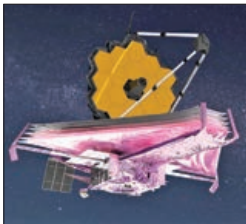




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State
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maps
approved

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission issued its final report Dec. 26 which includes the new boundaries for Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts.

Fallbrook will be in the 75th Assembly District which includes the cities of Santee and Poway, a portion of the City of San Diego, and much of the county's unincorporated area. Camp Pendleton was placed in the 74th Assembly District which also includes the cities of Vista, Oceanside, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, and Laguna Niguel.

The 40th State Senate District adds the 76th Assembly District to the 75th District although State Route 79 is the approximate boundary between the 40th District and the 32nd District

see **MAPS**, A-2

One Warrior takes a win



Fallbrook High sophomore *Xavier Pacheco* wrestles his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 115-pound weight class. *Pacheco scored Fallbrook's only points of the match by pinning his opponent. See story and more photos on page B-1.*

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Ewig, Padilla and Shaver named Students
of the Month

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

Cadance Ewig, Tianha Padilla and Chloe Shaver were the three Fallbrook High School students who were honored at the fourth Student of the Month breakfast of the school year, Jan. 6, at North Coast Church.

About the first student honored, FHS Principal Lauren Jones said Ewig "is Fallbrook, involved in everything under the sun – Ag, ASB and cheer." Ewig was nominated by social studies teacher Alana Milton who has taught at the high school for 17 years and is also an FUHS alum. Milton said she worked closely with Ewig in ASB for two years; "Cady did an amazing job, I could always count on her and she did it with a smile...she always smiles and is full of joy and happiness," she said.

Ewig raises steer in Ag and has

see **STUDENTS**, A-9



The January Students of the Month, from left, *Tianha Padilla*, *Chloe Shaver* and *Cadance Ewig* wear their Lamp of Knowledge medals which were presented by members of the Student of the Month Committee.

California remains in drought despite
winter storms

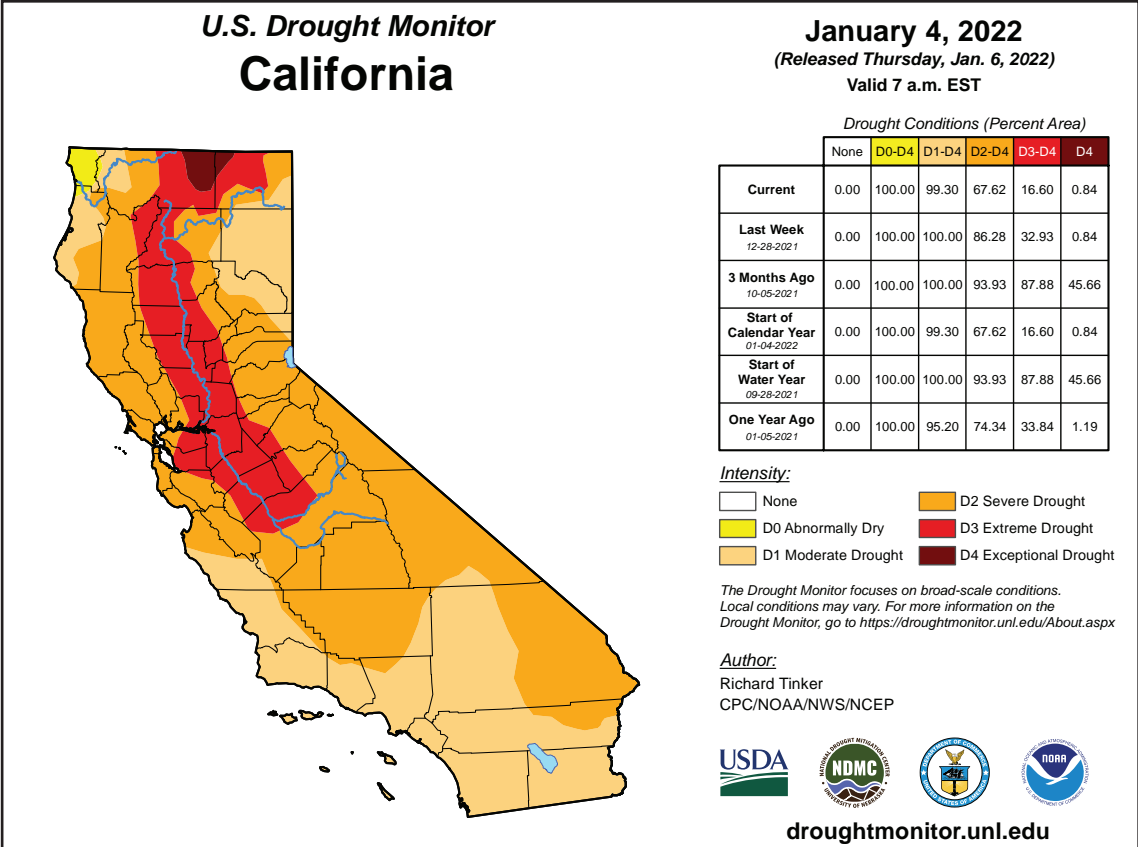
Kim Harris
Managing Editor

The state of California remains in a drought despite December's winter storms which dumped more than 130 inches of snow in the Sierra Nevadas, a key component of California Department of Water Resources' water supply forecast.

"We could not have asked for a better December in terms of Sierra snow and rain," Karla Nemeth, director of the DWR, said.

The Department of Water Resources conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station, Thursday, Dec. 30, which showed that early winter storms in December provided a strong start to the season and some drought relief, but California still remains in a drought, DWR said in a news release.

The manual survey recorded 78.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 20 inches, which is 202% of average for this location. The snow



The U.S. Drought Monitor report for Thursday, Jan. 6, shows San Diego County as being in a moderate drought.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSD to hold public hearing on redistricting

BONSALL—The Bonsall Unified School District’s Governing Board will hold a public hearing to receive community comments and public testimony concerning the proposed adjustments to the district’s Trustee Area map based on the 2020 Census data in order to remain in compliance with California Education Code section 5019.5. The public hearing will be

held during a regular Governing Board meeting on Jan. 19, at approximately 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person at Bonsall Elementary School located at 31555 Old River Road, Bonsall. The meeting will be held in the Multi-purpose Room.

Submitted by Bonsall Unified School District.

NCFPD to hold community forum

FALLBROOK – The North County Fire Protection District is holding an open forum on Jan. 26. Residents are encouraged to come to discuss plans on how to improve how the NCFPD serves

the community. The forum will be held at FPUD, 990 E. Mission Road from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Submitted by NCFPD.

