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## Campa-Najjar, Issa debate the issues in forum

**Will Fritz**  
Associate Editor

Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar and Republican Darrell Issa, the two candidates for the 50th Congressional District seat who will face each other in the election in November, took part in a candidates forum moderated by the nonpartisan San Diego League of Women Voters Thursday, Aug. 13.

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## FUESD free meals receives thousands in grants

**Will Fritz**  
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook Union Elementary School District received donations and grants to support its work providing free meals to Fallbrook children during the COVID-19 pandemic at the end of previous school year and during the summer.

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## CIF San Diego Section announces start schedule for sports

**Jeff Pack**  
Staff Writer

Just before heading back to class with virtual learning for the 2020-21 school year, student-athletes in Fallbrook and Bonsall found out when they can get back on the courts, fields, and pools to compete this year.

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## Vallecitos recognizes students during drive-thru promotion ceremony



Cheri Jeralds, left, a teacher at Vallecitos School, hands eighth grade graduate Anahi Robles her diploma during the school's drive-thru promotion ceremony in Rainbow, Thursday, Aug. 13. The Vallecitos School District hoped social distancing guidelines would change and permit a more traditional in-person ceremony, but with the guidelines remaining the same, the school district chose to hold the drive-thru promotion just before the start of the new school year. See gallery on page A-13

## SD County removed from state virus watchlist, schools could reopen as early as Sept. 1

**Will Fritz**  
Staff Writer

San Diego County was taken off the state of California's coronavirus watchlist Aug. 18, but Fallbrook continues to report an increase of a few dozen more coronavirus cases, according to county data.

The 92028 ZIP code, which also includes the communities of De Luz and Rainbow, now has 389 total coronavirus cases as of Monday, Aug. 17, and 0.7% of the area's population has tested positive for the virus.

That's an increase of 44 new cases since the previous week, when ZIP code 92028 recorded 345 coronavirus cases.

The area, previously one of the least affected by the virus, began recording an uptick in infections in June, and has been roughly in the middle of the county's distribution of coronavirus infection rates since then.

Last week, the 92028 ZIP code had the 37th highest coronavirus infection rate in San Diego County, and the 43rd lowest. Since then, it has gone up by one slot—92028 now

has the 36th highest coronavirus infection rate in the county and the 44th lowest.

Nearby Bonsall's 92003 ZIP code reported only one more coronavirus case Monday than a week before, for a new total of 36 cases. The county still cannot estimate an infection rate for Bonsall because of the low number of cases and low population.

Meanwhile, after six straight days of San Diego County public health officials reporting a case rate of fewer than 100 positive COVID-19 tests per 100,000 people, the county finally found itself off the state's watchlist Aug. 18, setting in motion a 14-day countdown that could see K-12 students back in the classroom as soon as Sept. 1, depending on the guidance of individual school districts.

Gov. Gavin Newsom had said Aug. 17 it was "very likely" the county would come off the state's monitoring list by the following day.

"This is a dynamic list. People come on, people come off, the numbers shift every single week," Newsom said Aug. 17. "I anticipate this week the numbers to shift again and it looks like, all things being



Now that San Diego County has been removed from the state's coronavirus watchlist, schools could potentially start to reopen once the county spends two weeks off the list.

equal and the latest reporting period – 24-hour reporting period, which we will have later this evening – it's very likely San Diego will join the list of those counties removed. So, likely tomorrow."

The move's effect on businesses was unclear. The county was expecting some guidance from the state in that area later Tuesday.

The county will be placed back on the list should it be flagged for exceeding any one of six different metrics for three consecutive days.

Those metrics are the case rate, the percentage of positive tests, the average number of tests a county is able to perform daily, changes in the number of hospitalized patients and the percentage of ventilators and intensive care beds available.

The county reported a rate of 89.9 positive cases per 100,000 people, along with 282 new positive cases Monday, raising the region's total to 34,960 cases. No new deaths were

*see VIRUS, page A-2*

## Petition calls for county to find alternative access for planned park near senior community

**Will Fritz**  
Staff Writer

A resident of the Rancho Monserate Country Club senior community has begun circulating a petition to call on San Diego County officials to create an alternative access point for a proposed park near the neighborhood.

Cheryle Clinite said she is concerned that the planned Rio Prado Park, which will only be accessible via a road that cuts through Rancho Monserate Country Club, will create dangerous situations for older adults who cross that road to access amenities on the other side.

"We feel access to Rio Prado Park and other projects will make it unsafe on Dulin Road," Clinite said in her petition. "We


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Dulin Road, a publicly-funded, two-way street running through Rancho Monserate Country Club, is the proposed entrance to the planned Rio Prado Park.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group to take on Step by Step 5K Walk/Run

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group invites the community to register for the Parkinson’s Association of San Diego’s annual Step by Step 5K Walk/Run event, Saturday, Aug. 22.

Participants can walk at home, participate virtually and raise funds for people with Parkinson’s disease. Join the “Fallbrook Friendly Folks” team to participate locally. Before Aug. 22, participants can send a video or selfie of themselves walking step by step to [info@ParkinsonsAssociation.org](mailto:info@ParkinsonsAssociation.org); videos will be posted on the event website, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. Carlo Cecchetto, CBS News anchor will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

Traditionally, people from all over San Diego County and the surrounding areas gathered at the Liberty Station, NTC Park in Point Loma to raise money to support programs and services that enhance quality of life for those affected by Parkinson’s disease.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Parkinson’s Association of San Diego will be walking “virtually,” so anyone can join the walk. Visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/20273/fighting-parkinsons-step-by-step-5k/teams> to register or to donate to the cause. Parkinson’s Association will provide a record of each tax-deductible donation to the address provided.

Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support group will meet virtually, Friday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. via Zoom webinar. Join the webinar meeting at <https://bsci-nm.zoom.us/j/92425981573> with meeting ID: 924 2598 1573.

There is no cost associated with

the webinar. Contact Irene at 760-731-0171 or [NCPSGF@gmail.com](mailto:NCPSGF@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Anna Danilenko, specialist with Boston Scientific Clinical, will be the webinar host with Dr. Adam Burdick, who will speak on “Is DBS for Me?”

Burdick treats patients with general neurological conditions of the brain and spine. As a neurosurgeon, he performs general cranial surgery for biopsies, tumors, hemorrhages, hydrocephalus and Chiari malformation, as well as stereotactic cranial surgery. His practice also includes spinal surgery for disc herniation, back pain, arm and leg pain, fractures, stenosis, pain syndromes, degenerative diseases, tumors, spinal cord stimulators and pain pumps.

Burdick has fellowship subspecialty training in deep brain stimulation, which treats essential tremor, Parkinson’s disease, dystonia and Tourette’s syndrome. With an interest in clinical outcomes of deep brain stimulation for movement and psychiatric disorders.

He continues to evaluate and troubleshoot existing deep brain stimulation systems and conduct research to advance the rapidly growing field.

Offering nonsurgical conservative options, Burdick

focuses treatment plans to serve the patient’s best interest, taking the whole patient picture into consideration when making decisions.

Our meeting is held in support of people with Parkinson’s disease, care partners and people interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson’s disease.

Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group is an affiliate group of North County Parkinson’s Support Group. For more information, find them on Facebook or visit <https://www.NCPSG.org>.

*Submitted by Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group.*

## The Elizabeth Hospice offers support group for family caregivers

### No cost to attend, all are welcome

FALLBROOK – While caring for a family member who has a life-limiting condition is fulfilling, it can also be quite challenging. The Elizabeth Hospice has created a new support group to provide adult family and friend caregivers with an opportunity to meet with others who are in a similar situation, learn caregiving tips, and reduce their feelings of isolation. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

Led by a trained professional facilitator from The Elizabeth Hospice, the Caregivers Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. While health precautions are in place, group sessions will be conducted via Zoom. An email address and a device with a camera interface

are required.

“Being the caregiver for a family member or friend is a meaningful role that allows you to show your love and respect for the person but it can be exhausting and lonely. Support group participants will have the opportunity to hear how others approach similar challenges, express their feelings and reduce their feelings of isolation,” said Kathlyne Barnum, Clinical Counseling Program Supervisor for The Elizabeth Hospice.

To enroll in this new Caregiver Support Group, call 760-737-2054. A one-on-one videoconference with one of the group facilitators is required before attending the group session.

**About The Elizabeth Hospice**

The Elizabeth Hospice, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care leader,

provides medical, emotional and spiritual support to children and adults facing the challenges associated with a life-threatening illness, and restores hope to grieving children and adults who are feeling lost and alone. Since 1978, The Elizabeth Hospice has touched the lives of more than 100,000 people in San Diego County and Southwest Riverside County. The Elizabeth Hospice has earned the Gold Seal of Approval by The Joint Commission and is a member of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. To learn more, call 800-797-2050 or visit [elizabethhospice.org](http://elizabethhospice.org).

*Submitted by Elizabeth Hospice.*

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OPINION

Welcome to budget season



Supervisor Jim Desmond  
5th District

For many years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors has been criticized for not spending its reserves. When I ran for election in 2018, I stressed that we must continue to be fiscally responsible, maintaining healthy reserves in case of an emergency. The coronavirus pandemic qualifies as an emergency and has certainly been difficult on everyone, but also is a prime

example of why the county needs strong fiscal reserves. San Diego County released their budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and, for the first time in many years, we will be dipping into our reserves to continue to provide current levels of public safety and other services. I believe that public safety is the No. 1 priority for county government, and it’s good to see the proposed budget call for over \$2 billion to be spent on safety for our county. Also, under the proposed plan, our Health and Human Services department will see a 9% increase, much of which will go toward COVID-19 response efforts. For our unincorporated areas, the proposal calls for almost \$24 million to be spent on homelessness. Along with homelessness, I believe we need to continue to address our behavioral health crisis in

our county. Homelessness and mental health certainly have crossover, and I’m pleased to see the budget call for a 13% increase to address these issues. Businesses are barely hanging on through the COVID-19 response. And, while the county doesn’t have the power to open them back up, I believe we need to do everything we can to keep them from permanent employee layoffs and closures. I will continue to push to safely and responsibly reopen businesses while protecting our vulnerable populations. There are many more areas to this year’s proposed budget, which I encourage you to check out at, <http://SanDiegoCounty.gov/openbudget>. Once our budget is adopted, I will promise you that I will continue to make sure these dollars are spent as effectively as possible and keep the county’s finances in order.

REGIONAL

California governor in the hot seat over pandemic response

Kathleen Ronayne  
The Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has had a summer of muddled messaging and bad news in the coronavirus fight, a trend crystallized recently by his delayed response to a data error that caused a backlog of nearly 300,000 virus test results. “The buck stops with me; I’m accountable,” he said in a tense news conference, Monday, Aug. 10, his first appearance since state officials revealed the error a week earlier. “No one’s trying to hide that. No one’s trying to mask that; we’re owning that. We’re moving forward to address those issues.”

His tone couldn’t have been more different from it was in March, when California’s public battle with the virus began and the state initially avoided the worst outcomes. In commanding news conferences held almost daily, he announced the country’s first statewide stay-at-home order and won mostly adherence from the state’s 40 million residents.

But things began to change in May, when Newsom, under pressure from business leaders, allowed parts of the economy to begin reopening under a complicated, county-by-county process. Within weeks he reversed course as confirmed cases and the positive test rate rose.

The data backlog, which began at the end of July and continued because of a series of errors, led to the state undercounting the rate of virus spread and halted decision-making about what parts of the economy could open. Newsom has repeatedly stressed that those decisions will be made based on data.

The snafu also poses a political problem for Newsom, a Democratic rising star who is up for reelection in 2022 and is believed to have his eye on even higher office. His decisions in the crisis will help forge his legacy – good or bad – and so far, they are getting mixed reviews.

“The reopening was inconsistent and confusing, the criteria that he had set up in order to enter those different phases he appeared to discard,” Rob Stutzman, a Republican and former communications adviser to former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said, saying Newsom started out strong at the beginning.

Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in San Diego, said the data collection problem is related to the state’s abrupt reopening. California appeared to be on a “golden path” by shutting down early and leading the way in its effort to contain the virus. Since then, it’s been “one mistake after another” when Newsom began allowing things to reopen, Topol said.

The surge of cases meant the state suddenly had more data than it could process, he said, asserting the state was woefully unprepared. “You would think we could have the best IT for the pandemic. There’s just no excuse. And we’ve had months,” he said.

Newsom’s announcement recently that things were trending in a positive direction was immediately overshadowed by news of the data errors. The state’s top public health official, Dr. Sonia Angell, abruptly resigned, and Newsom declined to get into the details. He later said “decisions were made” to change the team.

The glitch wasn’t the first time Newsom and his administration gave unclear or incomplete responses to coronavirus-related issues. Since early summer, schools had sought guidance from the state on when and how they could reopen, and by July, many districts were making decisions on their own. Then, Newsom announced schools in most counties couldn’t immediately reopen for in-person instruction, sending many parents into panic mode. He later clarified that some elementary schools could apply for waivers, though the process for doing so was far from simple.

Lawmakers from both parties have also criticized him for not acting swiftly enough to fix problems at the state employment department, as some claimants face weekslong delays to get unemployment checks.

Advocates also said Newsom’s administration failed to act quickly enough to protect Latino workers from the coronavirus and its economic harm. Latinos make up nearly 60% of the state’s confirmed cases even though they represent 39% of California’s population.

Jacqueline Martinez Garcel, CEO of California’s Latino Community Foundation, said access to financial help for those who have lost jobs has been difficult.

“Why is it that the fifth-largest economy in the world and the tech hub of the country and the world can’t figure out the computer problems that we’re having for people to access unemployment?” she said.

Republican Assemblymember Kevin Kiley, a frequent Newsom critic, called for a legislative oversight hearing about the data failures, but Democratic Speaker Anthony Rendon isn’t planning one.

“For months Californians have put their lives on hold based on data. Now we’ve learned the data is wrong, and the Assembly can’t be bothered to investigate,” Kiley said in a statement.

Others said the governor is operating in an unprecedented crisis. For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Democratic state Sen. Scott Wiener said Newsom and his team “have been drinking water from a fire hose” for months.

“No matter what he does he will be criticized. He’ll be criticized for not doing enough to restart the economy, or he will be criticized for reopening too quickly leading to more virus spread,” Wiener said. “My take is that he has accepted that, and that’s the price of leadership.”

AP writer Adam Beam also contributed to this report.

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While every little thing on the internet might not be true, it just seems odd someone from Canada needs to remind Americans of the great job this president is doing.

First of all, can you imagine any other person in the world who can manage the \*\*\*\* and trash being slung at him by the media, the Dems and even some folks in his own party, yet, still “The Donald” gets a day’s work done? He works 20 hours a day so I hear.

Meanwhile Pelosi, Schumer and their mob fail to discourage bad behavior by protestors such as rioting, burning of buildings, tearing down our national monuments and continue to disparage our flag, while encouraging China – only one man has stood tall and pledged to keep America safe, Donald J. Trump.

He fights the mob every hour. His sins start in that he is a Christian. He believes abortion and Planned Parenthood do a disservice to the black community. After all, even elders said they are only African Americans if they immigrated and applied for citizenship.

If I am white, they are black. Hispanics are proud to be brown, and Communists have always been red.

Lastly, this year we must all march ourselves to the polls to cast our ballots. We cannot trust the counters in this state to be honorable. No mail in votes for 2020.

Take your little self down and line up at the polls so our vote counts this year. And bring a picture I. D although it probably won’t apply to non-citizens.

Pixie Anders  
Fallbrook

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OPINION

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The insane speak I hear from the Left says this president has lied. I ask, about what?

