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# NEWSOM BUCKS RECALL

**Fewer Than 720 People Cast In-Person Ballots in Local Election; Vast Majority Mails It In**

**BY ELIZABETH VARIN AND MARCIE LANDEROS**  
 HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

California's governor continues on — and as the state goes, Imperial County goes. Gov. Gavin Newsom survived a his-

toric recall election Tuesday, Sept. 14, and in the early showing, more than 61.3 percent of Imperial County ballots cast so far opted to keep him.

With an estimated two-thirds of ballots counted statewide, the “no” response to the question of whether to recall Newsom was ahead by a 30-point margin,

according to the Associated Press. That lead was built on votes mostly cast by mail and in advance of Tuesday's in-person voting.

“No” is not the only thing that was expressed tonight,” Newsom said in his victory speech Tuesday night. “I want to focus on what we said ‘yes’ to as a state: We said yes to science, we said yes to vaccines, we said yes to ending this pandemic.”

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RECALL RESULTS	
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	No: 63.9%
<b>ELDER</b>	46.9%
<b>IMPERIAL COUNTY</b>	No: 61.3%
<b>ELDER</b>	46.5%

**THEN & NOW**  
**Haugh's Pentagon Perspective**



Kristopher Haugh is the public information officer for NAF El Centro. | PHANTOMPAN1974 PHOTO

**NAF El Centro PIO Was Working White House Communications During 9/11 Pentagon Attack**

**BY RICHARD MONTENEGRO BROWN**  
 HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

**NAF EL CENTRO** — A little shaggier, maybe even a little softer around the edges, 52-year-old Kris Haugh is pretty much doing today what he was doing 20 years ago.

Although on Sept. 11, 2001, the circumstances were far more dire, the prospect of death a bit more visceral, the future a lot more uncertain.

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**9/11 REMEMBERED**



Holtville Fire Department and county Sheriff's Office personnel help Finley Elementary students raise the American flag during an event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on Friday, Sept. 10 See Page 6 for more photos. | PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX SILVA

**COMMUNITY**



The first wave of local firefighters — followed by a sea of public participants snaking behind — start the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb on Saturday night, Sept. 11, at the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds in Imperial to raise funds and commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Some 475 people participated in the climb Saturday, exceeding the IV 9/11 Committee's goal of 413 climbers to represent the first responders who lost their lives, 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 13 paramedics and emergency medical technicians. | KENNY ROBERTSON PHOTOS

# 9/11 Daughter Focuses Local Memorial

**Kate McAvoy, Her Father Killed in South Tower Collapse, Joined 475 Climbers in Honoring the Fallen, Raising Funds**

**BY ROSELLA MARIE MORENO**  
 HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

**IMPERIAL** — Kate McAvoy was just 14 years old when her father died in the World Trade Center collapse, one among 413 first responders who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, answering the call of duty.

New York City firefighter John McAvoy, age 47 at the time, was believed to have died sometime after reaching the 31st floor of the South Tower — his last known location — when it collapsed onto the streets of Manhattan at 9:59 a.m. Eastern time.

His story was shared before the nearly 500 people who participated in what appears to have been the only 9/11 Memo-



Kate McAvoy of Los Angeles says a few words to those gathered at the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Imperial on Saturday, Sept. 11. Kate's father, John McAvoy, was a New York City firefighter who died on Sept. 11, 2001, when he was inside the South Tower of the World Trade Center when it collapsed.

rial Stair Climb in California on Saturday night, Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washing-

ton, D.C., and the loss of life that occurred when passengers overtook a fourth hijacked plane over Pennsylvania on its way to cause more destruction.

Among the community of first responders already closely bound together through the shared sacrifices of the job, Kate McAvoy's presence was the direct connection to the events that inspired so many of them to work in the public safety field and to remind some of the youngest fire service members the human toll 9/11 exacted on their brotherhood.

McAvoy spoke briefly at the memorial climb, saying later that she appreciates smaller events because larger remembrances can be “overwhelming” and “too big,” whereas “these events are more intimate.”

For Imperial County fire Battalion Chief Angel Morales, the memorial stair climb that took place at the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds in Imperial brings back memories of his early days as a firefighter and how 9/11 focused him.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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## COUNTY

# Mask Policy Discussed, Criticized, Defended at BOS Meeting

BY ELIZABETH VARIN  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

EL CENTRO – Masking was on the table at the Imperial County Board of Supervisors meeting, after a group against masking expressed their concerns, prompting varied responses from the supervisors.

Imperial Valley resident Autumn Plourd led the charge in the masking discussion, asking the board to end what she called an excessive masking mandate.

“Certainly any loss of life is a tragedy, but the reality is that there are more effects from these orders than COVID and none of them were vocally considered,” she said.

Specifically these affect mental health, increasing anxiety in children and adults, and increasing the suicide rate, she said. There are also impacts to the business com-

munity.

“Many of these businesses are hanging on by a thread since the forced lockdowns of 2020, and they feel stranded by their elected officials,” she said.

She pleaded with the board to find alternative solutions to mask mandates that wouldn’t harm the community.

Four people spoke against the mask and vaccine mandates before the supervisors took their turn to speak.

Supervisor Ryan Kelley said he does believe it’s a personal choice, and he doesn’t support mass mandates, but a mandate for public health is different. He added he does believe there is more to the conversation than what is being implemented, and he does feel it’s people’s personal responsibility to wear masks.

Supervisor Ray Castillo took a

harder line.

“I started my law enforcement career back in 1969, and never in those 50 years have I seen something so tragic as this pandemic,” he said. “... and my decision, it’s impacting my family as well. I have grandkids in elementary school and in college, and they all complain to me about this mask mandate, and I tell them it’s necessary, unfortunately.”

Supervisor Jesus Escobar said the board is there to protect all, and in Imperial County that’s 180,000 plus people.

“We cannot protect a segment of the population,” he said. “We need to protect all. We need to look at the big picture, and sometimes the big picture is challenging.”

He compared how the country was so united after a crisis like 9/11, but so divided in a crisis like the pandemic.

“If I could wave a magic wand and we would be together like we were after 9/11, I would,” he said. “But unfortunately we’re not. And a lot of stuff that is driving us apart will continue to drive us apart if we don’t make that choice not to let it drive us apart.”

Chairman of the board Michael Kelley finished board member comments, thanking the people for their input.

“Covid-19 is not a joke,” he said. “It’s very serious. All you have to do is turn the TV on to see what’s happened across the nation. Our main concern is you, your family, your children, your parent’s health, safety and life. And that’s basically why we made the decision we did. And we want to do whatever we can for the best interest of every resident of Imperial County.”

Board member comments led

into the weekly Covid-19 update, where Imperial County Public Health Director Janette Angulo said there are 28,478 positive cases for Imperial County and 751 deaths as of Tuesday, September 14. The case rate is 16 per 100,000 and the numbers have been declining over the past several days, she added.

The reason that the trend is declining and the area is doing well is the wonderful work of the residents of the county, said Public Health Officer Stephen Munday.

“We really want to continue urging anyone who’s eligible to continue to get vaccinated,” he said. “It’s really nice to come and sit before you and just let you know we are going in the right direction. And that’s despite the fact that we just had the Labor Day holiday and we’re watching the numbers from that.”

## BUSINESS

# Cannaffornia Supports Heroes in Grand Opening

BY MARCIE LANDEROS  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

## Queen of Dragons, The Other Guys Retail and Consumption Lounges Try to Have a Patriot Day-themed Event

HEBER — Cannaffornia held its grand-opening event for its two consumption and retail lounges, Queen of Dragons and

The Other Guys, on Saturday, Sept. 11, recognizing the fallen on 9/11 by raising a flag in their honor, donating to the 9/11 stair climb and the Battle Brothers Fund, then announcing Cannaffornia’s “Compassion Program” to help low-income medical marijuana patients.

While a 9/11 memorial as a grand-opening event might seem strange at first, for Cannaffornia Chief Operating Officer Mai Vue, it made complete sense.

“Up in Northern California, you know, we have a lot of, well, we call it fire season,” Vue said in an interview alongside Cannaffornia Chief Executive Officer Tim Wright, after a tour of the facility.

Vue, who lives in Shasta County in Northern California, expressed that living in that area caused her to develop a tremendous amount of respect for firefighters.

“So, we really support and honor our first responders, and the firefighters, because they keep us safe,” she said.

“We wanted to make sure that our money was put to good use,” Wright said, expanding on Vue’s statement. “For a grand opening, you can spend money on a lot of different things, so we donated for the local stair climb for the local fire department.”

For the last eight years, the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds has been home to the stair climb event, a fundraiser and memorial to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit organization with programs that support firefighter families, and the FDNY Counseling Services Unit.

Imperial County Fire Department, including Imperial County fire Battalion Chief Angel Morales, and Imperial County Supervisor Ray Castillo, attended the flag raising, then were given a tour through the facility.