CALENDAR

Jan. 16—2 p.m. – Fallbrook Music Society presents Solo Due Duo at the Mission Theater. In compliance with California’s Department of Public Health regulations, masks will be required to attend this performance. Jacopo Giacomuzzi and Konstantin Soukhovetski, internationally renowned concert pianists, will perform both individually and together on one piano. This concert is free to the public; no tickets required. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 760-451-8644 or visit fallbrookmusicsociety.org.

Jan. 20 – 11 a.m. – Silvergate Fallbrook is hosting Senior Living Lunch & Learn which includes a talk on today’s real estate market, tours of the 5-acre campus with its newest renovations, a chef-crafted lunch, details of offered events and meeting the caregivers. RSVP to 760-8880,

seating is limited, 420 Elbrook Dr.
Jan. 22 – 11:30 a.m. – Friends of the Fallbrook Library is holding a book launch event for T. Jefferson Parker’s new book A Thousand Steps. A light lunch will be served at 12 p.m. at Pala Mesa Resort. The author will speak and sign copies of his new book. Tickets for the event are \$35 and are available at the Bottom Shelf bookstore in the Fallbrook library, 124 S. Mission Road or at www.fallbrooklibraryfriends.org.
Jan. 22 – 12-3 p.m. – Fallbrook Art Association is holding the Grand Opening of The Gallery, 300 N. Brandon, with appetizers, live music, its January Art Show, meet the artist. For more info, call 760-645-0491.
April 24 – TBA. – Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce will hold the 35th annual Avocado Festival on Main Avenue. More information to come.



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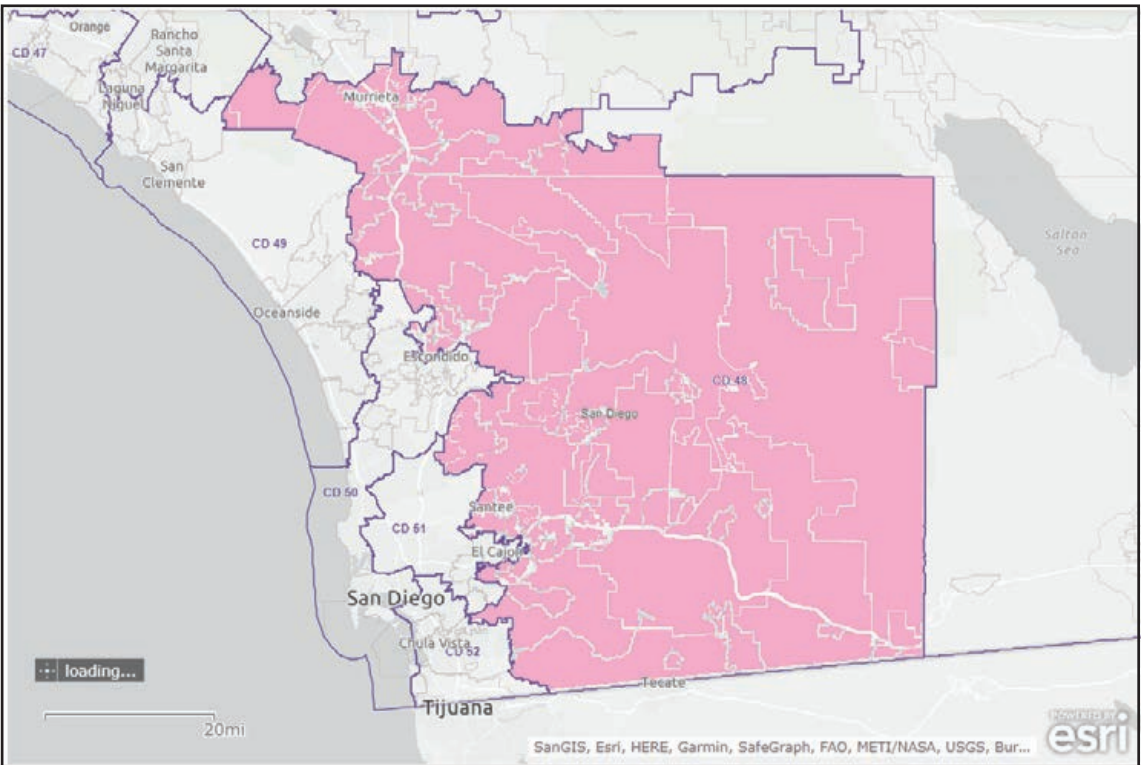
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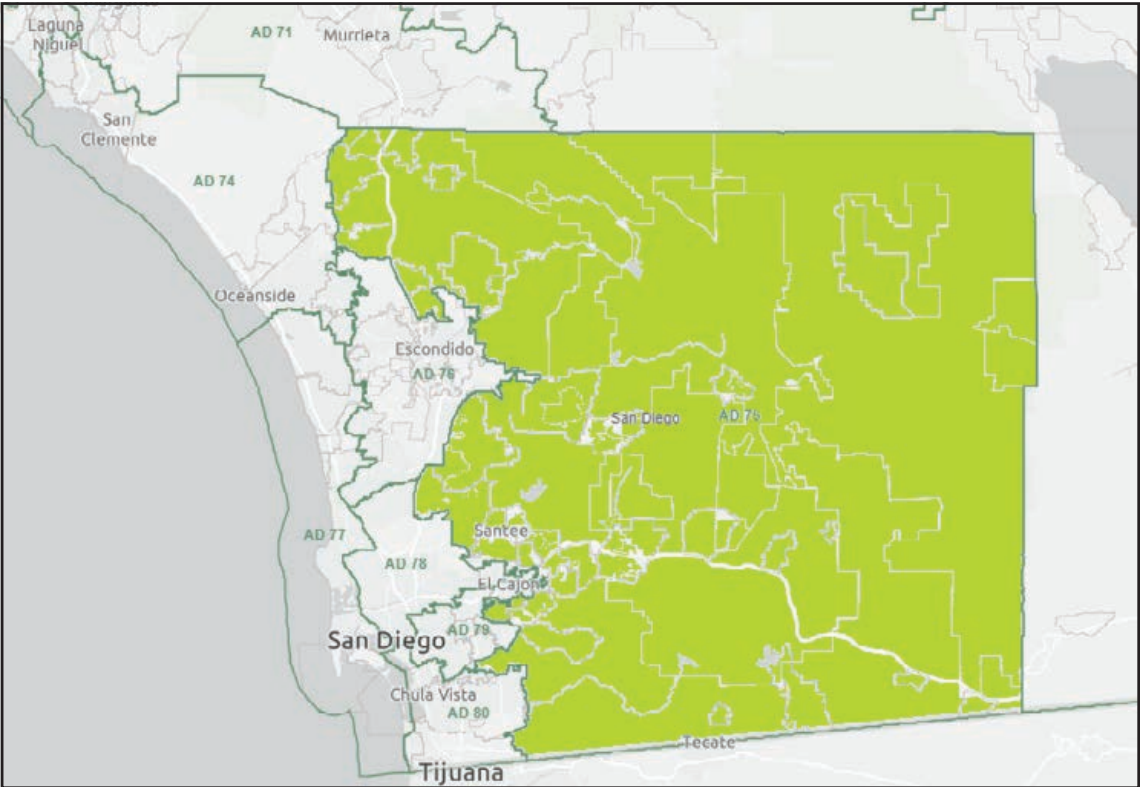


