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FUHSD superintendent given raise

One year into her tenure at Fallbrook Union High School District, superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez is getting a 3% raise approved unanimously by the FUHSD board of trustees upon a satisfactory employment evaluation.

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Firesafe Council educates residents in fire safety

For nearly 20 years now, the Fallbrook Firesafe Council has been working, free-of-charge, to educate Fallbrook residents on how to best protect their homes, their town and themselves from the ever-present threat of wildfire.

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FPUD awarded grant for potable reuse project

The state’s Department of Water Resources has a grant program for Integrated Regional Water Management projects, and the most recent award of grants includes \$687,500 to the Fallbrook Public Utility District for an indirect potable reuse pilot project.

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Diving into summer with the Boys & Girls Club



Head lifeguard Jamie Jacobs encourages Ayto Ezawa as he jumps in the pool during his swim lesson at the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County. See more photos on page B-9. Village News/Courtesy photo

Fallbrook reports more than 450 coronavirus cases per 100,000  
San Diego County approaches 24,000 confirmed cases

Will Fritz  
Staff Writer

The San Diego County COVID-19 total sat a little short of the 24,000 mark as of July 20 after county public health officials reported 1,193 cases over the weekend.

Health officials reported 568 new cases July 19 but no new deaths, raising the county total to 23,682 cases while the death count remained at 478. The county reported 625 new cases Saturday, July 18.

Of the 8,943 tests reported July 19, 6% were positive new cases. The 14- day rolling average is now 6%. The state’s target is below 8% positive test rate.

Three new community outbreaks were identified July 18. In the past seven days, 16 community outbreaks were identified. The number of community outbreaks

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Paramedics and health care workers do nose swab testing for coronavirus at the drive-thru testing site at the Fallbrook Regional Health District's Wellness Center. The next testing date is Tuesday, July 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make an appointment at <https://covidtest.sandiegocounty.gov/healthbook> or call 211.

Fallbrook, Bonsall campuses to remain closed when school year begins

Jeff Pack  
Staff Writer

At the Fallbrook Union High School District board of trustees’ meeting Monday, July 13, district superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez said that the framework for returning to school could change on a dime.

“What’s in place today may change next week, may change in August, may change again in October,” she said.

She was right.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said Friday, July 17, ordered all school campuses to remain closed when the academic year begins in counties on the state’s monitoring list due to spiking coronavirus cases – including San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Newsom said school campuses will only be allowed to open in counties that have been off the state’s monitoring list for at least

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Fallbrook High School’s campus won’t be bustling with returning students or new freshmen when the school year begins Monday, Aug. 17. All schools in the area will start with distance learning only as mandated by Gov. Gavin Newsom Friday, last week. Village News/Shane Gibson



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remains more than double the trigger of seven or more in seven days.

A community outbreak is defined as three or more COVID-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households.

Of the total positive cases, 2,180 or 9.4% have been hospitalized and 567 or 2.5% of cases have been admitted to an intensive care unit.

In Fallbrook, the number of positive coronavirus cases has jumped in the last week by more than three dozen cases. A total of 226 coronavirus cases, or 461.1 cases per 100,000, have been recorded in Fallbrook’s 92028 ZIP code as of press time July 14.

A week ago, Fallbrook had 181 coronavirus cases, which represented an increase of only 22 cases from a week before that, and 374.9 cases per 100,000.

A month ago, Fallbrook had the 14th-lowest infection rate out of any ZIP code in the county, with only 63 recorded cases, but its infection rate more than doubled between June 23 and July 7

As of July 21, the 92028 ZIP code was roughly in the middle of the county’s distribution of coronavirus infection rates; it has the 41st-highest number of cases per 100,000, and the 38th-lowest, out of the ZIP codes the county estimates

14 days. Counties are placed on the monitoring list based on a variety of factors, including coronavirus transmission and fatality rates.

Schools that are eventually allowed to reopen will have to meet a series of other requirements, including mandatory masks for staff and students in third grade and above, physical distancing mandates and regular on-campus coronavirus testing. He also said distance-learning programs at closed campuses must be “rigorous,” with daily student interaction.

“Learning in the state of California is simply non-negotiable,” Newsom said. “Schools must ... provide meaningful instruction during this pandemic whether they are physically open, the schools or not.”

On Monday, July 13, the state’s two largest districts, Los Angeles Unified and San Diego Unified, announced plans to begin the new academic year with online-only courses, essentially forcing the hand of nearby districts to follow suit. While Garza-Gonzalez wasn’t ready to concede to online learning only to start the year, she said the district was ready to adjust if needed.

She emphasized during the Tuesday board meeting that the information she was presenting at the meeting “will facilitate either our ability to open traditionally once it is safe and we’re allowed to do so or the ability to smoothly move into 100% online learning while still maintaining instruction.”

The latter is what will happen come Aug. 17, thanks to Newsom’s order.

On Friday, before the governor’s announcement, Garza-Gonzalez sent word to district parents that the school would open with online learning only.

“I’m writing to you today to inform you that out of an abundance of caution and concern for the health and safety of our students, their families and our staff, we now have the intention to reopen instruction on Aug. 17, in a full distance learning format for FHS,” Garza-Gonzalez said. “All possible options for reopening our schools in a manner that is safe and meets that guidelines recommended by the CA Department of Public Health in COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-based Programs and in the CA Department of Education’s Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California’s Public Schools have been thoroughly considered. Based on the current rise in COVID-19 cases throughout our state and in Fallbrook, we strongly believe that the safest option is a temporary full distance learning program. Instruction will be delivered in a distance learning model for the duration of the first grading period which is equivalent to the first six weeks of school.”

The superintendent said she was conveying the information sooner, rather than waiting for the governor’s announcement to give students and families the opportunity to make the necessary arrangements for students to start the school year online.

“All content and instruction shall be mandatory, graded and

infection rates for.

Bonsall’s 92003 ZIP code also saw an increase in coronavirus cases. It is now reporting 25 positive cases, up from 19 a week ago. The county still cannot estimate an infection rate for Bonsall because of the low number of cases and low population.

A record of 157.2 of every 100,000 San Diegans are testing positive for the illness as of Sunday’s data, well above the state’s criterion of 100 per 100,000.

And while San Ysidro has long been the hardest-hit part of the county in terms of per capita infections, with upward of 2 out of every 100 residents now having tested positive for the virus, other parts of the county are catching up. ZIP codes in Spring Valley, National City, Chula Vista, El Cajon, and in San Diego neighborhoods including City Heights, Barrio Logan, Encanto and others, are all reporting infection rates of more than 1 in 100.

The last metric the county has failed to maintain is the percentage of cases that have been handled by a contact investigator within 24 hours of it being reported.

There are more than 500 investigators employed by the county, and although 98% of all cases had been investigated in that time frame as recently as June 25, that rate dropped to a dismal 7% as of Saturday. The county metric is to reach 71% of new cases in a

aligned to grade-level standards,” Garza-Gonzalez said. “Our course offerings will remain the same and will include Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, dual language immersion, AVID, our Career and Technical Education pathways in agriculture, engineering, auto technology, culinary, robotics, Marine Corps ROTC and others, as well as our advanced physical education courses, band, choir, art and many more that make FHS a school that has something to offer each of our students.”

She said the district would continue to provide support for English learners, students with disabilities, foster and homeless students.

“We are working on providing the structures for all clubs to continue to meet on a regular basis and for our career center and counselors to provide academic guidance, FAFSA support and college and career information,” Garza-Gonzalez said. “Lastly, we are incorporating a social-emotional learning component to not only assist students through these difficult times but to strengthen the social competencies that are such a necessary part of today’s education and workforce.”

David Jones, superintendent of Bonsall Unified School District, issued a statement to students and parents on the district website Saturday, July 18, saying that district would also be partaking in distance learning.

“Our district administration and teaching staff will turn their immediate focus to delivering a robust distance learning program to all BUSD students as the school year commences,” he said. “Meanwhile, the BUSD Reopening School Task Force has been working on our Reopening School Plan offering the three learning models we have previously surveyed and shared with parents. The task force will continue to work on the reopening plan anticipating a future date when the county will no longer be on the (state COVID-19) watchlist and our district can take the appropriate next steps to reinstate on-campus learning.”

Jones also addressed a previously offered three-option plan for learning.

“Please know we are doing our best to accommodate your choice of the learning models presented and surveyed; however, as we finalize the number of students within each option, along with the recommended social distancing of 6-feet between desks, and the classroom space and staffing needed, we may not be able to accommodate every parent’s first choice,” he said. “As we get closer to finalizing our numbers, we will notify parents as soon as possible regarding which learning model their child will be in once we are authorized to return to on-campus learning for the 2020-2021 school year. I will continue to provide parents with a weekly update throughout the summer and until school resumes.”

On Monday, July 20, the California Interscholastic Federation announced a new plan that would push athletic competitions back until at least December, using a two-season schedule, instead of the fall, winter, spring schedule traditionally

day’s span.

Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego County’s public health officer, said in response to these flagging rates, the county is attempting to hire more contact investigators. In just a three-hour period after the job posting went online Wednesday, more than 300 applications came in.

The number of cases continues to rise in people between the ages of 20 and 49 and particularly in people in their 20s, prompting the county to make efforts at educating younger people.

Residents between 20- and 29-years old account for 25% of the county’s cases, the highest percentage of any age group, according to county data. The next highest group is residents between 30 and 39 years old, representing 19.1% of cases.

“While it’s true that the mortality for younger people is lower, it’s also true that the rate is not zero,” said Dr. Scott Eisman, pulmonologist at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas. “The complications from this illness are far greater, much longer lasting and far more serious than the flu.”

Eisman said in studies of the outbreaks of SARS and MERS – other coronaviruses – people who had the disease and showed symptoms sometimes didn’t regain original lung capacity until a year or longer after the symptoms began.

“All indications lead us to

used. For some sports, their seasons will be moved up in the school year and others will move back.

The CIF’s San Diego Section won’t have a concrete schedule ready for the next couple of weeks but released a statement.

“Today’s announcement from the state office provides our section with the information necessary to finalize the calendars and schedules for all of our CIF regulated sports, while also acknowledging the importance of the health and safety of our student-athletes and coaches by pushing the official start date back to align with the Roadmap to Recovery set by the state of California,” according to the statement.

Candace Singh, superintendent of Fallbrook Union Elementary School District, also provided an update to the school board last week, while emphasizing that everything could change at the elementary level as well.

Singh presented two plans at the last meeting, an in-person option and an online option. Singh shared a statement on the district’s website following Newsom’s announcement.

“As part of this new mandate, school districts will not reopen with face to face instruction if they are located in a county that is on the state’s monitoring list,” Singh said. “As you may know, San Diego County is on this state monitoring list, and therefore, FUESD will not be able to reopen our schools until the county is off the list for 14 days.

“With this new information and direction from our state government, we will likely be implementing 100% online learning at the start of the 2020-2021 school year, with the goal of returning to on-campus instruction as soon as public health data allows.”

Singh indicated that the district would be providing more information regarding the start of the new school year this week.

Under the guidelines announced by the governor, he expected school districts to ensure that students are engaged in the educational process.

“We want daily, live interaction with teachers and other students – students connecting peer-to-peer with other students, teachers connecting daily in an interactive frame to advance our distance-learning efforts,” Newsom said.

He conceded that the effectiveness of distance learning during the spring months varied widely across the state, noting, “Clearly we have work to do to make sure we are doing rigorous distance learning.”

“We want to create a challenging environment where assignments are equivalent in terms of what you would otherwise get in an in-person class setting,” he said.

“In the coming days and weeks, you will receive more information and details about our reopening,” Garza-Gonzalez said. “Next week, I will make a presentation available to you and provide a forum for questions and/or concerns. You will also be receiving information on registration for the 2020-2021 school year.”

City News Service, Will Fritz and Lexington Howe contributed to this report.

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expect it to be at least as serious as those diseases and much more aggressive,” he said, adding that even otherwise healthy people could see months of complications from the illness.

Eisman also said heart attacks, strokes and serious blood clots were increasing among younger people confirmed to have COVID-19.

The Del Mar Thoroughbred

Club canceled its racing program for Saturday and Sunday after 15 jockeys recently tested positive for COVID-19. Racing is slated to resume July 24.

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OPINION

Children: Lockdown’s collateral damage

“Don’t reopen schools; it’s not safe!”

But what toll have children paid as a result of the shutdown? Besides about a third of students not logging into lesson plans and learning falling behind, depression is becoming an issue, morale is down and teen suicide is soaring.

Actual suicide numbers are hard to confirm as they are locked down as to “not to encourage others,” but Los Angeles County has reported an 8,000% increase in calls to the suicide hotlines, many of them young people, according to <https://abc7.com/suicide-hotline-calls-coronavirus-covid19-los-angeles/6117099/>.

Visits to the emergency room for child abuse related injuries are up 35%, while calls to report suspected child abuse down. Some parents and caretakers, who are also suffering from depression and job loss, overwhelmed by cabin fever and frustrated children, are losing it. Without teachers and coaches, children have lost their safety net.

“Child abuse calls plunge during coronavirus as hospitals see more severe cases than usual,” according to The Washington Post, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2020/04/30/child-abuse-reports-coronavirus/>.

It is especially heartbreaking when it appears that children are neither getting nor spreading COVID-19. In Germany, they reopened schools and after testing 2045 students in 13 schools, they found no outbreaks, even when children had an infected adult at home, according to “German study finds low Covid-19 infection rate in schools | Germany | The Guardian” at <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/13/german-study-covid-19-infection-rate-schools-saxony>.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported its final number for child flu deaths of the season, fall 2019 through April 2020, at 166. Yet we never considered shutting down schools for the flu. The coronavirus pandemic has taken 30 children, who were mostly teens, and the number in California is zero. <http://www.cdc.gov>

This “distance learning” we have in place is different from

home schooling. Parents that home-school have voluntarily committed to learning curriculum and teaching, and it’s usually done so with backup.

I briefly home-schooled – never appreciated teachers more – and my children had sports, community theater, art lessons outside the home and field trips with other home-schooled children. Our students have none of that.

Perhaps worse of all is underreported targeting of children by predators. Tim Ballard is a former CIA operative and special agent with the Department of Homeland Security who now fights child sex trafficking. He is CEO and founder of Operation Underground Railroad, a group of former and current law enforcement officials who aim to save children from the grips of child predators. This depraved group of people is thrilled there are more children staying at home in front of a screen, often not supervised.

Some parents don’t realize that many online games are designed for multiple players, strangers that log in can pretend to be anyone. They can take as long as needed to win a child’s trust.

“Reports of child abuse cases, worldwide, are more than a million higher this year than last. Unfortunately, conspiracy theories muddy the waters, but this is provable by the amount of child pornography circulating. It is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. The COVID-19 science is on the side of the children. The most dangerous thing is to keep them locked up with no teachers, coaches or after school supervisors thus making them more vulnerable to online predators. Millions of pedophiles want schools to remain on lockdown,” Ballard said.

For more information on Operation Underground Railroad, visit <http://www.ourrescue.org>.

I understand parents’ fears and I know that teachers, administrators and staff are also concerned about returning to school, but I believe that science, humanity and our children’s mental health is on the side of reopening our schools.

Diane Strain

Re: ‘Roger Stone: Wasn’t willing to lie about Trump for leniency’ [Village News, 7/16/20]

I have yet to read an article from Epoch Times that I liked. But the most recent one by Zachary Stieber forced me to get up from my easy chair.

Roger Stone is a convicted felon on seven counts by a jury, including lying to Congress under oath...Yet Mr. Stieber and The Village News printed his self-serving statements not under oath as if we are to believe he has complete veracity.

