce Fallbrook Music Society Channel on YouTube,” Ann Murray, executive director of the music society, said. “At the suggestion of one of our board members, this channel

showcases the terrific local talent right here in San Diego, and we are hoping that music lovers across the county will tune in for these free performances.”

The station launched May 8 and featured two performances. The first was with Joshua and Lucas Schaefer, both of whom are child prodigies and live in Murrieta. Joshua is 14 years old, a freshman in high school and plays the clarinet, piano and violin. He performed in Carnegie Hall in 2019 as part of the String Orchestra

of the Temecula Conservatory of Music.

His brother, Lucas Schaefer, is 13 and in middle school. He started playing piano at the age of 5 and was the recent winner of the Steinway Society of Riverside Piano Festival in March.

The second concert featured the husband and wife team of Todd Rewoldt and Lesi Mei. Both Rewoldt and Mei teach at San Diego State University and have significant private music studios teaching students of all ages.

Rewoldt is one of the founding members of the STET-Saxophone quartet and performed for the Fallbrook Music Society in August 2019. Mei is an accomplished pianist and has performed worldwide.

“Fallbrook Music Society remains committed to expanding the scope of classical music concerts we bring to our community,” Murray said. “These concerts are each very different and showcase the depth and breadth of what really makes classical music

such an enduring art form.”

The YouTube channel is free and can be accessed by typing in “Fallbrook Music Society Channel” in the YouTube search bar or by visiting <http://bit.ly/FallbrookMusicSociety>.

More concerts will be added as they are recorded, so patrons are encouraged to subscribe to receive notifications.

Submitted by Fallbrook Music Society.

Murrieta’s Jonny West advances to ‘American Idol’ Top 7

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

While one local singer didn’t quite make it, another finds himself as one of the frontrunners to win “American Idol” Season 18 on ABC, according to judge Katy Perry.

Perry told Murrieta’s Jonny West that she thinks he could win the whole thing.

“I’m 100% sold,” Perry told West after his performance of “Amazing Grace” performed with his own twist on the traditional classic. “I personally think you should win this competition, and even if you don’t, I bet you will have the biggest career.”

After he finished the song, West received hugs from his mom and grandmother.

“Thank you, that’s the craziest thing I’ve ever heard, so, thank you,” West told Perry.

“You have God-given songwriting talents,” judge Luke Bryan said. “When I am watching you are capturing every bit of my attention. If you’re doing that to me, you’re going to make people at home do that.”

“I don’t know too many people that can write the second verse, Mother’s Day version, of ‘Amazing Grace,’ OK?” judge Lionel Richie told West. “That might have been a

challenge even for me. You have a future in the business, enjoy the ride, and we are so happy you came to the university of ‘American Idol’ to get your confirmation.”

West advances to the Top 7 of the singing competition, which will have its series finale Sunday, May 17, at 8 p.m. PST.

The 17-year-old Temecula singer, Makayla Phillips, wasn’t so fortunate; she was eliminated from the competition after making the Top 11 in the show, thanks to a save from the judges.

“My ‘Idol’ journey is over,” Phillips said in a video statement she posted on her Instagram account. “But my personal journey is not over. Thank you guys, so, so, so much for all your support, your votes, all your endless love. I would not be where I am without any of you. I am just so incredibly thankful for everything you guys have done for me.

“I just can’t wait for what’s in the future. I love you guys, stay true to yourselves and never give up,” she said.

Phillips goes out of the competition a week after Menifee’s Olivia Ximines, 16, was eliminated after reaching the Top 20.

The Top 7 performers – based on votes from across the country –

performed two songs each, one from the Disney songbook and the second dedicated to the mother figures in their lives as a Mother’s Day tribute. For his Disney performance earlier in the show, West sang “Almost There” from “The Princess and the Frog” from his apartment in Studio City.

“I have to say to you Jonny, you’re our casual assassin,” Richie said after his Disney performance. “You understand me? You make it look so effortless. Amazing job.”

“The whole time you were performing, Jonny, I just kept thinking, my god, this guy is a just a pro,” Bryan told West. “You’re an

artist and deliverer, way to pick the right song.”