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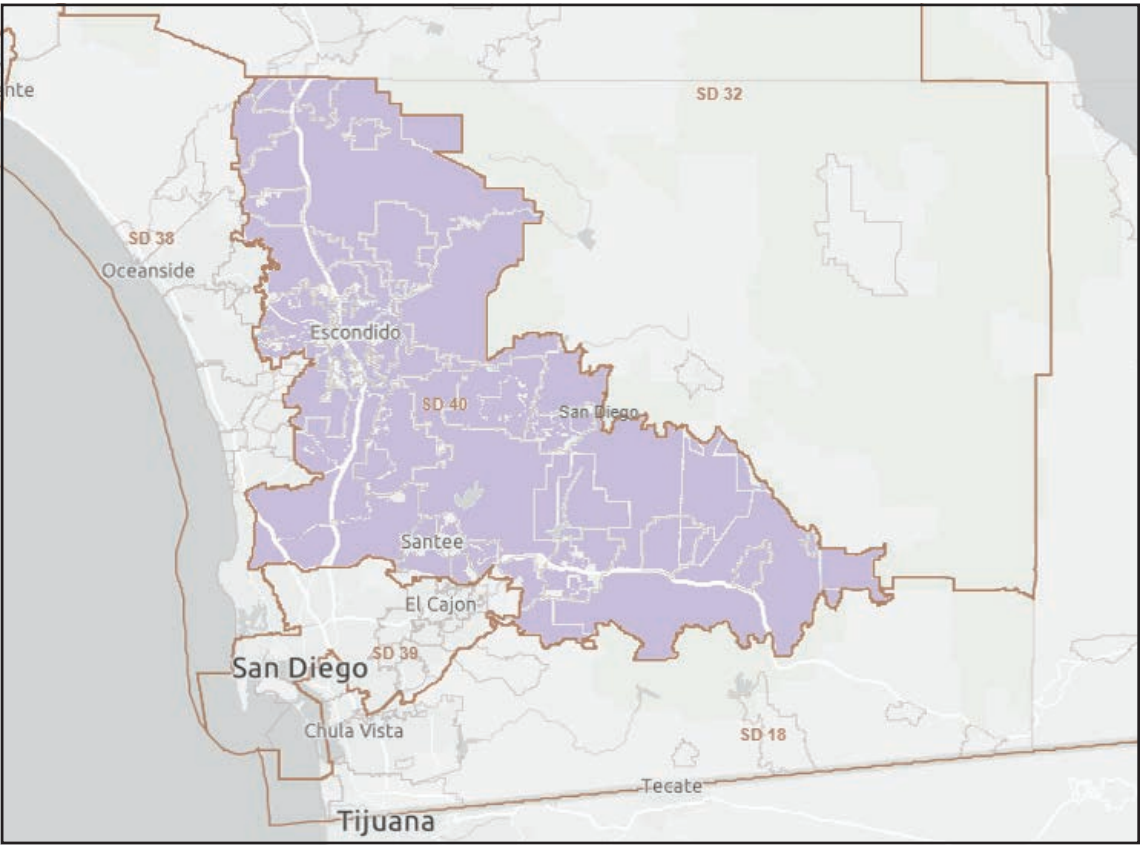


Congressional District 48

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State Assembly District 75



State Senate District 40



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which includes Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, Sage, Aguanga, and Anza as well as Julian, Warner Springs, Santa Ysabel, Ranchita, and Borrego Springs. The 76th Assembly District includes the cities of Escondido and San Marcos and portions of the City of San Diego. State Route 94 is the approximate boundary between the 40th District and the 18th District which includes Imperial County and the southeast portion of Riverside County.

The 38th State Senate District includes the 77th Assembly District as well as the 74th District. The 77th District includes Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Coronado as well as a portion of the City of San Diego.

Although Temecula and Murrieta are in the 71st Assembly District and the 32nd State Senate District, those Riverside County cities are in the 48th Congressional District along with Poway, Santee, portions of the cities of Escondido and La Mesa, and Fallbrook along with most of San Diego County’s unincorporated communities. Camp Pendleton will be in the 49th Congressional District along with Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, and Del Mar.



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OPINION

Government has failed our kids



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

When COVID-19 first came upon our radars in March 2019, we didn’t know what the outcome would be. We didn’t know who the virus would affect; we didn’t know what the toll would be on society. As an airline captain for over 33 years, I relied on data to safely get my passengers to their destination (I’ll admit, as an engineer, I’m a bit of a nerd when it comes to numbers.) Every day, at the beginning of the pandemic, I would sit in my office and look at the county data. It became clear to me that seniors living in senior care facilities were at the greatest risk and that those with underlying health conditions were suffering the most. As we were shutting down our schools, our entire workforce, just

about every business, our beaches and parks, I became more vocal in an effort to target the vulnerable without wholesale closures. As two weeks to stop the spread turned into months, the data did start to show one glimmer of hope. Our kids were the least vulnerable. Yet, for over a year we forced them out of the classroom, out of playing sports and onto their computers. Many people, including myself, warned about the dangers for the future of our kids and now we are starting to see the ramifications of those lockdowns. Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Children’s Hospital Association all declared a State of Emergency for children’s mental health. Suicide attempts have risen sharply among 12-17 year old’s, with the numbers of E.R. visits for suicide attempts rising 51%. School shootings have almost doubled since 2019. And reading and math levels have fallen to record lows. Never in our history have we protected adults at the risk of our kids, until COVID-19. We should continue to protect our most vulnerable with all the precautions necessary, but we should allow our kids to be kids. No school districts should be shutting down due to the Omicron variant, if they do, they’ll be making a grave mistake.