No mention that he was

convicted of lying under oath, only that President Trump thinks he was treated unfairly. Are we to believe that 12 jurors all conspired to unfairly convict Roger Stone?

The Village News provides a valuable service keeping us informed about local happenings, and I appreciate this. But I am extremely sorry that to enjoy that content I have to be subjected to outright propaganda.

Jim Dooley

How COVID-19 spreads

Can COVID 19 spread like the measles?

Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization said no, but I say they could be wrong. The “super spreader” events that I have been reading about are all evidence that the “experts” are wrong, and that the coronavirus can be spread by speech droplets under 5 microns in size, just like the measles.

Hundreds of tiny droplets are produced every second during normal talking. Those tiny droplets evaporate within a second to become what is known as an aerosol, also called a suspension,

and can float around for tens of minutes, or even hours.

In conditions where there is either stagnant air or recirculated air, the tiny droplets can gradually accumulate to the point that everyone in the building gets sick. Each person could be in a separate room, yet eventually everybody is breathing the same air.

The aerodynamics of a person talking in a loud tone in an environment of stagnant air are: During each second of speaking, air containing hundreds of tiny invisible droplets of rapidly evaporating oral fluids project horizontally from between the speaker’s lips at a velocity of 10 to

12 feet per second, slowing down as it mixes with the air between the infected person and the person they are talking to. Could that be you?

If the speaker is infected with COVID-19, one can envision a diffuse cone-shaped cloud containing highly infectious tiny droplets of slobber, slowly descending as it continues to grow from the speaker’s lips for as long as they keep talking. If the speaker is wearing a mask, the cloud is not projected out in front of them toward you or me, but instead surrounds the speaker like a shroud.

Jeffery Jones

Jim Desmond: Get off someone else’s bandwagon

“I believe the shutting down of numerous industries is extreme government overreach. We should come down on the bad actors, but not the hard-working San Diegans who are trying to make a living,” Desmond said July 1.

“Businesses continue to be punished because of a lack of foresight from our governor. We were told we had an ample amount of testing and just a few weeks later, we are running low. Other states had the vision, but not California,” Desmond said July 15.

There you go again. Businesses are not being punished or singled out. The transmission of the coronavirus, unfortunately, is being aided disproportionately by activities in certain business categories. And to protect us all and to bring us closer to some new normalcy, multifaceted requirements have been developed for compliance in the interest of public health.

And if there are local or statewide, temporary or standing shortages of testing components or protective gear, it’s not due to

the governor, but more likely due to surges in hot spots such as Los Angeles County and Fallbrook.

From Day One in February across the nation, there have never been numbers of tests given nor analyses adequate for control of the virus. Engaging in or allowing unsound activity is the wrong path for our county. Even with furious production of different types of tests, there are still inadequate numbers and laboratory capability to meet requirements.

J. Watson

Will it be socialism or freedom?

I believe the election this November will be really close and the result will define our nation for generations. The choice is really between socialism and freedom.

If you are thinking of voting against Trump because you don’t like his tweets, or how he talks or some other personality trait, you need to rethink things.

The alternative to Trump – Joe Biden – will set us back decades. He was Obama’s VP for eight years and not once did he advocate a pro-American or pro-jobs policy.

He supported trade bills that outsourced jobs out of America and supported a foreign policy that strengthen radical Islamic regimes and China at the expense of America. He supported all of Obama’s tax and regulatory

policies which threw America into a recession almost the entire time they were in office.

If Biden wins, we will return to a sluggish economy, a weak military, anti-American trade deals and a boost to a culture that celebrates lawlessness, hates the police and gives “victim” groups power to destroy other groups. Moreover, Biden won’t really be running the country. The far left will be because Biden will be indebted to them for his victory and, as everyone knows, he no longer has the energy or mental ability to serve as president.

Dark forces on the far left will take advantage of the ghost president and move the country so far left it will never recover.

As I have written for various

publications, a Trump loss signals the beginning of the end of America in terms of historical greatness. The Dems will rig the Supreme Court and legalize 22 million illegal aliens so that the GOP will never win a presidential election again.

Everyone who reads this post needs to think of one person they know who is undecided or perhaps not even registered and take that person to lunch and explain to him how deadly serious this election is and persuade him to vote for Trump. Ronald Reagan said it best here: <https://www.facebook.com/celeste.greig/videos/10222373399462048/>

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update and make sure you know of all the ways my team and I can be helpful to you during the pandemic. Then, I’ll spend most of our time together answering questions that have been submitted by those that RSVP.

To RSVP for the Tele-Town Hall and submit a question for me to answer, visit <https://bit.ly/JonesTeleTownHallAugust2020>.

The deadline to RSVP is

Tuesday, Aug. 4, at noon.

The call-in number and password will be sent to all RSVPs in the morning, Wednesday, Aug. 5.

If you have any questions, send an email to Aaron Andrews at [aaron.andrews@sen.ca.gov](mailto:aaron.andrews@sen.ca.gov) or call the Escondido district office at 760-796-4655.

I look forward to answering your questions at our first Tele-Town Hall.

To the Publisher,

Julie,

I read your presentation in the July 9 edition of Village News and find it to be the most comprehensive, factual, truth that I read/heard since all this “mess” started. You have “hit the nail on the head” on EVERY single aspect. You should have added to your title “and the National Print and Electronic Media have been ‘Ultra Dismal’ Failures”. I’d love to see your article published in the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post and many others of that same liberal, biased, “story telling” cut along with ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC and especially CNN. Even our local TV stations have started falling into the same “rut” as the Nationals. Obviously, there is no way any of these liberal medias will ever publish/present a story that’s even remotely related to yours. For some reason it seems impossible for them to simply lay the facts out to the American

people like you have in your article.

What happened to George Floyd could have been prevented. However, The American public was never shown the whole video story of this event. The media conveniently only showed us what they wanted us to see. Police do not routinely put people on the ground without a reason. Pretty simple. If you’re arrested, right or wrong, keep your mouth shut, walk over to the patrol car, have a seat and the chances of you dying is rather slim. A huge chunk of this story is missing and in my opinion, has contributed a great deal to the chaos. The news, also in about 99% of the reports, forgot to mention that he was a felon, several times over. Beings the nice fellow he was, he threatened a pregnant woman, apparently with a knife, during a home invasion at some point in the past. Oh, guess they just forgot to mention that. The media has made him an

idol. As you alluded, the media would lead you to believe that only black folks are arrested and killed by mainly white police. I’ll now step down off my soap box with this issue, but I do have a problem with the way it’s been wrongly portrayed to the American people.

I’m not much of a letter writer but I was just totally overcome with what you wrote and had to say. Every aspect of your presentation is so true, but your truth is not widespread enough and our population is being sorely hurt because of the lack of good, honest, true reporting of the facts as you’ve pointed out. I hope you and other journalist like you continue to publish factual, honest events and true analysis of things that are happening in our beautiful country that is in turmoil.


Thank you for a job very well done. Keep up the good fight.

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OPINION

DMV extends license renewals



Assemblymember Marie Waldron  
AD-75 (R)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has extended the time for driver’s license renewals that had expired during the period of March 2020. All driver’s

licenses for those under the age of 69 were extended until July 31 with expanded online renewal available.

Commercial license renewals were extended until Sept. 30, 2020. Learners permits from March 2020 were also extended six months. It is good news for many.

My office has been contacted by many people over age 70 with concerns about their expiring driver’s licenses. State law requires those over 70 to visit the DMV in person to renew their licenses. Since appointments are not currently available, how can they renew their license amid worries over possible exposure to the coronavirus?

Fortunately, the DMV has just announced that drivers over 70 will have their licenses extended for a full year from the original expiration date. No action is necessary – it’s automatic – all police agencies have been notified.

TSA has also been notified and will accept recently expired driver’s licenses or ID cards without a paper extension.

DMV offices have now reopened statewide after being closed for several months. Some DMV functions, such as behind-the-wheel tests are still not being offered because of social distancing concerns. Once DMV has worked through appointments canceled due to the pandemic, new appointments will soon be offered. And if you’re concerned about getting Real ID, the federal government has extended that deadline to Oct. 1, 2021.

Many tasks can be accomplished online, or at one of DMV’s self-service kiosks located throughout the region. Address changes, title transfers and release of liability, replacement stickers and more can all be taken care of with a quick visit to <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/>.

DHS enters Portland to defend federal buildings and people

Julie Reeder  
Publisher

Do violent riots and mobs even shock us anymore?

The cost is \$400 million in the 20 largest metropolitan areas according to an estimate from the Anderson Economic Group. According to published reports, thousands of innocent business owners across the country have been illegally stripped of their livelihood and/or beat within an inch of their life.

Cities across the country are being ravaged by rioters and looters who are criminals and terrorists by definition. The definition of terrorism from Britannica is the calculated use of violence to create a general climate of fear in a population and thereby to bring about a particular political objective.

They may have a social justice message, but it’s lost in the violence that hurts the very people they claim to support.

And the mainstream media is complicit, most not offering a complete picture of the violence that is happening.

Portland, Oregon, is the latest city in the spotlight.

Portland has been experiencing violence for about 53 days as of the writing of this piece. According to numerous news reports, rioters began vandalizing businesses and buildings in Portland May 29. As with Seattle, the mayor did little to protect the city. The first target was the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse where rioters caused \$5,000 worth of damage according to the Department of Homeland Security.

According to numerous published reports, both Seattle and Portland openly rejected the offer of federal reinforcements to bring order and safety to their cities. Meanwhile in nearby Boise, Idaho, a large group of protestors left the city peacefully after some 3,000 citizens arrived on the scene hoping to protect their city.

In Kansas City, Missouri, the mayor and governor asked for assistance after a 40% increase in crime. A release from the Justice Department Wednesday evening described the new program as “a sustained, systematic and coordinated law enforcement initiative across all federal law enforcement agencies working in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials to fight the sudden surge of violent crime” that would start in Kansas City.

Back in Portland, over the next 50-plus days, vandals and demonstrators, many apparently identifying with the Black Lives Matter movement, defaced several other buildings including the Hatfield Courthouse and the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building and the police station. There was an estimated \$25 million in damages, according to numerous reports from the Associated Press.

According to DHS, the rioters came back night after night breaching, destroying and removing fences around federal properties, breaking windows at the courthouse and other buildings and removing wood from windows of the federal buildings.

“Rioters launched watch rockets injuring an officer -Rioters barricaded officers inside Hatfield Courthouse then launched commercial grade explosive fireworks at the building, attempting to injure or kill officers,” a tweet from an unidentified DHS representative said.

Rioters also set fires at the federal courthouse and in Chapman Park. Threats to burn down buildings were reported, several rioters were reportedly carrying rifles and one person tried to strike a Portland police officer with his car, according to published reports.

There were commercial-grade lasers used to try and cause eye damage to police officers as well as officers being targeted with fireworks, hammers, canned food and one person was arrested with a pipe bomb, according to DHS.

Rioters injured two police officers July 5, then, on what is being called a “Night of Rage” according to DHS, a mob of about 500 rioters assaulted law enforcement officers July 7. That night an estimated 200 participants pursued officers and assaulted them with rocks and bottles. About 200 rioters attacked

DHS law enforcement officers July 8, injuring three, the agency said. Authorities reported one arrest.

The next night, records show police arrested five on charges of assaulting officers. A mob of about 200 gathered in Chapman Park across from the Hatfield Courthouse July 12, some armed with sledgehammers, tasers and stun guns. DHS said participants “launched fireworks, threw fecal matter and large objects, and pointed lasers at federal law enforcement officers attempting to permanently blind them.”

This activity continued the next night, with slingshots and flaming debris added to the mix, authorities said. Fireworks and spray-painting followed on subsequent nights.

After 50 days of this escalation, President Trump sent in DHS to defend federal buildings and employees, a move which falls under DHS’s required responsibilities.

Unlike the mayor of Seattle who decided to go in and clean up the Capitol Hill Occupation Protest area just before federal law enforcement arrived, the mayor of Portland decried DHS law enforcement coming in to protect federal buildings and personnel, yet did not handle the situation himself.

President Trump has been openly critical of the Democratic led cities like Seattle, Portland, Chicago and New York where the mobs have done hundreds of millions of dollars in damage. Crime rates have gone up as much as 300% in Chicago and New York City.

The Portland police union building was set on fire Saturday night, yet the next day at a news conference, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said, “Keep your troops in your own buildings, or have them leave our city.” He warned others saying, “This could happen in your city.”

The mayor said that the president has a “complete misunderstanding” and that despite almost two months of violence in Portland that it’s the DHS “escalating the violence.”

There has been controversy over several arrests of people suspected of assault and other crimes when those people were allegedly pulled into vans to make the arrests and be questioned.

Democratic Gov. Kate Brown said Trump is looking for a confrontation in the hopes of winning political points elsewhere and to serve as a distraction from the coronavirus pandemic, which is causing spiking numbers of infections in Oregon and the nation.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., has also complained about Trump’s “occupying army.”

Department of Homeland Security acting secretary Chad Wolf said in a public statement Thursday, July 16, available online at <https://www.dhs.gov/news-releases/press-releases>.

“A federal courthouse is a symbol of justice – to attack it is to attack America,” Wolf said. “Instead of addressing violent criminals in their communities, local and state leaders are instead focusing on placing blame on law enforcement and requesting fewer officers in their community.”

Wheeler did not meet with Wolf, who has been critical of local and state leaders in Portland, in person. But, according to a tweet from Wheeler, he had spoken to Wolf by phone earlier in the week, telling Wolf that he wanted federal officers out of the city, but then asked DHS to clean up the graffiti on local federal facilities.

Wolf said July 16, the failed response by leadership “has only emboldened the violent mob as it escalated violence day after day. This siege can end if state and local officials decide to take appropriate action instead of refusing to enforce the law.”

The Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Protective Service’s mission statement clearly states the division’s responsibility is to “prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorism, criminal acts, and other hazards threatening the U.S. Government’s critical infrastructure, services, and the people who provide or receive them.

“DHS will not abdicate its solemn duty to protect federal facilities and those within them,” Wolf said.

Regardless of people’s complaints against them, DHS is simply doing what they are paid to do.

Shutdowns are unwarranted



Supervisor Jim Desmond  
Fifth District

Unfortunately for many businesses in San Diego County, the end is near. With the Governor’s announcement that gyms, personal care services, hair salons, barbershops and malls

must cease indoor operations, this could be the final straw.

The Governor compared his latest announcement to turning down a dimmer switch, but unfortunately, he’s turning off the lights for many small businesses in San Diego County.

The latest shutdowns are entirely unwarranted. Our hospital numbers are not going up. Our testing is focused on the most vulnerable and those with symptoms, which is why you see an increase; 85% of those who test positive for COVID-19 don’t show any symptoms. For those who do have symptoms, the majority are mild and they are able to recover quickly.

Since the beginning of this virus, the goal was to not overburden our hospital capacity. In San Diego County, our hospital capacity has remained steady, around 65%. We currently have 1225 hospital beds reserved solely for COVID-19

patients and have never had more than 50% of them full, even while taking patients from Imperial Valley and Mexico.

We have achieved our goal. We’ve protected the most vulnerable, protected our hospital capacity and yet we are once again being punished. Unfortunately, we are being led by fear, rather than facts and data.

This shotgun approach by the Governor with no verified facts continues to hurt the workers of California. We currently have a 15% unemployment rate that will continue to rise as more businesses are forced to close down.

There haven’t been any outbreaks at malls, nail salons or barbershops, yet once again, they are forced to shut down. This is a knee-jerk overreaction by our Governor, and I will continue to advocate for safely reopening our businesses.