He is building the wall. Even with the House against him. He has finagled a way to get it going to keep illegals out while still allowing legal immigration.

As a country we have always welcomed the world to our shores. We just ask you don't sneak across the borders at night and the next day apply for support, like free medical, food stamps, Social Security and all of the other benefits reserved and paid for by hard working Americans. And we feel it would be nice if you followed our laws and didn't bring harm to anyone.

Trump has rebuilt our military. He has taken care of our veterans. He eliminated the wait. He fired people that were too lazy to take care of the vets.

Trump started a new branch of the military the United States Space Force. The first new military program in centuries.

He is starting to make aspirin in this country again. Did anybody know all of our meds were coming from a foreign country? I'd say, "No, we did not know that every lab in America has been closed." Why didn't the media tell us?

My guess is Democrats all are accustomed to getting their paycheck from someone else. They don't build jobs. They get paychecks.

For instance, in our state, the teachers have become so liberal they almost fall off the earth. We need to do the same thing with the California Teachers Association that Reagan did with the air traffic controllers. Fire them all.

After all, who gets tenure on the job after only two years of work? Is there any wonder, our children can't read, do simple math let alone understand the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? These yo-yo's are too busy teaching them to go to the

bathroom together.

Now they are demanding to defund the police. Who are these crazy people teaching our children in every grade from kindergarten through their master's programs?

Bounce the lot of them. There are plenty of Christian schools that will teach them that God is the supreme being and not Nancy Pelosi. All lives matter. He doesn't see color. And neither do Americans especially in the Republican Party.

By the way, if the other side gets into the White House, we will have our Second Amendment rights taken away.

Black Americans need to read our history. It was a Republican that worked to set them free. Every governor fighting to keep slaves was a Democrat.

Furthermore, during the Civil Rights marches of 1963-1964 all of the governors in the south were Democrats. Here is the truth. In 1963 every southern state – Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, Arkansas and South Carolina – opposed equal rights for our black brothers and sisters. And they were all Democrats. They even set dogs on non-whites. Still under the master's thumb, blacks need to be "free at last."

Abraham Lincoln went against southern Democrats who fought to keep their slaves during the Civil War. It was Republicans that organized and fought to set them free. The only time Democrats even talk to the black community is when it's time to vote. Democrats as a party, cast fear into the community because they have kept them under educated, going to the worst schools in the worst neighborhoods with the worst teachers.

After all, if you've noticed, only Democrats notice skin color. Republicans still believe in equality.

God bless us all.  
Cindy Freeland  
Fallbrook

Kudos for Sonny's Muffler

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Ruth Noyes

Paying for Schools

Assemblymember Marie Waldron  
Special to Valley News

Schools are essential, and the need to educate our children is not negotiable. The 2020-2021 budget package maintained school funding based on 2019-2020 attendance levels, which essentially placed a funding cap on all schools, even those experiencing high levels of growth.

Before enactment of this year's education trailer bill, Senate Bill 98, school districts were "held harmless" over declining year-to-year enrollment. If the district lost students, it would still be funded at last year's level. If the school added students, it would receive more money. But under SB 98, a growing school does not generate more money. If the school has 10% or even 100% more children, it receives funding based on the same number of students it served last year.

Each student typically generates an average of \$10,300 through the Local Control Funding Formula. A recent analysis projects LCFF costs that are more than \$500 million lower than the amount budgeted in 2020-2021 due to this change in attendance funding. Let me be clear – this money for schools

was included in the budget, but unless the law is changed, growing schools will not receive it. These restrictions fall on charter schools as well as traditional schools in areas experiencing rapid growth, such as southwest Riverside and north inland San Diego counties in my district. Conversely, areas not experiencing much growth, like Los Angeles and San Francisco, may see little impact.

That's why I joined many of my Assembly colleagues in a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom asking that this funding formula be revised. In his budget-signing message, the governor indicated that he recognized problems with this formula and that changes would be necessary.

The money for schools was included in the budget. It's imperative that we change the law to ensure funding for all our growing schools.

Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron, R-Escondido, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

9th Circuit judge writes of gun control's racist origins

Julie Reeder  
Publisher

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals threw out California's ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines, Friday, Aug. 14, saying the law violates the U.S. Constitution's protection of the right to bear firearms. There is a story from The Associated Press available on the Village News website at [www.villagenews.com](http://www.villagenews.com) outlining this decision..

The court found that magazines are protected and "commonly owned." The ban "substantially burdened" the right of self-defense and the state's ban was not the "least restrictive means" to achieve its interests.

What I also found interesting was Judge Kenneth Lee's write-up and inclusion of some of our country's racist origins of gun control on page 34-38 of his response.

"Perhaps the most poignant and persuasive reminder of the fundamental right to self-defense rests in the denial of that right to Black Americans during tragic chapters of our country's history," Lee said. "After the founding, Southern states often severely limited, or outright prohibited, firearm possession by slaves, freedmen and others. The judicial branch, too, played a role in denying this fundamental right of self-defense to Blacks. In the infamous Dred Scott v. Sanford decision, Chief Justice Taney recited a parade of horrors if Black Americans were to be considered citizens: it would give Blacks the "right to enter every other state whenever they pleased," to exercise "full liberty of speech," to "hold public meetings upon political affairs," and "to keep and carry arms wherever they went," according to 60 U.S. 393, 417 in 1857.

It did not get much better even after a bloody war that tore the country apart. Post-Civil War state legislation and the Black Codes in the South deprived newly freed slaves of their Second Amendment rights, see McDonald, 561 U.S. at 771. Meanwhile, armed bands of ex-Confederates roamed the countryside forcibly disarming and terrorizing African-Americans. The Radical Republicans in Congress fought back against these "systematic efforts ... to disarm." Black Americans by enacting the Freedmen's Bureau Act of 1866 and the Civil Rights Acts of 1866, both of which guaranteed all persons the right of

self-defense.

But laws promising protection and equality for African Americans rang hollow because, in the post-Reconstruction era, the Ku Klux Klan and other marauding bands of terrorists slaughtered thousands of unarmed Black Americans. See generally Allen W. Trelease, "White Terror: The Ku Klux Klan Conspiracy and Southern Reconstruction" in 1971; see also Robert J. Kaczorowski, "Federal Enforcement of Civil Rights During the First Reconstruction," vol. 23 of Fordham University's Urban Law Journal, pages 155, 156-57, published in 1995. Not surprisingly, Black Americans embraced their right to self-defense, understanding that protections offered by the state may be promising in theory but fatal in fact. Ida B. Wells – the crusading journalist who co-founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons – wrote that "a Winchester rifle should have a place of honor in every Black home, and it should be used for that protection which the law refuses to give," according to Ida B. Wells, "Southern Horrors and Other Writings: The Anti-Lynching Campaign of Ida B. Wells, 1892-1900" page 70 of the Jacqueline Jones Royster edition (in 1997). Martin Luther King, Jr., despite his non-violent approach to protest, owned numerous firearms and hired armed men to guard his house during the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1956. See Annelieke Dirks, "Between Threat and Reality: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Emergence of Armed Self-Defense in Clarksdale and Natchez, Mississippi, 1960-1965, 1 J. for the Study of Radicalism" page 71-73 from 2007. One civil rights activist who visited King's home during that time described the house as an "arsenal."

Stories of other civil rights activists exercising their right to self-defense are legion. While the NAACP espoused nonviolence, many of its members carried firearms for self-protection and for good reason. Aaron Henry, a branch president of the NAACP, would openly display his firearm after his house was firebombed in 1963. When NAACP activist Hartman Turnbow tried to register to vote, nightriders lit his house on fire with Molotov cocktails. Turnbow recounted that he grabbed his rifle, escaped the burning building and exchanged gunfire with two white men waiting outside. The men fled once

Turnbow started shooting back. Ida B. Wells documented that "(o) f the many inhuman outrages of (that) year, the only case where the proposed lynching did not occur, was where the men armed themselves . . . and prevented it. The only times an Afro-American who was assaulted (and) got away has been when he had a gun and used it in self-defense," according to Ida B. Wells.

During the crucible of the civil rights movement, Black American veterans from World War II and the Korean War founded the Deacons for Defense and Justice to protect Black people from racial violence at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan. See generally Lance Hill, "The Deacons for Defense: Armed Resistance and the Civil Rights Movement" from University of North Carolina Press edition in 2004. In 1966, the small Louisiana town of Bogalusa integrated the local junior high school to the ire of the local Klan. Armed with guns, this roving band of racist terrorists arrived at the junior high school. Their intentions were obvious: In that small town, two African Americans, one of whom was a deputy sheriff, had been recently killed by white people. But this time around, the Klan encountered something unexpected at the entrance of the school: The Deacons for Defense and Justice – armed with revolvers and rifles, and rooted in righteousness and resolution. Outgunned by the Deacons, the Klan fled. As one member of the Deacons noted afterward, "From that day forward, we didn't have too many more problems."

These terrible events did not occur long ago in faraway lands. They occurred on American soil, some less than 60 years ago. And tragically, they are not unique. Indeed, Black Americans' experience throughout the civil rights movement was just the latest iteration in an ongoing struggle to defend hearth and home from those who wished them ill.

Our country's history has shown that communities of color have a particularly compelling interest in exercising their Second Amendment rights. The Second Amendment provides one last line of defense for people of color when the state cannot – or will not – step in to protect them. It remains true today across all communities of color."

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# Real Estate Round-Up: Prop. 19 – Now for some good news



**Kim Murphy**  
*Murphy & Murphy Southern California Realty*

The California Association of Realtors has been diligently working on finding a way to provide property tax relief to homeowners over 55, the severely

disabled and victims of wildfires and natural disasters. The path to Proposition 19 began three years ago, when CAR gathered enough signatures to get CAR sponsored Proposition 5 on the November 2018 ballot. The Legislative Analyst’s Office gave Proposition 5 a very unfavorable title and summary. The title and summary is the language that provides the details of not only how the proposition works, but who it affects and a financial analysis of the cost or revenue. The LAO used a static analysis which only looked at the revenue lost, not the revenue gained. The fiscal impact was reported to be property tax losses for cities, counties and special districts of around \$150 million, growing in time to over \$1 billion. With those reported projected losses, cities, counties, firefighters and teachers were all opposed to Proposition 5. It failed 60% to 40%.

2020 is a new year. Proposition 19 provides much of the same property tax relief, to the same groups of individuals as the original proposition from 2018, but with a few tweaks. Proposition 19 is, not only not opposed by the firefighters’ union, it is now co-sponsored with the California Professional Firefighters. Proposition 19 permits homeowners over the age of 55, severely disabled, or victims of wildfires and natural disasters to transfer their property tax base to a replacement residence anywhere in the state regardless of the price of the home. It will 100% exempt family-owned farms, including the land and the home. These farms will be able to transfer in entirety to the heirs with the lower tax base from the deceased family member. This key component of Proposition 19, missing from 2018’s Proposition 5, was added to save family farmers from losing their farm due to a reassessment at death of the farmer. Lastly, the initiative

will also protect family transfers for children and grandchildren who live in the home while generating hundreds of millions of dollars for fire protection, local government and school districts. CAR lead the effort that gathered nearly 1.5 million signatures to qualify it for the November 2020 ballot. In June, the California State Legislature passed a bipartisan measure that built on CAR’s initiative, by incorporating dedicated funding for fire protection and emergency response to safeguard millions of lives in communities across the state. Proposition 19 has received support from business groups, labor, agriculture, community groups, local elected and school officials, Democrats and Republicans. Proposition 19 provides a path for homeowners to transfer their base to their new principal residence up to three times. That’s a huge advantage for homeowners 55 and older. Currently, if you used your transfer when you turn


55, and life changes for you when you’re 70 or 80, you cannot use it again. I don’t know about you, but life does change. Homeowners should be able to retain their principal residence tax basis without being penalized because situations in their life changed, and subsequently, their housing needs changed. Proposition 19 eliminates the ability for a homeowner to transfer their property to their child or grandchild and use it for a second home or as investment property, aka, rental property. A generational transfer can only be applied if the child or grandchild chooses to live in the transferred property. The revised restriction sounds reasonable and was a key provision that provides revenue that was lacking in Proposition 5. Another key provision of Proposition 19 is that it can be used anywhere within the entire state of California and can be for any priced home. Currently, homeowners can purchase a replacement property of equal or lesser value than their current home. If you live along the coast or in any of the high-priced markets of the state, that is a reasonable expectation. But if you live in Fallbrook, where our prices are some of the lowest in San Diego County, try relocating to the coast or even Orange County and purchase for equal or less. It is not possible, even when you’re downsizing.

I have written many articles opposing higher taxes, because higher taxes on an individual or entity will always have a trickle-down effect to everyone else. This tax break will not have that same trickle effect. Think of it this way. If I sell my home in Fallbrook for \$800,000 that has a property tax basis of \$500,000, the new tax basis on my current home for the buyer of my home will jump up to \$800,000. San Diego County will receive a benefit of an additional \$300,000 property tax basis. The home I purchase in the Coachella Valley for \$800,000 may receive a reduction in its property tax basis, because it will now be at my \$500,000 basis, but that homeowner will be purchasing somewhere else, and that tax basis may or may not transfer depending on if that seller qualifies. If homeowners over 55 can downsize into a more reasonably sized home or parcel, their larger home and parcel becomes available to a larger family, a multi-generational family situation or someone who wants to have more land. One of the negative comments I’ve read was that this new freedom to transfer the tax basis multiple times, will pit homeowners over 55 against first time homeowners. My experience is that those two demographics are not competing for the same kind of home. They may both be looking for smaller homes and starter homes, but they generally are not looking in the same neighborhood or community. I’m always proud to be a Realtor, but in moments like these, I am especially proud that CAR did not give up fighting for the reform of property tax transfers. It shows me that when people are searching for a common good, a reasonable solution can be found, if the parties are willing to compromise and keep their eye on the big picture, not just their own personal agenda. Proposition 19 found a way to offer solutions that will not be financially detrimental to California and still benefit many home and farm owners. Do I hear a cheer for this good news?