California’s budget priorities



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75

One of the main responsibilities of the State Legislature is producing a budget by the June 15th constitutional deadline that funds programs and, hopefully, makes smart investments in California’s future. Unfortunately, while we meet the deadline, expectations

often fall short. Skewed priorities in past budgets have allowed problems to fester; many are now reaching the crisis stage. The Legislature re-convened for the second half of the 2021-2022 session Jan. 3. Due to the magnitude of the problems we face, priority number one will be creating a budget that addresses our most pressing concerns. As Assembly Minority Leader, I recently joined Assemblyman Vince Fong, Budget Committee Vice Chair, in a letter (available at <https://ad75.asmrc.org/>), asking the Governor to fully fund public safety, including curtailing “smash and grabs” by expanding the California Highway Patrol’s Organized Retail Theft Program. We also requested more parental control of education, more funding for highway projects to eliminate traffic congestion, reducing housing costs by streamlining barriers to construction, paying down unemployment insurance

debt and eliminating tax liability for businesses that received federal COVID-relief, and addressing the homelessness crisis by expanding substance use disorder and mental health treatments. The supply chain crises, improvements and modernization for the state’s infrastructure, including water storage and conveyance, wildfire prevention and suppression, tax relief for hard-working Californians – these issues and more must be addressed in next year’s budget. Business as usual that continues to force taxpayers to spend more and get less must stop. During the coming budget talks, I will be seeking common sense solutions for long festering problems that have tarnished California’s reputation and forced thousands of businesses and individuals to pack up and leave. The Golden State can, and should be, Golden once again.

Answer to: How can so many be duped by John H. Terrell

First John, you write opinions that you indicate are facts. For abortion, none of your opinions are relevant to the actual facts: For instance, refer to Amendment 10: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. Explanation: Powers that aren’t the Federal government’s are the States’, or the people’s that live in that State. Nothing and I mean nothing in the Constitution gives federal power on abortion. It was a mistake by the Supreme Court, just as segregation was a mistake, equal and separate education was a mistake. The Supreme Court has made many mistakes over the years that were done by justices that did not follow the Constitution, but followed their opinions. Sometimes the majority gets it wrong. Many times the wrongs are corrected by subsequent Supreme Court rulings. For abortion to be legally

federally controlled, you need a Constitutional amendment with all the requirements honored to get same introduced and passed. Otherwise, abortion is a States’ issue. We now have five strict Constitutionalists on the court thanks to a President who believed in nominating justices that would follow the letter of the Constitution. Chief Justice John Roberts has no conservative credentials and only wishes to be held in reverence but is wishy washy on the Constitution. To make abortion a federal power, an amendment to the Constitution is required with all the provisions honored to make it so, otherwise, abortion is a State’s responsibility with whatever each state decides. There are now five justices who may just believe that to be true, and make it the law of the land. That does not negate abortion, it puts its control in the hands of each State and unless an individual State oversteps some other Federal law, that’s who will control what is legal for abortion in their State.

Keep listening to CNN who had to fire Chris Cuomo because of his involvement of trying to silence the accusers of his brother, Andrew Cuomo, the New York Governor, of sexual charges by multiple women. Keep believing the CDC which put out an edict for schools after getting the input from the Teachers’ Union. The CDC will not address immunity gained by contracting the disease and therefore being more immune for the future than anyone who has taken any number of vaccination shots. The CDC is political to its core. Two top officials have already resigned in protest of the edicts because of the politics. I was educated as an electrical engineer graduating in 1959 and did my masters work in 1970 getting an MBA. I deal in facts, some of which I do not like, but I deal in facts, not what I would like things to be because of my political beliefs. The above are facts. Perhaps you should try it for a change.

There is a way to find missing seniors

After reading about a few incidents of lost or missing seniors who have dementia or Alzheimer’s, I would like to make mention that there are several GPS tracking devices available on the market. A simple placement of a watch, necklace, or a device that fits inside the shoes would help in finding the lost. Verizon and T-Mobile have added watches with GPS finders for a minimal monthly fee. Google GPS for dementia and you will find

a host of items that are available. I would think our county sheriff’s department would add this to their Public Safety Venue as in the past they had provided GPS trackers for those that constantly wandered off. There are options to keep your loved ones safe from wandering away and getting lost. There are many organizations and groups available for support. Caregiving can be and is overwhelming. I wish you the best.

J. Scott

Re: ‘Cable News: It’s Their Own Fault’ [Village News, Letter, 12/6/21]

Great job of describing the total debasement of the Fourth Estate! It should be no mystery that anyone engaged in civics and social trends and news would be losing interest in what was the traditional mainstream media. Since the Progressive Movement

took over our educational system, most of the people in that line of work think their job is to change the world, not to report it. So the truth has to be found somewhere else.

Rick Elkin

Merry Grinchmas to the Salvation Army

Dear Colonel Richard Munn, I am writing you because of your deeply disturbing publication entitled the “Study Guide on Racism.” The premise of your fallacious paper implies that the ghosts from the aftermath of the Civil War are back burning crosses on front lawns across America, and the lynching of Blacks by former Democrat Party brigades has risen its ugly head once again.

It’s as if Biden’s preference for segregated schools and the Democrats’ past penchant for enforcing “White Only” drinking fountains and restaurants are still being played out on street corners and in neighborhoods across America. Fortunately, none of this is true, and the days of racial injustice are behind us. Today thousands of black Americans have been lifted out of poverty by their initiative, strength of character, and God-given talents. People of all ethnic backgrounds have learned that the road to prosperity starts with one’s own volition and not through government intervention. So why write such a divisive, backward-looking piece rather than penning a forward-thinking vision for all Americans? But your manuscript implies that racism is embedded in the minds of all Caucasians, and you claim whites subconsciously display their racist impulses in all the choices and actions they make. What in the world possessed you to write such ignorant and ugly thoughts, much less publish them? Your words dishonor the Salvation Army’s mission and defame your most ardent group of donors?

Recently, you retracted this policy position, but your weak-kneed mea culpa reeks of insincerity and demonstrates how far the Salvation Army has strayed from its original mission. Unfortunately, there are consequences for making poor choices for all of us. So, this will not come as a surprise to you to learn that your Christmas stocking, once brimming with charitable donations, will now be filled with carbon-producing lumps of coal in deference to your Study Guide on Racism. Congratulations and Merry Grinchmas to you and the ignoramuses on the Board of Directors at the Salvation Army for betraying your most coveted supporters by ingratiating yourselves with the infamous race-baiting hustlers of the Democrat Party and their surrogates in the Woke Mob. I leave you with this last thought: Is wearing your Nike shoes more sacred to you than saving the lives of the enslaved Uighurs who make them? Perhaps, Colonel Munn, this is a noble cause worth pursuing?

Dave Maynard

the village beat

Don't miss a beat on what is happening in Fallbrook, Bonsall, Pala, De Luz and Rainbow. Whether it is breaking news, local youth sports, or information on events and activities, you will find it quickly and easily at villagenews.com

ARISE & Shine

"The Kingdom of Heaven"

“Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

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Julie Reeder
Publisher

This week I’ve been reminded of one of the things that makes the newspaper important. It offers people hope.