Re: ‘It feels like all the adults have left the room’ [Village News, Letter, 7/9/20]

We are being asked to believe that our free speech is hatred if we disagree or want to discuss uncomfortable subjects.

That idea is very vague. If we could know more about what kind of uncomfortable subjects you want to discuss, we could have a fruitful conversation as to why some people feel the way they do about those topics.

We are being asked to believe that White people are all inherently racist.

That’s not true. Black Lives Matter is a movement characterized by the demands of criminal justice reform and nonviolent civil disobedience in protest against incidents of police brutality against African American people. Nobody is asking you to believe all White people are racist.

We are being told to believe fewer White people are shot by police than Black people when it is statistically clearly untrue, according to Statista, the National Institute of Health, The Washington Post statistics and others. They all agree that twice as many Whites are shot as Blacks per year.

This information is true; however, if you talk to a BLM advocate, the key word is disproportionately. You cited The Washington Post so I checked this article, and what you left out is that “Although half of the people shot and killed by police are White, Black Americans are shot at a disproportionate rate. They account for less than 13% of the U.S. population, but are killed by police at more than twice the rate of White Americans. Hispanic Americans are also killed by police at a disproportionate rate.”

Which worries me as you are either not reading the articles you cite or are being purposefully dishonest.

We are being told by the BLM movement and a slew of high-ranking Democrats to believe that police departments should be defunded and disbanded, while muggings and shootings have increased every weekend for the last few weeks including the murdering of children in Chicago, New York and Atlanta.

I don’t disagree with this sentiment. As a society, we will need the police to prevent and

resolve crime. But you’re leaving a massive stone unturned as far as what police work is. Even in cities notorious for their violence such as Baltimore, only 0.9% of calls police respond to are violent.

Even if we account for property crime, other crime and proactive policing only 42% of calls to police actually require police to respond. It means our officers are spending at least half of their time on calls that don’t require an armed response.

Responding to noncriminal calls, traffic incidents or medical emergencies could all be done better and faster by other workers. It would free up police resources to focus on solving those muggings and shootings and bringing justice to their communities. We do not need the cops to respond to municipal violations and bureaucratic infractions, it’s a waste of their time and could be done better by other city workers, which we could employ by adjusting bloated police budgets.

We should not disband our police forces; however, we have to rethink how we want to approach public safety.

We are being told that we need to reject our history. By who? Again, this idea is quite vague. Removing statues of Confederate generals and slave traders will not remove history. History is not remembered by statues, but by stories and books.

We are being asked to believe that people who are destroying public property and businesses are “woke,” morally superior to the rest of us and we should take our cues from them.

No one is asking you to believe this idea. We all think property crime is wrong. But more has happened within the last two months of protest with some violence than the previous six years of peaceful protests. You can disavow violence, and I will never fault you for that. But only a handful of riots among thousands of protests worldwide has put the issue of criminal justice reform on the national stage.

I disagree with the riots, but fundraising efforts are in place to assist those who lost property or were hurt or arrested as a result of the riots. Overall, these protests are a great thing for our country; you just need to see the nuance.

Do you know what happens when you are being asked to believe and accept things that aren’t true or you don’t believe to be real? Cognitive dissonance theory says it causes anxiety, mental illness and depression.

Precisely, Black Americans are told that the police exist to protect them, but our American history of slave patrols, sundown towns, lynchings, beatings at peaceful protests and shootings of unarmed men, women and children. What do you think growing up in this society does to a child’s mind? The cognitive dissonance of being told one thing and experiencing another? To feel not only at danger from criminals but the people assigned and paid to protect you. I sympathize with my fellow Americans who live with this truth, and I wish to help create a more just and safe world for them.

Some people believe that the truth sets us free, but we are also being asked to reject our Judeo-Christian God and principles where many of our ideas about freedom and individualism were born and where we learn love, forgiveness and tolerance.

You can exercise your love and tolerance by standing with your fellow Americans and Christians against police violence, instead of division based on falsehood or a perceived narrative of attack from honest Americans who simply want change. Jesus Christ was famously killed by law enforcement.

It also teaches us to accept the good, the bad and the ugly in ourselves and our history and learn from it. Shame is not helpful. Conviction is, but what should follow is action to keep fighting to make things right or better.

Exactly, so let’s begin by making society a better place for our fellow Americans by helping to alleviate fear and mistrust of law enforcement. Protest, educate yourself, stand in solidarity with fellow Americans instead of dividing them.

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# DIY projects are a mosaic of inspiration at Vintage Retail Therapy



This desk starts off plain, and LaFay adds the texture, molding, paint and bird design to the unique piece.

**Lexington Howe**  
Staff Writer

DIY projects have been therapeutic for Mara Ciardullo LaFay, owner of Vintage Retail Therapy, who has been redoing furniture and putting her own touch on unique pieces for over 20 years.

LaFay has been in Fallbrook for over 23 years, and lives only a few minutes away from her shop.

“The store’s in transition right now,” LaFay said. “We have home decor and gifts in the front half of the store, but my heart’s really in the back.”

She has a DIY studio in the back of her shop.

“We kind of needed a fun place to hang out here in Fallbrook,” LaFay said. “I specialize in speciality finishes so I don’t just paint furniture.”

As she works on projects, LaFay has been livestreaming them.

“When we first shut down, I’d say we were just about every day doing a live,” she said. “It’s about using what you’ve got, we can make this work, we can find projects with everyday stuff.”

LaFay also works with moldings, finishes, paint, stamps and more, creating unique, one-of-a-kind furniture pieces.

“Whatever’s not working,

you’ve gotta figure it out,” LaFay said.

Due to the shutdown, her shop closed its doors for three months.

“I’m grateful that I’ve built a social media following,” she said. “We’re pushing close to 10,000 (following) on Facebook, Instagram’s a little slower and I just picked up my YouTube channel again.”

They also have project classes where you can leave with a finished product.

“I’m constantly in a mode of creating content because I’m on so many pages,” LaFay said.

She also represents a company that makes molds and stamps, and social media and livestreaming has been a way to get LaFay out of her comfort zone, she said.

“We all need this, and it’s been a great way for me to connect with the community during this shut down,” LaFay said.

For her, Vintage Retail Therapy is named for exactly right – it’s therapeutic.

“We were created for the community so it’s been really hard on a lot of people in so many different ways and this is one of them, just to be able to do something creative.”

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Vintage Retail Therapy is a fun home decor and DIY shop in Fallbrook. Village News/Lexington Howe photos



Vintage Retail Therapy has a DIY studio in the back of the store, where guests can come in and work on DIY projects and learn how to use different tools and techniques.

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# Young adults experience their first jobs as essential workers during the coronavirus pandemic

Emily Schwank  
Intern

While many adults are coping with working from home during the coronavirus pandemic, many students and young adults are experiencing changes as their first jobs are often found in essential businesses.

Many essential workers commonly seen in grocery stores

and restaurants are students and young adults.

Edwyn Velez, a 16-year-old essential worker, said “Due to school closures, I had too much free time and... decided to use that time for important things like work.”

Armando Peña, another young essential worker, said working “would be a great opportunity to earn and save money, considering

school was modified,” and it gave him “something to do during the quarantine.”

These young adults are required to abide by the state and county health orders their companies are using for the safety of its customers and employees. Velez said employees at his workplace “must wear masks (and are) no longer allowed dine-in.” Employees are also required to

“disinfect everything very often.”

Peña explained the new rules his company has put in place.

“At work, we have to wash our hands every 10 minutes and wear masks to protect ourselves and the customers. We also have the crew split into three different blocks to prevent the spread of coronavirus as much as possible,” he said.

Despite the additional challenges, these essential workers

also speak well of their jobs.

“I am glad to help ensure that with our extra caution, we can keep our business running,” Velez said.

Peña said he “enjoyed growing closer with my co-workers” and was glad to have “the opportunity to serve the community.”

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# What does ‘defund the police’ really mean?

Will Fritz  
Staff Writer

In the past two months, “defund the police” has surged into the public consciousness as a rallying cry for Black Lives Matter protesters.

It is a divisive phrase, and to some, it is a misleading one.

Critics see it as a call to completely dismantle law enforcement, and not without reason – even Democrats who support calls to “defund the police” have suggested that the

phrase is misleading.

“I don’t believe that you should disband police departments,” Congressional Black Caucus chairwoman Rep. Karen Bass told Jake Tapper on CNN. “We need to look at how we are spending the resources and invest more in our communities.”

Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the epicenter of both the George Floyd protests and calls for rethinking police funding.

On May 25, Floyd died after a

white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes. As protests over his death swept through Minneapolis and around the country, a supermajority of the Minneapolis City Council committed to “dismantle” the Minneapolis Police Department, saying they felt it could not be reformed, though when they made that commitment in early June, they could not say what their plans for a public safety framework were.

By June 26, the Minneapolis City

Council had a concrete amendment to the city charter to vote on, which it passed unanimously.

Draft language of the amendment shows the current plan calls for the city to replace the Minneapolis Police Department with a “Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention,” which “will have responsibility for public safety services prioritizing a holistic, public health-oriented approach.”

According to the amendment, the proposed department would have a division of licensed peace officers, but they would answer to a chief who would have “non-law-enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches.”

The council’s approval of that amendment was just the first step in a long process to actually change the city charter – it ultimately will have to be approved by a majority of voters on the November ballot.

Before even that can happen, it has to be approved by the city’s Charter Commission. And the chairman of that commission said he felt the council had rushed the process, as reported by Time magazine.

“As I understand it, they are saying, ‘We are going to have this new department. We don’t know what it’s going to look like yet. We won’t implement this for a year; we’ll figure it out,’” Clegg said, per Time. “For myself anyway, I would prefer that we figured it out first, and then voted on it.”

While versions of the proposal in Minneapolis have spread across the country, it is still not a universal position across the left, and in fact many Democratic politicians have long been supporters of giving more money to police forces.

In Washington, Mayor Muriel Bowser, who had “Black Lives Matter” painted on 16th Street NW near the White House, has proposed a 3% increase to the city’s police budget. Last month, she told NPR that she was “not at all” reconsidering that increase.

“What our budget proposal, and I can’t speak for other departments, but they fund the people that we need,” she told the nationwide public radio network. “And certainly we wouldn’t want the people on our forces not to have the proper training or equipment that makes for better community policing.”

And in Minneapolis, Democratic Mayor Jacob Frey passed a budget last year that allowed the Minneapolis Police Department to increase its cadet class trainees by one-third this year, the Minneapolis Post reported. Even now, with the Minneapolis City Council’s unanimous vote to dismantle the city’s police force, Frey has refused to commit to such a plan – something protesters jeered at him for in June.

Of course, whatever their current positions may be, there is increasing pressure on pro-police Democrats to think more critically on the subject.

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# County intensifying COVID-19 outreach to Latino communities

**José A. Álvarez**  
County of San Diego  
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The county is intensifying its outreach efforts to Latinos across the region because they are carrying a bigger burden of COVID-19 compared to other groups.

County health officials are greatly concerned about the disproportionate impact the virus is having in Latino communities. They are responding to this health inequity by ramping up education and outreach to help address systemic barriers that are contributing to Latinos being more severely impacted by COVID-19.

The county has launched a new TV, radio, online and signage campaign describing protective measures and community resources. The campaign, which will include an emphasis on a youth audience, started this week.

The campaign comes on the heels of commercials on three of the most listened-to Spanish radio stations in the region. The two ads encouraged Latinos to get tested for the novel coronavirus and to answer the call when a county disease investigator or contact tracer calls them.

“It’s important that we continue to encourage Latinos and all San Diegans to take preventive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., county public health officer. “We all have a role to play to protect ourselves and others, especially people who are more vulnerable to the virus.”

The two campaigns supplement existing county outreach efforts that have been running since early in the pandemic when it became apparent through data that the virus was disproportionately impacting Latinos and other communities of color.

Since the beginning the County has made outreach materials in

English and Spanish, as well as multiple other languages. The county’s initial public awareness campaign also included TV, radio and online ads in Spanish and focused on getting San Diegans to, first, stay at home and later to stay healthy by wearing a face covering, maintaining physical distance and continuing taking other preventative measures.

The county coronavirus site, [www.coronavirus-sd.com](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com), has a Spanish translation feature, as well as [countynewscenter.com](http://countynewscenter.com) where all of the updates and actions from local health officials are being published.

Through an agreement with the local Univision affiliate, the County’s media briefings are being interpreted live into Spanish. You can watch them at [https://www.facebook.com/univisionsandiego/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/univisionsandiego/videos/?ref=page_internal).

### Latinos and COVID-19

Since the beginning of the pandemic, it became clear the novel coronavirus was having a more severe impact among Latinos, especially in South Bay communities.

To date, of the more than 24,000 COVID-19 cases with known race/ethnicity, about 60% are Hispanics. Latinos make up about 34% of the local population.

County Health and Human Services Agency data also shows the case rate for Latinos is about 1,045 people per every 100,000 residents. The only other group with a higher infection rate is Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders with about 1,146 people testing positive per every 100,000 residents. Next are Black or African Americans with a rate of 522.

In comparison, white San Diegans have case rate of about 320 per 100,000 and represent 38% of all the cases.

More COVID-19 deaths are also being reported in the Latino community. Of the nearly 480 deaths, about 45% were Latinos. They are followed by whites at

about 38% and Asians with 12%.

The County and its partners are examining the reasons for the disproportionality. One of the reasons supported by data from the San Diego Association of Governments points to Latinos being more likely to occupy high-contact professions such as essential or front-line workers who have continued to work during the pandemic and do not have the option of working remotely.

Other reasons include broader social determinants of health that play out not only with COVID-19 outcomes but across other health outcomes.

Testing, tracing and treating To slow the spread of the virus, the County has expanded testing throughout the region, especially in the South Bay. Currently, more than 50% of all testing is being done in this region.

The County has also increased its contact tracing capabilities and now has more than 500 disease investigators and contact tracers who are calling people who tested positive for COVID-19 and their close contacts so that they place themselves in isolation or self-quarantine.

Nearly 100 more case investigators will come on board this week and the County will be hiring another 200 from the more than 2,300 job applications it recently received.

In collaboration with San Diego State University, the County is deploying about 100 specially trained community health workers and public health students as tracers under the promotora model. They will help perform contact tracing in underserved communities.

Tracers provide information, monitor the health of close contacts of positive cases and encourage them to seek care if they develop severe symptoms such as difficulty breathing.

The County has also been working with community and faith organizations, as well as

regional elected officials, to share information on testing, tracing and treatment resources that is available in our county.

San Diegans wishing to get a COVID-19 test can do it by calling their health care

provider, especially if they have symptoms. People without a medical provider can call 2-1-1 to get a reference.

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# Fallbrook Firesafe Council aims to teach local residents about fire safety

**Will Fritz**  
Staff Writer

For nearly 20 years now, the Fallbrook Firesafe Council has been working, free-of-charge, to educate Fallbrook residents on how to best protect their homes, their town and themselves from the ever-present threat of wildfire.

According to the California Land Conservation Assistance Network, similar councils throughout the state educate their communities about wildfire preparedness and work with local fire officials to design and implement projects geared toward wildfire survivability, as well as organize fuel-reduction projects.

“A local Fire Safe Council is often sparked by a catalyst – perhaps a recent fire or a group of neighbors eager to spread a fire-safe message – then embraced by the community, which turns that initial interest into a committed group that finds ways to empower the residents to do their part to make the community safer,”

according to the assistance network’s website. And that’s almost exactly how the Fallbrook Firesafe Council was born.

The local council, which is known for organizing wildfire safety workshops and cleanup efforts, was started in 2002 after the Gavilan fire in Fallbrook.