After the flag was raised, the firefighters in attendance stood with Wright and Castillo for a photograph under the flag, holding an oversized check for \$5,000.

In an interview before the ceremony, county fire Engineer Ramon Nava opened up about how he felt about attending such an unconventional memorial.

“It’s important to raise awareness in any way you can,” he said.

Nava, who shared that even at 5 years old, said he understood that something major had happened: “It was such a tragic day. We should all be standing together now.”

“Always support anybody who donates their time to help people,” Wright stated when asked why he chose to have their grand opening



Imperial County Reserve Firefighter Joshua Sanchez (from left), Capt. Christian Guzman, Tim Wright, chief executive officer of Cannaffornia, Supervisor Ray Castillo, county fire Engineer Ramon Nava, and Battalion Chief Angel Morales pose with an oversized check beneath the U.S. flag during Cannaffornia’s grand-opening event at the former Imperial Center in Heber off Highway 111 and Heber Road on Saturday, Sept. 11. | MARCIE LANDEROS PHOTOS



Members of the Imperial County Fire Department, along with Imperial County District 5 Supervisor Ray Castillo, explore one of Cannaffornia’s “Vibe Centers,” while Chief Executive Officer Tim Wright and Chief Operating Officer Mai Vue answer questions about different products during their grand-opening event on Saturday, Sept. 11.

in memorial to 9/11. “You gotta honor and respect them, firefighters, first responders, and veterans as well. So, we want to give back.”

Supporting Brothers in Battle

One of the ways that he was able to give back, Wright said, was to connect with Helmand Valley Growers Company of San Diego. Helmand Valley was founded and operated by U.S. Marines Crops veterans in the amphibious special operations unit (“Marine Raiders”), with a mission to effectively prove the benefits of medical cannabis for military veterans.

“There’s not a lot of cannabis research out there. There’s very little, in fact,” Wright said. “Basically, what sold me on them is they take all their proceeds and donate it to PTSD research.”

“In the ’30s and ’40s, marijuana appeared in over 400,000 products. It was extensively used,” Supervisor Castillo started explaining during an interview just before touring the facility. Castillo is the District 5 supervisor for Heber, where Cannaffornia is located, and he opened up on his journey to educate himself on the medical uses of marijuana.

Castillo, who was clear that he does not support recreational use, said his research into its medical uses made a supporter.

“It is a medical drug, a miracle medical drug,” Castillo said.

Vue said Cannaffornia raised \$1,000 for the Battle Brothers Fund.

Supporting the Home Front Not wanting to stand on the sidelines, Cannaffornia launched its “Compassion Project” on Saturday, in partnership with Select and Dear Cannabis.

Patients who sign up receive cannabis products at significantly reduced prices, in exchange for participating in medical cannabis studies.

“We’ve always wanted to expand the Compassionate Program, which the Queen of Dragons is known for, and that was always fair-value products for people who use it for alternative medicine. They don’t have the ability to take it to their insurance company, what’s the best price, what’s safe product, consistently, so people can build a routine around it,” Wright said about launching the program in Imperial County.

The need to provide safe, affordable cannabis was always built into the company, he said.

“We worked very diligently to become vertical, and successfully so, 65 percent of the things we sell we manufacture, and we package, we do all those good things. We have vertical partners as well, some large brands that support us, and likewise we support them with product to make their materials,” Wright added.

“That way we can pass the cost savings on to the consumers who really need it,” Vue added.

Cannaffornia’s Two Storefronts Wright explained that the reason Cannaffornia has two storefronts opened nearby is, each has a different focus.

Queen of Dragons sells products grown and manufactured by Cannaffornia at other sites. Wright told this newspaper before that the intention is to add a cultivation and manufacturing element to the Heber complex.

The Other Guys is just that, a retail space for products produced by Cannaffornia’s partners and other cannabis companies.

Both locations are at 1147 Yourman Road, Suite 1-A, in Heber, and are open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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COUNTY

# Supervisors Approve Contract For Economic Consultant

BY JULIO MORALES  
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**EL CENTRO** – The proper exploitation of Imperial County’s considerable lithium resources need not and should not stop with its mere extraction, said county Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar.

Were that to happen, it would be another example of the county not properly capitalizing on the value of its commodities before they are moved elsewhere.

Instead, what Escobar said he would like to see is the county become home for additional business operations besides lithium extraction that could further refine the raw material in a vertically integrated fashion.

“If we miss the boat on that it’s just another strike against Imperial Valley,” he said during the board’s regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

His remarks preceded the Board of Supervisor’s unanimous vote to authorize the county to enter into a business consulting agreement with Palm Desert-based Development Management Group, Inc.

Prior to board’s vote, County Executive Officer Tony Rouhotas Jr. characterized the consulting agreement as essential to help further develop the county’s budding lithium industry.

“Imperial County is one of the locations where we have the ability to be prosperous in this industry and move forward,” Rouhotas said. “It behooves the county to look for a consultant.”

The agreement will allow the firm’s managing partner, Michael Bracken, to provide the county – on an on-call basis – with fiscal and economic analysis of projects, revenue sources and events, such as potential natural and biological disasters.

Widely recognized as one of the world’s prime locations for lithium extraction, the Imperial County is primed to help meet growing global demand for lithium, Bracken told the board.

The Salton Sea area sits atop millions of metric tons of lithium, which is found within the brine that is extracted to provide steam to operate energy-producing turbines at local geothermal power plants.

In 2030, global demand is expected to reach some 1.8 million tons of lithium, compared to the 300,000 tons the industry used in 2019, he said.

And though the lithium extraction industry is capital intensive, often requiring up to \$1 billion per project, investment capital is currently available at an international level not seen before, Bracken said.

The Valley is also considered a more feasible location when it comes to lithium extraction projects in comparison to other known deposits such in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Afghanistan.

“You are the industry leader in terms of potential in this region,” he said.

Bracken’s on-call consulting services could potentially help determine the economic benefits or drawbacks of a lithium development project, as well as identify ways to entice prospective industry developers.

Some of the development incentives that Bracken acknowl-

edged include the county’s capital improvement program, the California Tax Competes Tax Credit program, as well as the establishment of an enhanced infrastructure of finance district, which work similarly to the state’s now-defunct redevelopment agencies.

Yet, he was adamant about not having taxpayers subsidize well-funded developers.

“They should pay their fair share,” Bracken said, referring to prospective industry developers.

Lithium extraction projects are expected to produce more employment than solar power projects. They will also generate property tax revenue for the county, which solar power projects are exempt from providing, Bracken said.

Job and economic analyses are to be a common feature for any proposed renewable energy project, which will be asked to pay a deposit that will help pay for Bracken’s services.

“Anything we can push on the industry, we’re going to,” he told the board.

He also suggested the board assign two supervisors to an ad hoc committee that could help spur further development, and consider the appointment of an ombudsperson who can act as a go-between and help facilitate communications amongst all parties.

“That ombudsperson is probably the most valuable piece that you can offer to a major project,” Bracken said.

For his services, he will be paid \$175 per hour, which will be funded by the county’s geothermal funds, according to the language of the agreement.

## PUBLIC HEALTH TO HIRE PERSONNEL FOR COVID-19 EFFORTS

The county Public Health Department is expected to temporarily hire 13 additional staffers to assist with its ongoing COVID-19 response with \$11,470,855 in federal funds that are administered by the California Department of Public Health.

The funding allocation from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 was unanimously approved by the board during its Sept. 14 meeting.

Some of the funds will go to purchase Panther System molecular testing equipment that can be used for coronavirus and influenza testing, and increase the department’s current testing capacity from 112 to between 300 to 700 daily tests, agenda backup documents stated.

Additionally, funding will help cover expenses associated with rent for the county’s COVID-19 testing sites in Brawley and Imperial, and help expand epidemiology staff from six to about 28.

The 13 new temporary positions that will be funded include four community service workers, two health education specialists, two licensed vocational nurses, two office assistants, one account clerk, one health promotion manager and one public health program supervisor.

The board’s approval of the resolution further amended the county’s fiscal year 2020-21 general fund budget and appropriated funds for the 11 public health staff positions that the board previously

approved in May.

Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Funds Approved

A series of expenditures aimed at bolstering the county’s response to the ongoing pandemic and enhancing some of the county’s infrastructure also received the support of the board at its meeting.

The proposed expenditures will be funded by \$35.2 million the county was allocated through the federal American Rescue Plan Act in May.

Some of the planned expenditures include \$1.3 million for the county’s subcontracting with the nonprofit Public Health Institute to assist with case investigations and contact tracing, \$3.5 million to establish an alternate care site in the event that local hospitals are inundated with patients, and \$9.7 million to supplement the payroll of the county’s public safety, public health and administrative personnel.