West joins fellow Top 7 contestants, Arthur Gunn, Just Sam, Louis Knight, Julia Gargano, Francisco Martini and Dillon James in the finale.

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Jonny West performs his rendition of “Amazing Grace” as his mother wipes a tear from her eye during the Sunday, May 10, episode of “American Idol.” West will next perform in the series finale Sunday, May 17.

Movie Review: ‘Parasite’

Bob Garver
Special to Valley News

This past February, the South Korean film “Parasite” did something that no other foreign-language, foreign-produced “international” film had ever done: win the Oscar for Best Picture at the Academy Awards. Whether this victory counts as an “upset” is a matter of debate. I personally thought “1917” would take it, but what isn’t debatable is that the Academy made an unusually outside-the-box choice, perhaps to offset criticisms that they played it too safe the year before when they gave Best Picture to the pleasing-but-not-challenging “Green Book.” Other than the theory that it was strictly a strategic move, what made the Academy buck the system and why for this film?

The story follows the impoverished Kim family – father Ki-taek, played by Song Kang-ho; mother Chung-sook, played by Jang Hye-jin; daughter Ki-jung, played by Park So-dam, and son Ki-woo, played by Choi Woo-shik, as they worm their way into the lives of the wealthy Park family, the way a parasite does, I suppose. A friend needs the smart-but-unaccredited Ki-woo to fill in as an English tutor for the Park family’s daughter Da-hye, played by Jung Ji-so. Ki-woo notices that dim-witted mother

Yeon-gyo, played by Cho Yeon-jeong, thinks her bratty son Da-song, played by Jung Hyeon-jun, is an art genius and recommends Ki-jung to tutor him. Ki-jung creates a vacancy for Park family chauffeur and recommends Ki-taek to fill the position. Ki-taek goes for the grand slam and gets Chung-sook hired as the Park family’s housekeeper, even though it means firing loyal housekeeper Moon-gwang, played by Lee Jung-eun. The Kim family can now settle comfortably into roles adjacent to the high life. Heck, as long as the Park family doesn’t find out about it, they can live the high life themselves. There’s a bit of residual guilt over what they did to Moon-gwang, but there are plenty of lucrative jobs available to suddenly unemployed older women, so she’ll be OK, right?

It turns out that Moon-gwang is in fact not OK, though her reason has little to do with losing her income. There’s a scene where she and the Kims go down into the Park family basement to retrieve something she left behind, and the characters all walk through a dark patch. Somehow, the audience knows that once the characters come out of that dark patch, they and this movie will never be the same again. The film has been mostly lighthearted up to this point, with the Kims playing loveable scam artists to the snobby

marks, the Parks. But this movie didn’t win Best Picture on its merits as a scam-artist comedy, and it’s about to go to some much darker places. Korean films are known for being merciless to their most likable characters, and as much as this film prides itself on being original and different, it isn’t necessarily about to break with that tradition.

What stands out most about “Parasite” is its ability to switch tones very quickly. I’ve already touched on its beginnings as a lighthearted comedy, but later director Bong Joon Ho whips the viewer into scenes of devastating tragedy, disaster, even horror – and not the horror that’s inherent to tragedy and disaster, but traditional horror. Thus, “Parasite” is an incredibly unpredictable film, one that clearly took Academy voters on a wild ride. I can’t say I’m overly thrilled with it winning Best Picture, despite its gut-punch finale and the admittedly inspirational story of it overcoming the language barrier. Some of the twists and complications seem to exist for the sake of adding twists and complications, and most of the film’s much-lauded social commentary basically boils down to, “people who have suffered have more colorful personalities than people who haven’t.” But by all means watch this unique, critically acclaimed film and see if you find it more affecting than I did.

Grade: B

“Parasite” is available on demand through online streaming and likely through a local cable provider. The film is rated R for language, some

violence and sexual content. Its running time is 132 minutes.

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SPORTS

Ballfields are silent in Fallbrook, but for how long?

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

The boys and girls of summer are missing from Fallbrook’s sports fields these days – and there’s no indication that they will be back anytime soon.

