

LETTERS

One-way evac worries in Jeffries Ranch

I concur with the "One-way out would harm evacuation" letter (May 15). I too am a Jeffries Ranch resident who is concerned about the lack of evacuation routes in our area.

There was always a second entry/exit before the expansion of the Highway 76 project was initiated. For some reason, the road is there, but blocked with a fence. I voiced my opinion, with no luck, about keeping the secondary exit open for evacuations.

I'm sure there are others within the community who are concerned. Fortunately, we didn't have to evacuate.

**Richard Manzanares**  
Jeffries Ranch  
Oceanside

Open space, not more housing for Carlsbad

Carlsbad citizens are looking for the fulfillment of the commitment to the General Plan of 3 acres of usable open space per 1,000 residents.

That promise is sorely lacking in the northwest quadrant of Carlsbad. The old reservoir on Buena Vista Way would be a perfect location for an accessible park that could be walked, biked or easily

driven to.

But I think the mayor's heart is in how many more developments can be built in Carlsbad. His comment at City Council meeting was very telling. The topic of a City Council raise was being discussed and the mayor said how difficult it was to be talking about one's own pay raise. He then said, "I would rather be sitting here approving an unbelievable number of housing." Are we to take from that remark that his promise during his last election of keeping 40 percent open space in Carlsbad is now an "unbelievable" promise? What figures will be promised in the upcoming November election. Let's keep track of that at election time.

**Penny D. Johnson**  
Carlsbad

Bad move supplying students with iPads

As parent of two children in the Encinitas school district who's witnessed firsthand the roll-out of iPads over the last three years, I can tell you my kids (who were already doing well) aren't doing any better. Distracted, yes.

It got to the point in the second year that kids are now not allowed to use their iPads before school because they were so busy

playing with their iPads that they weren't actually playing on the playground. It's bad enough that a good portion of our population can barely take their eyes away from their devices long enough to drive or look you in the eye or have a conversation.

This is the real disconnect between liberal lawmakers (with good intentions) and common sense. A notebook or an iPad is roughly \$300 to \$400, or about the same for a decent set of tires for your car. Would you take out a 30-year loan on your tires, which last about as long a computer device?

**Bart Denson**  
Encinitas

Petition signers were apparently deceived

Thank you Logan Jenkins for your May 11 column that shed some light on Stuck in the Rough's deliberately deceptive petition, inappropriately called the "Escondido Open Space and Community Revitalization Initiative."

Had people known they were actually signing a petition to build 430 homes on existing open space, I

believe developer Michael Schlesinger would have had a difficult time getting the required signatures to put this issue on the November ballot. I would like to think that the paid petition gatherers were grossly uninformed, rather than deliberately deceptive in their quest to earn some money.

When approached at a produce market to sign a petition in support of an open space initiative, no mention was made to me of any housing to be built on the "blighted" golf course, nor the fact that the property is already designated as "permanent open space." People should know that much of the "park space" will be asphalt or concrete and the "lakes and ponds" are part of the existing storm drain system, and that their signatures would actually serve to give up the open space that we already have.

**Rosemarie Woldin**  
Escondido

Country Club area not set up for 430 homes

My parents lived on the fifth fairway of the now-

closed Escondido Country Club for 22 years. I have fond memories of family gatherings, sitting on the patio enjoying the expanse of green. I now live across the street from the main entrance to the club.

If the current owner, Michael Schlesinger, has enough signatures to put his proposal of building 430 new home on this site, I have a few questions:

If the ballot measure passes, will there be impact studies? The streets could not handle the traffic generated by an additional 430 homes, let alone the "outside" citizens who would have access to the amenities Mr. Schlesinger says he will make public.

The schools in that area are already impacted, and just doing a little math, if each new home housed two children, that's 860 new students.

A question for the members of the Escondido Country Club Homeowners Organization, what if this ballot measure fails? Mr. Schlesinger is not going to repair the infrastructure needed to return the golf course to its former glory. What plan do you have for this open area that now

looks like a war zone?

**Merielee Boyd**  
San Marcos

No more conservation until building stops

I try to conserve wherever possible — water, electricity, gasoline, etc. However, I refuse to take any extraordinary steps to further reduce my water usage until they stop issuing building permits.

If we don't have enough water to support our existing habitats, how do they justify adding more water-consuming homes and offices to our environment?

**Joe Oviatt**  
Escondido

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MEETINGS

Friendship club: A 65+ friendship club is being formed in North County. Group meetings and small get-togethers for folks with special interests are being set up. Call Joanna at (760) 536-3153.

**Italian club:** Italian American Bocce and Lunch Friends, formerly the Italian American Social Club of Escondido, meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista, for bocce ball. The club meets for lunch at 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at area restaurants. For bocce, call (760) 731-6117 or email jsbls@aol.com; for lunch call (760) 233-3910.

**Film & discussion:** A film titled "Budrus," about the efforts of civilians of the Occupied West Bank to defend their village, will be shown at 1:30 p.m. today at the Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. Discussion follows; co-sponsored by the Jewish Voice for Peace. Call (858) 538-8163.