Other planned expenditures include \$1.4 million on cybersecurity upgrades, \$1.8 million for the purchase of three fire engines for the county Fire Department, \$1 million to expand broadband access in underserved communities, and some \$4.3 million for general economic development and infrastructure projects, agenda backup documents stated.

Thought the proposed expenditures were presented as an information item, the board nonetheless voted unanimously in support of the effort.

Executive Officer Rouhotas told the supervisors that each of the planned expenditures will likely come before the board at a future date to potentially be approved individually.

The county had received half of the \$35.2 million American Rescue Plan allocation in May and is scheduled to receive the remaining half in May 2022. To date, it has spent \$6.2 million on the purchase of personal protective equipment, public health and administrative costs, and to offset revenue loss, agenda backup documents stated.

## AG LOAN PROGRAM TERMS REVISED

A request from the county Agricultural Commissioner’s Office to increase the maximum amount available through the county’s Agricultural Benefit Loan Program from \$1 million to \$2 million was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 14, as well.

As with the \$1 million loan cap, the revised \$2 million cap will be based on the number of jobs created per project.

But instead of the loan offering

just \$15,000 for each full-time equivalent (FTE) job created, the loan’s revised terms will provide up to \$30,000 for each new non-exempt FTE position created or \$60,000 for each exempt FTE job created, agenda backup documents stated.

The loan program’s revisions were requested by the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office as a way to further entice the ag community to take advantage of the program. The program was created to offset losses to ag production, jobs and the local economy by the conversion of farmland into renewable energy sites.

The last loan to be approved was in March 2020, bringing the total amount of approved loans to seven over the last seven years, county Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Jolene Dessert told the board.

“We’re hoping to increase that and reach more in the industry,” Dessert said.

Additional changes that were requested and approved included the setting of the loan’s interest rate at 3 percent, plus a 1 percent fee that the third-party lending institution receives.

The board voted 4-1 in support of the program revisions, with Supervisor Ryan Kelley in opposition.

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STAFF REPORT

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

8:41 p.m.: Deputies responded to Holt Park for reports of multiple juveniles involved in a fight.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

5:18 a.m.: A large fallen tree was reported to be blocking the roadway near the corner of Holt Road and Norrish Road.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

7:39 a.m.: Deputies were dispatched to the Blossom Valley Inn elder care facility after a resi-

dent became aggressive and rude with staff members. Deputies counseled the man on his behavior and advised staff about the eviction process.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 13

6:07 a.m.: A Fern Avenue resident contacted deputies to report that subjects are “listening to him via electronic devices.” Deputies found the man’s claims to be unfounded and sent him on his way.

2:05 p.m.: Deputies were dispatched to the Highline Canal at Keystone Road for reports of a group of subjects riding jet skis in the canal.

# RECALL

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A total of 8,830 ballots cast by Imperial County voters were against recalling Newsom. However, only 16.32 percent of Imperial Valley registered voters cast ballots during this election of the more than 88,500 eligible, and most of those were absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. Only 718 voted non-absentee on election day.

One of those mail-in voters was Alysa Teran of El Centro. She works at Kennedy Gardens Elementary School in Calexico as an independent studies teacher.

Teran voted no on the recall, citing support for the mask mandate, particularly as a teacher.

“For me, this recall, I just feel like it’s very stressful and unnecessary,” she said. “As a teacher, we just want someone ... We just want to stay with Gov. Newsom. We want someone who is here for the kids and knows what we’re going through.”

“I know this whole issue is about the pandemic and COVID and masks, and all this stuff,” she continued. “At the end of the day, we’re trying to protect our children. We’re trying to help them to get a good education. It’s been a very hard two years, almost, so that’s why we’re thinking that this recall shouldn’t really happen.”

Enriqueta Hutchinson, 73, of El Centro also voted “no” to the recall, and said she believes Newsom is doing a good job.

“I would like if he a (sic) stay. I like the guy,” she said.

Others disagreed.

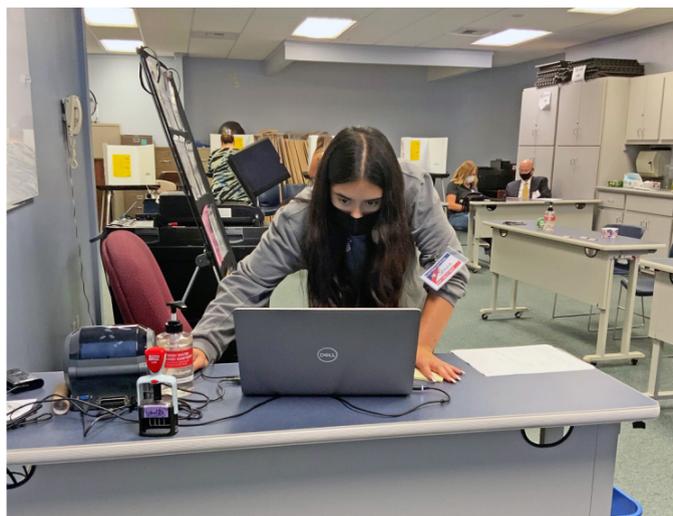
Scarlett and Adam Guizar both brought in their ballots that they received by mail to the Veterans Memorial Hall polling precinct in Imperial. The couple voted yes to recall, favoring Larry Elder.

Scarlett doesn’t like the mask mandate and is very upset about mandatory vaccines.

“I don’t like breathing carbon monoxide, you know?” she said. “We used to isolate the sick, not the healthy. And I have asthma, so it’s hard for me to breathe with



**Scarlett and Adam Guizar of Imperial stand next to a flag outside the Veterans Memorial Hall voting precinct in Imperial as they explain that gas prices, mask mandates, and required vaccines are what led them to vote in favor of the recall of Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Newsom bucked the recall by a margin of three-to-one. | MARCIE LANDEROS PHOTOS**



**Jessica Morales, an Imperial County poll worker, updates records on provisional ballots that are given to anyone who didn’t bring their ballot with them to vote on Tuesday, Sept. 14.**

this on. I think it will do more harm than good in the long run for us.”

Adam Guizar was more focused on gas prices.

“I am glad we are doing this,”

he said. “I am not happy with his behavior.”

Adam Guizar said he prefers Larry Elder, the lead candidate in opposition to Newsom.

“His conservative views, and

he seems to have a plan. He’s very focused on it,” Adams said.

Elder received the most votes should Newsom be recalled. He received 3,754 votes, or 46.44 percent of the vote in Imperial County.

Statewide, Elder led a field more than 40 printed and official write-in candidates at 46.9 percent. The nearest contender was Democrat Kevin Paffrath at 9.8 percent. For local voters, their No. 2 choice was Democrat Brandon M. Ross at 8.3 percent.

“Let’s be gracious in defeat,” Elder, the fiery talk conservative talk radio host, said on Tuesday night. “We may have lost the battle, but we are going to win the war.”

The recall has forced Democrats to focus on issues such as homelessness and California’s high cost of living, Elder added.

Newsom for months had compared recall to efforts to same kind of Republican plot by former President Donald Trump and his supporters to overturn the presidential election and a

push in Republican-led states to restrict voting access, according to the Associated Press.

“Democracy is not a football, you don’t throw it around. It’s more like — I don’t know — an antique vase,” Newsom said after his win. “You can drop it, smash it into a million different pieces — and that’s what we’re capable of doing if we don’t stand up to meet the moment and push back.”

Newsom became the second governor in U.S. history to defeat a recall, according to the Associated Press. Republican Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker survived a recall in 2012.

It was not immediately available by publication how many ballots are left to be counted. There will be an untold number of provisional and mail-in ballots left to be accounted for, as there is every election. And ballots, under changes in the last the past few years, can be counted for up to week after they are received so long as they have a Sept. 14 postmark.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:** Maria C. Lopez a/k/a Maria Lopez

**CASE NUMBER: EPR001008** To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Maria C. Lopez a/k/a Maria Lopez**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Edward Coronado Lopez a/k/a/ Eduardo Coronado Lopez** in the Superior Court of California, County of: **IMPERIAL** The Petition for Probate requests that **Edward Coronado Lopez a/k/a/ Eduardo Coronado Lopez** 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 15, 2021  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
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**A group of local firefighters from various agencies around the Imperial Valley walk as a group as part of the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at the I.V. Fairgrounds in Imperial on Saturday night, Sept. 11.**  
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## STAIRCLIMB

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“I was a new firefighter; it really opened up my eyes to be more situationally aware in your surroundings and community. The level of dedication and commitment (heightened for me),” he said as he stood by a county fire engine, the lights and sirens of emergency vehicles going on around him as the stair climb got under way.

Eight years ago, Tiffinie Macias, business assistant at the I.V. Fairgrounds, along with El Centro Firefighter Mathew Zinn, formed the Imperial Valley 9/11 Committee to come up with some form of community remembrance like the memorial stair climb. The IV 9/11 Committee, which has grown to six members over the years, works with the nonprofit National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to raise funds through the stair climb to support programs that help serve and support firefighter families.