That fire charred more than 5,000 acres and leveled 43 homes in the Fallbrook area, and not even the most destructive fire in Fallbrook history – that title belongs to the Rice fire, which burned five years later burned nearly 10,000 acres and destroyed more than 200 homes – but it was certainly a traumatic one. Dorothy Roth, who is the president of the Fallbrook Firesafe Council, lost her home in the blaze. That circumstance is what spurred her and others to start the council.

“After the fire was over, a group of us, maybe six or seven, got together and decided we need to do more about making the community aware of fire dangers and preparedness and so forth,”

Roth said.

The Gavilan fire took place in February 2002, and nine months later in November, Roth and her group had registered the Fallbrook Firesafe Council as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

Since then, the Firesafe Council has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants from San Diego Gas and Electric and various other entities. And they’ve put that money to good use by doing weed abatement projects and helping clean up after major fires, like the ones in 2003 and 2007, according to Roth.

“Most recently we received in 2018 a neighborhood revitalization program grant from the (San Diego County) Board of Supervisors,” she said.

Roth said the Firesafe Council used that money primarily to get equipment and supplies for its defensible space program, which aids seniors and veterans with clearing dead and dry vegetation from near their homes to remove fuel from the vicinity that could be

burned in a major fire.

Much of the help for that program, Roth said, comes from local Marines who volunteer to clear brush and weeds.

“We are very, very happy to have their support and assistance, because they do a wonderful job,” Roth said. “If I have to weed whack versus one of them has to weed whack, that’s a whole different story.”

In the past, the Firesafe Council has also put together an evacuation map for Fallbrook, which has had to be updated multiple times over the years. Currently, the Firesafe Council is working to update its website to make that and other resources available online.

Roth said her biggest goal is just to make sure that all Fallbrook residents are keenly aware of the risk of a major fire – because she said it’s not a risk that everyone is as conscious of as they perhaps should be.

“There’s what I call the glass house or glass wall syndrome that most people have,” Roth said. “It’s like there’s this big glass wall around us and all of the bad things that happen are on the outside of the glass wall stay out there. But

they don’t. All of those things can happen here.”

The recent Lilac fire in 2017 burned 5,000 acres and destroyed 157 structures in Bonsall just south of Fallbrook.

The risk of a serious fire is always there, Roth said, and it’s important to her that the Firesafe Council continues to do what it can to help people become more aware.

“We’ve been fortunate in that we haven’t had any (fires) like the Paradise fire, but it’s like with the 2002 fire, the wind changed just as it was at the north end of town, and if it hadn’t changed, we wouldn’t have a downtown anymore,” Roth said.

She said she is happy, “just knowing that at least a few people have more knowledge today than they would have had without us.”

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the Fallbrook Firesafe Council, Roth said, can contact her at 760-468-0550 – although they will have to leave a message so she can weed out the telemarketers, she said.

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File Number: 2020-9010353  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9010168  
Name of Business  
**REYES EXPRESS MAIL**  
1234 N. Santa Fe Ave #118, Vista, CA 92083  
County: San Diego  
a. Erika Linan, 716 Hackberry Pl, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
b. Sergio J. Reyes-Lopez, 716 Hackberry Pl, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 6/1/20  
This business is registered by the following:  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9011545  
Name of Business  
**SOLATUBEHOME**  
2210 Oak Ridge Way, Vista, CA 92081  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Brighter Concepts, Inc., 2210 Oak Ridge Way, Vista, CA 92081  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
This Corporation is registered in the state of California  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 1/3/19  
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## Fictitious Business Name

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9010353  
Name of Business  
**IRON WOLF MOTORCYCLES & COFFEE**  
4015 Via Alden, Oceanside, CA 92057  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Iron Wolf Motorcycles & Coffee LLC, 4015 Via Alden, Oceanside, CA 92057  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company  
This LLC is registered in the State of California  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 05/15/2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9009293  
Name of Business  
**GREEN CLOUD ACCOUNTING**  
4653 Pescadero Ave, San Diego, CA 92107  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Misty Leigh Dragon, 4653 Pescadero Ave, San Diego, CA 92107  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 07/28/2014  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9008661  
Name of Business  
**a. GLUTEN-LESS**  
**b. HEART ALWAYS**  
560 Industrial Way, Unit D, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Heart Always, Inc., 560 Industrial Way, Unit D, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
This Corporation is registered in the State of California  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 12/01/2016  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 20, 2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9009970  
Name of Business  
**AAA JUNK REMOVAL & CLEAN UP SERVICES**  
11974 Lyon Road, Pala, CA, 92059  
Mailing address: PO Box 39, Pala, CA 92059  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
a. Jose Luis Montoya-Hernandez, 11974 Lyon Road, Pala, CA, 92059  
b. Gabriela Alicia Villa, 11974 Lyon Road, Pala, CA, 92059  
This business is conducted by a Co-Partners  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 05/01/2020  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jun 17, 2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9010862  
Name of Business  
**a. ZOIE AND ME**  
**b. LOVE MRS FINE**  
1787 Turnberry Dr, San Marcos, CA 92069  
County: San Diego  
Danielle Y. Johnston, 1787 Turnberry Dr, San Marcos, CA 92069  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
This business is registered by the following:  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9011555  
Name of Business  
**a. BLUSH SLIME SHOPPE**  
**b. BONFIRE BRAND**  
**c. BONFIRE FARMS**  
215 Pippin Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Kathryn Renee Casey, 215 Pippin Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 06/23/2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9011429  
Name of Business  
**a. HEALING MATRIX**  
**b. HEALING MATRIX COACHING**  
211 Vista Village Dr. #109, Vista, CA 92083  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Patience Noel Ulistad, 211 Vista Village Dr. #109, Vista, CA 92083  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 01, 2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9011608  
Name of Business  
**a. FALLBROOK BONSALL VILLAGE NEWS**  
**b. VILLAGE NEWS**  
**c. FALLBROOK VILLAGE NEWS**  
**d. GREATER FALLBROOK AREA SOURCEBOOK**  
**e. SOURCEBOOK**  
**f. VALLEY NEWS**  
**g. TEMECULA VALLEY NEWS**  
**h. DISCOVERFALLBROOK.COM**  
**i. ANZA VALLEY OUTLOOK**  
**j. GREATER SOUTHWEST VALLEY SOURCEBOOK**  
**k. SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY CANCER RESOURCE GUIDE**  
**l. NUESTRA VIDA HOY**  
**m. REEDER MEDIA**  
**n. REEDER MEDIA DIGITAL AGENCY**  
**o. OPENDOORMALL.COM**  
111 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Village News, Inc., 111 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
This Corporation is registered in the state of California  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 2/14/1998  
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TSG No.: 8761678 TS No.: CA1900286113 APN: 159-093-67-00 Property Address: 522 ADOBE ESTATES DRIVE VISTA, CA 92083 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/01/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/12/2020 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/08/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-522392, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, State of California. Executed by: XUYEN T. LE, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND QUYNH HOA THI LE, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 159-093-67-00 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 522 ADOBE ESTATES DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92083 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 111,360.08. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case CA1900286113. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772 NPP0370830 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 07/23/2020, 07/30/2020, 08/06/2020

T.S. No. 19-21093-SP-CA Title No. 191170087-CA-VOI A.P.N. 104-144-07-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/02/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Stephen S Halverson, Sr, a married man as his sole and separate property.. Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 05/11/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0324213 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Diego County, CA. Date of Sale: 08/10/2020 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$805,582.12 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 701 E Fallbrook St Fallbrook, CA 92028-3443 A.P.N.: 104-144-07-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/26/2020 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 07/09/2020, 07/16/2020, 07/23/2020 CPP 350618

## PETITION FOR PROBATE ESTATE OF EDWARD ALDEN CHARETTE CASE NO. 37-2020-00022400-PR-PW-CTL

Petitioners: DEBORAH CHARETTE and ABBIE CHARETTE request that decedent's will and codicil, if any, be admitted to probate; that DEBORAH CHARETTE and ABBIE CHARETTE be appointed executor and Letters issue upon qualification; that full authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act; and that bond not be required for the reasons stated in item 3e. Decedent died on March 4, 2019, at Washington, District of Columbia, a nonresident of California and left an estate in the county named above located at 465 E. Dougherty Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
Date: 10/7/20 Time: 1:30 pm Dept. 502  
Address of court: 1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Central Probate  
Attorney for petitioner: Pamela Kleinkauf, 16776 Bernardo Center Drive 203, San Diego CA 92128, (858) 675-1105

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KENNETH ALFRED COX (aka KENNETH COX and KENNETH A. COX) CASE NO. 37-2020-00022589-PR-PW-CTL

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**KENNETH ALFRED COX (aka KENNETH COX and KENNETH A. COX)**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **JEFFREY BRIAN COX** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

The Petition for Probate requests that **JEFFREY BRIAN COX** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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: October 1, 2020 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept. 503  
If you want to appear at the hearing, you must make arrangements to appear by telephone or video by contacting CourtCall at (858) 882-6878, or [www.courtcall.com](http://www.courtcall.com). Please make your arrangements with CourtCall as soon as possible, before the hearing date. If you wait to contact CourtCall until the date and time of the hearing, CourtCall will be unable to process your request in time and you will not be able to appear at this hearing. CourtCall charges a fee for making arrangements. If you have previously obtained an approved Order on Court Fee Waiver (FW003/FW-003-GC), CourtCall may not require a fee. It is your responsibility to inform CourtCall that you have an approved Order to avoid being charged the fee. If you do not have an approved Order, but believe that you may be eligible for one, you should immediately file a Request to Waive Court Fees (FW-001/FW-001-GC) with the Probate Business Office.

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: Jennifer E. Dean / Shoup Legal, A Professional Law Corporation, 39755 Date Street, Suite 203, Murrieta, California 92563, (951) 445-4144

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WWII veteran honored by Fallbrook community



A Fallbrook resident since 1978, Carl Romano has many fond memories as a Marine and is surrounded by a lot of friends on his birthday, July 16.

**Lexington Howe**  
Staff Writer

Fallbrook honored one of its last remaining heroes from the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II during a drive by birthday parade Thursday, July 16.

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Col. Carl Romano, who turned 95 years old July 16, sat out front of Silvergate Retirement Residence to watch as North County Fire Department led the parade, followed by members of the community and the local sheriff's substation to pay their respects.

Hank Donigan, a good friend of Romano and a retired marine as well, organized the parade.

"We have a church on Camp Pendleton that he attends every Sunday like we do and sometimes I drive him out," Donigan said. "That's how I've gotten to know him.

"For 95 he's pretty spry, very accomplished, a longtime resident of Fallbrook," Donigan said.

Donigan added that Romano used to be an avocado rancher in Fallbrook, and that he's also hiked the distance of the Pacific Crest Trail.

Romano was thanked by many who had come out to wish him

a happy birthday, several asking how old he was turning.

"I'm not 95, I'm 75!" He said, smiling.

"I feel like a teenager again, I feel real good," Romano said. He served for 30 years, and retired in Fallbrook in 1978.

"I was just one of them," Romano said about serving. "So did millions of others."

He joined the Marines Corps out of high school and has fond memories.

"The friendship, the people I served with, my buddies, my close friends," Romano said. "My foxhole friends. They've all pretty much retired themselves.

"Not much to my life, you know? I've had a good life, always taken care of my health," he said, adding that he had been a "patriotic kid."

"Carl was an 18-year-old private during the battle, witnessed the flag raising on Mount Suribachi, and was wounded on the seventh day of battle," Donigan had written on his Facebook post inside a community group, when he had asked the community to come out to join the birthday parade.

"He's a pretty humble guy."

*Lexington Howe can be reached by email at [lhowe@reedermedia.com](mailto:lhowe@reedermedia.com).*



Carl Romano waves alongside family members, friends and staff of Silvergate as they watch a North County Fire engine drive by.



North County Fire leads the drive-by parade for Carl Romano, thanking him for his many years of service.



Carl Romano, 95, who was at the Battle of Iwo Jima during WWII and witnessed the flag being placed on Mount Suribachi, is honored on his birthday.



Both Marines from different generations, Carl Romano, left, and Hank Donigan are good friends and sometimes attend church together on Camp Pendleton.



Residents of Silvergate wait to celebrate Carl Romano's 95th birthday drive-by parade in Fallbrook, July 16.



Local law enforcement also join the parade as they thank Romano for his many years of service as a U.S. Marine.



HEALTH

Senior moves into Silvergate Fallbrook after serious health scare at home alone

FALLBROOK – Peter Moussally, a new resident at the senior living community of Silvergate Fallbrook, said he reexamined his life last year after a traumatic health scare in his own home. The seriousness of the event brought his family to its knees for nearly three months after Mousally’s collapse and subsequent stay in the hospital to recover.

“It was unlike my dad to not pick up the phone when I called,” Kim Sarmiento, Moussally’s daughter, said, who lives in town and dashed over to her father’s house that day to check up on him. “When he didn’t answer the door, I broke into the house to find him slumped on the floor and not as responsive as usual...not making sense. A frantic 911 call lead to EMTs at the door and a nerve-wracking ride to the hospital. It was scary, but we were lucky. We were just in time, and the doctors and medical teams were able to save my dad’s life. That’s when we knew we needed help with his care, and we started an exhaustive search for the right retirement community for him.”

Silvergate Fallbrook, which has been tending to older adults for more than 30 years, provided a care solution for Moussally and his family. As the region’s leading senior living community, Silvergate offered a seasoned team of caregivers and private accommodations in a newly remodeled senior living

community. Sarmiento said she could take comfort in knowing that her father would have round-the-clock care if he needed it.

“After spending months looking for the right place for my dad, we moved him to Silvergate because we found their experienced caregivers to be so compassionate, loving and respectful,” said Sarmiento, who works from home and tries to social distance visit her father whenever possible. “The apartment homes are lovely here, and the food is excellent. More importantly though, he’s safe and happy here. I don’t have to worry about him anymore.”

What happened to Moussally serves as a cautionary tale for seniors living at home alone,” Patricia Martinez, executive director for Silvergate Fallbrook, said. “Many families wait too long to consider the considerable benefits of retirement community living. Here, residents are safer than they are when they live alone, and they have everything they need. We continually monitor their care. They can be more active, enjoy nutritious meals prepared every day by our executive chef and have high-touch care whenever necessary.”

“It’s such a pleasure to be living here at Silvergate,” Moussally said, who enjoys spending his free time reading in the library, exercising to stay fit with his community-provided gym membership and mingling with other residents in

the community. “I was in interior design and the furniture business for many, many years. I loved helping people find ways to make their houses feel like homes. I can tell you this: Silvergate has done a wonderful job remodeling this property to make it really feel like a home to all of us who live here. The art, the furnishings, the décor: it’s all just beautiful.”

Offering private tours to older adults in the community once again, Silvergate has implemented safety measures to make it possible.

“We’re happy to be welcoming seniors back to Silvergate to see the lovely improvements we’ve made to our community,” Helen Gray, marketing director for the community in Fallbrook, said. “We have taken great care to set up protocols to assure safe, socially distanced, private tours that allow seniors to see the newest renovations and get a feel for the lifestyle here at Silvergate.”

For 30 years, Silvergate Fallbrook’s mission has been to deliver award-winning care to older adults with the same compassion, respect and affection they would want for their own families.

To schedule a private, in-person tour at Silvergate Fallbrook, call Gray at 760-728-8880 or visit <http://SilvergateRR.com>.

Submitted by Silvergate Fallbrook.



Peter Moussally relaxes in his new home at Silvergate Fallbrook. Village News/Courtesy photo

Kicking It at a dude ranch



Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal rides Topaz, a buckskin mare, at the Hunewill Guest Ranch. Village News/Courtesy photo

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

For some time now my husband and I have longed to drive historic Highway 395. Not realizing it went from Fallbrook all the way through California, Oregon and Washington up to the Canadian border until AAA mapped the trip for me, we decided to start small.