**Republican group:** The North County Republican Coalition presents two local candidates for office at 6 p.m. Monday at the group's monthly meeting at Q Restaurant and Sports Bar, 2725 West Vista Way, Oceanside. Speakers are Brad Weinreb, who is running for San Diego Superior Court judge and John Franklin, who is running for Vista City Council. The coalition promotes local Republican candidates and issues in North County. Free to attend; dinner optional. Guests welcome. Call (760) 435-9200 or email jimilou2@cox.net.

**Lake San Marcos Kiwanis:** Brittany Herrin, supervisor, Burn Institute, speaks on "Fire and Fall Prevention" at the Lake San Marcos Kiwanis meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mark (Lake San Marcos) Country Club, 1750 San Pablo Drive, San Marcos. Agent Adam Way of the FBI speaks on fraud awareness May 27 Free; lunch: \$15. Limited space. RSVP at Tomkura@aol.com.

**Single Travelers:** The group meets for happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bellefeur Restaurant, 5610 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad. Call (760) 721-8412 or (760) 731-9549.

**Carlsbad Republican Women:** The group hosts a San Diego County Superior Court Judges' Candidate Forum 11 a.m. May 27 with candidate, Paul Ware, Lisa Schall, Ken Gosselin, Brad Weinreb, Joseph Adelizzi and Jacqueline M. Stern. Luncheon social hour begins at 11 a.m.; cost is \$30; \$35 for non-members. Reserve by Friday at (760) 931-9420 or nikic@roadrunners.com. visit carlsbadrepublicans.com.

**American Legion:** Post 365 in Vista is holding a "Low Country Fish Boil" from 4 to 7 p.m. May 31 at the post, 1234 S. Santa Fe Ave., Vista. Dancing starts at 5 p.m. with music by the fabulous Woodies. Advance tickets: \$12, available at the post; \$14 at the door, if available. Call (760) 726-0472.

**Single Parenting:** Support group for single parents to offer help with a Christian perspective meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 3 to Aug. 26 at Calvary Lutheran, 424 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach. Advance registration requested at reelmom5@aol.com or noisefilter86@gmail.com.

**Hypertension support group:** The new group to help people with hypertension meets from 6 to 8 p.m. June 11 and the second Wednesday of every month at Poway Pomerado Outpatient Pavilion, 15615 Pomerado Road, Suite 400, on the fourth floor of the south end of the building. Call (858) 675-3284; visit archhealth.org.

**Scams:** John McClelland, with the Sheriff's Department's crime prevention unit, speaks on "Scam, Frauds and Safety" from 1 to 3 p.m. June 10 at 135 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook. Hosted by the Foundation for Senior Care. Refreshments served. Visit foundationforseniorcare.org.

**Knit & Crochet:** The Escondido Library Knit & Crochet Lunch Bunch meets at noon Wednesdays in the Board Room of the Escondido Public Library, 239 S. Kalmia St., Escondido. Call (760) 445-7398.

**Happy Hour Politics:** The club for women and men to socialize and politically connect about issues

meets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at The Crossings, 5800 The Crossings Drive, Carlsbad. Cost: \$20 includes appetizers and wine. The club is a satellite group of the Carlsbad Republican Women Federated. Reserve at (307) 690-7814, or email mburkholder06@gmail.com.

**Flying club:** San Diego Wingmasters Flying Club is offering free weekly lessons to learn how to fly radio-control airplanes 10 a.m. Sundays at the Wingmasters Flying Club site at 29370 Twin Oaks Valley Road, Vista. Visit sdwingmasters.com or call (760) 749-6998.

**Republican group:** Carlsbad Republican Women Federation meets for lunch the fourth Tuesday and is open to the public. Visit carlsbadrepublicans.com or call (760) 931-9420 or email nikic@roadrunner.com.

**North County Investors Group:** Meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday at the Mission Branch Library, 3861-B Mission Ave., Oceanside. Meeting includes presentation and discussion. Attendees should bring three favorite stocks or ETFs for the Just For Fun Contest; \$1 donation. Optional dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the nearby Coco's. Call (831) 206-5212 or email colleenmiccoli@yahoo.com.

**Woman's Club of Carlsbad:** The group has two meetings to accommodate different schedules; one at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and one at 7 p.m. with snacks on the second Wednesday of each month at 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad. Call (760) 729-9030.

**Escondido AAUW:** The Escondido/San Marcos Branch of the American Association of University Women meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month in Dittus Hall at Redwood Terrace, 710 W. 13th Ave., Escondido. Visit escondido-ca.aauw.net.

**Palomar Airport Toastmasters:** The club meets from 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on Tuesdays at Modern Post Card, 1675 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad. Visit palomarairporttoastmasters.com or call (760) 439-4623.

**Palomar Model A Ford Club:** Meets 7 p.m. first Wednesday of each month except December at Palomar Estates East Clubhouse, 650 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., San Marcos. Doors open at 6 p.m. Local day tours are usually scheduled for the Saturday following the meeting, departing from the clubhouse. All Model A owners and enthusiasts welcome. Email bkhh@cox.net or call (619) 425-3241; palomarmodelaclub.org.

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