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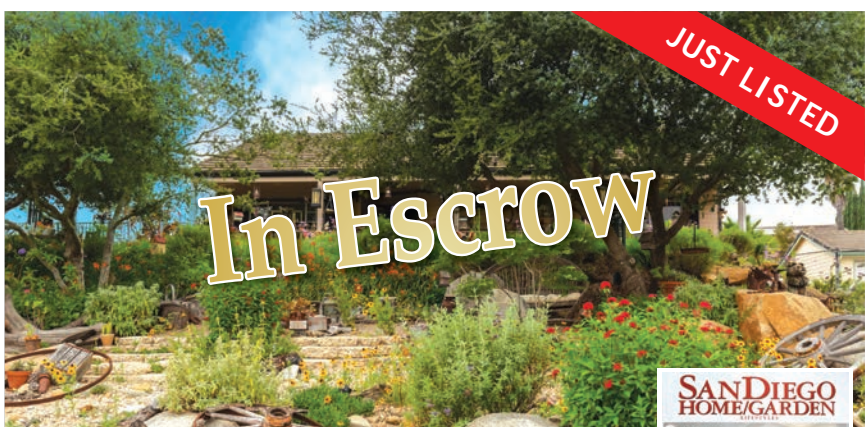


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**Seller will entertain offers between \$750,000 & \$850,000**



**In Escrow**

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313 NATALIE WAY, FALLBROOK

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**Seller will entertain offers between \$495,000 & \$575,000**



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1771 CAMINO DE NOG, FALLBROOK

Custom home located in the Avowood neighborhood. This beautiful estate sits up on a hill to capture distant views and cool breezes. It boasts an open and flowing floorplan, with in-home office, and a wing that could be devoted to guests or multi-generational living.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$735,000 & \$815,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$800,000**



**SOLD!**

1058 RIDGE HEIGHTS DR, FALLBROOK

Premier single story home in Luxury gated community. "East Ridge" is know as the premier 55 and over senior estate development. Perfect place for anyone looking to downsize. Very convenient floor plan with plenty of privacy for owners and their guests. Plush carpet in the bedrooms and tile floors in the high traffic areas.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$525,000 & \$595,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$555,000**



**SOLD!**

422 CRESTCOURT LANE, FALLBROOK

Welcome home! Highly upgraded 4BD/3.5BA home with pecky-alder cabinetry and granite countertops. 2,767 sf on .63 acre. Warm wood, accented by stone, is featured in the wall of built-ins in the great-room. Knotty pine trey-ceilings in great room and master. The flowing floorplan centers around the cook's kitchen, great room and formal dining room.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$715,000 & \$785,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$750,000**



**SOLD!**

6642 RICHARD, SAN DIEGO

Investment opportunity close to SDSU campus. Perfect college rental opportunity. Airy floor plan with loads of natural light. Kitchen has garden window with great mountain views! Covered patio is wonderful for relaxing and enjoying the views day or night. Gazebo and spa. Tax rolls show as a 3 bedroom /1 bath.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$395,000 & \$475,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$475,000**



**SOLD!**

132 MERCEDES ROAD, FALLBROOK

4BD, 4.5BA, 3,378 sf, built in 1980, located on a 1.02 acre. Great outdoor living area with in ground pool, built in bbq/bar island, fenced lawn area, covered patio, outdoor fireplace and fire pit. Views! Kitchen redone within the past month. Two separate living areas. Huge private master suite. Prepaid leased solar system.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$465,000 & \$535,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$525,000**



**SOLD!**

26038 KAYWOOD TERRACE, ESCONDIDO

4BD, 4.5BA, 3,378 sf, built in 1980, located on a 1.02 acre. Great outdoor living area with in ground pool, built in bbq/bar island, fenced lawn area, covered patio, outdoor fireplace and fire pit. Views! Kitchen redone within the past month. Two separate living areas. Huge private master suite. Prepaid leased solar system.

**Seller will entertain offers between \$775,000 & \$825,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$829,000**



**SOLD!**

915 COOKIE LANE, FALLBROOK

Single story stunner with vaulted ceilings in the formal living and dining rooms, family room and kitchen and master bedroom and bath. Plantation shutters adorn the windows and sliders. Solid surface flooring is throughout the living area. Granite counters adorn the kitchen cabinetry. Aluminum covered patio.

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## Artists showcase a variety of art mediums at The Gallery in Fallbrook



**Lexington Howe**  
Staff Writer

Watercolors, acrylics, oils and photography are just some of the art mediums visitors will find at the Fallbrook Art Association, 127 N. Main Ave., Suite B, in Fallbrook.

Julie Compton and Ruther Parker, co-directors for The Gallery and co-presidents of Fallbrook Art Association, both have been artists for quite some time.

“I’ve been painting for over 30 years,” Parker said. “There’s so many facets to it, so many avenues; doors can open up.”

Compton has been painting for around 20 years.

“I still feel like I’m learning,” Compton said. “You never stop.”

While the Fallbrook Art Association has been around for over 50 years, it is the first time the nonprofit has had a gallery, which officially opened two years ago.

“We had a very generous donation made, and we just thought we’d dive in and see what we could do,” Compton said.

The Gallery has artwork showcased from artists in varying surrounding areas: Temecula, Murrieta, Oceanside, Vista, Escondido and Fallbrook, to name a few.

The Gallery mainly shows work from members of the Fallbrook Art Association, but they also invite other artists to show as well. Everyone who works at The Gallery are volunteers.

Artwork in The Gallery rotates monthly.

“We get anywhere from 75 to 100 or so pieces so we have to be flexible,” Compton said. “We never know what we’re going to be hanging.”

They also have monthly shows, awarding first, second and third place ribbons and prizes.

“Other artists come in, they look around the show and judge it and then we try to get someone new every month to do that,” Parker said. “Two times a year we have money shows; first place gets some money, second, third, and so on.”

Before COVID-19, The Gallery hosted art classes. Their Art Assist Program classes for children were going to take place at a larger facility, but due to circumstances with social distancing and the pandemic, they are now putting together bags with a lesson in it along with supplies that children need to complete it.

“That’s been really fun, and the kids have enjoyed it and have been doing it,” Compton said. “We’re going to have a show in the back area, Sept. 1-19, for them.”

Their fall show will be in October, and the monthly meetings on the third Saturday are also currently on hold. They also will host a plein air competition and show, Wednesday, Sept. 16, at The Grand Tradition Gardens and Estate, 220 Grand Tradition Way, in Fallbrook.

“We’re hoping to get back to our meetings because not everybody in the organization shows in the gallery,” Compton said.

“There’s a lot of new artists that are learning; there’s some older artists that don’t want to sit in the gallery, just various reasons,” Compton added. “Some people travel, so some people will put things in one month and then maybe not for a couple months depending on what’s going on in their life.”

When artists bring their artwork in, it’s put into categories so they can be judged and put on display.

“Sometimes it’s themes, might be all water or people or it’s a challenge

Artist Toni Funaki creates a painting based on a strong woman who inspired her, now showing at The Gallery in Fallbrook.



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Artist Toni Funaki does watercolors.

“I dabbled off and on since I retired, and then when I moved here to Fallbrook two years ago I started making it more of a full-time job,” Funaki said.

She’s also done oils and some acrylic, she said.

“I was taking an art class at the senior center and people were talking about the art center and so I eventually got over here to see what it was all about and I joined,” Funaki said.

She currently has several pieces in The Gallery, one of her paintings is an inspiration to women.

“This woman lives in Africa, and she lives in a country or community that doesn’t allow women to be the chief and she wants to be the chief,”

Funaki said. “I read an article about her and that was my inspiration. I like to do strong women.”

For more information on the Plein Air Competition/Show, or about the Fallbrook Art Association, visit <http://www.fallbrookartassn.org>.

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Julie Compton, left, and Ruth Parker are co-directors for The Gallery and co-presidents of the Fallbrook Art Association. Village News/Lexington Howe photo

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# Bonsall school board hears complaints, approves reopening plans

Jeff Pack  
Staff Writer

The Bonsall Teachers Association and the California School Employee Association Bonsall Chapter No. 703 both had some harsh words for Bonsall Unified School District during the Wednesday, Aug. 12, meeting of the governing board of trustees.

“Since June 23, in our attempts to keep the lines of communication open, Bonsall Teachers Association’s negotiations team has worked to collect information regarding potential staffing concerns, safety issues, learning models, requests for optional summer professional development, offered scheduling ideas and provide additional ideas on how to roll out our different instructional models,” the BTA representative said in the Zoom meeting. “Many of our teachers have worked an inordinate number of unpaid hours to learn how to become adept online educators and provide the most engaging instructional experience for our students.

“Our district has been willing to meet with us numerous times over the course of the summer, but resolving key issues like what virtual learning looks like was not prioritized. Even though BTA repeatedly expressed concern, time was running out and educators and parents needed to know what the plan is.

“We have heard that we aren’t ‘working with them,’ we have been told that the answers parents and teachers were so anxiously waiting for, did not require response up to and until we meet our students Aug. 24,” according to the BTA representative.

The representative said the district’s stance only changed when they felt pressure from the community, but the representative

said, the teachers still don’t have the information they need to prepare for the school year.

According to the district’s reopening plan website, Aug. 7, Superintendent David Jones said that teachers would return to work Aug. 17, for school site staff meetings and planning. The report indicated that teachers would receive professional development in online teaching and learning Aug. 18-19, and would have time to plan and prepare for the new school year, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 20-21.

“To our families, we ask that you please forgive us,” the representative said. “We can’t answer your questions. We’d really like to help you out, but evidently, our questions are not worthy of answers.”

Cara Starkweather of the California School Employee Association Bonsall Chapter No. 703 also addressed the board during the reports section of the meeting.

“We’re looking forward to going into our negotiations this Friday with the district we’re hoping that we will have great communication and I’m hoping that they will realize that the classified employees are just as important as the teachers are,” Starkweather said. “I feel like at this point we have kind of been given misinformation. We were told our start date was going to be the 21st. We received an email saying that there’s a districtwide staff meeting on the 17th. I’m really confused about if that’s districtwide or is classified getting paid for that? How does that work?”

“There’s been conflicting information, I have members reaching out to me on a daily basis asking what’s going on,” she said.

Starkweather also asked for a justification on a proposal on the agenda about cutting a couple of

classified positions.

“It is saying on the agenda that it is for lack of funds or lack of work,” she said. “That’s a little disappointing with the governor not cutting our budget at all. I think we should be showing good faith effort in saying the governor gave us the money, there is no lack of work. What’s going to happen with that work when they are gone?”

According to the superintendent and the executive director of human resources, based on the data identified in the 2020-2021 budget, eliminating those two positions will save the district \$193,989 in the unrestricted education general fund.

The resolution to eliminate two positions was ultimately approved unanimously by the governing board, though some members expressed disappointment in having to do so.

The board also approved the BUSD Reopening School Plan put forth by the Reopening Schools Task Force, which met on several occasions to develop all required categories of the reopening plan.

According to the presentation, there will be synchronous and asynchronous learning for students and the task force was developing a website for the community to navigate the plan.

On Wednesday, Jones and task force members presented an overview of the plan for reopening and the information to be contained on the website.

The district had yet to formalize some of the details of the plan, but had expected to finalize the plan with BTA the following day.

“What Mr. (David) Moore communicated was a presentation of the distance learning plan,” Jones said. “We also communicated that some of the challenges and the difficulties that we’ve heard from teachers and a lot of our frustrations is related to that we have to finalize some of these details through the negotiation process and so that was communicated as much as we possibly could communicate until we finalize this tomorrow. So, that’s for everyone’s information.”

The full reopening plan is available at the district’s website. Zoom meetings were also scheduled for parents and guardians Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 17-18, to provide more information.



David Moore, highlighted, executive director of educational services and special education for Bonsall Unified School District, gives a presentation of the reopening plan for all Bonsall schools during the Wednesday, Aug. 12, meeting of the governing board of trustees on Zoom.

“There may be districts giving out 60-, 70-, 80-page documents, we didn’t want to do that,” Jones said. “We wanted to create a website to have it be easy to navigate for our staff and for our parents.”

The board approved the reopening plan unanimously, along with revisions to the Bonsall Unified School District 2020-2021 Instructional School Year Calendar.

In other action items, the board also approved the 45-day budget revision after hearing a presentation from Laura Castro, executive director of business and administrative service.

In the presentation, Castro announced that the district received \$1.4 million in learning loss mitigation funds. She also addressed what the district can expect next.

“The road ahead is certainly a bumpy one,” Castro said while acknowledging that the financials will be stable for this year and the next. “We don’t really know how the next year the state budget will impact the district funding. We don’t know what we’re going to be facing next year. We can’t control how much revenue we will receive from the state.

“Experts are not seeing an economic recovery soon. ... right now, we are facing a recession. In addition, the district is declining in enrollment. This is a California wide issue. Historically, we can show what is coming in the following years, a continuing decrease in enrollment,” she said.

Castro reported that in three years, the district will be operating

at a deficit, estimated to be \$1.3 million.

“That is a major issue that needs to be addressed,” she said. “The district needs to be realistic and conservative and needs to take action to maintain fiscal solvency. The budget committee is recommending continuing with a budget reduction plan as possible.”

The board also unanimously approved the consent calendar which included the ratification of the personnel register, revolving cash report, commercial warrant report, purchase order report and the acceptance of the 2019-2020 fiscal year donations received through June 30.

The governing board also approved tuition agreements for special education students who attend out-of-district programs in Fallbrook and Vista; approved the non-public agency master contract with New Haven Youth and Family Services and TIEE Urban Skills Center, T.E.R.I. Inc., Maxim Healthcare, Community School of San Diego, North County Academy, The Stepping Stones Group, North County Family Counseling Specialists, Dependable Nursing and approved an independent contractor agreement for occupational services with Annette Rodriguez, L. Leigh, T. Simpson.

The board also approved an agreement with Loma Linda University for educational and instructional programs.

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Dulin Road is the only way to access Rancho Monserate Country Club, and will also be the only way to access Rio Prado Park. Though the country club is a private community, Dulin Road is a public roadway; the country club does independently maintain the median of the road.

Clinite said she started the petition independently of the country club’s homeowners association – although members of the homeowners association have spoken out against the proposed park in the past.

“On any given day along Dulin Road, you will see residents walking their dogs, getting exercise, using walkers along with their home health care providers for recovery of various reasons and using their wheelchairs,” Clinite said in her petition. “Our streets in the mobile home park have never had sidewalks. The streets are very narrow and the unique placement of our homes on the hills make it unsafe for many residents to walk, but especially seniors who are unable to navigate steep inclines and declines.”

Clinite’s petition also calls for including only “passive” activities in the park.

Two proposals for the park, an “active” plan that would include multiple sports fields and a “passive” one that wouldn’t include some basketball and tennis courts but no sports fields, were brought before the Fallbrook Community Planning Group back in December 2019; the group’s recommendation erred on the passive side, recommending just one baseball and one soccer field.

A survey sent out to residents of surrounding communities in October 2019 showed “a desire for multi-use trails, a community center, a community garden, an equestrian staging area, a dog park, sports fields, picnic areas and a disc golf course,” a county official said at the time.

The final concept plan for Rio Prado Park is not yet finished, and it has not yet been determined how many ball fields will be included in the park. Once a concept plan is drafted, it will have to be approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

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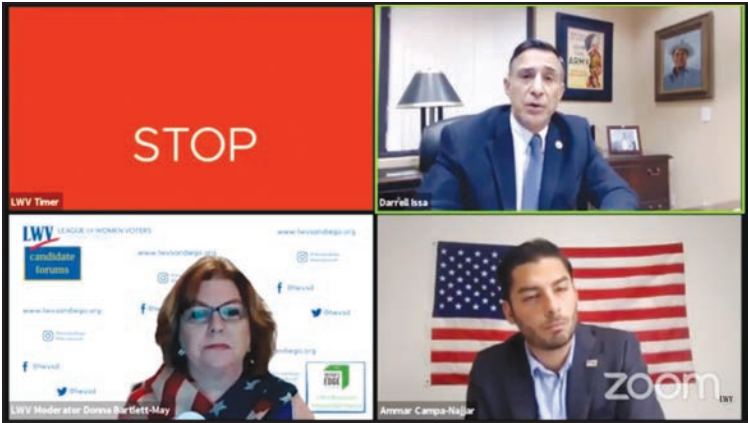
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# Campa-Najjar, Issa debate the issues in forum moderated by League of Women Voters



Republican Darrell Issa and Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar, both candidates for the 50th Congressional District, participate in a Zoom forum moderated by Donna Bartlett-May with the San Diego League of Women Voters.

**Will Fritz**  
Associate Editor

Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar and Republican Darrell Issa, the two candidates for the 50th Congressional District seat who will face each other in the election in November, took part in a candidates forum moderated by the nonpartisan San Diego League of Women Voters Thursday, Aug. 13.

Campa-Najjar and Issa each gave their positions on various issues faced by their district and the country at large, ranging from water availability to health care, during the event hosted by the nonprofit organization Community, Service, Action and Advocacy.