Macias explained the stair climb honors the firefighters killed in the Twin Towers by having participants climb or walk the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. This year, the committee hoped to have 413 climbers to represent the first responders who lost their lives — 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, 13 paramedics and emergency medical technicians — but Macias said those who participated totaled about 475, exceeding the committee’s goal and expectations.

The 9/11 Committee wanted to include first responders beyond firefighters this year because “all law enforcement, all firefighters, (and) first responders, we all sacrifice our lives for everyone,” said committee member Edgar Quiñones, a first responder with the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office.

“This is my first year with the committee, but I’ve done the 9/11 stair climb in the past, (and this year) I wanted to get involved because of how special it is,” he said.

Those who participated on Saturday night, both fire personnel and other first responders, as well as members of the public, were presented with a badge that holds a name and photo of one of the first responders that lost their lives on 9/11, so that the participants know who they are climbing for.

Before and after the climb, participants and members of the public were able to walk around the nine “pillars” spaced out on the floor of the grandstands area that were posted with photos and short bios of each first responder who died in the Twin Towers attacks.

The pillars were similar to the area in New York City where family members and fellow first responders posted missing persons posters and photos in the days following the 9/11 attacks.

How Local Fire Personnel See 9/11



**ABOVE AND BELOW: Firefighters from various local and regional departments along with members of the public take part in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds in Imperial on Saturday night, Sept. 11, to make the 20th anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks and raise funds for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.**

Battalion Chief Morales said that he continues to carry the meaning of 9/11 with him in his daily life, and now, as a leader, he makes sure that the younger generation of firefighters understands the importance of the day.

“A lot of the young firefighters we have right now were barely born, you know, 20 years ago. We have a few 18-19-year-olds. We have to educate them, and of course, they see what happened on TV, but it can be a bit of a challenge,” Morales said, for them to understand the impact.

Saturday was the first stair climb for 24-year-old Jose Ornelas, a Westmorland firefighter.

Covered in sweat and in full turnout gear, Ornelas stopped to rest at the top of the concrete bleachers of the grandstand.

“Ever since I was a little kid, I was always fascinated with the fire engines,” he told this newspaper, adding, he joined the Westmorland department in 2019.

“After I became a firefighter, I realized how much it impacted the fire community,” Ornelas said of 9/11. “It’s something that we got to honor nowadays. This made me think that, you could be fine, and then the next day you could be gone.”

The climb was more strenuous than Ornelas had anticipated.



“Physically, it was a lot. My bunker (turnout gear) weighs 25 pounds, and I had to do it with no oxygen” in his tank, Ornelas said.

Oscar Orozco of Calexico wasn’t even born when the Twin Towers fell, but he still felt a connection to what was happening on Saturday. The 18-year-old is with the fire academy at Imperial Valley College.

After completing the stair climb, Orozco stood by the bleachers and reflected.

“This is my first time, and I didn’t that it was going to be this big,” he said.

When asked about his thoughts on 9/11 and its place in history, Orozco thought back to what his fire academy instructor shared.

“This is a significant event, because what they did (the first responders) is not something anyone is willing to do. It (was) really brave of them.”

More on Kate and John McAvoy

Kate McAvoy, a Los Angeles resident, sought out the event at the IV Fairgrounds as a way to pay tribute to her father and do something she had never done before.

“I wanted to do a stair climb because when I was traveling in Peru, I met a fireman and his wife from San Antonio, (who) every year since (9/11) he did a stair climb in my dad’s name, and since then I’ve always wanted to check on out,” McAvoy told this newspaper.

McAvoy said she goes back and forth every year when deciding how to honor her father’s life’s work. Some years it’s intimate, gathering with her family and friends, people who knew her father and who can truly empathize with her loss.

Other years, McAvoy does attend public events, if only to be a part of a community remembrance that reminds her people haven’t forgotten that life-altering day.

The 34-year-old drove down from Los Angeles with her husband, Kirk Bryan, their dog, Maverick, and her friend.

McAvoy remembers that her dad, whether he was working or not, was always ready to help anyone — whether it was someone that needed roadside assistance or handy work in their house — he was there for his community.

The word “loyal” kept popping up in her conversation about John McAvoy: he was a loyal friend, a loyal family member, and loyal coworker, understanding the meaning behind the word in everything he did.

Kate McAvoy remembers that her father loved his job so much he would even create maps of Manhattan and would pinpoint all the fire boxes and hydrants in the city.

She said that when her dad would help others with manual labor, he often wouldn’t accept money. John McAvoy loved crime novels, roller skating, was a really good cook, liked to do outdoor activities with his family, and could talk on the phone with his friends for hours, Kate said.

When thinking about her life now, Kate McAvoy hopes that her father would be proud of her and her family.

He most likely would, considering McAvoy has a master’s degree in Public Health and is completing a second master’s for Science in Nursing, and her brother, Kevin, age 31, has a Ph.D. and is doing research at Cornell University for Asperger’s syndrome. Their mother, Paula, is a retired nurse in New York.

When asked if the emphasis on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 made this year more difficult than most, she said, “I don’t think the emphasis has made a difference; it has all been heavy, in an already heavy time,” alluding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fitting to what the brotherhood of firefighters meant before 9/11 and what was strengthened after, McAvoy looks back to the advice her father gave her in a card for her eighth-grade graduation.

“It’s important to keep friends close, they’ll get you through the hard times.”

# HOLTVILLE FIRE'S 9/11 EVENT ENGAGES STUDENTS

STAFF REPORT

**HOLTVILLE** — Holtville Fire Department and county Sheriff's Office personnel joined officials and students at Finley Elementary and Holtville Middle School to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on Friday, Sept. 10. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEX SILVA



Hundreds of American flags bearing the names of the firefighters who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks were planted around the flagpole at Finley Elementary during an event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on Friday, Sept. 10.



Holtville Mayor Mike Goodsell addressed Holtville Middle School students as they gathered outside to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on Friday, Sept. 10.



Holtville Middle School students hold American flags as they gathered outside to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on Friday, Sept. 10.

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### LOCAL

## Dr. Vo's Offices Raided by Feds for 2nd Time in a Year

BY RICHARD MONTENEGRO BROWN AND JULIO MORALES  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

EL CENTRO — Federal law enforcement officials could be seen outside of the offices of Dr. Tien Vo at 1590 S. Imperial Ave. in El Centro and Vo Medical Center at 222 E. Cole Blvd. in Calexico the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Law enforcement personnel on-site could be seen wearing clothing and equipment that identified them as belonging to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Department of Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Food and Drug Administration Office of Criminal Investigations.

Law enforcement officials appeared to be turning away patrons from accessing the office. An unmarked blue van belonging to the federal law enforcement officials was parked directly outside the front entrance doors.

Meanwhile, eyewitnesses reported that federal agents were also at Vo's clinic at 222 E. Cole Blvd. in Calexico, with what appeared to be unmarked law enforcement vehicles blocking both entrances to the parking lot.

When reached for comment around 10:45 a.m., Vo, through text message, said he had none and that he expected to reopen to patients in about an hour.

Vo would post a message on the Calexico Chronicle's Facebook page about an hour later. The following is unedited:

"Thank you everyone. The government is just doing their things to make sure everything is good for the safety of our lives. First raid was stopped per the attorney n now 2 nd raid i think people are kept asking government to do their things so we r here to cooperate and as much as we can. We will continue our work more n more for our community."

This newspaper first reported on Oct. 5, 2020, when Vo's clinics were raided and searched by the FDA and HSI agents. Vo at the time denied any wrongdoing and none of the agencies involved ever commented on that raid other than to confirm search warrants had been searched and an investigation was ongoing.

Dr. Vo's service provider agreement for the Housing for the Harvest Program in an amount not to exceed \$760,125 was to be considered by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, but the agenda item was pulled shortly after meeting started by County Executive Officer Tony Rouhotas Jr.

Rouhotas gave no explanation for pulling the item, but did say it would be brought back at a later date.

# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

### Brawley Pounds Cibola 49-8 in Home Opener

BY MURRAY ANDERSON  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

**BRAWLEY** — The Brawley Union High football team evened its record at 2-2 after a blowout of Cibola High of Yuma, 49-8, on Friday, Sept. 10, at Warne Field here.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 34-0 lead at halftime and never looked back against the Raiders. Senior running back Isaiah Young got Brawley started with a 50-yard rushing touchdown early in the game and scored his second later in the quarter on a 9-yard run.

Young had another rushing touchdown in the second quarter and scored on a 44-yard punt return.

The Wildcats will host Gila Ridge of Yuma at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, in a nonleague matchup.