Although Lake Tahoe’s south shore was magnificent, it does a body good to get out of this state to see how real people live. And so, we did.

We arrived at the B Street House Bed and Breakfast in Virginia City, Nevada, in time to celebrate the

Fourth of July. When you go there, you will understand why I believe this town to be the most patriotic place in the country.

It was just a short walk from our B & B to the center of the activities on C Street. The sidewalks were crammed full of former Marines on Harleys which inspired every resident and day-tripper to cover their hearts and raise their voices to sing “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Believe me, no one dared take a knee in that crowd.

Furthermore, each and every person in Virginia City carried a placard, bumper sticker, sign, and/or banner pledging support to President Donald Trump and his reelection.

Not only were the streets lined with Marines standing shoulder to shoulder, with them were dozens of cigar-smoking conservatives fitted out in authentic western garb all the way down to their loaded six guns as they guarded the entrance to the Bucket of Blood Saloon.

Over the weekend, these same Virginia City citizens stood proud and ready alongside the Storey County Sheriffs in preparation for threatened mischief. It wasn’t St. Louis, thank you very much.

After a plate of the very best biscuits and gravy for breakfast, we drove over to the Hunewill Guest Ranch down Highway 395 South.

Hunkered in the wide Bridgeport Valley next to Yosemite National Park’s northeastern ridge, which known as the Sawtooth Range, the 4,500-acre spread is home to the oldest family owned cattle ranch in the American West.

Founded 160 years ago by Napoleon Bonaparte Hunewill to provide lumber and beef to the nearby mining towns, the Hunewill Ranch boasts a history of eight generations on the same stretch of land. A true legacy to the American cowboy.

During my stay I rode Topaz, a buckskin mare about 15 hands high. Topaz and I rode out with the buckaroos twice, learning to get along as we crisscrossed meadows and practiced making turns, stops and giddy-ups.

The 50 riders were bunched into groups – advanced, intermediate, buckaroos and an adult-walking ride with Benny the resident storyteller.

Oddly enough, we all looked like bank-robbers with our kerchiefs as we stood in the chow line keeping social distance. There was always plenty to do at night even without TV, such as a cookout, colt gentling, a campfire sing along and a talent show. For talent night, Vincent played his ukulele, and I recited some Phyllis Diller quips.

Since we stayed only four

nights, we missed Thursday’s hayride. Although it adds to the adventure, horseback riding is not required at the all-inclusive, family-oriented Hunewill Guest Ranch in Bridgeport.

As we cruised south down Highway 395 toward home, it felt good to leave the higher (6,400’) elevation behind. Just the same, we will recall this trip as a treasured memory long after the saddle sores have gone.

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Rite Aid adds drive-thru coronavirus testing in Fallbrook

**City News Service**  
Special to Village News

Rite Aid is expanding its COVID-19 testing capacity with 161 new drive-thru testing locations which opened July 16, including five in San Diego County.

Testing is available by appointment for people 18 years of age or older, regardless of whether the person is experiencing symptoms, according to Rite Aid. Results are expected in three to five days, a company representative said.

County locations providing

testing are 1331 South Mission Road in Fallbrook; 1201 South Coast Highway in Oceanside; 28535 Cole Grade Road in Valley Center; 1665 Alpine Boulevard in Alpine and 7224 Broadway in Lemon Grove.

The sites will utilize self-swab nasal tests overseen by Rite Aid pharmacists and will operate Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Patients must provide a government-issued ID, be at least 18 and pre-register online at <http://www.riteaid.com> to schedule an appointment.

Opinion

New Docs: NIH Owns Half of Moderna Vaccine

**By Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**  
Chairman, Children’s Health Defense

New documents obtained by Axios and Public Citizen suggest that the National Institute of Health (NIH) owns half the key patent for

Moderna’s controversial COVID vaccine and could collect half the royalties. In addition, four NIH scientists have filed their own provisional patent application as co-inventors. Little known NIH regulations let agency scientists collect up to \$150,000.00 annually

in royalties from vaccines upon which they worked. These rules are recipes for regulatory corruption.

NIH’s stake in the jab may explain why Anthony Fauci moved Moderna’s vaccine to the front of the line and to let Moderna skip animal trials despite the experimental technology and the inherent dangers of Coronavirus vaccines. Every prior coronavirus vaccine has proven problematic and can be lethal to animals due to COVID’s unique penchant for “pathogenic priming.” Death occurs only after a vaccinated animal encounters the wild virus.

Public health advocates and scientists criticized Fauci’s decision to skip animal trials as reckless. It may also explain why Anthony Fauci arranged a \$483 million grant to Moderna from a sister NIH agency, BARDA, despite the fact that Moderna has never brought a product to market or gotten approval.

Fauci publicly announced he was ‘encouraged’ by Moderna’s

catastrophic Phase 1 clinical trials despite the fact that groups of super healthy volunteers had Grade 3 ‘severe or medically significant’ reactions following vaccination.

Fauci’s infusion made Moderna CEO Steve Bancel a billionaire and further enriched Fauci’s mentor and co-investor Bill Gates. It may also explain why Fauci publicly announced he was “encouraged” by Moderna’s catastrophic Phase 1 clinical trials despite the fact that 20% of the high dose and 6% of the low dose groups of super healthy volunteers had Grade 3 “severe or medically significant” reactions following vaccination. Those results would have spelled DOA for any other medical product. After getting the abysmal news, Bancel and four other Moderna executives immediately dumped more than \$89 million in stock and Fauci was forced to make his optimistic public assessment to save Moderna’s plummeting shares from death spiral.

Fauci knows from experience that no matter how dangerous a vaccine, the easy part is convincing people to take it. Pharma, after all, controls the media.

Fauci painted lipstick on that lame donkey and now he’s trying to convince everyone it’s a thoroughbred. Moderna and NIH began manufacturing the first of 1 billion doses of the deadly vaccine this month. Fauci knows from experience that no matter how dangerous a vaccine, the easy part is convincing people to take it. Pharma, after all, controls the media.

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# Loma Linda University Cancer Center announces 3 new research directors

LOMA LINDA – Loma Linda University Cancer Center has appointed three cancer researchers to lead the center’s commitment to premium cancer care through development of new methods of discovery and treatment.

Dr. Frankis Almaguel, Ph.D., M.D., will serve as director of the Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics Research Program; Kim Payne, Ph.D., will serve as director of the Pediatric Leukemia Research Program and Dr. Pramil Singh, Pharm. D., will serve as director of the Tobacco Cessation Research Program.

Dr. Mark E. Reeves, Ph.D., M.D., director of the LLUH Cancer Center, said the new appointments are instrumental in the organization’s drive to improve treatment and diagnosis of patients, create resources for tobacco cessation and identify a cure for pediatric leukemia. Reeves said he believes the three new leaders will successfully address quests for cures and advance diagnostics and treatment.

“These three directors lead important initiatives the cancer community worldwide has struggled to tackle,” Reeves said. “I have full confidence they can pave the way to a better future for patients who are battling deadly diseases.”

The National Cancer Institute estimated 1.73 million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed this year and more than 600,000 Americans will die from the disease.

According to Reeves, key objectives within the cancer community internationally are improving customizable and precise cancer treatment and diagnosis, filling the need for solutions for the cessation of smoking – which has been found to be one of the major cancer causes – and developing a cure in pediatric leukemia.

More about the three new directors

Almaguel said his goal of the Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics Research Program is to increase the use of lifesaving precision medicine for identifying cancer cells and treatment. The method of molecular imaging includes the use of cancer-specific biomarkers, which are indicators of the severity or presence of the disease.

This novel type of imaging allows physicians to determine whether a specific drug or treatment is the right one for the right patient at the right time, enhancing precision in oncology. Once the cancer is identified, the same biomarkers specifically designed to identify the cancer cells are modified to destroy the tumors without killing healthy cells.

Currently, chemotherapy is not as precise, often harming healthy cells or organs which affects the patient’s quality of life. Almaguel said that each patient deserves a personalized treatment plan specifically tailored to the patient’s medical needs.

Through the Pediatric Leukemia Research Program, Payne is working to find a cure for pediatric leukemia – in particular, a cure for one very aggressive type of B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Singh’s focus at the Transdisciplinary Tobacco Research Program is on innovative cessation methods locally and globally for one of the primary concerns for disease burdens in the U.S.: tobacco. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of tobacco control and tobacco control research has grown.

Program faculty have responded by publishing National Institutes of Health-funded research linking smoked tobacco to infectious disease in rural Asia. Also, program faculty have recently submitted a series of grant proposals to investigate pathogen transmission on the surface of tobacco pipes.

More grants on tobacco and infectious disease pathways – including COVID-19 – are planned. The program has received grant funding from several NIH institutes and is working with Pfizer Foundation to conduct a smoking cessation trial in Mongolia. Singh plans to continue working with a team of researchers to curtail tobacco use globally.

*Submitted by Loma Linda University Health.*



New research directors, from left, Dr. Frankis Almaguel, Kim Payne, Ph.D., and Dr. Pramil Singh have been appointed to address cancer discovery and treatments at Loma Linda University Health.

# Aging in the time of COVID 19: Social distancing or social isolation?

**Dr. Diane Darby Beach**  
Gerontologist  
Fallbrook Foundation for Senior Care

We all hear and understand the cry for social distancing given the COVID-19 public health pandemic we have been dealing with for the past several months. The primary goal is to prevent transmission of the infection to high-risk people, such as older adults.

Social distancing, however, can be helpful or harmful depending on the motivations of those who practice it. Acting out of fear and anxiety, some people engage in bunker-style mentality,

hoarding supplies (i.e., toilet paper depletion) and shutting themselves off from others entirely.

Conversely, social distancing with the intent to protect those at greatest risk from getting sick, our elderly, is socially and ethically responsible and benefits most of us.

So, what are the downfalls of social distancing, and what can we do to address/cope with them? Many of us can traverse the pandemic in our homes with the support of family and friends, and perhaps, established social media.

However, for older adults, social distancing can turn into social

isolation from friends, relatives and neighbors and can be deadly. In fact, numerous studies indicate that the feelings of loneliness from social isolation foster depression, high blood pressure, anxiety and early onset of dementia.

So, what can you do as a family member of an elderly loved one (living at home alone or residing in an assisted living community or skilled nursing facility)? At the moment, all long-term care facilities are not permitting any “non-essential” visitors into their communities. As such, you, the family caregiver, may struggle with the need to communicate and remain connected to your loved one who may not understand what is happening (especially in the case of dementia).

Here are some tips to stay distanced, not disconnected:

1. Pick up the phone and call the

- older adults in your life to chat and check in, especially if they live alone.
2. When you pass an older neighbor on the street, remaining 6 feet distance, ask them how they are doing. Tell them that if they need anything, they can rely on you (and maintain your commitment).
3. Set up daily communication online with your older loved one at home or in a facility through FaceTime, Google Home, Zoom or with a phone call or text.
4. Leave a voicemail message on the facility staff cell phone and have them play it back for your loved one.
5. Send cards, letters, magazines or other items to loved ones at home or in a long- term care facility. Coronaviruses are thought to be spread most often by respiratory droplets. Although the virus

can survive for a short period on some surfaces, it is unlikely to be spread from domestic or international mail, products or packaging.

Lastly, try to remain hopeful and positive and even though we are in a second shutdown, know this is a temporary situation. Your older loved one will sense the positivity and calm (or lack thereof) in your communications and will respond accordingly.

For more information on this topic, register for our free webinar, “Coping with Social Distancing During the COVID Crisis,” Thursday, Aug. 6, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

To register, call 760-723-7570 or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/SeniorSocialDistancing>

# Is quarantining negatively affecting children?

**The American Counseling Association**  
Special to Village News

Most schools closed in mid-spring. Playgrounds in many areas are taped off. Sports programs from baseball to swim meets are being canceled. The current COVID-19 crisis and its quarantining measures are directly affecting children every day in a variety of ways.

Many parents worry what the long-term effects may be on their children. It’s a question for which there aren’t a lot of ready answers but the consensus from numerous experts is that most children will be all right.

It is especially true for younger children. While they may now complain when locked down at home that they’re “bored,” it’s probably the same complaint voiced during every summer’s school vacation.

Being bored at times won’t harm a child’s psychological and emotional development but, rather, it does offer opportunities for parents to help build self-sufficiency. Providing children with additional ways to express their creativity and enhance learning is one approach, but sometimes simply leaving a child to develop their own answers to being alone can encourage a child’s independence and ability to create their own activities. Parents can empathize with a child’s unhappiness with the current situation, but they don’t need to be a constant playmate or sources of entertainment.


With pre-teens and teenagers, the problems can sometimes be more difficult. Social interaction is extremely important to these age groups and the disappearance of classrooms and the freedom to just hang out with friends often are more serious issues than simply being bored. Additionally, older children are better able to understand the health and societal problems this health crisis has brought, which can mean higher levels of anxiety and stress as they worry not only about their own health, but that of others close to them.

Allowing fewer restrictions on electronic interactions is one way for today’s pre-teens and teens to stay connected. Social media and cellphone chat times can be replacements for that face to face time the children previously enjoyed.

But parents also need to watch for any serious problems that today’s changed world can bring to their children. Significant changes in eating and sleeping habits, being overly argumentative or withdrawing from family and friends for extended time periods can all be signs of depression. Depression isn’t simply being sad, but it’s a serious, longer-term mental health issue which is treatable and for which medical and mental help should be sought.

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HOME & GARDEN

# Causey given Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship

## Market goat named lightweight class and 4-H reserve champion

Joe Naiman  
Village News reporter

Madison Causey was notified June 24, that she would be receiving a Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship from the San Diego County Fair, and the 2020 Fallbrook High School graduate was also notified that day that she would be one of the final four exhibitors for the market goat supreme grand champion and supreme reserve champion honors. “It was a perfect day for a really good ending of the year for me,” Causey said.

Causey, who is now 18, was 9 when she joined Fallbrook 4-H. She first showed at the San Diego County Fair in 2011 and had dairy

goats that year. She began showing market goats at the county fair in 2012 and has also shown market steers and market hogs.

The 4-H and National FFA Organization students began raising their animals before the 2020 county fair was canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak. The county fair board opted to hold a virtual market livestock show so that exhibitors could earn awards.

“I think the virtual fair was really good,” Causey said. “I think the fair gave us the best opportunity.”

The decision also included an online auction for animals. The uncertainty about whether the fair would have an online auction or even a virtual show led many



Madison Causey is a Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship winner.

4-H and FFA members to pre-sell their animals. So, the fair allowed pre-sold animals to participate in the virtual market livestock show.

“Once I heard that they were doing a virtual fair this year I started getting my goats ready,” Causey said.

During the years Causey participated in a physical fair, the family stayed in a trailer at the fairgrounds. The elimination of a week away from home didn’t make up for not being at the fair this year.

During the physical fair, Causey was able to inform the public about what showing an animal entailed. She also interacted with the 4-H and FFA exhibitors from other chapters.

“We all made friends with each other. Even though we were competitive with each other in the show ring, we all were friends outside the show ring,” Causey said.

The various 4-H clubs would have potluck meals and other social events. “It was always fun staying down there,” Causey said.

The awards ceremony for 4-H and FFA champions was open to the public, and the winners collected their banners. This year the announcement was made online.

“I feel like I missed out on the experience of having that big win,” Causey said.

Causey showed two male Boer crosses. James was born in October 2019 and was thus eight months old during the virtual fair. Ken was born in January and was five months old when Causey showed him on a 90-second video.