Nationally, even the most optimistic projections indicate that youth sports could begin to start in August, which eliminates an entire season for sports such as baseball and girls’ softball.

For the first time in history, the Little League World Series has been canceled, having been held every year since 1947.

The coronavirus pandemic, and the state and county restrictions imposed on communities all over the country, put at risk other popular sports seasons like Pop Warner football and youth soccer leagues like the Fallbrook-Bonsall Youth Soccer Leagues.

Making matters worse, many nonprofit sports organizations not only depend on signups for operating revenue, but they also depend on local businesses, such as restaurants, and corporations for sponsorship dollars each year.

Given the fact that few local businesses have been operational in town for the past two months, the likelihood of having the expendable income to spend on a youth sports league sponsorship is dwindling by the day.

That loss has inspired representatives from the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports to send a letter to Congress asking for federal funding to help keep youth sports leagues alive.

The request has come under criticism, according to a report by Axiom, because there are those in the youth sports community that doubt where and how the money will be used.

There is also the question of

whether federal funding should be used on programs that aren’t necessarily inclusive for all children.

Compounding the potentially disastrous effects of the coronavirus pandemic on youth sports leagues is the trend that indicates a downward slide in the number of children that are participating in organized youth sports.

According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, only 38% of children between the ages of six to 12 played team sports in 2018. A decade earlier, that number was 45%.

Furthering the dilemma is the pull of pay-to-play club sports teams which are drawing children away from recreational youth sports leagues each year for the opportunity to compete at a higher level.

Fewer players participating in fewer sports with some athletes concentrating on only one sport from a very young age is having significant effects at the high school level. Eventually, that will likely bleed into the college and professional level.

That’s why the survival of recreational sports leagues is so important across all measurable data when it comes to child development.

According to Psychology Today, “Generally, studies indicate three important aspects of sports participation that affect positive youth development – intensity, continuity and balance. A combination of all three offers the greatest benefits to kids.”

According to Stanford Children’s Health, participation in youth sports can result in children who are less likely to develop vision problems, healthier weight, better motor skills and social skills development, self-confidence and



The gates to Fallbrook youth baseball fields are locked as the season has been postponed with no end in sight. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

sportsmanship. Fun and enjoyment and friendship development are also key benefits.

So what are local sports leagues doing? A full cancellation of a season has yet to take place, most are in a holding pattern.

According to Natalie Peete, cheer coordinator for Fallbrook Pop Warner, the league is continuing to accept signups, albeit online only.

“Our president just had a meeting the other night with all the other teams and leagues for Pop Warner,” she said. “Right now for Fallbrook, we’re pushing forward. We’ve been instructed, go ahead, push forward and do the registration. We are not doing any in-person registrations, only online.”

Peete said if the word comes down in the next few weeks that the season will be canceled, they will be offering full refunds. She said the league is offering all types of payment plan options as well and players can continue to sign up through the extended registration deadline of Aug. 1.

“We’re in the process of locking in our head coaches for each of the divisions,” Peete said. “We have a lot of assistant coaches already. We are trying to reach out to some of the kids, checking up on them, checking up on some of our families, especially the ones that have been with Pop Warner for some time.”

She said, for the most part, the children are handling it pretty well.

“The biggest thing is we keep hearing that they’re just hoping for a season,” Peete said. “They’re hoping that the season happens. They want to play football; they want to cheer. Especially our 14-year-olds, we have a lot of kids that this is their last season with Pop Warner. So if this doesn’t happen for them, they’re gonna definitely be bummed. It’s just a lot of the wishing and the hoping from the kids.”

“We’re telling them, ‘Hey, you know, we can’t be together right now, but we’re putting up videos from the league president and myself, we want to make some from the head coaches to the kids. Anything we can do to try to keep the communication open as much as possible,’” she said.

Village News reached out to several other leagues in the Fallbrook area but were not able to reach them before press time.

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Toth named MASL Goalkeeper of the Year

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Major Arena Soccer League named 2007 Fallbrook High School graduate Chris Toth as the league’s 2019-20 Goalkeeper of the Year.

“It’s an honor to be selected to win the award. I thought I had a good year. I thought I had a season also that represents Goalkeeper of the Year, and I’m happy that it was me,” Toth said.