In his opening statement, Issa made the case for his return to Congress – he served in the House of Representatives for 18 years, first from the 48th Congressional District from 2001-2003, then the 49th Congressional District until 2019. After winning reelection by a margin of about 1% in 2016, Issa did not run again in 2018.

“Almost four years ago now, President Trump was elected and I was asked to serve in his administration,” Issa said. “Reluctantly, I gave up my

seat in Congress and stood in line waiting to be confirmed by the Senate. As happened to many, many people in that line, hundreds of us got filibustered and were never confirmed.”

He said when it became clear Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter would step down – Hunter later was sentenced to 11 months in prison for stealing campaign funds – Issa felt running Hunter’s seat was the right move.

“That created a situation in which I felt it was the right time to go back and do something that I love doing, that I believe I did well, and that I’m very dedicated to,” Issa said. “And fortunately, the 50th Congressional District is about one-third of the district I represented for 12 years.”

Campa-Najjar, a former Obama administration official, ran for the 50th seat in 2018 and lost to Hunter by about 2% of the vote.

“The reason I’m running for Congress here is simple,” Campa-Najjar said. “I’m from this community, my mom raised me in a certain way that made me feel like I wanted to devote my life to service. My dad left when I was relatively young, so my mom raised me on her own through being broke and brokenhearted. She worked

multiple jobs, always took full responsibility but was always shortchanged on opportunity, and I realized later in life that was because we’re in the grip of a broken system that rewards wealth more than work and we even see that today happening as we’re battling COVID-19.”

Moderator Donna Bartlett-May with the League of Women Voters said attendees to the virtual event were asked to submit questions online before the event and also were able to ask questions while the event was ongoing. Questions were screened to avoid duplication and ensure that the questions with “the greatest interest” would be covered within the time allowed.

The first question asked by Bartlett-May was: “What policy steps would you endorse to protect water in the western states?”

Issa said water access is an issue he worked on in Congress that is not partisan and that lawmakers from both parties work together on. He said desalination could be an avenue for getting more water out of the Colorado River, which is an important source of drinking water in Southern California.

“Some of those challenges can be met as we have with the help of federal funding, with the desalination efforts, but some of them can be more uniquely met,” Issa said. “For example, the Colorado River could be used an additional what they call one or two turns of water through minor desalinization, and that’s an effort that is supported by (Democratic Rep.) Juan Vargas and myself and others that would provide a substantial amount of water where water already exists.”

Campa-Najjar said climate change needed to be factored into the question of water access.

“I think part of the solution is also dealing with ‘why do we have the scarcity of resources?’ and that’s because as the military

has said, the biggest threat we face in this country is climate change,” Campa-Najjar said, “And part of that cascading effect is wildfires and also the lack of drinkable water.”

The candidates took opposing views when asked about their support for Proposition 16, which would amend California’s constitution to repeal 1996’s Proposition 209 that banned “affirmative action” preferential treatment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, public education or public contracting.

Campa-Najjar said he supports affirmative action.

“I think that’s obviously a state issue but think it’s important that we learn from history and understand that there are certain groups in this country who, from birth, they start at a different mark in life because they come from families that were not able to build wealth,” Campa-Najjar said. “I think there are some people who have had certain benefits in life from birth and then there are others who have just been set behind through no fault of their own and the idea of affirmative action is to allow those communities who have been disadvantaged through no fault of their own because of institutional racism to get equal footing.”

Issa said he had not just been a supporter of Proposition 209 in 1996 but served as co-chairperson for the campaign to get it passed.

“I object to it being removed,” Issa said. “You can support affirmative action by looking for legitimate outreach on other issues, people who have just come to the United States and would have been at a disadvantage in their education, people who are economically at a different level. There’s nothing in our constitution that prohibits outreach, but the fact

is Proposition 209 has worked, the minority graduation rate has risen under this and I support the continuation of our constitution.”

The candidates also addressed economic issues, including the minimum wage.

Issa said he doesn’t support raising the minimum wage, and that most workers are making above the minimum wage.

“My position on minimum wage, quite frankly is recognizing that in a good economy, that we had up until, let’s say, March 3, we were paying far greater than minimum wage as an average wage to individuals, and I think it’s important that we get back to an economy that doesn’t look at min wage as anything other than a starter wage for maybe a brand-new trainee, and I support that,” Issa said.

Campa-Najjar said he doesn’t support a flat minimum wage across the country, but that workers should be able to earn a living wage for their area.

“I think having a standard minimum wage across the country doesn’t account for the fact that costs of living are different across state to state even within our county it varies, so people have to make sure they have a wage they can live on,” Campa-Najjar said.

However, he said making accommodations for workers who are going to be affected by increasing automation in coming years should be a focus, not just the minimum wage.

“The jobs that are minimum wage are going to be replaced not by immigration but automation,” he said.

The full video of the candidates forum can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zji1ffHxyk>.

Will Fritz can be reached by email at [wfritz@reedermedia.com](mailto:wfritz@reedermedia.com).

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# Vallecitos recognizes students during drive-thru promotion ceremony



Vallecitos School middle school salutatorian Marcos Morales attends the school's drive-thru promotion ceremony in Rainbow, Thursday, Aug. 13.



Sandy Murillo has her picture taken after receiving her diploma for completing eighth grade during the Vallecitos School drive-thru promotion in Rainbow.



Isiah Sanders smiles for the camera as he attends an eighth-grade, drive-thru promotion ceremony with his peers in Rainbow.



Families celebrate their students being promoted to ninth grade during the Vallecitos School drive-thru promotion ceremony in Rainbow.



Vallecitos School eighth grade graduate Jessica Bernardino hugs her mother Blanca Martinez while celebrating at the middle school's promotion ceremony in Rainbow.

## Protecting dental patients during COVID-19 is a priority for dentist Clayton Cooke

FALLBROOK – Patients of Dr. Clayton Cooke, DDS, have experienced the highest level of care and cleanliness in his office for many years. When COVID-19 began affecting society, this Fallbrook professional knew he wanted to go “above and beyond” what changes the governing agencies would require in reopening dental offices.

Cooke’s office is now open, and several new infection control strategies have been implemented to further protect his patients from the illness.

“We want our patients to feel very safe, comfortable and well-served,” Cooke said.

It is important, he said, that patients know the exceptional care they have always received is enhanced even further with the added safety precautions.

When an appointment is made at Cooke’s office, the patient is asked a series of questions to rule out any possible concerns, but

newly added steps provide even better information.

“We not only check each patient’s temperature upon arrival at the office, but we also test their oxygen level,” said Cooke.

Patients have asked how an oxygen reading is useful.

“The normal oxygen range is between 90 and 100,” he said. “If a person’s upper respiratory health is attacked by COVID-19, it causes a reduction of oxygen flowing through the lungs. A low oxygen reading is an indication, and a red flag that the pulmonary system is in stress.” Hence, this reading can be an indicator of the presence of the virus that otherwise may not be noticed as soon.

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late the surfaces in order to greatly reduce any chance of cross-contamination.

Cooke and his staff members wear the N95 mask in addition to a protective shield and a hair covering.

“We are providing dual protection between the patient and the clinician,” Cooke said.

They all also wear disposable lab coats as these provide a “superb way of not leaving behind any living cells on fabric.”

Enhanced protection does not stop there. Cooke has also provided an en-

vironmental element to address airborne contaminants.

“It is to ensure that the airflow within the operatory is completely free of viruses due to a constant air purification system,” he said.

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have our systems running 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ensure the safety of our patients as well as our staff members.”

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LEGALS

Petition to Administer

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT DEAN BUSSELL CASE NO. 37-2020-00021657-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: ROBERT DEAN BUSSELL

A Petition for Probate has been filed by BRENDA VINCENT in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

The Petition for Probate requests that BRENDA VINCENT 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: 10/1/2020 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept. 503 Address of court: 1100 Union St, San Diego, CA 92101

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.

Attorney for petitioner: Gary D. Sparks, Esq., 1125 Missouri Street, Suite 207, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-207-4500

Legal: 5297 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 2020

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2020-00024922-CU-PT-CTL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Petitioner: CRYSTAL NICHOLE CHAVEZ Present Name: CRYSTAL NICHOLE CHAVEZ Proposed Name: XITLALI CHAVEZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.\*

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 9/1/20 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 61 The address of the court is Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101 \*No hearing will occur on the date specified. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News

Date: JUL 20 2020 Signed: Lorna Alksne, Judge of the Superior Court. LEGAL: 5290 PUBLISHED: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2020-00026734-CU-PT-CTL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Petitioner: NOREEN OLAGUER Present Name: NADINE ANN OLAGUER ALICDAN Proposed Name: NADINE ANN CADELINA OLAGUER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.\*

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 9-16-2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 61 The address of the court is Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101 \*No hearing will occur on the date specified. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.

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Date: JUL 31 2020 Signed: Lorna Alksne, Judge of the Superior Court. LEGAL: 5296 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012304 Name of Business: CORCORAN CONSULTING & PERMITTING 2326 Green Valley Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Peter A. Corcoran, 2326 Green Valley Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028 This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 22, 2020 LEGAL: 5291 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012138 Name of Business: PICKLEBALL FIRST 2872 So Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Event Management Solutions, Inc., 2872 So Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069 This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is registered in the state of California THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 20, 2020 LEGAL: 5292 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012177 Name of Business: a. TACOS LAS KORITAS b. KORITAS TACOS 209 Via Bandita, Oceanside, CA 92057 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Jose Gaspar, 209 Via Bandita, Oceanside, CA 92057 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 1/10/2020 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 20, 2020 LEGAL: 5293 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012540 Name of Business: RINJANIE BATIK & ACCESSORIES 4015 Via Aldea, Oceanside, CA 92057 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Roylan Marshall Aidan Spencer, 4015 Via Aldea, Oceanside, CA 92057 This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 25, 2020 LEGAL: 5294 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012550 Name of Business: SOUNDWAVE SPEECH THERAPY 1066 Turquoise St Apt 3, San Diego, CA 92109 Mailing address: 5580 La Jolla Blvd Suite 369, La Jolla, CA 92037 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Brenda Marie Blum, 1066 Turquoise St Apt 3, San Diego, CA 92109 This business is conducted by an Individual THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 25, 2020 LEGAL: 5295 PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012595 Name of Business: KENT N. TIBBY DBA TRANCE4U 1902 Wright Place #200, Carlsbad, CA 92008 Mailing address: 4425 Old River Street, Oceanside, CA 92057 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Kent N. Tibby, 4425 Old River Street, Oceanside, CA 92057 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 04/15/05 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 27, 2020 LEGAL: 5298 PUBLISHED: August 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012543 Name of Business: ONE KELEKTIV 706 Convertible Ln, Fallbrook, CA 92028 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Daniel Gonzalez, 706 Convertible Ln, Fallbrook, CA 92028 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 7/16/2020 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 25, 2020 LEGAL: 5299 PUBLISHED: August 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9013128 Name of Business: CYCADS - N - PALMS 1361 De Luz Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028 Mailing address: P.O. Box 1161, Fallbrook, CA 92028 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Gisela Sparkman, 1361 De Luz Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 03/01/1999 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 05, 2020 LEGAL: 5300 PUBLISHED: August 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9013273 Name of Business: SAN DIEGO CAR FINDER 2553 S. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Mark Friebe, 2553 S. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/01/2000 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 07, 2020 LEGAL: 5303 PUBLISHED: August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2020

OBITUARIES

Henry Martin Bobitch, 90, was born October 7, 1929 in Madison, Ohio and passed away August 4, 2020 in Fallbrook, California. Henry retired from the aerospace industry as a nuclear physicist. He enjoyed hiking, auto racing and square dancing. He is survived by his brother Frank Bobitch and sister Mildred Bobitch. He will be buried with his beloved wife Dorothy at the Miramar National cemetery.

Roger E. Myers was born Aug. 7, 1937, in Billings, Montana, to Elmer Myers and Anastasia Mars and died Aug. 2, 2020.

Roger graduated from Central Washington University and joined the U.S. Marine Corps for flight training. He broke the sound barrier in the F-8 Crusader at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, in Iwakuni, Japan, and in Vietnam. After an honorable discharge from the Corps as a captain, he flew for American Airlines for 33 years.

He loved growing avocados and working in the grove. He was dedicated to St. Peter's Parish in Fallbrook for 46 years. He was an avid fisherman and a skeet and trap shooter.

Roger is survived by wife Mary Ellen, sons Eric and Michael, daughters-in-law Celeste and Donna, grandsons Alexander, Ian and Zachary, granddaughter Kenna and sister-in-law Paula Breen. Pending services to be announced due to the pandemic.

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9013094 Name of Business: a. KIWI CLEANING SERVICES b. KIWI CARPET & WINDOW CLEANING c. KIWI WINDOW CLEANING d. KIWI CARPET CLEANING 27189 Pumpkin Street, Murrieta, CA 92562 Mailing address: P.O. Box 4602, Oceanside, CA 92052 County: Riverside This business is registered by the following: Robert Benedict Durbin, 27189 Pumpkin Street, Murrieta, CA 92562 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/01/94 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 05, 2020 LEGAL: 5301 PUBLISHED: August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2020-9012910 Name of Business: CRG PROCESSING 5256 S. Mission Road, Suite 1006, Bonsall, CA 92003 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Sprint Funding, Inc., 5256 S. Mission Road, Suite 1006, Bonsall, CA 92003 This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is registered in the state of California THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 01, 2020 LEGAL: 5302 PUBLISHED: August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2020



Edgar Allen Haver, 89, died peacefully Aug. 5, 2020. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings. Born Oct. 21, 1930, in Newcomerstown, Ohio, he moved with his family to Dover, Ohio, where his father oversaw a new flood-control dam on the Tuscarawas River. After graduating from Dover High School, Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Carpenter and USS Hunt.

While crossing the Panama Canal, the Carpenter was ordered to Pearl Harbor at the outbreak of the Korean War. Ed met Liberty Miyo Kuniyoshi at the Church of Christ in Honolulu. After proposing to Miyo, he received orders to report to the USS Hunt in San Diego.

On Dec. 31, 1951, Ed and Miyo were married at the Church of Christ in San Diego where a bell rang out in celebration. With one month's leave and a brand-new car, the couple toured the country visiting family and friends, ending up in Newport, Rhode Island, the USS Hunt's new home port.

A faithful Christian, Ed led singing at the acapella Church of Christ starting at age 9. He and Miyo participated in starting and nurturing congregations in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and

Connecticut. Later in California, Ed and Miyo worshipped with the Torrance Church of Christ where he served as elder for several years. Moving to Fallbrook, they actively participated with the church until present. He also volunteered at the Foundation for Senior Care in Fallbrook.

When his naval commitment ended, the Havers moved to Connecticut with their son Allan, and that's where their daughters Rachel and Alice were born. Ed worked for Stanley Works. In 1967, the family was moved to California by Garrett AiResearch. Later, he worked for Teledyne Relays until his retirement in 1993.

Ed and Miyo took their grandchildren on extended trips throughout the U.S., then they toured the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Scandinavia and South America. Ed loved the outdoors. His activities included running, hiking and backpacking. He also climbed Mount Whitney with his daughters.

He loved and delighted in his family. He is survived by wife Miyo; son Allan; daughters Rachel (Scott) Wegner and Alice (Greg) Mueller; grandchildren Jazmin and Brian Haver, Christa (Chris) Hoelscher, Katie and Anna Wegner, Sam and Jon Mueller, and Beth (Addison) Conley; great-grandchildren West, Jeanna and Jesselynn Hodges; Adrian, Gauge, Sebastian and Madison Haver and Caleb Hoelscher; nephews Richard and Jim Wolfe, Bob, Jerry, Paul, Lowell and Charles Haver, Duane Steinly and nieces Sue Barker, Sandra Haver, Becky and Sharon Steinly.