## LATE SCORES DOOM SPARTANS

**VISTA** — Two touchdowns in the final six minutes led Vista High to a 43-35 victory over Central Union here on Friday.

The Panthers got a rushing touchdown with about six minutes to go to tie the game at 35-35, then scored the winning touchdown with about a minute left in the game on a four-yard run. Vista was able to intercept an errant Central pass with four minutes left to gain possession and set up the winning score.

The Spartans led 28-14 at halftime and 28-21 at the end of three quarters before the Panthers were able to rally for the victory.

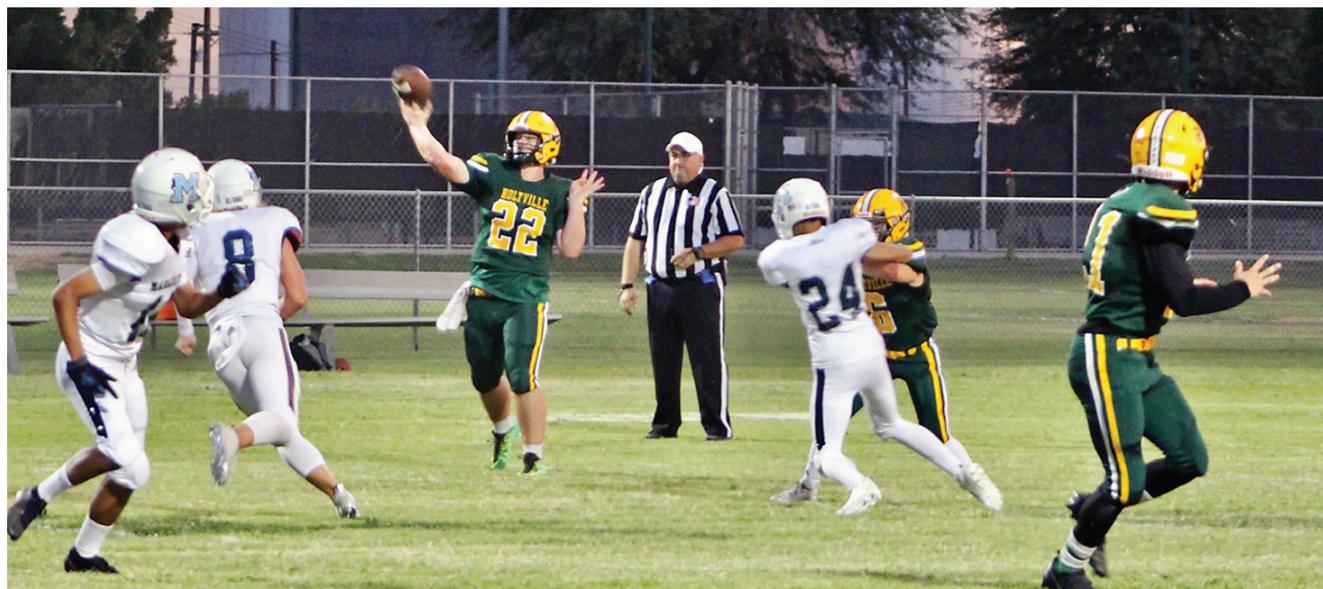
Central (1-3 overall) returns to Cal Jones Field for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Friday, Sept. 17, hosting Christian High of El Cajon.

## VALLEY CENTER HOLDS ON TO BEAT IMPERIAL

**IMPERIAL** — Valley Center got its second victory over an Imperial Valley League team when it defeated Imperial, 20-7, at Shimamoto-Simpson Stadium here on Friday, Sept. 10.

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## FOOTBALL



Holtville High School senior quarterback Spencer Hilfiker (22) throws a pass during the Vikings' 42-10 nonleague victory over Maranatha Christian High in Holtville on Friday, Sept. 10. Hilfiker threw for two touchdowns against the Eagles. | CATHI PHILLIPS LARIOS PHOTOS

# Vikings Score Early, Often in Blowout

## Holtville Wins Over Maranatha Christian, 42-10, to Stay Undefeated

BY MURRAY ANDERSON  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

**HOLTVILLE** — The Holtville High School football team scored on each of its first four possessions and dominated Maranatha Christian High of San Diego, 42-10, in a nonleague matchup at Birger Field here on Friday, Sept. 10.

The Vikings (4-0 overall) wasted no time getting started, taking the opening kickoff and driving 74 yards in five plays, finishing with a 24-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Spencer Hilfiker to senior tight end Mason Toten. Junior Daniel Ledesma ran in the two-point conversion and Holtville had an 8-0 lead with 9:39 left in the opening quarter.

"It's a specific play we'll call after we are pounding them with the run and I usually end up wide open," Toten said about the touchdown catch. "We'll fake the run and then go over the top and it's usually there."



The Holtville High football team takes the field for the first time in the 2021 season after opening with three consecutive road games. The Vikings defeated Maranatha Christian, 42-10, at Birger Field in Holtville on Friday, Sept. 10, to improve their record to 4-0 this season.

Maranatha's first possession ended when the Eagles botched a pitch to the running back and Toten was there to pounce on the loose ball from his defensive end position to give the Vikings the ball at the Eagles' 10-yard-line.

Two plays later senior running back Payton Iten cruised in for a two-yard touchdown run and sophomore Bryan Padilla booted the extra point to put Holtville up 15-0 with 7:27 left in the first quarter.

"Our defense played really well in the first quarter and our offense executed the simple recipe of running the ball and then when they came up to stop it, throwing over the

top," said Jason Turner, Holtville's fifth-year head coach. "It's no secret we want to run it but we will throw it when we get the opportunity."

The Vikings' defense dominated Maranatha's next possession, with Toten throwing Eagles' quarterback Austin Stewart backwards with two sacks to force a punt.

"I was able to get my hands on the guy in front of me and I was able to throw him to the side and get after the quarterback," Toten said about his first-quarter sacks.

Holtville took over and marched 44 yards in just three plays, finishing with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Hilfiker

to senior Roger Rolfe. Padilla kicked the extra point and the Vikings were up 22-0 with 2:39 still left in the opening quarter.

After Maranatha turned the ball over on downs two plays into the second quarter, Holtville capitalized with a two-play drive that finished with a 45-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Seth Iten. Padilla's extra point made it 29-0 with 10:19 left in the half.

"The first thing I saw was the hole just open up and then as I got through the hole I saw the safety and I didn't want to go down," said the 15-year-old Seth Iten. "I wanted the touchdown and didn't want anybody to catch me after I got past the safety."

Maranatha (1-3 overall) kicked a field goal just before halftime and then returned a fumble 48 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter to close the gap to 29-10 with 8:35 left in the third quarter.

Holtville got two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the game away when Payton Iten scored on a 43-yard sprint down the sideline with 10:38 left in the game, and then Zephan Duarte scored on a 47-yard run with 4:56 left to finish the scoring.

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## BOXING

### Valley Boxing Icon 'Pops' Sanchez Succumbs to COVID

El Centro Resident Dies at 74, Touched Countless Lives Through La Familia Boxing in Calexico, Other Gyms

BY MURRAY ANDERSON  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

**CALEXICO** — A legendary figure in the Imperial Valley boxing scene was lost on Sept. 4 when Ignacio "Pops" Sanchez succumbed to his battle with COVID-19 and died at the age of 74.

Sanchez was co-owner of



Ignacio "Pops" Sanchez (center), a legendary figure in Imperial Valley boxing, oversees two young fighters in the ring. Sanchez, who is co-owner of La Familia Boxing in Calexico, died at the age of 74 from complications from COVID-19 on Sept. 4. | PHOTO COURTESY OF FERNANDO LARA

La Familia Boxing in Calexico but was well-known throughout the Imperial Valley and had trained fighters in many gyms, helping young boxers, trainers, and

coaches learn skills inside and outside the ring.

The El Centro resident got his start in the boxing ring in the late 1980s, according to his brother, Ricardo

Marin. It was in 1992 when he joined Marin and helped start Azteca Boxing Gym in Calexico.

"He had invited me to El Centro to teach my kids how to box," Marin recalled about his older brother. "Then we started asking each other why we couldn't start something in Calexico and that's how Azteca got going."

Marin's son, Bardo Gutierrez, 44, trained under Sanchez in the 1990s and said "Pops" was a perfect nickname for his uncle because he was always willing to help the kids in any way.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Strahm Wins West Wetlands Invitational

BY MURRAY ANDERSON  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

**YUMA** — Holtville High School sophomore Lillian Strahm took first place in the girls' 5,000-Meter Varsity Race at the annual West Wetlands Invitational at West Wetlands Park here on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Strahm finished the 3.1-mile course in 21 minutes, 37 seconds to take the top spot ahead of Lake Havasu's Katie Bell (21:55). Central Union High School senior Azucena Hernandez (22:03) took third

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# HAUGH

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Back then, an attack on America to that degree was unfathomable. At least not in any way someone Haugh's age — 32 at the time — could connect with.

"I don't know what the people in Hawaii felt like on Dec. 7 (1941), but I can empathize with them," Haugh said during a recent interview, referencing Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II.