A person called us who believes a senior is being taken advantage of in our community by a younger person who has moved in, is dangerous, and is keeping the senior from their regular caregiver, friends, health care etc. This lady had called the authorities, which in this case was Oceanside Police, and the county with no apparent resolution. After getting her story we were able to assist by calling the police and then calling the county ourselves to file a report of suspected elder abuse. She was hopeful that since the paper was involved, it would be taken more seriously this time. While I’m not sure of all the previous activity, I believe there is hope that a positive outcome will prevail.

As citizens we are typically hopeful that we will receive the help we need from police, fire, school or government agencies that we pay to be there in situations where we need help. Sometimes that fails for whatever reason and hopefully the paper can help shine a light on the breakdown to help the person or group. Truth in the light of day is powerful in itself. Sometimes it’s just a communication breakdown. Sometimes it’s more.

We’ve had a few readers stop in our office and say they appreciate the fact that we are digging just a little bit deeper and reporting on important issues related to COVID. Education is truly power. One issue has to do with informed consent and vaccines. People who are being forced to take the shot are asking how they can truly make that decision if the ingredients of the shots are not even available?

Especially in light of hundreds of thousands of reported adverse events and 20,000 deaths. The courts have denied Pfizer the 75 years they said they needed to reveal what the ingredients actually include and gave them eight months instead. But for now, the insert in the package has a blank piece of paper instead of the information that is usually given.

Newspaper readers are typically more educated and more informed. Instead of just being entertained by nightly news, they are more likely to think critically and it gives them hope to be informed and at least to be part of the debate.

Hope is given to readers through stories of local people working together to accomplish meaningful work like feeding the hungry, or those helping victims of car crashes, as happened this week. It provides concrete evidence that people are fundamentally good and if we work together good things happen.

It gives people hope when they read the Student of the Month stories by offering confidence that the next generation may indeed be able to stand on the shoulders of the previous generations.

Hope springs forth when those same students along with others, including student athletes are featured in the paper and given the attention they deserve, not only from their community, but also from potential scouts, colleges and universities who read those stories. We enjoy providing that confirmation of their hard work and giving our readers a vehicle to support the students.

Sometimes the paper gives hope by printing bad news, for instance with low test scores at our schools. The hope lies in facing the hard truth so that people can work together to do something about it.

The newspaper provides hope to businesses that when their products and services are communicated to the community they will gain customers and continue to be able to support their family and their community, which is extremely important as well. It in turn gives us hope when you support our advertisers. Thank you for supporting us by supporting our advertisers. It really makes a difference.

Truth is the foundation we stand on and by doing so, it offers hope, which sometimes is all we have in the interim until others have time to stand with us.

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Christmas present pets are often returned

Chloe Shaver
Writer

As the holiday season comes to an end, many people look to return gifts they received from well-intentioned friends and family, hoping to use their credits to purchase a gift they truly wanted. National Returns Week, as this is called, falls on the week of Jan. 4, and over 1.75 million packages are expected to be returned and traded in for a more fitting gift.

These returns also include “Christmas present pets.” Young children receive puppies and kittens on Christmas morning, only to forfeit their newest friends less than a month later when their parents realize the responsibility and commitment needed to care for them. Animal shelters across the country receive hundreds more rescues in the month of January than any other month due to this trend. The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, Fallbrook’s resident animal shelter, confirms this trend.

The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, home to cats, dogs, and loving volunteers, houses hundreds of puppies and kittens each year. Animals taken into FAS are all forfeited by their owners, whether this be a litter of kittens which turned up at their doorstep or a pet they can’t take with them when they move. By virtue of being a no-kill shelter, meaning they cannot choose to euthanize an animal that cannot be adopted out to a home, means that they must be selective in the animals that are taken in. “We work really hard to find the best match because they’ve already been in a bad situation before; we want to find their forever home.”

The FAS closes adoptions during the holiday season to dissuade adopters from gifting pets. A cat or dog requires 10-20 years of commitment, from feeding them every day, training, walking, scooping their litter box, and more. When considering adopting a new pet during the holiday season, there are many things to consider, as with any new pet.

When deciding what new furry friend to bring into your home, consider taking the household with you. This means the entire family will be involved and part of the process of finding a new pet, and each member will therefore be more committed to caring for them.

Training is another important aspect of getting a new pet to consider, especially a dog. Many dog breeds are left in shelters longer than others due to negative stigmas associated with that breed. From pitbulls to huskies, rottweilers to German shepherds, some are left behind in favor of “easier” or “friendlier” breeds.

However, every dog is unique and has their own personality; in this regard, however, the breed of a dog plays a large role in their lifestyle. Don’t adopt a working or herding dog if you don’t have a large yard or work for them to do. Similarly, don’t expect a cuddly lap dog to go on miles-long runs every day. If you feel ready to adopt a dog, but are unsure about the training commitment, look into



Opal, the FAS Pet of the Week, is playful and ready to be adopted as the star in any household.

a professional dog trainer. They will be able to help you and your new companion by giving you the skills you need to care and control a new pet.

When considering adopting a new animal, look into your lifestyle, don’t assume that you’ll change your daily routine to accommodate a new pet. If you really wanted to start walking, you would already be going on walks; don’t think that getting a dog will help start that habit. If you tend to be out most of the day, consider getting a cat over a dog. They are more independent, and not nearly as likely to chew up your favorite pillow while you’re at work. Kittens are recommended to be adopted in pairs to keep each other entertained and happy.

The FAS would like to highlight one special kitty this week: Opal. A new mother, her kittens are currently in long-term foster care on account of her being feline leukemia positive. This means that she must be the only cat in your household to ensure that other cats remain safe and healthy; however, this disease doesn’t spread to humans, children or babies, or any other pet in your household. Outside of her diagnosis, she’s expected to live an otherwise healthy, happy life.

Opal put herself on the doorstep of a Fallbrook resident, heavily pregnant and incredibly friendly. When her six kittens were born, her keeper turned her and her new babies into FAS so they could receive the care they needed. When the runt of the litter began having seizures, Opal and the others were tested for feline leukemia. All tested positive, and while the youngest died, the others are hoped to have only been exposed due to their mother, and will test negative in about a month if that is the case.

Opal is an incredibly friendly and playful cat, having been socialized at a young age. Her personality best suits an experienced cat owner looking for one cat to care for, or an experienced cat owner looking for a playful kitty to interact with their existing pets.

The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary can be reached by phone call or text at 760-685-3533. Visit fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org for more information on adopting, visiting times, volunteering, and spaying/neutering.



The Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary homes animals of all ages. These senior cats are ready to be welcomed into any home with an open heart and love to give.



Dogs are given time outside daily, walks, as well as heated kennels to stay in. Volunteers take the dogs on 20 minute walks, as well as an hour of outside playtime daily.