Toth played in 18 games for the Ontario Fury during the 2020-2021 season. He allowed 82 goals while making 232 saves. It gave him an average of 4.75 goals allowed per game and a save percentage of .744. One of Toth’s victories was by shutout, and his distribution of the ball after completing the defense action gave him five assists for the season. He was also named as the league’s goalkeeper of the week for four consecutive weeks.

Toth was also named to the all-MASL first team. The first team also included teammate Franck Tayou, who was named as the league’s Most Valuable Player.

“He definitely is deserving,” Toth said of Tayou’s MVP award. “Franck was outstanding all year.”

Tayou played in all 21 of the Fury’s games. He scored 47 goals and added 18 assists.

The Fury posted a record of 12-9 before the remainder of the regular season was canceled March 12 due to the coronavirus outbreak. It placed Ontario third in the eight-team Western Division. The club

had a 4-8 record before Toth’s shutout Feb. 7.

“We knew that we had to pick it up, and he (Tayou) definitely picked it up, and I picked it up and the results followed,” Toth said.

It was Toth’s third Goalkeeper of the Year award but his first when one of his teammates was the MASL’s Most Valuable Player. Toth was with the San Diego Sockers when he won his 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Goalkeeper of the Year awards. Tayou was also the league’s MVP for both of those seasons and at the time played for the Soles de Sonora. The 2019-2020 season was Toth’s second and Tayou’s first with the Fury.

“The two in San Diego were great to win,” Toth said. “Winning it outside of San Diego has a little bit more to it.”

While Toth credits his teammates for all of his honors, he said that his Goalkeeper of the Year award for Ontario was not based on being with the Sockers.

“It’s showing that I can do it somewhere else,” he said. “I can still play anywhere.”

Toth was traded to the Fury in November 2018. That change allowed both Toth and current Sockers goalkeeper Boris Pardo to play regularly.

“We’re both competitors and we always wanted to play and I ended up making the move,” Toth said. “I’m happy I did.”

The Sockers won their first eight games against the Fury following the trade. The streak ended with a



The Ontario Fury’s Chris Toth is the Major Arena Soccer League’s 2019-2020 Goalkeeper of the Year. Village News/Ontario Fury photo

7-3 Fury victory Feb. 17 in which Toth made 12 saves.

Pardo won the 2018-2019 MASL Goalkeeper of the Year award. Toth was an honorable mention all-MASL selection in 2019.

Toth and Pardo had shared time in the nets for three seasons with the Sockers.

“We had a great fantastic duo over there with Boris and I,” Toth said.

The 2017-2018 regular season was 22 games. Toth was the Sockers’ goalkeeper for 12 of those while Pardo played 10 games. Pardo was selected to the all-MASL third team that year. The 2016-2017 season was 20 games, and Toth played in 11 of those games.

His third MASL Goalkeeper of the Year award was thus the first in which Toth didn’t alternate with another goalkeeper.

“I played pretty much all the games instead of splitting,” he said.

The 2016-2017 first-team award was Toth’s first as a professional. He was on the 2005-2006 Avocado League first team as a Fallbrook High School junior.

“It was a special thing to win. Not too many players have won it at all,” Toth said of his MASL Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Toth’s father, Zoltan, won Goalkeeper of the Year honors in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

“He only won it twice,” Chris Toth said.

Zoltan Toth was also the Goalkeeper of the Year for two different teams. He was with the New York Arrows for the 1982-1983 Major Indoor Soccer League season and the Sockers for the 1987-1988 MISL season.

“I kind of took that over in my family,” Chris Toth said.

Chris Toth has three league championships from when the Sockers played in the Professional Arena Soccer League and Toth shared goalkeeping with Riley Swift. Zoltan Toth won two MISL championships with the Arrows and five with the Sockers.

“He’s got more than double the championships that I’ve got right now,” Chris Toth said.

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CrossCreek Golf Club open for business

JP Raineri
Special to the Village News

The CrossCreek Golf Club in Temecula is back up and running and ready to serve customers. The golf course had been closed to help slow the spread of the coronavirus, but it is now open and thrived during the break in play.