The viewing for Edgar Haver will be held at Berry-Bell and Hall Mortuary Aug. 24, 2020, from 3-6 p.m. At a future date, a private burial service will be held at Miramar National Cemetery. An online guestbook may be signed at <http://Berry-BellandHall.com>.

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## FBA conducts 3-day virtual community wide clean up

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Beautification Alliance's Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free held a three-day virtual community wide clean up, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 7-9.

Volunteers throughout the "Friendly Village" collected over 1,000, 5-gallon equivalents of litter and recycling that had been illegally dumped along Fallbrook roadways. The virtual nature of the cleanup meant that volunteers worked as individuals or small family groups, cleaning areas of special interest or need. Once completed, the data on the quantity of items collected as well as time spent was compiled by Marta Donovan, coordinator of FBA Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free.

Highlights from the event included Friday, Aug. 7, nine volunteers donated a collective 20 hours using social distancing and wearing face masks to retrieve illegally dumped items off Sycamore Drive near Green Canyon, Sandia Creek Road, Via Encinos, East Alvarado Street, Pico Street, South Stage Coach Lane, Welcome Home Tribute and the Old Bonsall Bridge. The items filled a 281-cubic-foot trailer three times for four hundred twenty 5-bucket equivalents.

Ten volunteers participated in a cleanup in their own neighborhoods Saturday, Aug. 8. An additional group of volunteers cleaned a designated section along South Mission Road from South Stage Coach Lane to Route 76 and the area around Old River Road in Bonsall.

The cleanup concluded Saturday, Aug. 9, with work along South Mission Road at locations that were heavily littered or between previous clean up spots, totaling nine hours donated and 20 buckets of litter collected.

The total effort over three days was 1,021 and half 5-gallon equivalent buckets collected by 17 volunteers over 84 volunteer hours. San Diego County helped collect the large piles of filled orange trash bags which were staged throughout the major clean up areas. FBA welcomed the support of Carlos Michel, road crew supervisor of the Bonsall Road Station and his team who can be called upon to assist FBA to clean up roadways that are too difficult or dangerous for volunteers to manage. Michel said that his crews have also started mowing throughout Fallbrook for brush and weeds, which should be a noticeable improvement in the upcoming weeks.

FBA KFLF's grand total for litter and recycling collected since beginning in January 2019 is 9,101 and three-fourths 5-gallon and three-fourths 5-gallon equivalent buckets and 3,594.5 volunteer hours.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for this program can visit the FBA website at <http://www.fallbrookbeautification.org>.

Bring a bucket or reusable bag and walk around a neighborhood or favorite hiking trail to clean up litter. Contact Marta Donovan, coordinator of Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free, on the website for any needed supplies. Fallbrook Beautification Alliance offers safety vests, litter grabbers, 5-gallon buckets and work gloves to keep volunteers safe.

Many organizations and groups around Fallbrook have officially or unofficially "adopted" a road, a neighborhood or park. One such group FBA would like to recognize is Arlene and Ron Morosetti and their group of volunteers with the PepperTree Homeowners Association who have cleaned up South Mission Road from South Stage Coach Lane to Fallbrook Street the second Saturday of each month for the past 15 years.

*Submitted by Fallbrook Beautification Association.*



Robert Bolinger of Zone 8 lends a hand loading illegally dumped construction debris off Sandia Creek Road.



Tim O'Leary and his wife Terri Garner help clean up a specific section of S Mission from Route 76 to La Canada. They bring their own EDCO trash can and recycling can and clean twenty-six 5-gallon equivalents, donating a collective six hours.



The Acosta Family cleans up sixteen 5-bucket equivalents off South Mission Road from South Stage Coach to Quail Knoll Road and donated a collective six hours.



Tim O'Leary of Zone 17 goes the extra mile to help out loading and participating in the cleanups.



A before photo from South Mission Road near Green Canyon shows how much work needed to be completed during Fallbrook Beautification Association's virtual communitywide cleanup.



An after photo from South Mission Road near Green Canyon shows how much work was completed during Fallbrook Beautification Association's virtual community wide cleanup.



Joe Beyer wears Fallbrook Beautification Association's recommended personal protective equipment including safety vest, mask and gloves while surrounded by a truck full of items removed from roadways during the nonprofit's three-day community clean up.



HEALTH

Mother and son duo donate handmade scrub caps for Scripps Mercy Chula Vista

**Christal Gaines-Emory**  
*Intern*

When the coronavirus pandemic struck the nation, many hospitals were sorely lacking in medical supplies to treat the new surge of patients. People in Fallbrook and all over the country began making face masks for health care workers, but Joel Anderson and his mother Sandi Anderson decided to help another way.

They have been involved in the Autism Tree Project Foundation for 16 years, and this foundation created “ATPF Cares” to provide hospital patients with gift bags to keep them occupied during the pandemic. These “Smile Bags” contain crossword puzzles, coloring books, colored pencils and more. Nurse Alma Gallardo from Scripps Mercy Chula Vista helped the group distribute the smile bags.

Sandi Anderson said, “Dayna Hoff, the director, and Becca Barron started the ATPF Cares right away and had people drop off supplies, and Becca delivered them. We made lots of Smile Bags filled with crossword puzzles, coloring books, colored pencils, Bible, all kinds of cool stuff. We wrote notes of encouragement to the patients.”

After making the Smile Bags, Joel and Sandi Anderson reached out to chaplain Mark Weber of Scripps Mercy Chula Vista and learned that the hospital was in need of scrub caps. Mother-son duo began making scrub caps for the hospital using online tutorials.

Joel Anderson said, “I had been wanting to learn how to sew for a long time. This was the perfect time to learn.”

They have made 14 scrub caps since May and set a goal to

make 100. They are seeking more volunteers to help.

Joel Anderson explained the process of making the caps.

“First, we picked fabric, watched the video, cut fabric, ironed, sewed, tied it with elastic and put them all together,” he said. “We had special labels made by Rebecca at Pressed and Blessed in Fallbrook that we ironed on each cap that says ATPF Cares.”

They also included a card with a Bible verse for encouragement. The verse used is Lamentations 3:22-23, “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassion never fails. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

When the pandemic began, Joel Anderson said he had some trouble adjusting to the new changes.

“I miss being able to travel and to do art shows and events. But instead we have done projects like this,” he said. “I also created videos for The Autism Tree Project Foundation for the kids and also for The New Children’s Museum in San Diego. It makes it easier when you do something for someone else to make them smile.”

By doing these projects and working to help others, Joel Anderson said he was able to adjust to the new circumstances. He met Weber when the chaplain put some of his artwork in the halls of the hospital and the lobby.

Knowing that their work was helping other people has also helped Sandi Anderson adjust to these circumstances.

“It makes me smile to see Joel’s heart eager to learn a new skill to make something that will make someone else’s day brighter,” she said. “Everyone at the hospitals



Scripps Mercy Chula Vista employee wears ATPF scrub cap. Village News/Courtesy photos

are working hard to heal and care for those who all enter their doors. We can’t be there in person to help, but we can definitely pray and we can also support by the scrub caps and it is making a difference in morale.”

She said that all the caps they made are in bright colors to brighten everyone’s day and that these caps are just a way of letting the recipients know they care.

“We made a great team working together and having fun,” Sandi Anderson said. “When the scrub caps were completed, we prayed over them all. Praying for those who will wear them and for those who will be touched by those who wear them for safety, healing, kindness, compassion and that they would come to know Jesus.”

The mother and son duo hoped that those receiving the caps would feel comforted and supported by this project during these uncertain times.



Scripps Mercy Chula Vista employees show off their donated scrub caps.

Find dedicated care at Silvergate Fallbrook preferable to isolation at home

FALLBROOK – Whether it’s a parent, grandparent, neighbor or friend, almost everyone knows an older adult living alone at home who is relying on outside help for day-to-day needs and care. They face important challenges to their health and well-being as the world shifts dramatically toward social

distancing measures and a new way of operating.

Reaching out to older adults and encouraging them to ask for help has become a priority for the team at Silvergate Fallbrook, the region’s premier senior living community. Caregivers continually work to identify older

adults struggling to cope with being at home alone. They often discover that finding adequate in-home care can be problematic for those who are frail, advanced in years or have multiple chronic conditions.

“We’re seeing more and more families overwhelmed by trying to deal with the day-to-day needs of an elderly loved one,” Patricia Martinez, executive director at Silvergate Fallbrook where the community’s solid reputation for providing care to older adults dates back more than 30 years, said. “We want seniors to know there’s a better alternative to living alone at home right now, where social isolation can coexist with loneliness and depression. At Silvergate, it’s exactly the opposite. Our senior living community offers relief to overtaxed families and a balanced, healthy lifestyle to at-risk seniors. We take care of the basics – but more importantly, we provide the appropriate care they so desperately need – while still managing the social distancing concerns for them.”

**Quarantine or social distance with friends.**

“After months of this pandemic, seniors want to engage again,” Helen Gray, marketing director for the Fallbrook community who speaks with older adults weekly, said. “It is discouraging for them to see people of other ages resume basic activities while they feel left out. Still, they want to be safe. Here at Silvergate, they can relax, enjoy the community, be safe and let our staff take better care of them.

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When facing the challenges of social isolation at home, older adults are particularly vulnerable to rapid declines in health. The reduction in mental stimulation that comes with socializing and engaging with the wider world may worsen the cognitive and behavioral symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. When health decline occurs, fear of going to medical facilities may prevent older individuals from receiving the care they need. Family and friends who have served as caregivers also may be afraid or unable to visit, limiting an older adult’s ability to receive care.

At Silvergate, residents receive round-the-clock, high-touch care from highly experienced caregivers. They benefit from an industry-leading caregiver-to-resident ratio that provides increased supervision, 24 hours a day, when needed. The community’s resident care director oversees a staff of licensed vocational nurse supervisors, professional caregivers and trained medication technicians who are regularly checking on residents, escorting them to important health appointments as needed, tending to their needs and assuring their safety and well-being.

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living at Silvergate also gives older adults the ability to take advantage of the service-rich lifestyle afforded exclusively to residents. Nutritious meals are prepared by a professional chef each day. Activities and things to do are regularly planned for residents, and friends and family are encouraged to safely connect with loved ones.

By remaining at home, basic needs such as assistance with bathing, basic home cleaning and support with memory loss may be left entirely unmet. By moving to Silvergate, older adults receive best-in-class care and assistance with the activities of daily living. They experience a greater sense of normalcy, find safe opportunities for socialization and receive the exceptional care they would likely find hard to cultivate while still living alone at home.

**Families entrust their loved ones to Silvergate.**

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FRHD offers drive-up COVID-19 testing once more in August

**Will Fritz**  
*Staff Writer*

The Fallbrook Regional Health District, North County Fire Protection District and other agencies will offer drive-up coronavirus testing in Fallbrook once more this month.

The health and fire districts, along with Cal Fire San Diego and in cooperation with the

San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency will set up a drive-up testing site from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the FRHD Wellness Center property, 1636 E. Mission Road in Fallbrook.

Drive-thru testing has been conducted at the Wellness Center property once a week since June. Registration typically opens 6-4 days before the testing date.

The testing is offered free of charge.

Those who are unable to register online may do so by calling 211.

Anyone seeking more information can call the Fallbrook Regional Health District at 760-731-9187.

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# Thinking About Health: What you need to know about coronavirus testing

**Trudy Lieberman**  
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Testing! Testing! Testing! That’s what the experts said is necessary to move the country back to normalcy. Almost daily, local TV stations in New York City where I live run public service announcements urging viewers to get a test for COVID-19. Those announcements tell how to find a testing site, and most point out that the tests are free.

Many New Yorkers, as well as people in other states, are undoubtedly confused about the kinds of tests available, wonder about the delays in getting results and worry about the tests’ reliability. The recent experience of Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio, who first tested positive for the virus and then negative on subsequent tests, illustrates the potential problems with the tests’ accuracy.

To sort all this confusion out, I contacted Teresa Carr, an independent health and science journalist I had worked with

at Consumer Reports who had just written “A Consumer’s Guide to Getting Tested for the Coronavirus.”

The place to begin, she said, is to distinguish between the two types of tests currently available, which people often confuse because the talking heads on television don’t always make clear which they are talking about. Some tests are diagnostic and tell you whether you have an active viral infection that may require treatment or a quarantine. Others are antibody tests.

Antibody tests, which are not diagnostic tools, reveal whether a person’s blood contains antibodies that can show that they were infected by the virus in the past.

“These tests can’t tell you if you’re contagious or if the antibodies will cause you to be immune to future infections,” Carr said. “This disease has only been around since February, and we have to do more research.”

She explained that some people have COVID-19 symptoms for a long time. They may go on for

months and wax and wane. In those cases, are people exhibiting a long course of the same infection or several separate infections?

“It’s really not clear what the antibody tests mean at this point,” Carr said.

Antibody tests are blood tests, unlike the more meaningful diagnostic tests that are recommended as an important way to fight the disease. Since the virus attacks the respiratory system, diagnostic tests – so called PCR tests – hunt for the virus that may be present in your nose and throat. A health care worker collects a sample by inserting a 6-inch swab through a nostril and obtaining some cells from the upper part of your throat.

Another, simpler test is less invasive. The swab reaches only an inch or so inside the nose and is more comfortable for the patient. Experts now believe the simpler test may work almost as well, but health care workers giving the test may also swab the back of your throat to obtain a more robust sample.

Carr told me that the Food and Drug Administration has now authorized do-it-yourself tests.

“It’s a shallower nasal swab test ‘but not quite as accurate.’ Another test requires users to spit in a test tube and send it to the lab. Both these kinds of tests are ‘probably pretty good,’” Carr said, and they have been useful in places where testing materials have been in short supply.

DeWine said that the first test he took, which gave a false positive result, was an antigen test. His later tests were PCR tests that, as I’ve explained, examine virus cells taken from a patient’s nasal passages. DeWine called the PCR test “very, very, very reliable,” and added, “People should not take away from my experience that testing is not reliable or doesn’t really work.”

In fact, testing and contact tracing, the practice of following up with people who have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for the disease, are major defenses against the spread of the virus. People identified

through contact tracing are advised to self-isolate or get tested themselves.

Carr told me that the length of time people wait to get their test results “varies quite a lot” with some people waiting as long as two weeks to find out if they have the disease. In general, though, you can expect a test result within a week. But if you think you have COVID-19, “you really need to be quarantining the whole time” you are waiting for results.

Carr had a last piece of advice: “Nobody should have to pay for their tests.”

Under new laws passed this spring, COVID-19 testing is now free with no cost sharing. Congress has made it possible for those without insurance to get free tests through their state Medicaid programs. Check with your state since a few states have not yet adopted that policy.

*What has been your experience with testing? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com).*

## Healthy Habits for Bonsall & Fallbrook Folks

### Screen time: technology can destroy vision

**Megan Johnson McCullough**  
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Computers are an integral part of people’s daily lives. Screen time is readily apart of the day; be it on a computer, TV, phone, tablet or music devices. Microsoft estimated that its workers spend at least six hours per day while at work in front of a screen. Then when they get home, they spend at least an additional hour.

For some, their lives consist of more screen time than sleep. It puts a real strain on their eyes.