“These goats are just the neatest goats I’ve ever raised,” Causey said.

The weight classes for each species of large animal are based on the number of entrants rather than by pre-determined weights.

Ken weighed 73 pounds, which put him at the high end of the class for goats from 66 to 73 pounds.

“I learned a lot about him. He just was awesome,” Causey said.

Ken was chosen as the best 4-H goat in his weight class. “I think he was the perfect goat to win the lightweight,” Causey said.

James weighed 89 pounds and competed against goats between 86 and 90 pounds. The Fallbrook FFA goats in that class also included an 89-pound goat raised by Alan Morris, who is also in Fallbrook 4-H. Dibbles, who was Morris’ goat, won the heavyweight class.

The 4-H weight class champions and reserve champions compete against each other for 4-H grand champion and 4-H reserve champion. Dibbles was selected as the 4-H grand champion and Ken was the 4-H reserve champion.

“I was very happy with how I placed,” Causey said.

“There’s just really stiff competition, and you never know if it’s going to go your way,” Causey said. “It’s just an honor being 4-H reserve champion.”

Causey wasn’t disappointed about placing behind Morris for 4-H grand champion. “Just seeing him win is just an awesome opportunity,” she said.

“(We) are so happy to be holding the two highest goat awards for 4-H,” Causey said. “It was awesome.”

The virtual awards ceremony took place June 25. “Even though it was virtual it was a lot of fun,” Causey said.

Both of Causey’s goats were pre-sold to Reflections Farm, which is in Valley Center. “I wanted them to go to a petting zoo,” Causey said.

Laura Mateo purchased Ken and James on behalf of Reflections Farm. “She’s bought my brother’s goats in the past, so I’m very happy with them going there,” Causey said.

The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation works with the San Diego County Fair but is a separate organization with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Most of the money for the Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship program is from livestock auction buyers who then donate their animals back to the fair for resale with those proceeds being used for scholarships while a small amount is from direct donations. The total scholarship amount varies from year to year depending on the amount of donations.

For the Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship, scholastic grades, extracurricular activities and fair activity are among the criteria.

The students are ranked and a bar chart with scores, but not names, is shown to the selection committee, which uses that chart to allocate the scholarship money for each position. This year, six students received a scholarship, including Causey.

Causey was awarded \$2,500, which was the third-highest amount of the six scholarships.

“Just receiving this scholarship is such a big honor, and I cannot wait to use it to pursue further education in agriculture,” Causey said.

Causey will be attending Southwestern College in Chula Vista to study ornamental horticulture and obtain a certification in floral design. She was in the Fallbrook FFA floriculture program for four years besides raising animals for three years. After she obtains her associate degree, Causey would like to attend Texas A&M University and eventually teach horticulture at the college level.

“I’ve always, even being in 4-H and FFA at such a young age, knew I was going to apply for this scholarship,” Causey said. “I pushed myself to do the best.”

Causey graduated from Fallbrook High School with a 3.5 grade-point average. She was on the school’s field hockey teams and she was a National Charity League member from seventh grade through 10th grade.

A Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship recipient must have shown an animal at the San Diego County Fair and the animal must have received a blue ribbon and qualified for the fair auction. That qualification can include a previous year’s fair. The 2019 auction included Causey’s 88-pound goat.

The Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship also requires two letters of reference. Causey’s were written by Fallbrook FFA advisory Margaret Chapman and family friend Peggy Hukill.

Causey was interviewed by Zoom teleconference and in mid-June.

Normally the students who receive scholarships are honored at a gala during the San Diego County Fair. “Unfortunately, we lost the gala that they usually hold for the scholarship recipients,” Causey said.

The 2020 recipients may be honored during the 2021 county fair, although a decision has not yet been made on that possibility.

“I would just like to thank every single person who has supported me throughout my 4-H career and my high school career,” Causey said.

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# FPUD awarded grant for indirect potable reuse pilot project

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The state’s Department of Water Resources has a grant program for Integrated Regional Water Management projects, and the most recent award of grants includes \$687,500 to the Fallbrook Public Utility District for an indirect potable reuse pilot project.

DWR officially awarded \$15 million in grant funds to the San Diego County Water Authority, July 8. The SDCWA will use \$1,440,000 for regional water use efficiency programs, and \$920,180 will be used by the CWA to administer the grants.

The funding for the other six grants will be given to FPUD and to five other agencies which will conduct studies and/or build projects. The seven projects would reduce total imported demand by an estimated 38,000 acre-feet.

Approximately 87% of that reduction would be from the city of San Diego’s indirect potable water reuse project, and approximately 1,500 acre-feet would involve conservation-based savings.

“It’s going to help support the reliability and the resiliency of the water supply in the San Diego region,” Mark Stadler, CWA’s principal water resources specialist, who is the program manager for the CWA’s IRWM program, said.

The FPUD project would place recycled water, which is currently discharged into the ocean, into the Santa Margarita River basin. The indirect potable reuse program would be separate from the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project but would enhance the additional supply provided by storing water in that basin.

“It gives us the opportunity of expanding local supplies,” Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUD, said.

The pilot project will determine the feasibility of developing advanced purification facilities to treat existing water both from U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and from FPUD, and the process will include design and other nonconstruction matters as well as two pilot facilities.

“The funding has to come through us, so we’re the lead, but we’re working in partnership with Camp Pendleton,” Bebee said.

FPUD and Camp Pendleton currently discharge approximately 2.6 million gallons per day of treated water into the Pacific Ocean

through the Oceanside Outfall. The Conjunctive Use Project constructed facilities to convey water from the Santa Margarita River basin, so it is possible that water undergoing tertiary treatment could also be stored in the groundwater basin and later extracted and treated to meet potable water standards.

The current discharge total would equate to approximately 3,000 acre-feet per year should feasibility studies and permits lead to construction of an indirect potable reuse project. If the project is ultimately constructed, treated effluent would be diverted to the existing Upper Ysidora percolation ponds and infiltrated into the groundwater basin.

“They will supplement the water supply in the Santa Margarita with highly purified recycled water,” Bebee said.

“It’s a pilot project, and it’s going to look at a couple of different ways of potable reuse,” Stadler said. “In effect it will create a new water supply. It will increase groundwater storage, and it will reduce Fallbrook’s dependence on imported water.”

The November 2014 election included the passage of Proposition 1, which allocates \$510 million for IRWM projects including \$37 million to the San Diego County portion of the San Diego hydrologic region. DWR does not issue the entire amount of IRWM funding in one grant application process but utilizes rounds of grant applications and awards.

The CWA administers grants for member agencies and other applicants. Because the grant funding is allocated by region, the San Diego region will receive the full amount although DWR must approve the specific projects. The grant application process includes consultation with DWR, and some of the applications may be refined.

In September 2019, the CWA board approved submitting grant applications for the seven projects including the FPUD indirect potable reuse pilot project.

“We had been anticipating it,” Bebee said of the grant.

The grants do not fully fund the projects. The estimated cost of the FPUD pilot project is \$1,380,000.

FPUD’s board voted 5-0, Feb. 24, to award a \$745,000 professional services contract to Hazen and Sawyer.

“The project’s underway,” Bebee said.

Hazen and Sawyer will design

the pilot treatment systems, assist with regulatory compliance, provide oversight to the operations of the pilot system and produce a feasibility report based on the results of the pilot study.

“Part of the feasibility study is to put together some pilot facilities,” Bebee said.

The pilot project will consist of two pilot facilities and a tracer study. One pilot facility will be located at FPUD’s water reclamation plant and will be designed for livestream discharge to Fallbrook Creek.

The other pilot facility will be located at Camp Pendleton’s Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant and will be designed to convey treated water to the percolation ponds. The pilot project will determine the best treatment process as well as the feasibility of utilizing reclaimed water to augment groundwater in the lower Santa Margarita River basin.

The timeline for the pilot project is based on when FPUD receives the grant funding.

“Even if you’re awarded by the state, there’s still some delay getting money,” Bebee said.

The Dec. 3 Rainbow Municipal Water District board meeting and the Dec. 9 FPUD board meeting approved a memorandum of understanding between the two districts to work with each other on new water resource development and emergency supply.

Rainbow will participate in the feasibility study including assisting in the development of technical data related to the district’s customer demands to identify the potential amount of water from the project Rainbow could use. The pilot project

studies will identify the expected allocation of flows, and Rainbow has agreed to fund 15% of the non-grant share, or \$105,000.

The feasibility study for the FPUD project will address not only technical and permitting feasibility but also whether the project would be cost-efficient.

“Cost is a big driver,” Bebee said. “If the answer’s no, we won’t continue to pursue the project.”

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## NFPA's annual U.S. Firefighter Fatalities report reflects significant milestones

The National Fire Protection Association released its annual “U.S. Firefighter Fatalities in the United States” report, which showed fewer than 50 U.S. firefighter fatalities while on duty in 2019, reflecting the lowest number of deaths reported since NFPA began conducting this study in 1977.

In addition, there were no multiple-fatality incidents, which also represents a first for the report. Other important achievements include the lowest number of deaths of volunteer firefighters, deaths in road vehicle crashes and cardiac deaths.

"This year's findings reflect significant milestones for firefighters while on the job, with many of the numbers representing historic lows," Rita Fahy, a manager in NFPA's applied research division, said. "While one year's experience cannot be interpreted as evidence of a trend, and we know already that the

death toll in 2020 will likely be higher as a result of COVID-19, there are promising indications that real, sustained progress has been achieved in the reduction of deaths in some categories, such as cardiac deaths, structure fire deaths and vehicle crashes.”

Overall, 48 firefighters died while on-duty in the U.S. in 2019, a sharp drop from recent years, where deaths average 65 per year. Of the 48 fatalities, 25 were volunteer firefighters, 20 were career firefighters and one each was an employee of a state land management agency, an employee of a federal land management agency and a civilian employee of the military.

The 25 deaths of volunteer firefighters in 2019 is the lowest reported in all the years of this study and represented a sharp drop from the annual average for volunteer firefighters over the previous 10 years at 36 deaths per year on average, and far lower than

the average of 67 deaths per year in the earliest years of this study.

The 20 deaths of career firefighters while on-duty in 2019 is the third time in the past four years that the total has been 20 or fewer. In the earliest years of this study, the annual average number of deaths of career firefighters while on duty was 57.

Overexertion, stress and medical issues accounted for by far the largest share of firefighter deaths, as has been the case in past years. Of the 26 deaths in this category, 22 were classified as sudden cardiac deaths – usually heart attacks – two were due to strokes, one to heat stroke and one death was by suicide.

The 22 sudden cardiac deaths with onset while the victim was on-duty mark the fourth consecutive year that the toll has been below 30, but they still account for the largest share of on-duty deaths. Cardiac-related events accounted for 44% of the on-duty deaths over the past 10 years.

In 2019, four firefighters died in vehicle crashes, four were

struck by vehicles and one fell from a moving vehicle. In the past, crashes of road vehicles fairly consistently accounted for the second largest share of the on-duty deaths, but the number has dropped in recent years, with fewer than five deaths in three of the last 10 years. Deaths in road vehicle crashes, which accounted for three of the four crash deaths in 2019, have ranged over the years from a high of 25 to this year's low of three.

"It remains encouraging to see the overall number of on-duty firefighter fatalities continue to decline, but the full firefighter fatality picture is far broader than NFPA's data," Fahy said, reinforcing that NFPA's study focuses on on-duty deaths tied to specific events that occur while firefighters are at work, but that the hazards of firefighting also include long-term exposure to carcinogens and other contaminants, as well as physical and emotional stress and strain.

In addition, Fahy pointed to some troubling trends, such as

firefighter related murders. In 2019, a firefighter who was shot at an EMS call represents the ninth firefighter murdered on-duty in the past 10 years.

"This report only reflects deaths that occur while victims are on-the-job, either as the result of traumatic injuries or onset of acute medical conditions," Fahy said. "Studies have shown that years spent in the fire service can take a toll on a firefighter's health, both physical and emotional, and can also result in exposures to toxins that eventually result in job-related cancer, cardiac and suicide deaths that are not represented in this report."

A comprehensive study that enumerates all duty-related deaths in a year is not yet possible to accomplish.

This firefighter fatality study is made possible by the cooperation and assistance of the United States fire service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the United States Fire Administration, the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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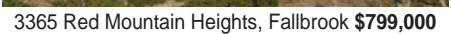
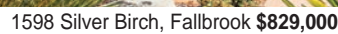
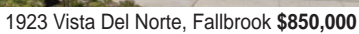
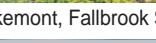
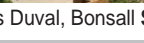
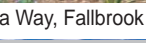
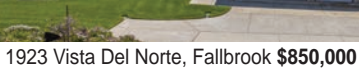
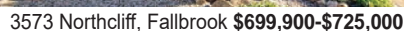
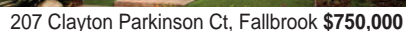
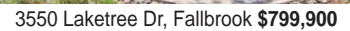
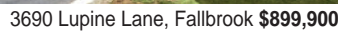
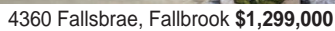
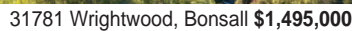
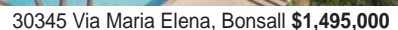
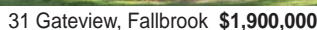
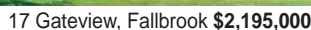
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# What coronavirus means for your mortgage

ESCONDIDO – So many people throughout the United States and throughout California have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Many homeowners have questions, worries and concerns about mortgage payments in light of job loss and other financial difficulties.

Broadpoint Properties hopes to help homeowners alleviate some of those fears by discussing some of the options available with respect to their California mortgage and the coronavirus.

During the previous economic downturn, the full-service real estate brokerage and property management company helped thousands of homeowners who were in financial distress to identify the best solution with respect to the challenges they faced in making mortgage payments.

Many people are struggling financially right now and may have a hard time paying their bills as a result of layoffs or shelter in place orders across the United States. Homeowners are not alone. All of the experts have said that it is extremely important that to pick up the phone and call the mortgage lender.

When calling the lender to ask for help, homeowners really just need to tell them their story. Many lenders have situations and plans in place for disasters already – such as hurricanes, wildfires and terror attacks. And, now, unfortunately, the coronavirus will be added to that list.

Relief is out there already from many of the big banks, such as Chase, Citibank, Wells Fargo and Bank of America. And, according to the news reports, thousands of additional lenders are beginning to follow suit.

Homeowners are probably hearing all sorts of things in the news, and of course, it is all changing day to day and even hour to hour.

If a homeowner is falling behind or will fall behind on their mortgage, it is important to understand their options.

The first option is to do nothing. Homeowners can cease to make payments without making any arrangements, but this option is generally inadvisable.

The second option is forbearance.

A forbearance agreement is an agreement a homeowner makes with their lender that will allow them to defer a set number of payments.

The third option is loan modification. A loan modification agreement is a renegotiation of the loan terms such as the interest rate, payment amount or the length of the loan. It generally requires submission of paperwork that needs to be approved by the lender.

If, as a result of the pandemic, a homeowner sees no favorable way out of their situation and they need to sell, there are a few different approaches.

The first is an equity sale. If they have equity in their home, even if they are behind on mortgage payments, a homeowner can still sell their home. According to market research, people who sell their homes using a real estate professional see a home sale at up to \$56,000 more than if they go it alone. So, from a data perspective, it does make sense financially to contact a real estate agent to assist.

If they owe more to the mortgage lender than the home is worth, a homeowner can still sell their home at no cost. It would be done in a process called a short sale, where real estate staff arranges with the mortgage lender for a buyer to purchase the home at market value and have the balance of the mortgage debt forgiven.