Head-on collision, car fire leaves one man with life-threatening injuries

Off-duty deputy, Marines and passersby help trapped driver



A van is towed after a head-on collision with a sedan on East Mission Road, Monday evening, Jan. 10.

Julie Reeder
Publisher

A head-on collision between a Sprinter van and a sedan on East Mission near Via Zancas resulted in an adult male with life threatening injuries and the Sprinter van on fire. The accident was reported at 5:34 p.m. Fire crews arrived quickly and were able to contain the fire to the van, according to NCFPD PIO John Choi.

“The accident caused both lanes to be closed as a result of the fire and packaging the adult male for transport to Palomar Hospital. One lane has been opened but continue to expect traffic delays for the next hour,” said Choi Monday night.

It was reported to Village News that an off-duty Fallbrook Sheriff’s deputy and some unidentified Marines pulled the driver out of the vehicle right before it caught on fire, likely saving his life.

Village News was able to speak with that officer. Fallbrook Deputy Sheriff Benner was off duty but stopped to “help in any way I could.” He said, “I was driving in to start my night shift and came upon a head-on collision on East Mission and Via Zancas.

“I stopped and got out of my car. The driver of the van was getting out and I asked him if there was still an occupant in the other car. He said he thought there was.

“I looked in the driver’s side window, but because all the airbags were deployed I couldn’t see him. So I went to the passenger’s side. I could see his lower body. He was hunched over and pinned up against the steering wheel. He was trapped in the driver’s seat.

“The first passerby who stopped was really helpful with trying to come up with a solution to get this guy out of the car. I could hear him moaning so I knew he was alive. Someone came up with a tire iron

and we were able to break the window and unlock the door, but we weren’t able to open it.

It was then that we noticed the fire starting in the engine compartment of the van. My thought was if the van goes up in flames, this car will too since they were connected essentially.

“Five or six Marines who were on their way home stopped and assisted us at that point and we were able to pull the driver out of the passenger side. We carried him 150 feet away and at that point, the vehicle was going up in flames.

“The driver had an open wound to his leg. Passersby were stopping, including Deputy McCormick who arrived on the scene and provided first aid, including applying a tourniquet to the man’s leg. North County Fire showed up and immediately put him in the ambulance and took him to the hospital.”

Motorhome burns on off-ramp



North County Fire is on scene of a vehicle fire in the area of the Southbound 15 Freeway, Mission Road off-ramp in Fallbrook at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. According to NCFPD PIO John Choi, the off-ramp was closed for approximately 45 minutes. The fire was contained to the motorhome; there were no injuries and there was no extension of the fire to the vegetation.

FUESD updates COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance

Kim Harris
Managing Editor

An email sent to Fallbrook Unified Elementary School District employees shows updated health guidance on how the district will handle COVID quarantines.

In the email obtained by sister paper Valley News, protocol for isolation and quarantine should be handled by FUESD staff. The district cites new guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the San Diego County Office of Education.

According to the new guidance, everyone, regardless of vaccination status who experiences COVID-19 symptoms must stay at home for at least five days.

Rules for Isolation
“Isolation can end after Day Five of when symptoms started if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic

specimen (antigen test preferred) that is collected on Day Five or later tests negative,” FUESD Assistant Superintendent Brian Morris, said in the email.

If an employee’s molecular test (PCR) is negative, they should stay home until symptoms have improved, typically 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medicine. For those who are unable to test or choose not to test, isolation can end after Day 10 from when symptoms started.

If fever is present, isolation will continue until 24 hours after the fever resolves and if symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, the employee should continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10 from when the symptoms started.

Employees in isolation should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in-indoor settings.

Rules for Quarantine
Unvaccinated, vaccinated and booster-eligible, asymptomatic employees are not required to stay home from work if a negative diagnostic test (antigen test preferred) is obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure to a case, or if the employee wears a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days in total or if they continue to have no symptoms.

The guidance says if the employee is unable to test or chooses not to test, and has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 10 but, if symptoms do develop, they should test and stay at home. If the test is positive, employees should isolate as instructed above.

No quarantine is required for asymptomatic employees if they are vaccinated and boosted (if booster-eligible) or if a diagnostic specimen (antigen test preferred)

collected on Day Five from onset of symptoms or later, tests negative. Non-quarantining employees should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days but, if symptoms do develop, they should test and stay at home. If the test is positive, employees should isolate as instructed above. If a COVID-19 test is negative, employees can return to work once symptoms are resolving.

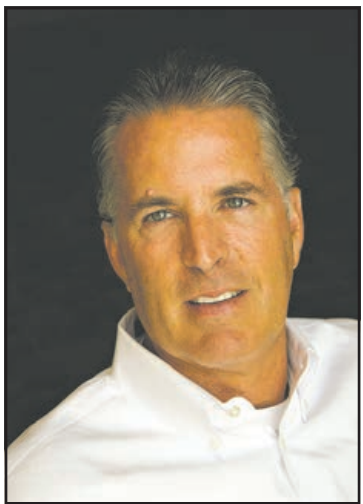
Rules on testing
Testing is available every afternoon at Maie Ellis Elementary in the lower building, those testing should park in the main lot near the cafeteria and walk around to enter the building.

“Given the current limited

availability of COVID testing and the increased demand, the County of San Diego is temporarily allowing (through Jan. 27) home testing kits to be used where antigen/diagnostic tests are recommended,” Morris said. “Employees should write their name and test date on the test card results and send a picture of the card to the school/workplace to request return.”

To provide proof of a negative COVID test, upload results to <https://www.fuesd.org/return-to-work>, and also provide a copy to the supervisor. Those with questions should email Cheli Gallegos cgallegos@fuesd.org in the Human Resources office.

Gold, glory, and girls



Dr. Rick Koole
LifePointe Church

Years ago, I spoke at a men’s conference where my speech was titled “Gold, Glory, and Girls.” I shared how those three temptations – also known as greed, pride, and lust – have brought down many men in positions of leadership in local churches across the nation. I then went on to share how men can guard themselves from these vulnerabilities, which the Bible refers to as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

With that in mind, let me share some thoughts that may help when you are faced with these or other forms of temptation or testing.

Every man, woman or child is vulnerable to temptation. You’re never too young or too old to be faced with temptations, nor does being spiritually mature guarantee you won’t be tempted. The Bible cautions those who think they are too good or too mature to fall victim to temptation that they should “be careful lest they fall.”

Resisting temptation leads to maturity. Gaining victory over your personal areas of vulnerability can be an important step in your growth. The Bible claims that testing is also a necessary ingredient for you in your quest for maturity. It encourages us to Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

If you fail a test, you have to repeat it. I remember taking two Algebra courses in high school. We all knew that until we were able to pass Algebra I, we weren’t ready for the rigors of Algebra II. And so it is with the tests we face

in life. If we fail to pass a test or temptation, God will continue to test or allow us to face that same type of temptation until we gain the victory.