Granted, many jobs require this staring, but ultimately their eyes and bodies are paying the price. Computer vision syndrome can result from strain to the eyes. Between 50 and 90% of adults

actually have signs of computer vision syndrome. Children also fall victim as they are screen time lovers too.

Computer vision syndrome occurs when screen time requires the eyes to repeatedly focus and refocus. Eyes have muscles, and people test their ability and endurance daily. The eyes have to move back and forth as people read their screens. Images in front of them are constantly changing so the brain and eyes have to work to process this information.

Unlike reading a book or paper, the screen is full of lights that add glare and different shades. As people age, those muscles in the eyes do fatigue and the lenses in the eyes become less flexible. The eyes lose their ability to focus

over time, hence many adults requiring glasses or contacts.

There is no direct proof that because someone is in front of screen, their eyesight has deteriorated. They do know, however, that the eyes have been excessively strained. Symptoms of CVS include headaches, dry and/or red eyes, blurred vision or double vision.

Many people neglect eye discomfort and avoid going to the doctor; however, their vision will soon catch up with them. Their body will also take its toll. Sedentary lifestyle habits lead to weight gain. Sitting for prolonged periods of time can cause back and neck pain from poor posture and a forward head position.

There are some simple tips to

help avoid additional eyestrain. It is important to keep the screen at least 20 to 28 inches away from the face. Don’t stretch the forward neck either. If they have to look at documents and use the computer, they can try to put those papers on a stand next to the screen so that their eyes are switching from paper to screen and back to focus and refocus.

The brightness on the screen can actually be adjusted, and people don’t have to stick to the original settings. The natural light from windows and overhead lights in the building should be adjusted to avoid glare and increase shade. It is best to take a break at least every 20 minutes from the screen. Let the eyes rest and recover.

The eye doctor has been given a whole new set of clientele given the use of screen time. People love their technology and rightfully so; however, their eyes weren’t meant to stare at glare for extensive periods of time. The muscles in the eyes get tired too, even if they can’t “see” them working. Be an advocate for good health; stand up, sit up straight and only use that screen for 20 minutes at a time.

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Ex-FBI lawyer to plead guilty to making false statement in predicate to Trump-Russia probe

Village News Staff

According to reports by The Associated Press, a former FBI lawyer plans to plead guilty to making a false statement in the first criminal case arising from U.S. attorney John Durham’s investigation into the probe of ties between Russia and the 2016 Trump campaign, his lawyer said Friday, Aug. 14.

Kevin Clinesmith is accused of altering a government email about former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page who was a target of secret FBI surveillance, according to documents filed in Washington’s federal court. His lawyer, Justin Shur, told The Associated Press that Clinesmith intends to plead guilty to the single false statement count and that he regrets his actions.

The case against Clinesmith was cheered by President Donald Trump and his supporters as they look to the Durham investigation to expose what they see as one of many improper actions to fraudulently create predicate by the White House and the FBI to open an investigation into whether the Trump campaign was coordinating with the Kremlin

to sway the outcome of the 2016 election.

“The fact is they spied on my campaign and they got caught,” Trump told reporters at the White House Friday.

His political campaign issued a statement saying, “abuses of power” in the Russia investigation “represent the greatest political crime in American history” and everyone involved should be held accountable.

“I think our nation was turned on its head for three years based on a completely bogus narrative that was largely fanned and hyped by a completely irresponsible press,” attorney general William Barr said of the Russia probe in 2019. “I think there were gross abuses... and inexplicable behavior that is intolerable in the FBI.”

Attorney Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, who works to uncover FBI documents related to the investigation said, “Obamagate is now officially a crime. We had an FBI lawyer who was instrumental in the illicit spying on the president of the United States and his team, admit to committing a crime to get it done.”

The five-page charging document is limited and does not

allege criminal wrongdoing by anyone other than Clinesmith. According to the document, the FBI relied on Clinesmith’s misrepresentations while renewing its surveillance of former Trump campaign aide Carter Page.

The Durham probe, which also examines the intelligence community’s assessment about Russian election interference, has caused concern among Democrats, who view it as a politically charged exercise meant to relitigate a closed investigation. They fear that charges or public reports issued so close to the 2020 election could affect the vote.

Durham’s inquiry proceeded alongside an effort by Senate Republicans to investigate whether there was a predicate to initiate an investigation or whether it was a political effort to discredit Trump. Barr escalated his own criticism of the FBI’s probe and whether documents released recently have called into question the validity of information the FBI relied on, particularly from the dossier of Democratic-funded research, when the agency applied for applications to surveil Page.

It remains unclear what additional charges, if any, Durham, a veteran prosecutor, might bring.

Justice Department policy directs prosecutors not to take investigative actions aimed at affecting an election or that could advantage or disadvantage a candidate. Barr said he does not feel constrained by that policy because the presumptive Democratic candidate, former Vice President Joe Biden, is not a target of Durham’s investigation.

The inspector general’s office concluded in December that the Russia investigation was opened for a valid reason, but it also identified significant “errors and omissions” in surveillance applications filed in 2016 and 2017 that targeted Page.

Clinesmith is pleading guilty after Durham charged him with fraudulently altering his communication with the CIA. Clinesmith emailed the CIA asking if Carter Page was a CIA source. The CIA responded that Page was indeed a CIA source, and Clinesmith is accused of changing that email to read that Page is “not a source” for another government agency. Page also wrote a letter to former FBI Director Comey that he was a CIA source. The fraudulent document was one of the documents which the investigation and accusations of the Russia-Trump probe was based upon. Clinesmith said that Page not being a CIA asset would need to be disclosed as the FBI applied to the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to renew its surveillance of Page.

In June 2017, the documents showed Clinesmith was provided with information about Page’s relationship with the agency, which approved him as an “operational contact” between 2008 and 2013.

When an FBI colleague who was preparing the surveillance application followed up by instant message with Clinesmith on whether Page had ever been a government source, Clinesmith responded that Page had “never been a source,” according to court documents.

When asked if he had that information in writing, the documents alleged Clinesmith altered an email he had received from the other agency by adding the words “and not a source” and forwarded it to the FBI supervisory special agent.

The FBI relied on those misrepresentations in its final surveillance application and omitted that information about Page, prosecutors alleged, even though any relationship between Page and the government would have to be disclosed to the FISA court as it could explain interactions Page had with Russians.

“Kevin deeply regrets having altered the email,” Shur said in a statement. “It was never his intent to mislead the court or his colleagues, as he believed the information he relayed was accurate, but Kevin understands what he did was wrong and accepts responsibility.”

Barr appointed Durham weeks after special counsel Robert Mueller concluded his nearly two-year investigation.

Mueller found significant contacts during the 2016 campaign between Russians and Trump associates but did not allege a criminal conspiracy between them. He also examined multiple episodes in which Trump allegedly sought to affect the Russia investigation, but he did not reach a conclusion on whether Trump had obstructed justice. Trump said from the beginning that it was a “witch hunt” that should never happen again to any president.

Barr signaled his skepticism, concluding that Trump had not obstructed justice even though Mueller had pointedly left that question unresolved.

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# Supervisors approve RCS lease for Red Mountain lookout station

**Joe Naiman**  
*Village News Reporter*

San Diego County will be leasing a portion of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection telecommunications site at Cal Fire's Red Mountain lookout station.

A 5-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote, Aug. 4, authorized the director of the county's Department of General Services to execute the lease agreement, authorized the Department of General Services director to amend the lease as needed for future equipment configuration modifications and found the lease categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review. The initial lease will be for 10 years retroactive to July 1, and three lease options if exercised would extend the lease to Dec. 31, 2041.

The Regional Communications System which allows emergency and public safety agencies to communicate with each other was established in 1995. The RCS provides public safety and public service radio communications to San Diego County and Imperial County and includes those two county governments, 24 incorporated cities, fire protection districts, state and federal agencies, tribal governments and medical operations. The county procured and constructed the RCS and has operated the system while the participating agencies shared the cost of the original system infrastructure. The RCS consists of 50 radio sites in the two counties which support 24 public safety dispatch centers and serve more than 20,000 user radios.

The county and the participating agencies realized that the RCS would eventually approach the end of its useful life and require replacement. In 2010, San Diego County Sheriff's Department contracted with technical consultants to assist with planning the next-generation system. A working group consisting of RCS partner agency executives made recommendations regarding system design and cost apportionment, and county staff members worked with more than 100 public safety agencies and medical operations to develop the requirements for a new system.

In December 2013, the board of supervisors approved an agreement for participating agencies which established a cost apportionment model and served as the operating and business agreement between the parties. In June 2015, the county supervisors authorized the director of the county's Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a request for proposals to replace the

existing RCS, to award a contract upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocation subject to the approval of the sheriff. Motorola Solutions Inc. was awarded the contract in June 2016.

The RCS upgrade includes three phases. Phase I was the system design and planning phase which included detailed technical designs, project planning, and identification of new radio facilities. Phase II is the implementation of the new technology at existing RCS facilities consisting of the procurement of the new radio system hardware and software, the replacement of the existing hardware with the new equipment and the migration of dispatch center equipment and user radios to the new system. Phase III is the new site development, the construction of facilities and the integration into the system.

Phase III includes seven subphases, so each of those subphases may be exercised individually. Motorola and the sheriff's department worked together to identify potential sites which will provide the required geographic coverage. In November 2016, the board of supervisors voted 5-0 to exercise a contract option for facility improvements at the Harmony Hill site in southeast Escondido and authorized negotiations, to be ratified by subsequent board of supervisors' action, for the purchase and lease of sites for RCS support in seven areas including one on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and one or two sites in unincorporated northeast San Diego County. In 2017, the county supervisors approved a lease agreement with the Department of the Navy for a radio facility on San Onofre Peak at Camp Pendleton.

The sheriff's department currently operates an RCS site at a commercial tower facility at Red Mountain. The co-location with Cal Fire will improve critical communications services to first responders operating in the Fallbrook area, so the sheriff's department recommended the new site.

Cal Fire has a U.S. Bureau of Land Management permit to operate on the Red Mountain site, and that permit expires at the end of 2041. The lease extension options will allow the sheriff's department to maintain the RCS facility at the Cal Fire site until the end of the BLM permit period.

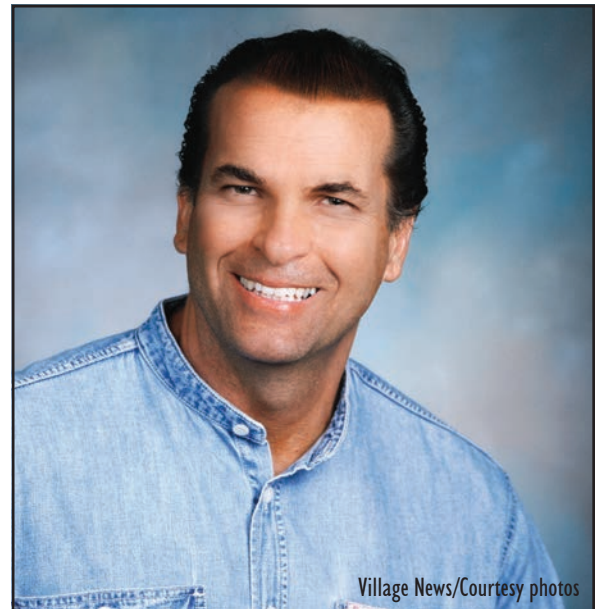
The annual rent for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be \$29,527.

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## Coldwell Banker names top agents for July



Coldwell Banker Village Properties announces Tom Van Wie as its top listing agent for July.



*Coldwell Banker Village Properties announces Don Bennetts as its top selling and producing agent for July.*

BONSALL – Coldwell Banker Village Properties recently announced its top agents for the month of July. Tom Van Wie was

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# LAFCO to apply for ag conservation planning grant

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

San Diego County’s Local Agency Formation Commission will be partnering with the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego on an agricultural conservation planning grant.

LAFCO’s board voted 8-0, Aug. 3, to authorize LAFCO to be the lead applicant for the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation

grant and to submit a \$250,000 grant application. LAFCO and the RCD of Greater San Diego will be joined in the partnership by the San Diego Association of Governments and the San Diego County Farm Bureau.

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation program was created in 2014 as a component of the California Strategic Growth Council and is administered by the state’s Department of Conservation. The SALC program

is primarily funded through “cap and trade” funds and provides agricultural conservation acquisition and planning grants for programs intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The principal goals of the SALC are to protect at-risk agricultural lands from development by promoting growth within existing jurisdictions, to ensure that open space remains available, to support a healthy agricultural economy and to avoid increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to more intensive non-agricultural uses.

The current round of SALC program grants focuses on funding for agricultural conservation acquisitions and agricultural conservation planning projects. The agricultural conservation planning grants are intended to develop and implement plans for the protection of agricultural lands at risk of conversion to more intensive non-agricultural uses. The SALC grant program

guidelines were approved in February 2020.

The program guidelines specify eligible applicants for the agricultural conservation planning grants. Counties, cities, LAFCOs, councils of government, municipal planning organizations, regional transportation planning agencies, groundwater management agencies and special districts with land use or transportation planning authority are eligible.

“LAFCOs are eligible for this type of grant and RCDs are not,” Robert Barry, chief policy analyst for LAFCO, said.

A resource conservation district has no regulatory authority. The Soil Conservation Act was created as a response to the Dust Bowl and included the creation of local soil conservation districts with locally elected boards which worked in conjunction with the Soil Conservation Service branch of the United States Department of Agriculture. In the 1970s, California’s soil conservation districts became

resource conservation districts, although some states retain the soil conservation district designation and San Diego County currently has three RCDs. Initially the districts were formed to control water runoff and prevent soil erosion and focused on agricultural use of land, although they are now also involved in watershed management, recreational area management, urban and agricultural irrigation and water use, water quality, forest land productivity and public education for children and adults.

The RCD of Greater San Diego initially intended to be the lead applicant for the SALC grant, but an update to the final grant program guidelines eliminated RCDs as eligible applicants. The RCD of Greater San Diego had asked LAFCO to participate in March, and after it was determined that the RCD could not be the lead applicant the other partners requested that LAFCO take the role as the lead applicant. On June 1, LAFCO’s board voted 8-0 to direct staff to proceed with the application, although LAFCO did not realize that a formal resolution was required as part of the application process. The resolution approved Aug. 3 specifies that the RCD will manage the project and be responsible for all related matching and program costs.

The application deadline for the SALC grant is Aug. 28. The grants are expected to be awarded in December.

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# Kicking It in the garden

**Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal**  
Special to Village News

Moving to this area for the birth of my husband’s first grandson was the first of our many adjustments between Central and Southern California.

The second was the difference in landscaping. Lodi has a lush growing season with deep fertile soil, allowing one to stick anything in the ground and wait for it to sprout.

Preparing to redesign our half-acre yard, we spent several years exploring the Fallbrook Garden Club’s annual Home Garden Tour. The beautiful homes surrounding town are indeed worthy of praise and inspired us to develop a desert landscape coupled with years of drought.

Accused by my husband of going for “form over function,” my biggest inspiration came from seeing this sign posted in one of the yards “Certified Wildlife Habitat.” By the way, you too can get one. They are online at the National

Wildlife Federation for a donation. Apparently, animals can read since they all show up for dinner, even the neighborhood coyote.

Some of you may guffaw that we now embrace wild bunnies. It wasn’t always that way. Originally believing they would destroy his plantings, Vincent spent hours deciding on a course of action to eradicate them.

No. 1, we agreed firearms were out. Two, that included an air rifle. Three, a pellet gun or any sort of weaponry that might propel beyond our property line and endanger our neighbor’s well-being. Forget it.