“CrossCreek is in as good of condition as it has ever been,” Dave Garner, general manager of CrossCreek Golf Club, said. “Rated by many in Southern California as one of the top public courses, CrossCreek employees work hard every day to provide our customers with the best service available in any industry, and we are excited to be back at it.”

Players must follow rules laid out by the Riverside County Health Department, under recommendations of the Park and Play program from the National Golf Course Owners Association. The Park and Play program should give golfers

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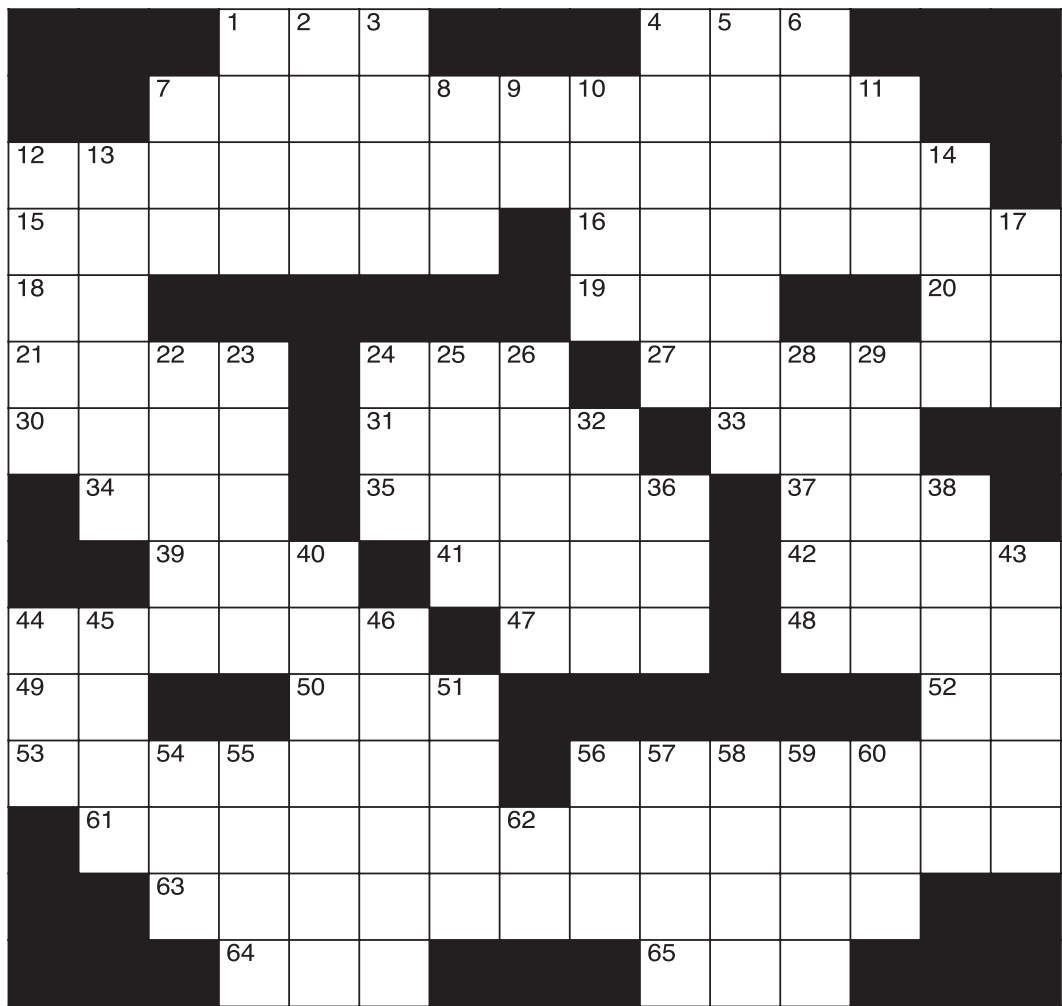
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The CrossCreek Golf Club in Temecula is now open after closing for the last five weeks to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Valley News/Courtesy photo