Don’t blame God when you are tempted. The Bible is clear that God may “test” our faith, but will never tempt us to sin. The Bible reminds us, “Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘God is tempting me.’” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”

Never let down your guard. I believe there is a devil and that he is seeking to make us fail in our relationship with God. And I also believe he knows what our greatest areas of weakness are. The Bible reminds us that our enemy

the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. We must never let down our guard.

God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can stand. It is reassuring for me to know that God has my back. He knows how much I can take, and when I feel like it’s too much, the Bible reminds me: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man.” And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

In closing, it’s reassuring to know that God understands. He reminds us of the fact that his Son, Jesus, was tempted in every way, just as we are – yet without sin.”

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NRA files suit to defend gun owners’ privacy in California

Fairfax, Va. – The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action filed a lawsuit against California on Wednesday, Jan. 5, challenging a law that allows the state to disclose sensitive personal information about law-abiding gun owners to universities and any “bona fide research institute.”

“California must be held accountable for its near-constant, unconstitutional assaults on law-abiding gun owners and the Second Amendment,” said Jason Ouimet, executive director, NRA-ILA. “This law strips privacy rights from anyone who has ever purchased a firearm, transferred a firearm, purchased ammunition, or obtained a concealed-carry license. This is an outright violation of our rights and must be reversed.”

The bill, Assembly Bill 173, allows for the disclosure of highly sensitive information, including a gun owner’s name, address, place of birth, phone number, occupation, driver’s license or ID number, race, sex, height, weight, hair color, eye color, and even their social security number and types of firearms that they own. This information was gathered from law-abiding gun owners with the understanding that it would only be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

“This information is a person’s identity. And it’s being handed over to organizations that have no duty to safeguard it. This will do nothing to prevent crime – it will only serve to put law-abiding gun owners at risk,” Ouimet said. “Gun owners are entitled to the same privacy rights as all law-abiding citizens. They should not be ‘doxxed’ for exercising their rights.”

This is only one of the cases that NRA-ILA has filed in recent years to curtail California’s efforts to burden the Second Amendment. NRA-ILA is also challenging California’s draconian restrictions on ammunition purchases and transfers, magazine bans, and the closure of gun shops and ranges. NRA-ILA will continue opposing California as long as it continues to infringe upon the Second Amendment.

This case is captioned Doe v. Bonta.

PG&E blamed for massive Northern California wildfire

The Associated Press
Special to Valley News

Pacific Gas & Electric power lines sparked last summer’s Dixie Fire in Northern California that swept through five counties and burned more than 1,300 homes and other buildings, state fire officials said Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The blaze was caused by a tree hitting electrical distribution lines west of a dam in the Sierra Nevada, where the blaze began July 13, according to investigators with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The finding was no surprise. PG&E already had indicated its equipment may have been involved in the Dixie Fire, which burned nearly 1 million acres in Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta and Tehama counties.

It was the second-largest fire in state history and the latest of several of California’s largest and deadliest blazes to be blamed PG&E equipment over the last decade.

“This tree was one of more than 8 million trees within strike distance to PG&E lines,” PG&E said in a statement. “Regardless of today’s finding, we will continue to be tenacious in our efforts to stop fire ignitions from our equipment and to ensure that everyone and everything is always safe.”

PG&E also touted its plan, announced in July, to bury about 10,000 miles of its distribution and transmission lines at a projected cost of \$15 billion to as much as \$30 billion. CEO “Patti” Poppe’s announcement came just days after the utility alerted regulators to the company’s possible involvement in the Dixie Fire.

Previous PG&E regimes have staunchly resisted plans to bury long stretches of power lines because of the massive expense, most of which will be shouldered by customers.

PG&E said only that burying the lines will take several years, but getting the job done within the next decade would require a quantum leap. In the few areas where PG&E has already been burying power lines, it has completed about 70 miles annually.

In the shorter term, the utility has taken to pre-emptively shutting off power to thousands – and in one case, millions – of customers during periods of hot, dry weather coupled with high winds that can knock down trees or hurl branches into power lines.

PG&E equipment has been blamed for several of California’s deadliest wildfires in recent years at the same time as drought and heat waves tied to climate change have made wildfires fiercer and harder to fight in the American West.

Last September, PG&E was charged with involuntary manslaughter and other crimes because its equipment sparked the Zogg Fire in September 2020 that killed four people and burned about 200 homes west of Redding. Investigators blamed a pine tree that fell onto a PG&E distribution line. The company could be heavily fined if convicted.

Shasta and Tehama counties have sued the utility alleging negligence, saying PG&E had failed to remove the tree even though it had been marked for removal two years earlier. The utility said the tree was subsequently cleared to stay.

It was one in a slew of legal actions against the nation’s largest utility, which has an estimated 16 million customers in central and Northern California.

The utility pleaded guilty in 2019 to 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter for a 2018 blaze ignited by its long-neglected electrical grid that nearly destroyed the town of Paradise and became the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century.

PG&E also filed for bankruptcy protection in 2019 after that blaze and others were blamed on its aging equipment. The utility emerged from bankruptcy in 2020 and negotiated a \$13.5 billion settlement with some wildfire victims.

But it still faces both civil and criminal actions from other fires. The company has pleaded not guilty to Sonoma County criminal charges over the 2019 Kincadee Fire, which injured six firefighters, choked local skies for two weeks and forced nearly 200,000 residents from their homes.

Last fall, PG&E reached a \$125 million settlement agreement with the California Public Utilities Commission over that fire.

Cal Fire said Tuesday that its investigative report on the Dixie Fire was sent to the Butte County district attorney’s office, which will determine whether criminal charges should be filed.



This Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, aerial photo provided by the U.S. Forest Service Lassen National Forest shows the Great Basin Team I Air Attack Operations photo operations on the Dixie Fire on the Horton Ridge in Plumas County. Pacific Gas & Electric power lines sparked last summer’s Dixie Fire in Northern California that swept through five counties and burned more than 1,300 homes and other buildings, state fire officials said Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022.

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Riverside County Fire Department dispatched to almost 200K incidents in 2021

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The volume of dispatches for the Riverside County Fire Department jumped by almost 10% in 2021 compared to the year before, according to a report released recently.

The department released its “Year in Review” summary to show the total calls and where the busiest locations of the county were in 2021.

According to officials, the agency responded to 183,482 incidents last year – from wildfires to remote-area rescues to medical emergencies – marking a 9.33% increase over 2020.

The busiest day of 2021 happened to be the first one, New Year’s Day, when crews were dispatched to 639 incidents.

The remaining top four days were as follows: Aug. 27, 626 incidents; July 4, 621 incidents; Dec. 14, 610, and Dec. 17, 592.