That’s when I was inspired. I bought him a sling shot. You know, the old-fashioned kind carved out of wood with a leather pouch strapped between two rubber bands to hold the warhead. It seemed harmless enough.

He used it once. Spotting a rascally rabbit near one of his prized plantings, he stepped out from the back slider, aimed and released the pebble.

As if in slow motion, he said,

the pebble left the leather pouch, ricocheted off a rock and squarely hit a dove sitting at the bird fountain.

Meanwhile, the cottontail continued to nibble beneath unaware of any impending danger. As with all happy endings, Vincent retired his slingshot. And as crazy as it seems, perhaps as penance, he now clips off orange leaves for them.

Our yard is constantly changing because we feed local and migrating birds. This year we had a pair of bluebirds trying to make a home in one of our birdhouses.

To our continued glee, with the coming of each spring, we are the home to two pairs of orioles. Their annual return to nest in our oak trees makes them the dominate species at the hummingbird feeder staving off the wee birds.

Watching hummingbird aerial maneuverings is a continued joy. Unless, their feeder is dry. That’s when I sympathize with Snoopy. These tiny birds possess the aerodynamic precision of the Red Baron, dive bombing over

my head until their feeder is replenished.

While hummingbirds delight the eye, gophers continue to torment my husband and his wallet. Feasting on thousands of dollars in plantings he has become like Bill Murray in “Caddy Shack.” He has waged war on them. Yet, they are

still at a standoff. Therefore, if any gardener out there has a clue on how to make our hillsides gopher-free, your words of wisdom will be appreciated.

*Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal can be reached at eyoungman@reedermedia.com.*

## Swipe right to help clear the shelters

**Yvette Urrea Moe**  
San Diego County Communications Office

The San Diego County Department of Animal Services is participating in this year’s monthlong Clear the Shelters adoption event being done online to prevent potential spread of coronavirus.

The event is sponsored by NBC and Telemundo with the goal of finding homes for as many pets as possible through media exposure and promotions. The event runs through Aug. 31 this year.

Last year, the county adopted out 119 pets during the event.

County shelters are offering all pets that have been in our care longer than 30 days for a discounted adoption fee of just \$5.

Animal personalities and energy run the gamut. If you are looking for a pal to go on long walks or a run with or perhaps a couch

cuddlebug, you will likely find them.

To see the available dogs, cats and others including pigs, a turtle, a love bird and a rabbit who could be your faithful friend for life, visit the adoptions page and fill out an online application that includes their ID number. Due to public health safety precautions, adoptions are by appointment only.


Currently, about 46 pets are available at the county’s two animal care facilities located in Bonita and Carlsbad. All the adopted animals will be spayed or neutered and microchipped before they go home. Vaccinations will also be up to date on dogs and cats.

Normal adoption fees are: kittens under six months old, \$75; cats, \$65; puppies under six months, \$100, and dogs, \$75.


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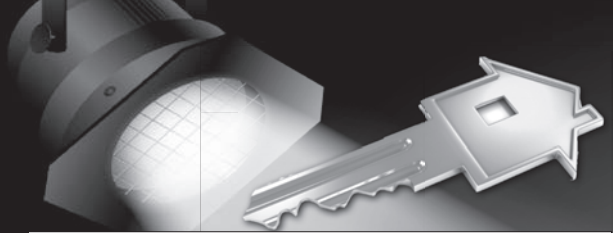
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# EDUCATION

## Vallecitos Elementary School reopening plans in place

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The 2020-2021 school year for Vallecitos Elementary School begins Aug. 20. Initially all students will continue to learn at home rather than on campus, but plans are in place for when in-school student attendance resumes.

Maritza Koeppen, principal of Vallecitos Elementary School, who is also the superintendent of the Vallecitos School District, addressed the reopening of the school during the Aug. 11 school board meeting.

“We have state guidance that we’ve been following,” Koeppen said.

The guidance is primarily from the state’s Department of Public Health, although the district is also subject to county health orders.

“We have a health order that changes almost weekly,” Koeppen said.

The San Diego County Office of Education also has guidelines for reopening schools. The state has also issued requirements for online public school learning. The schools must provide full internet access to all students, and accommodations must be made for special education and English as a second language students.

The requirements also include monitoring attendance. Vallecitos Elementary School had been monitoring attendance before the shutdown in March but discontinued that monitoring for the remainder of the school year.

“This time we will,” Koeppen said.

The state also specifies minimum instruction days of three hours and 50 minutes for students from kindergarten through third grade and four hours for students in fourth grade or higher.

The district will work with parents for online learning activities.

“We want to provide multiple methods of communication,” Koeppen said.

The school district has 100 new computers. Fifty of those were donated by Google through that company’s program which provided computers to rural school districts.

“We were one of the recipients,” Koeppen said.

T-Mobile provided 75 hot spots, which will allow for student internet access.

During the spring shutdown the district learned that many families did not have internet access. “We worked with those families,” Koeppen said.

Teachers will have a “necklace” microphone for both virtual presentations and in-class presentations when students will be at greater distances.

“This is going to be extremely helpful,” Koeppen said.

Vallecitos’ teachers are also being trained about the COVID-19 virus itself including prevention techniques.

“When teachers return, they will have training in COVID-19,” Koeppen said.

When distance learning becomes in-class learning distance will still be a standard.

“We are going to take a classroom and split them in half,” Koeppen said.

Koeppen said that half of those students would be in the classroom at a specific time and the other half would be at home.

During the shutdown the district conducted a hygiene evaluation to determine the level of contamination on surfaces. Counter tops, the door on the faculty lounge refrigerator, and restrooms including doors were found to have bacteria.

“We’ve been cleaning all summer,” Linda Miller, business manager of Vallecitos School District, said.

The school will also have signs encouraging hand-washing and 6 feet of separation between individuals.

The school has added hand sanitizer dispensers and has also added portable hand-washing stations.

“A lot of our classrooms don’t have sinks,” Koeppen said.

The contamination risk from shared school supplies will be mitigated.

“Each student will have their own supplies,” Koeppen said.

Plexiglas barriers have been added in the school office. Contact between parents and faculty will not be restricted but will be coordinated to the best extent possible.

“We are asking parents to make an appointment,” Koeppen said.

The school district will also be providing face coverings for students or legitimate visitors who do not have one.

“It’s really going to take all of our efforts to ensure that we are successful,” Koeppen said.

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## Jesica Romero is the 2020 recipient of Dale Costa Memorial Scholarship



Jesica Romero Village News/Courtesy photo

BONSALL – Jesica Romero, a graduating senior from the class of 2020 of Bonsall High School, is the third annual recipient of the Dale Costa Memorial Scholarship. Dale Costa, who died in December 2016, was the beloved father of Bonsall High School teacher Danny Costa.

Each June, the scholarship is awarded to one deserving Bonsall High School graduate by the Bonsall Education Foundation. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate a desire to improve the local community, must attend community college full-time for two years and must transfer to a four-year university or college after attending community college. The \$500 scholarship can be renewed annually for up to four years, for up to \$2,000, which is utilized for the recipient’s educational expenses.

Romero will attend Palomar College as a full-time student in the fall. After attending community college, she plans to transfer to a local four-year university to become a nurse.

Submitted by Bonsall Education Foundation.

## Local student named to SJU dean’s list

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. – William Lee of Fallbrook, son of Mike Lee, has been named to the dean’s list for the 2020 spring semester at Saint John’s University. Lee is a sophomore studying political science and German.

To be included in the dean’s list, students must have a semester GPA of at least 3.8 and have completed 12 credits for which honor points are awarded. Students included on the dean’s list cannot have any “unsatisfactory” or “incomplete” grades for that semester.

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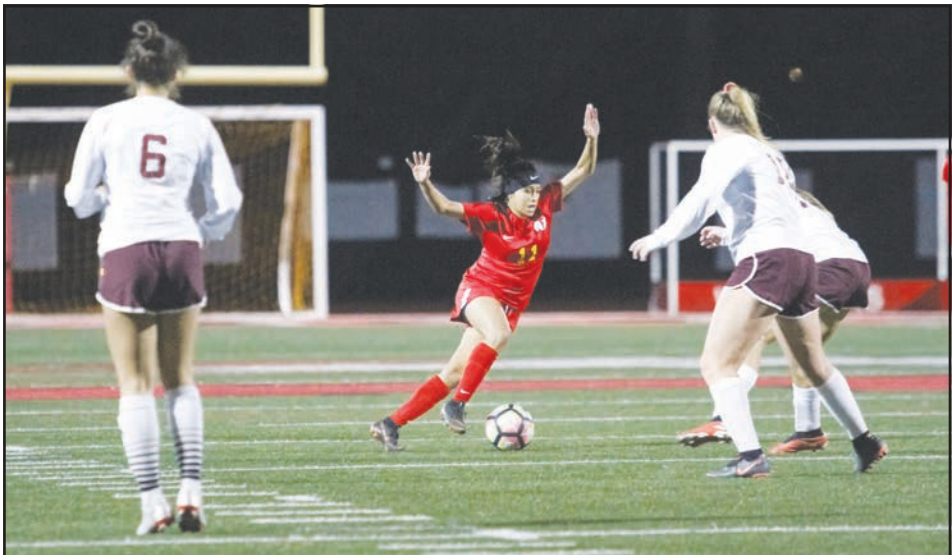


SPORTS

CIF San Diego Section announces start schedule for sports



Boys Water polo will now compete in the fall sports season along with the girls with practices beginning in December and games starting later that month.



Girls soccer will now be played in the spring season, practices beginning Feb. 12.

Village News/Shane Gibson photo

**Jeff Pack**  
*Staff Writer*

Just before heading back to class with virtual learning for the 2020-21 school year, student-athletes in Fallbrook and Bonsall found out when they can get back on the courts, fields, and pools to compete this year.

Fingers crossed.

The California Interscholastic Federation San Diego Section (CIF-SDS) released Friday, Aug. 14, the Master Calendar for the

2020-2021 Seasons of Sport, as well as the temporary adjustments to state and section bylaws 600-605 by the board of managers.

As it stands by press time, CIFSDS will follow the guidelines set forth by the statewide California Interscholastic Federation announced July 20 indicating that the three sports seasons will be condensed into two with sports-related activities for the fall season starting Dec. 12 and the spring season starting March 13.

“What a challenging and

interesting last five months,” Patrick Walker, FUHS athletic director and Head Varsity Baseball Coach, said. “But as the FHS athletic director, I am excited to watch our Warrior athletes compete both on the field and in the classroom and help build a culture back at FHS.”

In addition to releasing the master calendar, the section also announced the temporary suspension of bylaws 600-605, which means student-athletes across the state will have the

opportunity to compete on both their high school team and an outside team during the same season of sport.

The section said this suspension will last for only this school year.

As previously reported, fall season teams include badminton, traditional competitive cheer, cross country, field hockey, football, gymnastics, boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls water polo, and roller hockey.

Water polo, field hockey, football, and volleyball can start

practicing Dec. 12 and they probably should, since the first games for those sports can begin exactly a week later.

“Being optimistic, yes, it is exciting to know that we actually have a date and we are waiting on the North County Conference schedule because the other one isn’t up there anymore,” Girls Varsity Water Polo Head Coach Sean Redmond, said. “I think it’s fantastic that now that we have something we can look forward to it if we have to make adjustments,

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we make adjustments. I think it’s easier and better to have something than trying to do something at the last minute.”

Redmond said he hopes that the leagues and section will be even more proactive regarding the next steps in the process, regarding having fans in the stands, fundraising, etc.

“And say, ‘OK, if the governor says we can do this, this is what the plan is,’” he said. “If the governor says we can’t do this, this is what we are going to do. Start planning that now instead of waiting until November and saying, ‘OK, this is what we’re allowed to do.’”

Cross country can start practicing Dec. 14 with first competitions starting Dec. 28 and gymnastics will start Dec. 12 with contests beginning Dec. 26.

Perhaps the trickiest sport to navigate is football, which can begin practices Dec. 12 but won’t start competition until Jan. 8. That gives football teams three weeks to prepare for their first games.

One more footnote, given the tight time schedules for the fall season, families might want to postpone any family trips around Christmastime.

Each of the sports will have 10 weeks of competition with section finals for each sport happening anywhere between March 12 and April 2.

It will be a crowded sports season in the spring when baseball, softball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls swimming and diving, boys and girls wrestling, boys and girls golf, and boys and girls lacrosse will compete.

Girls golf will begin Feb. 8, boys golf Feb. 15, and boys and girls soccer and tennis can start practicing Feb. 22. Baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls swimming and diving, boys and girls track and field, and boys and girls wrestling can start practicing March 13.

In most of those sports, games can be scheduled just a week after practice begins. Again, that means spring break is likely not going to happen for athletes.

Most spring section finals will happen in May through late June.

Because of all the scheduling changes this year, athletes who previously banned from practicing and competing with club teams during the high school season will be permitted to do so.

There still is the question of whether parents and fans will be allowed to come to the matches and games, which may have an impact financially for schools and the sports themselves.

“With high school sports, high school football and the gate receipts that come in from that really helps the athletic department,” Redmond said. “If you can’t have spectators, how does the money come in?”

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FALLBROOK – Members of the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission, who will vote in 2021 on whether the Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District can detach from the San Diego County Water Authority, received an update on the matter earlier in August.

Keen Simonds, executive officer of LAFCO who gave the update, focused on the work done so far by an advisory committee. LAFCO formed the advisory committee to review the applications and determine what issues should be analyzed. LAFCO is the government agency that would need to approve both applications before the water agencies could detach.

Both FPUd and Rainbow are seeking to detach from the water authority and join Eastern Municipal Water District. Through Eastern, they will be able to purchase water for about 25% less than they are currently paying the authority. If approved by LAFCO, the move is expected to save Fallbrook and Rainbow ratepayers \$8-10 million a year, collectively.

During the LAFCO meeting Aug. 3 – which was held online due to COVID-19 – Simonds briefed commissioners on the advisory committee’s work to date and said the committee plans to analyze three main areas. These include water reliability, potential water rate impacts to the remaining member agencies of the authority and whether there will be a financial “true up” between the agencies if the detachment applications are approved.

Later that afternoon, the advisory committee met, also online, to begin work on these areas of focus.

“We’re very appreciative to Mr. Simonds and LAFCO staff for keeping this process on track,” Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUd, said. “It is important that we stay focused on the key issues before us, which will inform LAFCO commissioners as they consider our applications.”

FPUd and Rainbow are seeking to detach from the authority because the agency has raised water costs on their ratepayers by an average of 8% each year for the past decade.

“By purchasing our water from Eastern, Fallbrook ratepayers will be able to save a significant amount of money while maintaining an equally reliable supply of water,” Bebee said.

“High water costs are having a major impact on all of our customers, and especially our agricultural customers,” Tom Kennedy, general manager of RMWD, said. “Everyone in our community has seen the devastating loss of avocado acreage caused by high imported water costs. Since about 70% of our customers’ bills go to the water authority, the transition to Eastern will be very beneficial for all customers.”

The authority is expected to submit its written response to the detachment proposals by mid-September. The response will be reviewed by LAFCO staff.

LAFCO is expected to vote on the applications sometime in 2021. If approved, the matter would then go before voters in the Fallbrook and Rainbow service areas.

*Submitted by San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission.*

Supervisors decrease street lighting district assessment

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The assessment for Zone A of the San Diego County Street Lighting District will decrease from \$13.50 to \$10 per benefit unit.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Aug. 5 to approve the new assessment along with the engineer’s report. The most recent increase in 2016 addressed rising electricity costs but also allowed for the completion of a phased retrofit of high-pressure sodium street lights to light-emitting diode bulbs which will be more energy-efficient and the lower operating costs enabled the assessment to be reduced by 25.93% for fiscal year 2020-2021.

