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STUDENT SPEECHES
CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Friday, March 28, 2025 - Noon



Students from the Chula Vista Elementary School District will share their winning speeches with us.

Our Club has a long history of supporting this very worthwhile activity.

Come Friday and meet them!

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—April 4, 2025



Duane Buckingham's actual birthday was April 4th so it was celebrated with a song, muffin and — a KISS. Looks like Duane was not exactly enthused...



This week's Jim Biddle News at Noon sponsor David Hoffman has fun everyday. L-R: David with Beta Dinsmore, No Nuts & Chews for YOU Bob Bliss, and a happy Jan Mellinger with her See's gift.



JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON by Betty Waznis

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Hello, everyone, and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by David Hoffman and Hoffman Hanono Insurance.

Eagerness to return home plus speed and affordability is leading many survivors of the Eaton and Palisades fires to consider modular or prefab construction for new homes. These new modular products are built to current residential building code standards and regulated by the state authorities, unlike traditional mobile homes. Offsite whole house construction is one option. Some companies build a whole house in a factory, truck and crane it onto a property, and then bolt to the foundation. Others make pieces of the homes in huge factories and then snap them together on site like Legos. Typical timeline for modular home completion can be as quick as four months including time for site prep, permitting and inspections at a estimated cost of 350 to 450 thousand. Mass-produced homes have built and rebuilt California throughout our history. In response to homelessness after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the federal government built 5,300 identical tiny cottages, some of which remain today. A refurbished and combined pair of these cottages sold last year for \$1.2 million.

An iceberg the size of Chicago broke off an Antarctic ice shelf in January, revealing a thriving ecosystem beneath it, never before seen by humans. Researchers studied the 209 square miles of seafloor for more than a week immediately after with the help of a remotely operated underwater vehicle named SuBastian, which dove nearly a quarter mile to gather data on the never-before-explored underwater terrain. Unexpectedly, they found a beautiful, thriving ecosystem most likely resulting from ocean currents moving life-sustaining nutrients to the ecosystem's communities which most likely have lived in that spot for decades, or even hundreds of years. The underwater ROV found giant sea spiders the size of chihuahuas, icefish and octopuses, with several previously undiscovered species expected among them, as well as large corals and sponges supporting all kinds of small marine life.

Here in Chula Vista, the new 39-acre Sweetwater Park at the end of E Street officially opened Wednesday, becoming the largest park space ever created along the San Diego Bay. It includes playgrounds, seating and picnic areas, scenic overlooks for bayfront viewing and bird watching, 2 ½ miles of walkways and bicycle paths, public restrooms and 219 parking spaces. Areas of sand dunes, mounded grasslands, meadows and specialty gardens with native plants, shrubs, and ground cover serve as ecological buffers and mitigation areas to protect sensitive wildlife habitats, particularly at the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The park is next to the Sweetwater Bicycle and Pedestrian Path that opened in the spring of 2021.

The Padres capped a perfect week of baseball at Petco Park, shutting out the Cleveland Guardians in three games as well as the Atlanta Braves in 4, giving them a 7-0 start to the season, best in their history, and one of only two unbeaten teams left in the majors. The other? The Dodgers. Next up – a 3 game series in Chicago against the Cubs, first game going on right now.

Today's sponsor David Hoffman is President of Hoffman Hanono Insurance, a three-generation local firm founded in 1959. It provides commercial and personal insurance in multiple lines guided by the motto, "Modern insurance solutions grounded by old school values." At the beginning of this year, Hoffman Hanono was joined by Brad Wilson and his insurance agency. David's daughter Sophia will be transferring from Chico State to SDSU in the fall. Son Austin is a Junior at Olympian High playing Varsity Lacrosse. When not tending to his lovely family and his business, David enjoys fishing, golfing, and a good bourbon!

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by David Hoffman and Hoffman Hanono Insurance.





MEET PROJECT MERCY FAMILY



Cristal Espinosa Matias (age 22) and Yoana Ballesteros Espinosa (age 3).

Husband Benjamin Ballesteros Méndez, not pictured. He works as a mechanics helper.

HOME BUILD IS SATURDAY, APRIL 12

NEXT WEEK!

CLUB CALENDAR

TIJUANA HOME BUILD—Saturday, April 12, 6:30 am

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY—Saturday, April 26, 9—12 @Living Coast

**CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY (14 volunteers needed) -
Sunday, May 18**

RED SHOE DAY—RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE—7:00-9:30 am—see email

BIKE SAFETY RODEO—Saturday, May 24 (two shifts needed—morning/afternoon)

GOVERNOR'S DINNER— Saturday, June 7, Mission Valley Marriott

**INSTALLATION/OUTSTALLATION—Fri, June 27, 12-1:30
@ San Diego Country Club**