"Now, something happens that your wildest imagination couldn't prepare for. ... We woke up that morning," he said of 9/11. "We had no idea that America would be so directly attacked, that there were those vulnerabilities that were beyond comprehension."

The retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer now works as a civilian employee in communications at the Imperial Valley's only military installation, Naval Air Facility El Centro.

Similarly, this is how enlisted U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kristopher Haugh served the federal government and armed forces working with the White House Communications Agency while stationed at Anacostia Naval Complex on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C.

When two hijacked jetliners had already flown into the Twin Towers, Haugh was across the Anacostia and Potomac rivers from what within minutes would become the military's version of "Ground Zero" — the Pentagon, the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense.

Even at this point, word hadn't gotten back to Haugh's group about what was really happening.



**Kris Haugh finds himself focusing on the Sept. 11, 2001, Pentagon attack in Washington, D.C., both in his past (left photo from 2011, the year he retired as a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy) and present jobs (right photo in his current job). Today he is a civilian employee working as public information officer at Naval Air Facility El Centro. Twenty years ago he was part of the White House Communications Agency in D.C. | DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND COURTESY PHOTOS**

"We were all just having coffee, kind of trying to start our day, when the officer in charge, a U.S. Marine Corps major, ran into the room and turned on the TV," Haugh recalled of those minutes just after the first attack in New York.

"One of the Twin Towers has been hit," Haugh's major told them. "So, we turned on the TV and were trying to figure out what was going on. And then we saw the second tower get hit."

"Nobody really thought terrorism at the very beginning, because there was no precedent for this. Personally, I thought it was really bad navigation error," he added.

Yet at 9:37 a.m., that confusion would ratchet up, when while a little more than two miles south-

east of the Pentagon, Haugh and everyone in the vicinity would hear the thunderous explosion of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the westernmost E-Ring of the facility, the side occupied by Army and Navy divisions.

"We heard this muffled boom, and at first we thought it was our building's emergency generator. Once a month they would turn it on and every now and then it would backfire," Haugh of the moment, unbeknownst to them, when the Pentagon was hit on the western side of the five-sided complex, in the opposite direction of where Haugh was positioned.

Haugh and his group worked on the third floor of their building and had roof access, so they raced upstairs to get a better vantage

point after someone called in to tell them what had occurred.

"We looked over there, we can see, just moments after the Pentagon attack, that there was a raging inferno, there were flames coming out of it, billowing smoke," he said. "We were just trying to figure out, 'Holy Heck, what is going on?'"

If the World Trade Center was the symbol of a nation's economic pulse in al-Qaeda's quest to strike at the heart of America, then the Pentagon was the terrorists' effort to target its might and unsettle its seat of military power. It had its intended effect.

"That day, it made us realize that, you know, despite the awesome capabilities our country has (militarily), we're vulnerable," Haugh said. "And so that kind of ... you know, it's like a punch in the gut."

All told, the impact of a fully fueled 757 Boeing jetliner and the fire it caused killed 59 persons on the plane and 125 on the ground, nearly half of whom were military members.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 11, 2021, the five-plus-minute Patriot Day video message and 9/11 memorial tribute that Haugh helped craft as head of base communications would go live on the NAF's social media pages and YouTube channel at 6:37 a.m., the Pacific time zone equivalent to the moment 20 years earlier when military communications took on a newfound urgency.

During Capt. Perkins' pre-recorded video on Saturday, a scrolling tribute finished out the message, displaying the names and ranks of the 33 active-duty sailors killed in the attack. There were 22 Army personnel killed as well, and 70 civilian employees and defense contractors.

Twenty years earlier, Haugh and the sailors he worked with got back to the critical task of issuing White House communiques at a time when national security was still at risk.

To put Haugh's position in perspective as part of the government's messaging infrastructure: Remember when someone whispers in President George W. Bush's ear while he's reading "The Pet Goat" to a class of second-graders?

That's Kris. ... It's not Kris, but it's the department to which Petty Officer 1st Class Haugh was assigned.

"The job I had at that time was the White House Communications Agency. ... We provide fixed and mobile communications for the President," Haugh explained. The agency also supported communications for Vice President Dick Cheney, First Lady Laura Bush and the Secret Service.

"They knew that the President was off on a trip at the moment," he said of the focus that day. "You can go back, and you'll watch the news, and you'll see when one of

the military aides whispers in the President's ear while he's reading to the children, 'Hey, there's been an attack, or there's something going on'" Haugh said, imagining how the message was delivered.

Many comedians and pundits have reflected on that indelible footage of what appears to be a man unprepared and stunned. Some criticism was even leveled that President Bush seemed unfazed or uncaring, but Haugh sees something very different.

"I have to give kudos to President Bush. He was very calm in front of all those children, didn't do or say anything (alarming) ... He just withdrew himself from the situation," he said.

"I'm not sure how I would react if somebody whispered in my ear that there's been this large-scale attack going on."

Haugh would continue with the White House Communications Agency for a while longer. He was already at the tail end of the assignment. At one point he was deployed to Bahrain, the island nation off the coast of Qatar in the Persian Gulf. Haugh was there during "shock and awe," the U.S. military's massive assault on Baghdad, Iraq, in 2003.

Eventually, Haugh would come to call the Imperial Valley his home, his final "port" being NAF El Centro, where he would retire from the Navy in August 2011 as a chief petty officer.

The former Imperial resident became part of the base's public information office as a civilian servant. He just recently sold his home and moved to Yuma, from where he commutes daily.

Haugh took over the communications position full-time a few years after his retirement when head Public Information Officer Michelle Dee took her dream job out of state, he said, and he slid into the top spot.

The garrulous PIO doesn't mind speaking on the Pentagon, but he stresses that he is no attack survivor, just someone in proximity to world-altering events, from which he said he has learned and gained much perspective.

"I wouldn't say I was a survivor. But I took a lot of lessons out of that ... we were in the presence ... It was history in the making," Haugh reasoned.

"I think today it makes me realize that there's always something that you may not have planned for. There's always something you may not have realized, that you're vulnerable," he said, "but you need to have a plan to react and move beyond it."

Today, in Haugh's present position with the Navy, 9/11's impact is focused with laser-like precision on the sailors lost, and it's been clear that much of the specific reaction to the Pentagon has come from those closely tied to the armed services.

Who you are, he said, determines the freight behind your focus and feelings on most issues, including 9/11; it's human nature.

"We focus on the Pentagon part because that's the part that affected us the most. I would imagine that for a firefighter, the New York incident is what affected them the most, and for police," Haugh said. "I think Everyman, and I use man as in the generic human being, can appreciate the sacrifice of those in Pennsylvania, where they tried to take back the aircraft."

The Twin Towers, he said, have the added aspect of being a Tower Babel-like symbol, since so many people who perished there were from other nations.

"It affected everybody in different ways. Firefighters have their commemoration, as they should, with the 9/11 stair climb," Haugh reasoned. "We tend to focus on the sailors that were killed at the Pentagon, because these are our shipmates. I would say that everybody has a connection somehow."

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**GOVERNMENT**

# Cities, County Take Steps Towards New Tax Agreement



The Lotus Ranch property on which new homes are now being built south of Interstate 8 and west of La Brucherie Road in El Centro is an example of land being annexed into city limits and some of the tax and fee negotiation that must go on between the county of Imperial and a city. All future annexations in the county are on hold right now until a master tax-sharing agreement between the county and the seven incorporated cities is in place. | CAMILO GARCIA JR. PHOTO

## All Future Annexations on Hold For Now

**BY ANTOINE ABOU-DIWAN**  
FOR THE HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

Annexations in Imperial County are on hold until the county and cities in Imperial Valley agree on a new master tax-sharing agreement.

Such tax agreements delineate how tax revenues generated by a property are shared between the county and the cities to which developments are annexed.

Imperial County's tax-sharing agreement with the seven incorporated cities expired in June 2009, according to an emailed statement from the county's Public Information Officer, Gil Rebolgar.

"Following the term expiration, the county began negotiating each subsequent tax sharing agreement individually with each city, generally based on each project's specific development timeline," Rebolgar said.

But the board of Imperial County's Local Area Formation Commission — which over sees property annexations and special districts in a county — put an end to the practice until a new agreement is put in place.

City, county, and LAFCO officials met and agreed to hire a consultant to study such agreements in other counties and draft an agreement that can be used locally. Fees for such work is estimated \$200,000.

It's to a city's benefit to annex a project because of potential tax revenues. The city of Imperial has been experiencing a consistent and prolonged growth spurt over two decades, as it positioned itself as the Valley's bedroom community with the development of tract homes and subdivisions along the Aten Road corridor and other areas of sprawl in all directions.

Holtville, on the other hand, lost nearly 6 percent of its population, according to the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Summary File.