CLUES ACROSS

1. Germanic mythological god

4. Cash machine

7. Improvement

12. What voters want

15. Sheepish

16. Placed at powerful level

18. Measure of illumination

19. Trent Reznor’s band

20. Commercial

21. Amounts of time

24. English broadcaster

27. Rolls of tobacco

30. Position

31. Expresses pleasure

33. Corporate exec (abbr.)

34. Body part

35. Bleated

37. Businessman
39. Beats per minute

41. Defunct Italian monetary unit

42. Broken branch

44. Put in advance

47. Arrest

48. Prefix indicating adjacent to

49. Artificial intelligence

50. Disfigure

52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)

53. Not in any place

56. Predict

61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another

63. Philosophy of the principles of things

64. US gov’t office (abbr.)

65. Seaborgium’s former name (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector

2. Primordial matter

3. Get up

4. Uncoordinated

5. Ill-fated cruise ship

6. Work hard

7. Drivers’ speed

8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

9. Healthcare pro

10. Egyptian Sun god

11. Expresses the negative

12. Some are three-legged

13. Clothing manufacturer

14. Close by

17. Tooth caregiver

22. Housing material

23. Flows through

24. Founder of Babism

25. Honorific title
26. A type of letter

28. Seize and hold firmly

29. Artery

32. Body fluids

36. Press against lightly

38. An island in the Pacific

40. A reminder of past events

43. Austrian spa town

44. Peter’s last name

45. Something a mob might do

46. Of the bones of the feet

51. “Amazing Stories” writer

54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)

55. Used to have (Scottish)

56. A way to cook

57. Japanese port city

58. Type of precipitation

59. Engrave

60. Female sibling

62. Expresses emotion

Clarification on golf carts and public health orders

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – On May 1, several changes to San Diego County’s Order of Health Officer and Emergency Regulations went into effect. Among them was the easing of restrictions on public and private golf courses.

Since then, there have been questions about the use of golf carts.

After consulting with the public health officer, the following clarification is being provided regarding the use of golf carts.

Golf cart use is limited to the following two groups:

- Senior citizens over 55 years of age.
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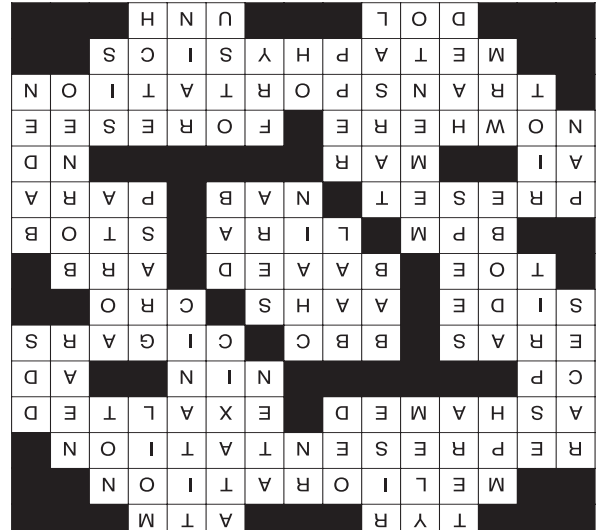
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WILLIAM DUNCAN GEMMILL
CASE NO. 37-2020-00012739-PR-LA-CTL

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
BILL GEMMILL

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **WILLIAM RUSSELL GEMMILL** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

The Petition for Probate requests that **WILLIAM RUSSELL GEMMILL** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 06/09/2020 Time: 11:00 a.m. Dept. 504
Address of court: 1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Central Courthouse

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:14488 SW Woodhue St., Tigard, OR 97224, 503 547 7635

Legal: 5254
PUBLISHED: April 30, May 7, 14, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

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File Number: 2020-9007285
Name of Business
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County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 12/21/1981
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 08, 2020
LEGAL: 5253
PUBLISHED: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2020