At Broadpoint Properties, we have helped thousands of distressed borrowers through financial challenges during the Great Recession using all of the options I’ve discussed. If you are struggling right now and worried about your next mortgage payment, it is our sincere hope that the information provided here will help you.

If you or anyone you know needs personal advice with respect to their mortgage and the coronavirus, please do not hesitate to contact the team at Broadpoint Properties.

This article first appeared on Broadpoint Properties’ website, <https://servingsandiegocounty.com>.

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# Is America’s housing ready for an aging population?

**Jonathan Vespa**  
*U.S. Census Bureau*

It should come as no surprise that older Americans overwhelmingly want to stay in their home as they age. But are their homes ready for them to stay?

For millions of older Americans, home is where they raised a family, hosted holidays and told bedtime stories to their children and grandchildren. It is often their nest egg as well as an anchor to their community.

But older homes don’t always meet the needs of older Americans, according to a new report from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Only 10% of U.S. homes have key features to accommodate older residents, according to the report, “Old Housing, New Needs: Are U.S. Homes Ready for an Aging Population?”

The report looked at the number of homes in the United States that have accessible features, as well as households with older adults who have difficulty using some aspect of their home.

The need for accessible housing grows.

Over the next 10 years, the size of the population 65 and older is projected to grow by 17 million as baby boomers age. By 2030, an estimated one in five Americans will be 65 and older.

As the number of older Americans increase, so does the need for homes with the design, function and layout

that allows older people to live safely.

Every year, about 30 million older people fall in the United States – one fall every second of every day.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, around one in five of these falls results in serious harm. The direct medical costs of fall-related injuries total more than \$50 billion annually.

Nearly 11 million older Americans have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs; 7 million have trouble living on their own and almost 4 million have difficulty bathing or dressing themselves.

Yet most homes are not equipped to handle the needs of adults with these difficulties.

Only one in 10 U.S. homes are accessible for older adults.

Of the nation’s 115 million housing units, only 10% are ready to accommodate older populations.

For example, only one in 10 homes have a step-free entryway, a bedroom and full bathroom on the first floor, so older adults do not need to use the stairs, and at least one-bathroom accessibility feature, such as handrails or a built-in shower seat.

Homes with these features are even less common in some areas of the country. In the mid-Atlantic region, which includes New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, only 6% of homes are accessible for older adults. In comparison, about 14% of homes are accessible for older adults in the West South-Central area of the country, including Arkansas,

Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

Steps, stairways and bathrooms present a physical challenge.

Often a place of convenience and comfort, homes also pose risks for older adults’ safety and well-being.

More than a quarter of all households with an adult age 65 or older reported trouble using some feature of the home. Among households with adults 85 and over that figure rises to nearly half.

Steps and stairways are by far the most common problem areas in the home for older adults. A quarter of older households reported such difficulty.

Bathrooms pose considerable risks as well and are the second most common problem area of the home for older adults. More than half of bathroom injuries are directly related to using the shower and getting into or out of the bathtub, according to the CDC.

Installing handrails, grab bars and built-in shower seats in the bathroom could help reduce risk for older adults and improve the safety of their home.

*These data are produced by the U.S. Commerce Department’s Census Bureau from a survey sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

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# San Diego County property tax roll tops \$600 billion

SAN DIEGO – San Diego County Assessor Ernest J. Dronenburg Jr. has certified and closed the 2020 assessed value roll of all taxable property with a record setting high value of \$604.75 billion reflecting an increase of 5.18% or \$29.78 billion over last year.

“The 2020 property tax roll reflects a robust real estate market as of the state mandated Jan. 1, 2020, valuation date,” Dronenburg said. “Properties impacted by COVID-19 will have their values reflected in the 2021 assessment roll per state law, however, my office is proactively working to provide relief to COVID-19 impacted taxpayers.”

The 2020 assessment roll comprised 1,004,808 real estate parcels, 56,689 business personal property accounts, 13,444 boats and 1,554 aircraft. The county’s net assessed value is \$581.53 billion after deducting \$23.22 billion from a record high reduction of property tax exemptions that saved over \$230 million for homeowners, disabled veterans and charitable organizations.

“The 2020 property tax roll highlights the genius of Proposition 13 delivering on its two key promises that property owners can budget for their predictable limited property tax increases that make homeownership achievable, while delivering government a reliable and predictable revenue source for

funding key services, like schools and first responders,” Dronenburg said. “Without Proposition 13 many homeowners and seniors on fixed incomes would have seen their property taxes double or triple within the last few years causing them to potentially lose their homes in order to pay their property taxes.

“Thanks to Proposition 13, no homeowner should lose their home to unaffordable property taxes and no government should lack funding as Prop. 13 has insulated them from the current coronavirus pandemic or the usual booms and busts of the capital markets,” he said.

The 2020 assessment roll reflected record property tax savings for taxpayers. The Taxpayer Advocate outreach program with the exemption teams qualified over 480,000 homeowners for over \$36 million in savings from the Homeowners’ Exemption, saved 10,108 San Diego County 100% disabled veterans over \$14,000,000 in property taxes using the Disabled Veterans’ Exemption and qualified over 5,000 welfare institutions such as schools, churches, museums and nonprofits for property tax relief savings of over \$230 million.

Highlights from the 2020 Assessment Roll

San Diego County set a record high of over \$600 billion in assessed value.

City of San Diego had the largest value increase, adding \$14.2 billion.

National City realized the highest assessed value growth rate at 7.10%.

Poway saw the lowest growth rate at 4.33% for the second year in a row.

Assessor qualified a record high 10,108 San Diego County disabled veterans for the Disabled Veterans’ Exemption saving them over \$14 million in property taxes.

Eighty-five percent of property owners receive the benefit of the Proposition 13 protective cap.

Proposition 13’s 2% inflationary increase produced an additional \$10 billion in assessed value to help fund schools, libraries, parks and other public services.

There are over 1,000 fewer businesses paying business property taxes in 2020.

Dronenburg expressed special appreciation for his staff’s hard work and dedication to closing the 2020 assessment roll on time during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic changed the way the assessor’s office does business and, with little notice, staff transitioned to telecommuting while continuing to efficiently serve the public through online and telephone services.

“I applaud my extraordinary

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# Filing period to open for property tax assessment appeals

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – San Diego County residents and businesses who disagree with their property tax assessments for the 2020-2021 fiscal year may file an application to appeal their value until Nov. 30.

Andrew Potter, county clerk of the Assessment Appeals Boards, announced the filing period Thursday, July 16.

Applications and information booklets are available on the county’s website at <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/cob/aab/index.html>. To file an appeal application,

taxpayers should know their parcel or tax bill number and property address, and they must state their opinion of the property’s market value on the application. Applications must be received by the clerk of the board of supervisors no later than 5 p.m., Nov. 30, or postmarked by midnight, Nov. 30.

Applications and forms can be mailed to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Assessment Appeals, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402, San Diego, CA 92101-2471.

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EDUCATION

Miss Fallbrook teens to serve community

**Christal Gaines-Emory**  
*Intern*

The Fallbrook Village Rotary hosted the annual Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook pageant June 6, via livestream. Jayden Dominique was crowned Miss Fallbrook, and Erica Nash was crowned Miss Teen Fallbrook.

After being crowned Miss Teen Fallbrook in 2018, Dominique said she was inspired to run as a Miss Fallbrook contestant this year because she missed serving the community, the excitement of meeting all the members of the community and the friendships she formed with the girls through the pageant.

Nash said she was inspired to run after seeing a family friend compete in the pageant and watching the involvement of the court in the Fallbrook community. She said she is excited for the opportunity to serve Fallbrook.

Both young women said they had a positive, memorable experience during the pageant, despite the unique circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Dominique said, “The experience was definitely interesting. It wasn’t what we expected, but it felt more personal and it calmed my nerves.”

Nash felt the same way, she said, but that she missed the audience during the interview portion.

“It went very well and it was unique. Not many people can say they competed in a pageant during a global pandemic,” Nash said.

Dominique said that the pageant

taught her to have faith in herself and her capabilities.

“I lacked confidence and I didn’t even know it, but we were taught to put ourselves out there and have confidence,” she said.

As she looked back on her year serving as Miss Teen Fallbrook in 2018 and forward to her opportunity of serving as Miss Fallbrook, she said she can see how much she’s grown in confidence.

Nash said that competing in the pageant helped her make friends with all of the contestants.

“We became a little family,” she said.

Both girls said they were excited for the future events, but mostly they were looking forward to reaching out and getting more involved in the community. Nash said she hoped that the Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook courts will be able to “show everyone what Fallbrook is about.”

The court has participated in few community events so far, greeting community members.

Along with her Miss Fallbrook duties, Dominique said that she enjoys spending time with her family, especially her little brothers.

“They’re still really young, so when I spend time playing with them I feel like I’m reconnecting with my youth,” she said.

Dominique graduated from Fallbrook High School this year. She is an intern at her church, North Coast Calvary Chapel, and she has been helping her church

create an online summer vacation Bible school for children.

Nash has been an active member in 4-H Club for eight years, serving on the executive team. She raises poultry, is an artist, is active in the community through National Charity League and enjoys horseback riding and training horses.

Both girls said they intend to major in psychology in college.

Dominique shared that after seeing the effects of the foster care system, she felt a pull toward a career in clinical psychology. Her platform during the Miss Fallbrook competition was about pediatric trauma in the foster care system. After spending so much time researching the topic, she knew that she needed to pursue a career in clinical psychology. She will attend Palomar College in the fall and transfer to a California State University campus later.

Nash has also a passion for psychology. The high school junior plans to major in psychology in college and become a psychiatrist. She would like to attend Stanford University or UC Santa Cruz.

Dominique and Nash said they want to make the most of their positions as role-models for young community members.

Dominique said, “I want the younger members of Fallbrook to know that this town is what you make of it, and you have to get involved to see the true beauty of Fallbrook.”

She said there’s so much that goes on behind the scenes to make



Miss Fallbrook 2020 Jayden Dominique, left, and Miss Teen Fallbrook 2020 Erica Nash pose for a photo in Vince Ross Village Square.

all of the events in town happen, and she hoped that people will be inspired to get more involved.

Nash said she hoped to show the younger members of Fallbrook how to be a good leader, but she especially hoped to “show the little

girls of Fallbrook that pageants are about so much more than being a pretty face. I want to show them that it’s about being a leader and serving your community to the best of your abilities.”

Sounds of summer return to Boys & Girls Club



Javier Hernandez learns a new technique from Jessica Taylor during an afternoon art class at the Boys & Girls Club.



Leon Hernandez, right, smiles during a game of dodge ball with teammate David Barragon looking on.



Edgar Tovar uses a kickboard with lifeguard Jake Baker nearby during swim time at the Boys & Girls Club.

**FALLBROOK** – With joyful enthusiasm, the staff of the Boys and Girls Clubs of North County reopened its doors June 1 welcoming children of essential workers.

Things immediately look different as one walks through the doors but the fun and laughter have happily returned. Following the state and local guidelines, everyone has their temperature checked before they enter. Once they are in, they are greeted by staff wearing masks. Group sizes are smaller than usual to accommodate for social distancing practices. The club has also increased its sanitation and hygiene practices to ensure the safety of its members and staff.

On June 22, the club expanded its summer program to include children of working families. “We are excited to be one step closer to opening our doors to all of Fallbrook’s youth,” said Lisa Ware, director of operations for the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County. “Until then, we are thrilled to have children playing and laughing in our club again.”

A huge part of all the laughing comes from the club’s beautiful pool, which is now open for private swim lessons. Each session is weeklong and costs \$75 per child. Sessions take place Monday through Friday and last 30 minutes.

For those who are unable to attend the club in person, the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County is continuing its virtual program through the club’s Instagram (@bgcnorthcounty) and YouTube (bgcnorthcounty) pages for children of all ages to participate from home.

*Submitted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County.*



Alice Anderson shows off her swimming certificate after completing her week of lessons.



Ayto Ezawa practices a new swim stroke from lifeguard Chloe Corrales.

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assessor staff for their extra efforts and fortitude while making sure we closed the tax roll as promised during this unprecedented challenging time,” Dronenburg said.

Assessed values are available to property owners online at <http://www.sdarcc.com> by clicking on the “2020 Notification of Taxable Value” link.

Property tax exemption applications are also available on the website under the “Forms” menu. Additionally, assessed values and property tax exemption information are available by calling the assessor’s office at 619-236-3771.

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SPORTS

CIF pushes high school sports back to December

Jeff Pack  
Staff Writer

For hundreds of thousands of high school athletes in the state of California, they finally have an answer as to when they can begin competing at local high schools during the 2020-21 school year.

For now. The California Interscholastic Federation, along with the help of the 10 regional sections, announced Monday, July 20, that there will be a modified sports season schedule for the upcoming school year that breaks the sports into two groups – fall and spring – instead of the traditional three group system.

“It is anticipated that most section start dates will commence in December 2020 or January 2021,” the statement reads.

Last Friday, July 17, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered that school campuses should remain closed when the academic year begins in counties on the state’s monitoring list due to spiking coronavirus cases – including Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Riverside counties.

“We are continuously monitoring the directives and guidelines released from the Governor’s Office, the California Department of Education, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments and agencies as these directives and guidelines are followed by our member schools/school districts with student health and safety at the forefront,” CIF’s statement reads. “As these guidelines change, CIF sections may allow for athletic activity to potentially resume under the summer period rules of the local section.”

The official start dates for competition and training are to be mapped out by each of the sections with the state CIF organization setting dates for the last date for section, regional, and state

championships.

While neighboring section, the CIF Southern Section, has start dates for each sport scheduled, the San Diego Section won’t have one for the next couple of weeks but released a statement.

“CIF-SDS is excited to see the foundations of a plan to return high school athletics throughout the state of California for the 2020-2021 school year,” the statement reads. “Today’s announcement from the state office provides our section with the information necessary to finalize the calendars and schedules for all of our CIF regulated sports, while also acknowledging the importance of the health and safety of our student-athletes and coaches by pushing the official start date back to align with the Roadmap to Recovery set by the state of California.”

As it stands, boys and girls cross country, football, field hockey, gymnastics, competitive cheer, boys and girls volleyball, and boys and girls water polo will begin competition in either December or January.

According to the Southern Section, the first football games will be held Jan. 8 and practices can begin Dec. 14. Boys Volleyball will start games Dec. 12 and Girls Volleyball will start Dec. 19. Water polo games will start Dec. 21 for boys and Dec. 28 for girls.

Boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls golf, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls swimming, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track and field, and boys and girls wrestling should begin competition in March.

The San Diego Section figures to have a similar time frame in order to line up with Regional and State championships.

“In collaboration with our Board of Managers, Conference Presidents, Sport Specific Advisory Committees and



Football teams could play their first games Jan. 8 if the CIF San Diego Section lines its schedule up with the nearby CIF Southern Section’s schedule. On Monday, the state CIF office announced that high school sports will change from a three-season schedule to a two-season schedule.



Girls lacrosse will likely be played in the spring, which may cause an overlap for some athletes who also participate in girls soccer, another sport that moves from the winter season to the spring season.

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Officials Association, we will be coming together over the next couple weeks to finalize the dates and schedules for each of the seasons of sport for our section,” the San Diego Section statement reads. “We understand that this has been a difficult period of time for our student-athletes, coaches, athletic administrators, and parents with so much uncertainty and information changing on a daily basis.”

“What they’re doing, of course, they’re going to look at what CIF came out with the Southern Section, and then we’re waiting on the confirmed dates of their own for the master calendar,” FUHS Athletic Director Patrick Walker said Monday, July 20. “I should have some information pretty quick. I think by the end of the week, we’re going to have something pretty concrete. I really do.”