The San Diego County Street Lighting District was formed in September 1987. The district itself includes the entirety of unincorporated San Diego County; Zone A covers parcels which benefit from street lights in the district while Zone B consists of the remainder of the district. The district maintains and operates 10,416 street lights, including approximately 3,780 which are owned by San Diego Gas & Electric, in residential areas and along major roadways.

Zone A covers nearly 100,000 parcels and more than 120,000 benefit units. In 1987, voters approved an assessment rate of up to \$25 per year per benefit unit, with a single-family home equating to one benefit unit. The other maximum approved assessments are \$850 per acre for commercial property, \$150 per acre for institutional buildings, \$50 per acre for industrial land, \$25 per acre for recreational parcels, and \$2.50 per acre for farm land.

The assessment was reduced from \$23 to \$2.50 per benefit unit in 1990 and stayed at \$2.50 until 2004, when rising energy costs and a state budget shift from special districts did not allow efficiency to offset the additional expenses. The assessment per benefit unit was increased to \$5.33 for fiscal year 2004-2005, \$5.60 for 2005-2006, \$5.88 for 2006-2007, \$6.17 for 2007-2008 and \$6.48 for 2008-2009. Stabilized energy, labor and material costs had allowed the assessment to remain unchanged at \$6.48 per equivalent dwelling unit between 2008 and 2015.

The increased energy prices caused the 2016 assessment increase and that also allowed for the retrofit to the light-emitting diode bulbs. In 2015, the street lighting district obtained a California Energy Commission loan to convert approximately 2,000 high-pressure sodium lights to LED bulbs to create an estimated savings of 1.8 megawatt-hours of energy use each year, but that loan only allowed for the conversion of approximately one-third of the county’s high-pressure sodium bulbs. The increased rate allowed for a phased retrofit over several years of the remaining high-pressure sodium bulbs. The conversion to LED bulbs was implemented in 2017 and is expected to be complete this calendar year.

The San Diego County Street Lighting District receives revenue from the base property tax and from interest on reserves as well as from the benefit assessment. The total fiscal year 2020-2021 operating budget for the district is \$2,715,403 including \$1,324,445 for utility payments to SDG&E. The district will utilize \$192,738 of reserves for fiscal year 2020-2021 but will retain approximately \$3.5 million in its reserve fund.

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NSA and FBI expose Russian previously undisclosed malware Drovorub in cybersecurity advisory

WASHINGTON – The National Security Agency and the FBI released a new cybersecurity advisory about previously undisclosed Russian malware.

The Russian General Staff Main Intelligence Directorate 85th Main Special Service Center military unit 26165, whose activity is sometimes identified by the private sector as Fancy Bear, Strontium or APT 28, is deploying malware called Drovorub, designed for Linux systems as part of its cyber espionage operations. Additional details on Drovorub, to include detection techniques and mitigations, can be found in the joint NSA and FBI Cybersecurity Advisory.

“This cybersecurity advisory represents an important dimension of our cybersecurity mission, the release of extensive, technical analysis on specific threats,” Anne Neuberger, cybersecurity director of the NSA, said. “By deconstructing this capability and providing attribution, analysis and mitigations, we hope to empower our customers, partners and allies to take action. Our deep partnership with FBI is reflected in our releasing this comprehensive guidance together.”

“For the FBI, one of our priorities in cyberspace is not only to impose risk and consequences on cyber adversaries but also to empower our private sector, governmental and international partners through the timely, proactive sharing of information,” Matt Gorham, assistant director of the FBI, said. “This joint advisory with our partners at NSA is an outstanding example of just that type of sharing. We remain committed to sharing information that helps businesses and the public protect themselves from malicious cyber actors.”

Drovorub is a Linux malware toolset consisting of an implant coupled with a kernel module rootkit, a file transfer and port forwarding tool, and a command and control server. When deployed on a victim machine, Drovorub provides the capability for direct communications with actor-controlled C2 infrastructure; file download and upload capabilities; execution of arbitrary commands; port forwarding of network traffic to other hosts on the network and implements hiding techniques to evade detection.

Drovorub represents a threat to National Security Systems, Department of Defense and Defense Industrial Base customers that use Linux systems. Network defenders and system administrators can find detection strategies, mitigation techniques and configuration recommendations in the advisory to reduce the risk of compromise.

More information is available on NSA’s fact sheet at <https://www.nsa.gov/Portals/70/documents/resources/cybersecurity-professionals/DROVORUB-Fact%20sheet%20and%20FAQs.pdf>.

*Submitted by National Security Agency.*

Defaulted bills mailed to more than 28K property taxpayers

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – Dan McAllister, treasurer-tax collector of San Diego County, announced his office is offering penalty relief for small-business owners and homeowners who are among those receiving more than 28,000 defaulted bills.

“We know many of the late bills are due to COVID-19, and we want our taxpayers to know there could be relief,” McAllister said. “They may qualify to have their penalties waived if they file for a COVID-19 cancellation request. Our customers must provide documentation as evidence to show how the pandemic impacted their ability to pay their second installment by April 10.”

This week, the treasurer-tax collector’s office is mailing 28,623 defaulted bills to property taxpayers who failed to pay all their 2019-2020 property taxes.

“We’re sending 6,195 more defaulted bills than we sent last year,” McAllister said. “We expected to see an increase in tax defaults due to COVID-19’s impact on the San Diego economy and workforce.”

The defaulted bills total over \$127 million; last year, \$92 million in defaulted taxes was due.

The deadline to pay the 2019-2020 annual tax bill was June 30. Beginning July 1, each late bill will incur a 1.5% penalty each month, or 18% each year, it remains unpaid. That amount is on top of the 10% penalty added for each late installment.

Taxpayers who have submitted a COVID-19 penalty cancellation request and have not heard back from the treasurer-tax collector yet will receive a response in the mail. The treasurer-tax collector’s Office has received 3,261 COVID-19 penalty cancellation requests and has approved 53% of them. Most denials are due to missing documentation; however, if taxpayers resubmit their request with documentation, the office will review it again.

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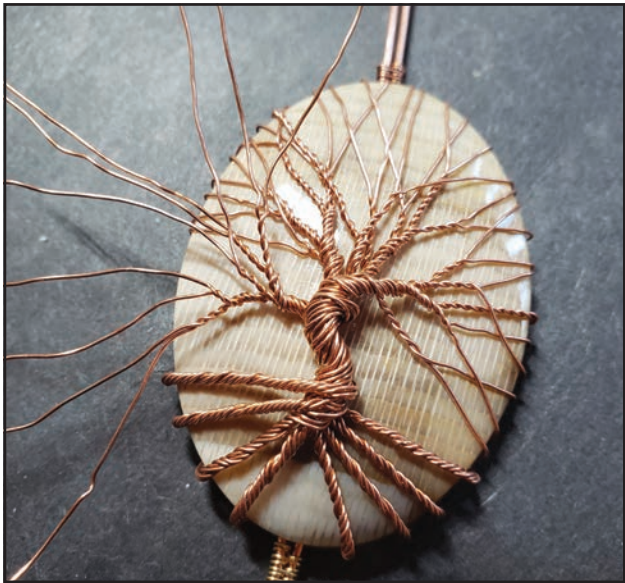


ENTERTAINMENT

A skilled hand weaves wire into beautiful jewelry



An ammonite fossil is wrapped in intricate wire weaving.



A copper tree is wrapped around fossilized wood from Washington State to make a pendant.



Michelle Shearer has learned a variety of different weaving techniques, and this particular style of bracelet she calls the "zigzag."

**Lexington Howe**  
*Staff Writer*

Local 23-year-old Michelle Shearer has been weaving wire into intricate jewelry since high school.

"I got started doing jewelry because I was really into stones and fossils and minerals, and this was middle school," Shearer said. "I would find these stones and rocks but I didn't know what to do with them, and I saw someone wire wrapping sea glass in Oceanside where I grew up at the Sunset Market.

"I thought I could do that with my rocks, and that's basically how it started," Shearer said. "I got into it freshman year of high school, and I kind of got serious when I turned 18."

At the beginning, Shearer was self-taught.

"I just went over to Michael's and grabbed some tools and wire and just went for it," she said. "I went off pictures for reference but mostly just out of my brain I just went for it, and then a few years in I discovered there's actually books about this, and there are YouTube tutorials but that was several years after I was getting going."

When Shearer started, she wasn't expecting to make money from her craft, but it was something to do.

"At that same Sunset Market, there was a rock dealer who saw I was wire wrapping and would commission me to wire wrap some of his rocks, so that's kind of how it started doing it for money," Shearer said.

Shearer currently works at

the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society; when they do hold festivals, she has a booth to showcase her work. She also offers her work in the Fallbrook Art Center in their gift shop area called "The Find."

"There's a lot of different styles you can do," Shearer said. "You can just do a really simple wrap, where you just put the rock in wire, or you can do a little bit more of what I do; I really like to do beads and patterns and that does take a little bit longer to figure out."

Shearer said anyone can learn if they're willing to put the time in.

"Do online tutorials, buy copper and less expensive materials at first because you're going to scrap a lot because it takes a little bit to get the tension right," Shearer said. "Try to figure out how to not mark your

wire with tools, how to straighten the wire, all those little things. Just take your time, don't get frustrated and do your own thing."

Shearer has a Facebook page called Wire Moon Jewelry, as well as an Etsy shop.

"Right now, I'm doing shop updates," Shearer said. "I release a collection to my online store every month and I try to have at least 20 pieces, so 20 new pieces in my online store, but that's not including the 10 or so pieces I go to the Art Center with every month as well."

Carrie White, a customer of Shearer, first came across her work when a friend shared it with her.

"I decided to follow her on IG," White said. "I admired the work she posted for probably nine months before I fell in love

with the coral pendant and had to have it."

Customer Jamie Lynn Matherly first met Shearer at a fiber festival in Vista.

"She had several beautiful pieces, but her agate trees drew both my aunt and I to her," Matherly said. "I have purchased several gifts including moonstones and fossil pieces from her. Her work is carefully executed, the craftsmanship is fabulous and if you're looking for something special, I absolutely recommend her."

For more information on what Shearer has to offer, visit <https://wiremoonjewelry.com/>.

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Encore Saxophone Quartet to perform for Fallbrook Music Society



Encore Saxophone Quartet will open the Fallbrook Music Society's 43rd annual concert season, Sunday, Aug. 23 at <http://FallbrookMusicSociety.org>.

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Music Society begins its 43rd annual concert season with Encore Saxophone, a unique quartet ensemble that showcases not just the infamous soprano saxophone, but all four saxophones. This concert is free and available "on demand" beginning Sunday, Aug. 23, at <http://FallbrookMusicSociety.org>.

"Fallbrook Music Society has spent the last several months working hard to bring the "in-person" concert experience to our audience via the internet," Bob Freaney, president of the board of directors, said. "While we miss seeing our supporters, this format is the only responsible way to continue to keep the great music coming, and we're delighted that Encore Saxophone is opening our season with its incredibly unique sound."

The award-winning Encore Saxophone Quartet is among Los Angeles' premier performing ensembles, and the only American chamber music ensemble selected to perform at the prestigious 2019 Lansum International Music Festival in Los Angeles. Formed in 1984 by internationally renowned saxophonist Douglas Masek, the Encore Saxophone Quartet's extensive repertoire spans original compositions and arrangements that bridge styles from the classical to modern jazz.

The ensemble consists of four members, Douglas Masek on soprano saxophone, Ken Foerch on alto saxophone, David Brennan on tenor saxophone and Damon

Zick on baritone saxophone.

Individually each musician is a distinguished soloist and chamber music artist who performs nationally and internationally. In addition to performing, they are dedicated educators that have led master classes, clinics, coached chamber music and mentor the next generation of emerging musical artists.

The August concert will provide a musical journey that follows the development of 20th century brass repertoire. Featured composers include Henry Mancini, George Gershwin and Glenn Miller, among others.

"Encore Saxophone is delivering a well-rounded and engaging program, and it will be especially fun for those who don't know much about the saxophone as an instrument," Freaney said.

The concert can be viewed at any time at <http://FallbrookMusicSociety.org>. More information is available by calling the Music Society at 760-451-8644.

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'Crazy Heart:' Another far underappreciated classic

**Ian Murdock**  
*Special to Village News*

At a time when going to the movie theater to enjoy a great film is virtually impossible, it thus seems a fine opportunity to go back and discuss – though Bridges won an Oscar for best actor and Gyllenhaal was nominated in a supporting role – a still, markedly under-appreciated and vastly under-talked about film: "Crazy Heart."

Released in 2009 – at yet another very difficult historical time – and starring the always gritty Jeff Bridges, as well as the equally talented and ethereal performance of Maggie Gyllenhaal, this film, which is in many ways a typical storyline, superbly maps the classic and often expected wayward path of an aging musician's once superstar life.

As noted, making new films with age-old plots that have literally been done ad naseum truly requires something extra special to make it worth a viewer's time. As a matter of fact, even the mega-hyped recent films of this ilk – "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "A Star is Born," to name the two most obvious ones – disappointed on some level, due, at least in part, to the aforementioned preliminary overpraise.

In contrast to those highly promoted films noted above, "Crazy Heart" flew far under the radar, while also co-starring Colin Farrell as the, of course, up and coming country star heart-throb and protege of Bridges.

Like finding the local "mom-and-pop" restaurant with the best ethnic cuisine of its kind in a city or town, this film represents that same, yet to be discovered gem: delving deep below the onion's surface of this all too often "glamorized" life, and instead depicting the rather fractured, empty or hollow existence that so many artists actually endure – or, as is often the case, bring upon themselves.

Blending the extremely usual elements of a musical icon story – romantic relationships, family, bumpy career missteps and financial issues – nevertheless,

the writer manages to reach out and captivate the audience, due to magnificently simple scenes, at least on the surface, that are immersed with equal levels of magical artistic talent, sadness, desperation and hope.

Nothing short of earthy, yet divine portrayals from Bridges and Gyllenhaal inject even more conviction and nostalgia to this compelling story. No superficial, Hollywood-like sugar-coating occurs to diminish the tough and tumultuous testimonial that details their lives – thus piercing the viewers' emotions and delivering one moving moment after another.

Aside from the numerous, superbly crafted scenes that mesh these three main characters together – all of which were situated in seemingly mundane, yet perfect cinematic settings – an equally breathtaking musical soundtrack throughout produced absolutely unneeded metric and rhythm to this masterpiece, bending and twisting ones emotions with each new, if not somewhat predictable, turn of events.

Every time one views this film, the depth of the marks it leaves become appreciably more pronounced. It truly is a gift to watch such a refreshingly rare, honest and eye-opening portrayal. This spectacular film is inundated with extraordinarily straightforward and meaningful messages: if nothing else, that fame or no fame, there is a significant life price to pay for one's actions.

Filled with regrets, resolutions and attempts at redemption, this story will leave audiences overwhelmed and deep in thought – a remarkably basic, but profoundly human story. For anyone who embraces pure old-fashioned dramas, this film provides all the impact of any computer-generated explosion simulated in a typical science fiction story. Like – at least seemingly – most of the great films ever made, "Crazy Heart" is laden with a gut-wrenching, roller-coaster like plot that evokes reality, not fantasy, and it is this very element that makes it shine far above many others.

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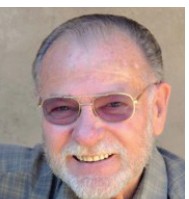
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