The Holtville City Council on Monday, Sept. 13, approved a resolution to pay a share of a consultant's fees to study and prepare a master tax-sharing agreement for future annexations within the county. Similar resolutions

was on the Calexico City Council agenda on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Holtville's share of the fees are \$4,446. Calexico's share is about \$36,000.

"You want a master tax-sharing agreement with the county, as a city, so a developer has certainty of knowing it has been worked out, so you know the parameters of annexations," said Marcella Piedra, El Centro's city manager.

The payment of development impact fees for fire, law enforcement, sewage and other services is generally not an issue when a piece of property is under the jurisdiction of the county. But when that piece of property is annexed into city limits, some of the economic impacts of that development shift to the city, Piedra said.

The county agreed to lower its fees and charge only fees for the Sheriff's Office when the city of El Centro annexed the Lotus Ranch development on La Brucherie Road, south of Interstate 8, Piedra said.

All parties try to increase their share of tax revenues when negotiating tax-sharing agreements. Dollars are needed to furnish services, and unforeseen fees are virtually guaranteed.

Fortunately, "The county understands our position and we understand their position. We're trying to encourage and support development, but when you add fees that are difficult to justify, that's hard," Piedra said.

All pending annexations have been negotiating, according to Rebolgar.

"The expired 2006 Master Tax Sharing is used as a template for all subsequently negotiated individual Tax Sharing Agreements. This includes the same terms, format, and fiscal impact fee schedule as the county's standards for all negotiations, although there may be non-substantive changes based upon the individual project components," Rebolgar wrote.

As well, the county is still using the tax apportionments under the 2007 Fiscal Impact Fee Schedule.

A message seeking comment from Calexico's city manager was not answered by publication of this story.

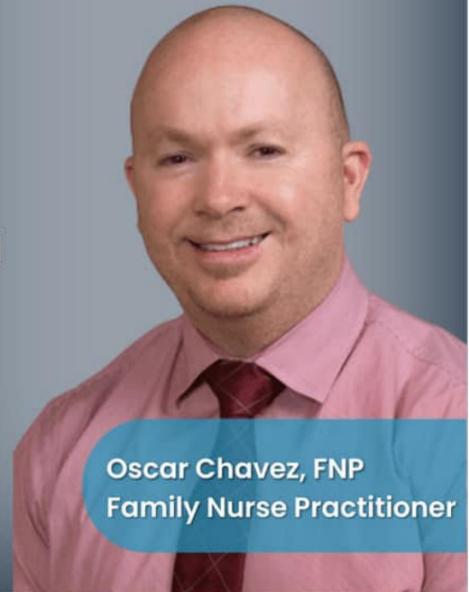
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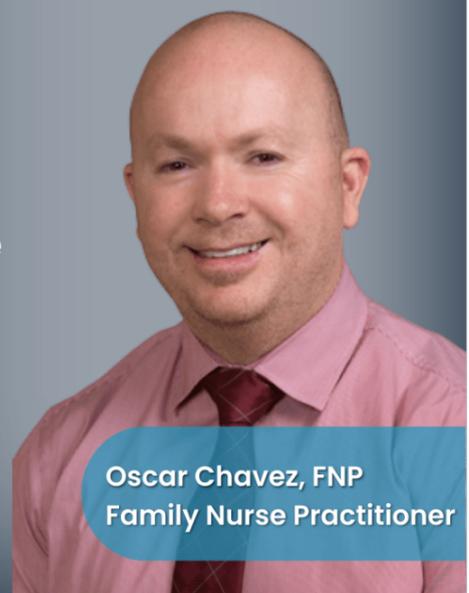
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## SANCHEZ

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“He was a very loveable person and was a father figure to a lot of the kids he trained. They didn’t always come from two-parent households so they needed somebody they could count on like ‘Pops,’” said Gutierrez, who runs the Calexico Boxing Academy. “He always loved being a mentor and a role model for the kids and that’s what motivated him to continue to train.”

The man who coined the nickname “Pops” for Sanchez was Sparta Boxing founder Fernando Lara, who welcomed Sanchez in as a trainer both when Lara was a fighter and when he was working with the kids at Sparta.

“I was in the gym still trying to be a fighter myself and it was after a training session and he said to me ‘I’m your pops, you need to listen to me,’” Lara said. “After that I just started calling him ‘Pops’ and it stuck. Everyone knew him as ‘Nacho’ but after that he became ‘Pops’ to me and everyone.”

Lara said the legend of Sanchez will live on due to the large amount of lives he touched in the Imperial Valley. The lives of young boxers and the kids he trained who have gone on to be trainers themselves.

“He created his own style of training boxers and taught the kids how to be strong, not only physically in the ring, but mentally,” Lara said. “He is truly a legend in the Imperial Valley and he has left us a legacy as coaches that we all will carry on a big piece of ‘Pops’ as we train our kids.”

La Familia Boxing co-owner Armando Cardenas said he and Sanchez decided in 2015 to start La Familia because Sanchez had always wanted to have his own gym.

“He wanted that name because of his love for the kids and their families,” said the 44-year-old Cardenas. “He didn’t want it to just be a boxing club, he wanted it to be a second family for the kids and parents.”

Cardenas and Sanchez were both trainers at Sparta in 2014 when they chose to start La Familia. The first few months were spent training in a park until they could secure a building.

“If ‘Pops’ was in the park he would have 100 kids coming over there to be with him,” Cardenas said. “He just had that special something and a connection with the kids.”

A special sparring session is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at La Familia Boxing, 1943 Fillmore Ave., in Calexico to honor Sanchez. Food items will be sold at the event to help raise money for Sanchez’s family.



Holtville High School senior Vera Smith serves during a doubles set against Calexico in Calexico on Wednesday, Sept. 8. | CAMILO GARCIA JR. PHOTO

## ROUNDUP

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place, followed by Marta Ratti from Gila Ridge (22:19) in fourth and Imperial’s Natalie Lopez (22:32) in fifth.

Cibola High of Yuma won the team competition followed by Lake Havasu in second, Gila Ridge of Yuma in third, Imperial in fourth and Southwest El Centro in fifth.

Other Vikings’ runners in the event were senior Lesley Sandoval (21st place in 26:07), freshman Ashley Reyna (25th place in 26:30), senior Danytza Sandoval (27th place in 26:35), and freshman Clara Strahm (39th place in 28:40).

Holtville’s lone boy competing at the event was junior Julian Reyna who finished in fourth place in the boys’ varsity race with a time of 17 minutes, 53 seconds.

Central Union High’s boys team took

third place in the team competition behind Cibola and Lake Havasu.

Holtville’s cross country runners are scheduled to compete in a multiple team meet at Yuma Catholic High on Wednesday, Sept. 15, followed by a trip to the Mt. Carmel Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 18.

## VIKINGS’ VOLLEYBALL DOWNS CENTRAL, SAN DIEGO

**SAN DIEGO** – The Holtville High School volleyball team had a winning week with three-game sweeps of Central Union High and San Diego High to improve its record to 8-3 on the season.

The Vikings traveled to San Diego and beat the Cavers 25-21, 25-19 and 25-8 on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, Holtville hosted Central and walked away with a sweep, winning 25-11, 25-13 and 26-24.

Against the Spartans, sophomore

Jasmine Garewal led the way with 16 kills and 10 digs.

The Vikings trailed 24-21 in the final set before rallying for five straight points on the serve of junior Kamryn Walker to overtake the Spartans and win the set and match.

Holtville travels to Monte Vista High in Spring Valley on Friday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 18, to take part in the Monte Vista High Tournament. The Vikings begin Imperial Valley League play on Tuesday, Sept. 21, traveling to Imperial for a 6 p.m. contest.

## CALEXICO TENNIS DEFEATS HOLTVILLE

**CALEXICO** – The Calexico High School girls tennis team defeated Holtville, 16-2, in an Imperial Valley League match here on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Next up for the Vikings is a road IVL match at Brawley, scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

## FOOTBALL

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The Jaguars defeated Brawley two weeks ago at home, winning 17-6. On Friday, Valley Center built a 14-0 lead at halftime and extended it to 20-0 at the end of the third quarter before holding on for the victory.

Imperial (1-2 overall) wasn’t able to get on the scoreboard until seven minutes left in the game when Jeremiah Naylor scored on a 7-yard rushing touchdown.

Next up for the Tigers is a trip to Spring Valley to take on Monte Vista, with kickoff set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

## BULLDOGS BEAT YUMA, MOVE TO 3-1

**CALEXICO** — The Bulldogs took advantage of numerous turnovers and defeated Yuma High, 21-12, at Ward Field here on Friday, Sept. 17, to improve to 3-1 on the young season.

Calexico got two rushing touchdowns from junior running back Zeus Pradis and used its solid defense to keep the Criminals at bay in the fourth quarter.

It is the third consecutive win for the Bulldogs who next will hit the road for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Friday, Sept. 17, at Birger Field in Holtville.