Walker is hopeful that Fallbrook athletes will have the opportunity to start training soon.

“The one thing I do agree with is it does give leadership the opportunity to focus on opening up the schools, which is getting so complex,” he said. “I think once that’s done and hopefully things settle down, then just like I was trying to do on the 13th of this month, we start using the facilities to start getting these kids who need their mental health and just being together. And even if it is just calisthenics, they need that desperately. So, I do think we have a superintendent that very much understands how important that is.”

For Fallbrook Girls Water Polo head coach Sean Redmond, it means the season will start a little earlier than usual and they will be sharing the pool with the boys water polo team.

“I’m in a holding pattern, I don’t know what it’s going to mean to me,” Redmond said. “We definitely have to wait and see what comes out from the San Diego Section on what we’re going to do, because as you know San Diego, Riverside, and Orange County are on the watch list. So, if things don’t change between now and December, who knows what’s going to happen. That’s



Girls softball will start sometime in the spring and dates for training and first games should be announced soon.

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have that problem because I have like one club kid; I’m pretty sure he’d pick high school over the club. But for those baseball guys, if you’re traveling and let’s say you have a condensed season, only 15 games, but you’re going to go do a travel baseball tournament for the weekend and you get six or seven games, you’re more likely to go play with that team that weekend rather than play the one game with your high school team.”

Walker talked about that issue as well.

“That, of course, is the biggest concern for all of us,” he said. “I’ve already talked to some of my (athletic director) connections and when you’ve got these kids who play multiple sports, that’s going to be the impact – having to make them choose, in a way, what sport are you going to do?” he said. “I don’t see how you get away from it. This was the decision by CIF. How else do you fix that? It’s going to be a year of transition, which is going to be difficult for sure. And yes, numbers are going to go down in some sports. I mean, it’s the way it is.”

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the other part. This thing literally is changing daily.”

Redmond said he heard in an interview with the section’s commissioner that a schedule would be available for San Diego on or around Aug. 14.

Also, the CIF has temporarily suspended a bylaw prohibiting outside competition in all sports for the 2020-21 school year.

That may cause a problem for some sports, Redmond said.

“Considering swimming, gymnastics and diving are pretty much individual sports – team sports, I think that makes it really hard,” he said. “How do you include them into what you’re trying to do when they’re not there? When they get there and they show up just for a game, they might not know what the plays are, the offense, or how things are supposed to be (based on) what they’ve been working on.”

Redmond said he was fortunate that most of his athletes also compete in local clubs and not

too many of his athletes compete in sports other than water polo or swimming, which will start later in the spring.

Fallbrook boys basketball head coach Ryan Smith isn’t so lucky.

“The biggest, toughest thing is going to be the sharing of athletes, which is going to severely, probably hamper a lot of teams at Fallbrook where we have a lot of teams that share athletes,” he said. “The last couple of years I’ve been here, basketball’s probably not been the first sport for a lot of those guys. So, it’s going to be different.”

Smith, who also coaches club basketball in the offseason, thinks it will be interesting to see what happens between club basketball and high school basketball programs.

“We were just talking and we were surprised when we saw that,” Smith said. “There’s always been a history of high school and club coaches not liking each other if they don’t do both. I wouldn’t



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BUSINESS

Z Cafe has aloha vibes tied to its roots

Lexington Howe  
Staff Writer

Hawaiian native John Toma bought his first restaurant after losing his oldest daughter, Chelsea, to a drunken driver.

His son, Michael Toma, had been close to her, and Michael Toma’s ambition had been to become a chef.

“I was in the fashion industry at the time,” John Toma said. After having success with clothing boutiques, he branched off and had his own stores in several different locations before selling them off and getting into the restaurant industry for his son.

“I stumbled across Sunrize Cafe in Bonsall, bought it, and I knew what I needed to do,” John Toma said. They then took the restaurant and began to build it up.

Sunrize changed to Z Cafe in 2010 after Toma decided they needed an image name change, considering they would be moving from just serving breakfast and lunch to dinner as well.

The last six to seven years have been successful for Z Cafe up until

this year.

“Even this year with the challenges of all the things that are going on in our world, we were still meeting up to the year-before numbers,” Toma said. “We dropped off when we were just going to the takeout; we were quickly building back up again, but now that they’re doing the shutdown again with only outdoor dining, we’re stumbling again and going to have to reposition ourselves as well.”

Toma didn’t have any restaurant experience before getting into the business.

“I had no experience, but I knew from fashion boutiques, clothing stores; I knew what you needed to do as far as projecting out an image, having a great product, great people and a great staff, which we have,” Toma added.

They pretty much have a set menu, but do specials daily.

“I wanted to have a kind of old school feel to things,” Toma said. They’ve stuck more to the basics, but with a twist.

“A lot of the breakfast items are basic items that you would see in

normal cafes, but we do a little bit of twist with how we might change up certain items, ingredients with the items,” Toma said.

Their prices are positioned to stay relatively the same.

“When I go into places and I see \$16, \$18 burgers, it’s ridiculous, I really do believe it,” Toma said. “We’ve stuck to our place with our position with pricing, even as we face challenges at times.”

At Z Cafe, they add Hawaiian flair to some of their food due to Toma’s Native Hawaiian background.

“We bring in some of the Hawaiian types of items,” Toma said. “We do Hawaiian barbecue beef or chicken; we do a mahi mahi; we do a chicken katsu, all extremely popular.”

During dinner hours they serve a lot of fresh fish, as well as steaks. They also serve Hawaiian plate lunches that also are served into the dinner hour, and they also serve sushi.

Alongside craft beer, they have an extensive wine lineup as well.

“If you come to our restaurant, you’ll find something of a variety



Z Cafe in Bonsall has pictured a Z Cafe burger in front, with a Brie and spinach burger in back.



Z Cafe serves a variety of different items, everything prepped and made to order for that day.

on a regular basis,” Toma said. “It’s a broad menu, but it’s quality. It’s not one of those types of things where, because it’s broad, the quality suffers.

“We make sure that everything that we plate gets out in the way that we want to present it; with speed, with the way that we plate things, freshness, and then the way that it tastes.”

They also do work with art displays as well. “The type of music that we play, to the way that our staff is groomed and presentable and professional and the way that they carry themselves, all of those things we touch on,” Toma said.

“We’re always into the senses; what they see, what they smell, what they hear, all that type of stuff; that’s a collective thing that we are constantly trying to evolve with,” he added.

His son, Michael Toma, is the general manager along with two other managers, with some staff that has been with them since the original Sunrize days.

Before I think we’ve been with the Z location now for 12 years, and we evolve all the time,” John Toma said. “We’re not just satisfied with who we are but continue to be evolving and stick to our core, but also get into new things that just wows our customers even more.”

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does “personal injury” mean? Most people think it means car accidents, which are by and large the most common type of personal injury, but it’s not the only qualifying situation. It can also include wrongful death, injuries caused by a dangerous or defective condition of someone’s property, a flawed or harmful product, medical malpractice, intentional acts that cause harm and work injuries from a variety of circumstances.

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In short, don’t think your situation isn’t worth the time and analysis of an attorney seasoned in personal injury. If an accident has occurred that has caused you physical or emotional harm, it may be more serious than you originally thought. Firms like ours are experienced in a variety of personal injury situations and exist to take the burden off you. The goal is to do what most benefits you and your lifestyle. Consider if your situation qualifies and contact an attorney to evaluate its impact.

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Fallbrook Music Society presents Fallbrook favorites

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Music Society presents Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda as this month’s featured ensemble. Well-known to the Fallbrook community, Benedetti and Svoboda perform regularly at the Fallbrook Public Library and have been part of the Fallbrook Music Society’s youth education outreach program in local schools for many years.

“We are excited to present these incredibly popular musicians,” said Bob Freaney, president of the Fallbrook Music Society Board of Directors. “Fred and George put on a terrific show and always choose music that is accessible, diverse and entertaining. I know our patrons will enjoy this concert immensely,” said Freaney.

The concert will be available for viewing beginning Sunday, July 26, on [www.FallbrookMusicSociety.org](http://www.FallbrookMusicSociety.org). It is free.

The classical guitar duo has deep roots in the San Diego community. Benedetti has played locally with the San Diego Symphony, the San Diego Opera, the Starlight Opera, the American Ballet Company, the Old Globe Theatre, Luciano Pavarotti and jazz artist Dave Brubeck. He is a full-time professor of music at Grossmont

College where he is the head of the guitar studies program.

Born in Cheb, Czechoslovakia and now residing in San Diego, Svoboda received his bachelor’s degree in music at San Diego State University in 1996 and his master’s degree in music in 1998.

Svoboda has also been actively involved in teaching for over 40 years and is currently a tenured professor at San Diego Mesa College. He too performs regularly with the San Diego Symphony, the San Diego Ballet, the Young Artists Symphony and the San Diego Opera.

“We’re just happy to have the opportunity to play together,” said Benedetti. “These are difficult times as we all know, and George and I look forward to providing some small respite in the best way we know how.”

For the Fallbrook Music Society Concert, Benedetti and Svoboda present a program of Spanish classical and flamenco music, as well as some Eastern European selections and original music. Composers include Rodrigo, Granados, Serrano, Piazzolla, Benedetti & Svoboda.

*Submitted by Fallbrook Music Society.*



Fred Benedetti, left, and George Svoboda are a classic guitar duo who will perform a concert that can be seen online, July 26. Village News/Courtesy photo

Temecula resident’s his Star Wars artwork licensed by Lucasfilm



Temecula native Devin Schoeffler works on his first trilogy poster for “Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back” and receives licensing through ACME Archives Ltd. and Lucasfilm Ltd. Village News/Courtesy photo

**Lexington Howe**  
Staff Writer

What started off as a hobby for one Temecula resident has turned into a licensed project with Lucasfilm, Ltd.

Deven Schoeffler, 39, said he grew up watching the original Star Wars films with his father.

“We would watch them on our little color TV; we’d watch the VHS tapes,” Schoeffler said. “I’ve always been a fan of just drawing the aesthetics of Star Wars, (they) were just really appealing, everything about them was super cool.”

Schoeffler attended Rancho Elementary School, Margarita Middle School and Temecula Valley High School. In high school, Schoeffler learned graphic design for the first time.

“I don’t know if they still have it, but at the time they had a, kind of like an after-school program to learn how to use a printing press,” Schoeffler said. “It was this whole program involved with every step of that process from laying documents out on computers and then moving it to the actual printing press process, and that’s where I started to really learn graphic design.”

Schoeffler got his first job out of high school while he was in college from that initial class.

“The teacher at the time recommended me for a job and that was for a graphic design job, and that’s kind of where I have been ever since,” he said.

While Schoeffler got his degree in business at California State University San Marcos, he’s continuously found work in graphic design.

“My career out of college I actually worked for The Press-Enterprise doing design, and then the Orange County Register,” Schoeffler said. “From there I got into advertising and I did a lot of projects there, did work for Honda and Magic Johnson, Wells Fargo and stuff like that.”

Schoeffler also keeps side projects going, he said.

“I have always just kind of made my own design, put stuff up that people like,” Schoeffler said.

Last year, Schoeffler worked on a “Mandalorian” poster, because he was excited that the show was coming out.

“Somebody saw that online and contacted me about getting that licensed through Lucasfilm, and then

that led to the original trilogy posters – so I’ve only done a couple projects with them, but it’s been pretty cool to see that stuff get the official license,” Schoeffler said.

The company that holds the license for the print is ACME Archives Ltd., and they print posters for Lucasfilm.

Schoeffler came up with the initial idea for his first poster based on the old Star Wars VHS movie covers.

“I want to say the biggest inspiration was I remember back to those old VHS tapes that my dad had,” Schoeffler said. “If you look at the old VHS cover for ‘Empire Strikes Back,’ like a big, Stormtrooper helmet on there, and that has just always stuck with me, and I just thought it would be cool.”

“Really I kind of wanted the bottom of my mask to be like the snow banks of Hoth with the AT-AT’s coming out of the top of that,” he said.

That idea was where Schoeffler started.

“It kind of just evolved into what that was, and so that was actually the first one I started with was the Empire, and then after the other two just naturally fell into place,” Schoeffler said.

He said he also has a few other projects in the works. His trilogy posters – “Star Wars: A New Hope,” “Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back” and “Star Wars: Return of the Jedi” – were picked up and licensed as a limited five-day run to purchase. They sold out.

Schoeffler also posted it on reddit. “It got a huge number of likes on reddit, I think it got like 60,000 likes on reddit and that was pretty big,” he said. His “Mandalorian” poster had also been released, and that one sold out as well.

“It’s really encouraging to hear,” Schoeffler said. “I would make these things anyways, and so it’s really nice to see that people like them.”

Schoeffler said he has always been a fan of sci-fiction.

“My mom was a huge sci-fi fan,” Schoeffler said. “Basically, I just make stuff that I would like to see, that I would hang up on my wall and that’s where it all comes from.”

He was glad people have reacted so positively to the pieces, he said.

“It was definitely a fun project to work on,” Schoeffler said.

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A bright note in bleak COVID-19 times

**Jack Ragland**  
Special to Village News

I imagine many people have been using this down time to clear out clutter, recycle and reorganize if they tend to be savers (hoarders) like we are.

Not long ago, I got a call out of the blue from Bruce Lee, a nephew by marriage to my first master painter teacher, “Smoke Tree George” or “Smokie” Frederick. This call led to a different kind of reorganizing, bringing up old memories.

I met Smokie, when I was 16, in the Grand Canyon where he was showing and selling his paintings. He was the first professional fine artist I had met.

My dad arranged for him to come to El Monte and give me and an artist friend lessons in watercolor landscape and oil painting portraiture. We subsequently moved to Arizona where he lived and we remained friends till his death.

Smokie was a graduate of the Royal Academy in Munich, Germany before World War I and, after WWI, immigrated to the USA. There he had a dual major in psychology and art. He had classes with the giants in psychology in the early 20th century: Freud, Adler and Jung.

In art, he studied under Lovis Corinth and other famous German artists. He was also a very colorful, charismatic man who inspired a lot of other artists and students.

Smokie taught me songs in German, Spanish and Navajo. He said, “A lot of education is about how to make a living, but art teaches you how to live a life.”

Lee never met Smokie while he was alive but became fascinated with him when he talked with people whose lives he touched.

Lee is doing research on Smokie for a book featuring his paintings and those of some of his outstanding students. He asked me to do a portrait of Smokie painting plein air from a couple of old photos and as I remembered him. I was happy to accept and he was thrilled.

I found three watercolor landscapes done when I was 17, under Smokie’s guidance. I no longer had the oil portraits I had done in that early period but, curiously enough, two people contacted me through my website, [raglandfineartsatelier.com](http://raglandfineartsatelier.com), fairly recently and I was able to photograph their works.

The first was Shirley Dutra, a neighborhood girlfriend who went with me, my parents, Smokie and his wife to the Laguna Pageant of the Masters together. She had asked me to repair something minor on the painting. I was able to photograph the work when she shipped it to me.

Another client, Joe Hunter, I had painted when he was 6 or 8 years old, with his baseball mitt. Lee was able to photo Hunter as an adult with the painting when he tracked



“Smokie Frederick paints the Salt River” is the work of Jack Ragland.



Joe Hunter poses with a portrait of himself as a child, painted by Jack Ragland. Village News/Courtesy photos



Jack Ragland holds his painting of Shirley Dutra.

him down in Phoenix.

Amazingly, Hunter had reached out to me not very long ago giving me his contact information. I

am sharing these pictures since they have given me a break in this tedious time and might be of interest to others.

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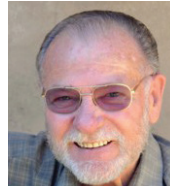
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