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File Number: 2020-9007908
Name of Business
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County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 03/01/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 29, 2020
LEGAL: 5255
PUBLISHED: May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9008035
Name of Business
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b. SLEEP AND POTTY COMPANY
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County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Diana Souad Peters, 1930 Sunset Blvd., San Diego, CA 92103
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Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 03/01/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 04, 2020
LEGAL: 5256
PUBLISHED: May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9007837
Name of Business
YORK & COMPANY
7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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2. Sharon F. York, 7041 Via Mariposa Sur, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 28, 2020
LEGAL: 5257
PUBLISHED: May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
And
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting
Monday 18 May 2020, 7:00 PM, ONLINE: www.zoom.us. See log-in information below

AGENDA as of 05/07/2020

NOTES:

In keeping with San Diego County Board of Supervisors Guidelines, the Fallbrook Community Planning Group will conduct the May committee and full Planning Group meetings using the online meeting site: Zoom. Please download the app from www.zoom.us and log into the below meeting "room" at least five minutes prior to the 7PM start.

Jerry Kalman, Planning Group Secretary, is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: May Fallbrook Planning Group
Time: May 18, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85272769494?pwd=eFV Ea0RMSVp3M2wxcHZPNlZiNS9pQT09

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Please sign in at least 10 minutes before

Due to the passing of Chairman Jim Russell, seat # 2, two seats are open on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. Interested individuals should contact the chair (see below) to receive an application.

- Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three minute limitation. Non-discussion and Non-voting item.
- Approval of the minutes for the meeting of 17 February 2020. **Voting Item.**
- Site Plan Exemption PDS2020-STP-20-009 for McDaniels Fruit Company, APN 105-540-98-00 to construct a cooler on the firm's site at 965 E. Mission Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028 for fruit storage. Contact: Dave Henrikson (951) 764-2302, dave@hen-bdi.com. County Planner: Tabina Tonekaboni (858) 495-5418, tabina.tonekaboni@sdcounty.ca.gov. **Design Review Committee. Community Input. Voting Item. (4/15)**

NOTE: The Planning Group occasionally has openings on its **Land Use** (Eileen Delaney 760-518-888), **Circulation** (Roy Moosa 760-723-1181), **Parks & Recreation** (Jim Loge 760-712-2773), **Public Facilities** (Roy Moosa 760-723-1181), and **Design Review** (Eileen Delaney 760-518-888) committees for non-elected citizens. Interested persons please contact the Chairman. This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the North County Fire District, 315 E. Ivy Street, Fallbrook, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Jack Wood, Chair, 760-715-3359

Published May 14, 2020

SHERIFF'S LOG

April 26	
600 block E Elder St	Battery
May 4	
Pala Rd @ Monserate Hill Rd	Assault with a deadly weapon
400 block Alturas Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance paraphernalia
1200 block S. Main Ave	Shoplifting
200 block Burma Rd	Vehicle theft
May 5	
900 block Alturas Rd	Arrest: Violation of court order
3100 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
May 6	
Interstate 15 @ Stewart Canyon underpass	Recovered stolen vehicle
Pala Rd @ S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Driving on suspended/revoked license
2800 block Lakemont Dr	Grand theft
2400 block S. Stage Coach Ln n	Public intoxicatio
900 block E. Mission Rd	Burglary
31100 block Calle Joya	Arrest: Violation of court order
1900 block Rainbow Glen Rd	Grand theft
500 block E. Elder St	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
1000 block Hughes Ln	Fraud
Pala Rd @ Interstate 15	Traffic pursuit
May 7	
2400 block Gum Tree Ln	Credit fraud
W. Alvarado St @ S. Pasadena Ave	Vehicle burglary
35800 block Messara Wy	Vehicle burglary
May 8	
E. Mission Rd @ Davis Dr.	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
800 block S. Main Ave	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
300 block N. Brandon Rd	Commercial burglary
4700 block Oak Crest Rd	Petty theft
500 block Ammunition Rd	Vandalism
May 9	
39800 block Rock Mountain Rd	Vehicle burglary
1000 block Rainbow Crest Rd	Vandalism
200 block W. Clemmens Ln	Arrest: Assault with deadly weapon
31800 block Bobritt Rd	Residential burglary
May 10	
600 block E. Elder St	Missing adult\

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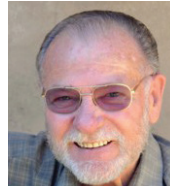
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