Brawley running back Isaiah Young (23) carries the ball against Cibola High of Yuma in the Wildcats’ home-opening blowout of the Raiders, 49-8, on Friday, Sept. 10, at Warne Field. | PHOTO COURTESY OF VALLEY SPORTS NETWORK

## SCOTS STORM CASTLE PARK, 33-13

**CHULA VISTA** — Vincent Memorial Catholic High of Calexico got a superb performance from sophomore quarterback Jacobo Elias and defeated Castle Park High, 33-13, here on Friday, Sept. 10.

Elias threw for 235 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Scots over the Trojans. In the third quarter he put the game away, connecting with junior Armando Apodaca on an 81-yard touchdown pass.

Next up for Vincent Memorial is another trip to San Diego, this time to face Clairemont at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

## SOUTHWEST CLOBBERS KOFA, 48-6

**EL CENTRO** — The Southwest High School football team took advantage of numerous mistakes by Kofa High and dominated the Kings, 48-6, in a nonleague contest at Eagle Field here on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The Eagles (2-2 overall) got two early rushing touchdowns

from senior running back Estevan McDonough en route to the victory. Sophomore quarterback Logan Jungers had a long touchdown pass to put the Eagles up 21-0 early in the second quarter and the route was on.

Southwest will be traveling to Solana Beach to take on Santa Fe Christian in a nonleague contest at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

## HORNETS GET FIRST WIN OF SEASON

**TEMECULA** — Calipatria High got its first win on the

football field in almost two years with a 36-0 victory over Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac Catholic School in a nonleague matchup here on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The Hornets chose not to field a team during the COVID-shortened spring season and had its first game this season due to COVID protocols. When Calipatria (1-1) did open the season on Sept. 3, it was blanked by Calexico, 27-0.

Up next for the Hornets is a trip to Carlsbad to take on the Army-Navy Academy with kickoff slated for 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

## PALO VERDE EDGES MORSE, 20-16

**BLYTHE** — Palo Verde Valley built a 13-0 lead at halftime and held on to defeat Morse High of San Diego, 20-16, in a nonleague game here on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The Yellowjackets (2-1 overall) had a 20-8 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Palo Verde opened the season with a 15-6 win at Calexico but followed that with a 21-10 loss at Coachella Valley the following week.

Next up for the Yellowjackets is a home contest against Shadow Hills High of Indio, set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16.

## VIKINGS

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The Vikings finished the game with 369 yards rushing, led by Seth Iten’s 130 yards on six car-

ries. His brother Payton Iten finished with 118 yards on 13 carries and Duarte had 56 yards on four carries.

Hilfiker completed four of his five pass attempts for 86 yards

and two touchdowns in the Vikings first home game in front of a full crowd in almost two years after playing the Covid spring season with just parents allowed in the stands.

“It was great with the students in the stands,” Turner said. “It felt weird almost but what a great atmosphere for the players.”

Holtville will put its 4-0 re-

cord on the line at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, when the Vikings host Calexico (3-1) in a cross-league matchup between the Desert League Vikings and Imperial Valley League Bulldogs.

LOCAL

# 9/11 Ceremony at IVC Stirs Emotions

Veterans Tom Henderson and Dr. Lennor Johnson, Also the College's President, Spoke of Sacrifice and Honor

BY JULIO MORALES  
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE

IMPERIAL — At 8:46 a.m. Sept. 11, 2001, the first in a series of life-altering events unfolded in New York City and elsewhere that would change the United States forever.

At that precise time, a hijacked commercial airliner crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center as part of a coordinated terrorist attack.

Twenty years later, that fateful moment in time served to kick off the 20th anniversary of Imperial Valley College's Patriot Day, at the college campus in Imperial.

For the event, a sizable crowd gathered at the campus' main entrance to pay tribute to the lives lost during the terrorist attacks, as well as honor public safety and armed service personnel for bravely continuing to protect the nation.

With a large American flag that was draped between the extended ladders of two county Fire Department fire engines serving as a backdrop, interim IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson welcomed those gathered and set the tone for the equally somber and uplifting ceremony.

"It was an ordinary day, but in one single moment, life has never been the same," Johnson said at one point during his nearly six-minute speech.

Johnson's speech also incorporated some of the final words of Betty Ann Ong, a United Airlines Flight 11 flight attendant, who is credited with being the first individual to alert authorities of the airplane's possible hijacking and which subsequently led to the closure of the nation's airspace.

Twenty-seven minutes after Ong initiated her eight-and-a-half-minute call with American Airlines ground crew, the aircraft carrying 92 people would crash into the North Tower, killing everyone aboard.

"In just 27 minutes the nation was forever changed," Johnson said.

All told, some 246 people died when the four different hijacked airplanes they were traveling in struck the terrorists' intended targets, or in the case of United Airlines Flight 93, crashed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, after crew members and passengers attempted to regain control of the aircraft.

Aside from acknowledging the 2,606 individuals who died after showing up for work that day at the World Trade Center and Pentagon, Johnson paid tribute to the 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and eight paramedics who were killed after responding to the burning World Trade Center



Interim Imperial Valley College Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson said that evil will never be able to undermine the American dream during his remarks at the 9/11 memorial event IVC hosted on Friday, Sept. 10. | JULIO MORALES PHOTO

towers. As a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Johnson said he also felt compelled to honor the past and present armed service members in attendance. After asking them to stand, Johnson thanked them for their sacrifice and for fighting bravely on behalf of the United States in past combat theaters and following the 9/11 attacks.

"You did this knowing that there's a chance that you would never see your families again or return with a life-changing injury," he said. "You were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for the country that we all love."

The 9/11 memorial event was organized by the campus' Associated Student Government. It was one of several taking place around the Valley either in advance or on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Vietnam veteran and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9305 adjutant Thomas Henderson also spoke to those gathered for IVC's Patriot Day event.

He characterized Sept. 11, 2001, as an example of evil, and added the date to a list of momentous events that included America's Independence Day, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President John F. Kennedy's assassination, and the fall of Saigon.

Nor was the pain and suffering of that day limited to just the United States, since individuals from 93 different nations were among the victims of the terrorist attacks, Henderson said.

By reading aloud the definition of the word "bravery" during his remarks, Henderson was able to further distinguish the heroic acts of the public safety personnel who chose to "fight" rather than relent to the human impulse to take "flight" in the face of danger.

He also asked those present to try to imagine themselves aboard one of the hijacked planes, as well as at work in the World Trade Center towers or the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. But rather than dwell on the sorrow and pain that was surely experienced then, Henderson said his remarks were meant to highlight the courage and bravery that countless individuals exhibited amid the crisis.

"We are gathered today in memory of the victims and the bravery of those who fought against unspeakable evil," he said.

Following the event, Imperial Community College District board Trustee Steven Taylor said that during his time with the now-defunct Winterhaven Fire Protection District, he, too, had seen tragedy up close on numerous occasions.

Yet, he nonetheless found the overall experience to his liking and satisfaction.

"I was glad I was able to give back to the community," he said.

Taylor also said it was fitting for Imperial Valley College to host an event in commemoration

of the anniversary of 9/11 since the campus educates and trains students pursuing careers in public safety.

"It's a good thing to do," he said. "Most of them were just toddlers when that happened."

Imperial Valley College student Monica Cuellar said she was just 5 years old when the 9/11 attacks occurred. She said she remembers her mother being told by someone else to turn on the television and then hearing her scream afterward.

The 25-year-old Brawley resident is currently enrolled in the campus' Fire Academy and is hoping to one day provide humanitarian aid in war-torn countries like Syria.

Aside from often watching documentaries about the terrorist attacks that are broadcast around the 9/11 anniversary, Cuellar said she has also taken part in local annual 9/11 commemorative events where people will share their stories. Hearing those stories often leave her feeling despondent.

"I can feel their pain," she said.

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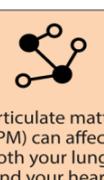
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# ACES AWARE IMPERIAL COUNTY VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Join the Movement

**Register to any ACEs 101 session and take your first step in becoming an ACEs Aware Provider!**

**First Session  
August 26 1:00 PM**



## VIRTUAL SESSIONS

August 26, 1:00PM  
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**\$200 Stipend Opportunity**

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IMPERIAL COUNTY Local Health Authority Commission

aces aware GRANTEE

The Imperial County Local Health Authority has been awarded an ACEs Aware Provider Engagement grant to bring awareness to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in our community.

We are hosting 4 virtual sessions covering ACEs 101 with an opportunity for a \$200 stipend upon attending one session, proof of completion of the ACEs CORE Training and public listing on the Clinician Directory.

**NO COST TO ATTEND.**

These sessions are recommended for Medi-Cal eligible providers, front office staff, office managers, billers and clinicians. Visit our website for a full list of eligible providers.

Questions?  
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