Officials also identified the equipment that bore the highest demand during the year.

The type one engine – designed for urban response – carrying the heaviest load was E-37 at the Desert Hot Springs station, which was sent to 5,215 incidents.

The fire truck with the greatest burden was T-2 at the Sunnymead station in Moreno Valley, which was sent on 2,299 calls, while the paramedic unit that topped all the others in that category was M-71 in Palm Desert, responding to a total 3,362 incidents, according to the fire department.

The county has contracted with Cal Fire for countywide emergency response since the 1940s. Under sub-agreements authorized by the board of supervisors, Cal Fire crews service 19 municipalities within the county.

The city that most recently ended its fire protection agreement with the county was Canyon Lake, which started an independent fire agency on New Year’s Day 2022.

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been a cheerleader for all four years, with a great GPA, always working on school work, “trying to do better, to grow,” Milton added. Tracy Ewig said her daughter is the fourth of five children, all at FHS where she went too; “I want them to do what I was afraid to do; she raises pigs too (her favorite animal), was president of her freshman and sophomore class, vice president of junior class, swims and dives and is varsity cheer captain. What most people don’t know is that Cady is in IEP, part of the special ed program. She has to work harder than other students but still gets As and Bs.” Ewig thanked everyone and said she plans on attending Palomar College and becoming an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter. Her goal is to be on the

nightly news interpreting the news. Jones announced that Padilla has been named an AP Scholar with Distinction having scored 3 or higher on five AP exams as of May 2021. Chemistry teacher and former rugby coach Marin Pinnell, who nominated Padilla, said she is a special person. Pinnell has known Padilla since she was in fifth grade and in the rugby program. Pinnell stepped away from coaching two years ago and “Tianha holds it against me; I abandoned her,” she said. However, Padilla is loyal to Pinnell and her husband, Craig, having close relationships with all her coaches, Pinnell said, adding that Padilla is conscientious, detail oriented and collaborative; on the rugby pitch, she runs the show (like a quarterback); she is sharp too with a 4.3 GPA, is in the AP Capstone program and will be involved in USA Rugby in the future.”

Pinnell said that Padilla has stayed on track; she has signed with and been accepted to Harvard, “I will always be proud of her journey.” Padilla’s mom Rosie said, “She makes me very proud, works very hard to be a good person; she is kind and she realizes what comes easy to her doesn’t for everyone so she helps those who need help. She is a decent, nice human being.” Padilla said she plans to play rugby in college for four years and become an engineer, “no big deal.” Jones introduced Shaver as another AP Scholar who has scored 3 or higher on three AP tests and will be taking more tests. While she was nominated by a couple of teachers, choir teacher Heather Smith spoke about her experience with Shaver, having her in choir for three years. She also taught Shaver in AP Music Theory and said she passed the test, one of the hardest tests

there is as it requires singing, dictating and multiple choice questions on music theory. For Smith, Shaver “has stood out, what she has accomplished...she wants to be her real self.” She also cited Shaver’s project to direct a show in the theater, completely student-run afterschool, “she runs everything, chose a show and did auditions... she’s quiet but just comes in and is real.” She is also a peer tutor in the beginning choir class. Besides being on staff of the Tomahawk and working for the Village News, Shaver is in the book club, on the academic team and the UN Club. Her grandmother spoke of how Shaver and her younger brother came to live with her and their grandfather when she was 11, finishing sixth grade at Live Oak and moving on to Potter where she was involved in the Fallbrook High color guard. She described her granddaughter as “clever, driven, with a passion

for truth” who can be found as a barista at Starbucks or with a byline in the Village News. Shaver thanked her grandparents and said her mother, who passed away six years ago, would be proud of her. She plans on attending UC Santa Barbara, with a double major in English and Communications with the goal of going into journalism. She also thanked her teachers. Besides receiving recognition of their talents and efforts, the students each received a gift bag with award certificates and gift certificates from local businesses. A fourth student of the month, from Oasis High School, was unable to attend the breakfast and will be honored next month. For more information about the Student of the Month program, contact Lynne Grantham, 760-214-1755 or lynngrantham@aol.com.

DROUGHT

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water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack. Statewide the snowpack is 160% of average. In a typical year, Sierra Nevada snowpack accounts for about 30% of California’s water supply. Earlier in 2021, nearly all California counties continued to suffer with extreme or exceptional drought, according to U.S. Drought Monitor data, and water experts said that California wasn’t ready for what some were saying would be the worst drought since record-keeping began in 1896. Much of the state received less than half of average rain and snowfall in 2021 with some areas seeing as little as a quarter of its average precipitation. For most of Northern California, the past two years was the second driest on record. But despite the dire warnings, winter storms began moving into the area the week of Christmas, bringing with them an abundance of rain and snow, pushing the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada

from virtually nothing to an excess of 145% and better than the annual average for this time of year. As of Thursday, Jan. 6, the Southern Sierras’ snow water equivalent dropped some over the past week, measuring at 150% of average, while the Central Sierra and Northern mountains also dropped and were at 144% and 142% respectively, according to the California Department of Water Resources. December rainfall totals in Fallbrook reached 4.50 inches after the storms ended.

Drought Monitor shows improving data
The U.S. Drought Monitor’s weekly report, dated Thursday, Jan. 3, showed that much of the state improved following the winter storms with Riverside and San Diego counties both moving from severe or extreme drought back down to the moderate drought level. The Jan. 6 map showed the percentage of the area in exceptional drought stayed the same from the previous week at .84%. The percentage of the state in extreme drought now sits at

16.6% an improvement over the 32.93% reported Dec. 30 and the percentage of the state in severe drought improved from 86.26% to 67.62%.
Reservoir levels improve
Water levels in major reservoirs recovered some, getting closer to the historic averages according to data released online by the California Department of Water Resources. Since the rain began to fall, Lake Perris now sits at 81% and Lake Castaic sits at 48% of their total capacity. Reservoirs to the north, while seeing some gains, such as Pine Flat Lake at 28%, San Luis Reservoir at 30%, Lake Oroville at 40%, Lake Shasta at 31% and even Folsom Lake at 59%, still remain low. Following the storm, water levels were so improved in Butte County that DWR was able to resume hydropower generation at the Hyatt Powerplant at Oroville Dam in Butte County. The power plant was taken offline Aug. 5 due to historic low lake levels driven by the state’s ongoing severe drought conditions. While winter storms have brought some relief, it’s important

to remember that California is a state that sees cyclical drought cycles so water conservation remains important to the health of the state’s water resources, DWR said.
California remains in a drought emergency
In spite of the rainfall, the water year that ended Sept. 30 was the second driest on record. All of California’s 58 counties remain under a drought emergency proclamation, and Californians are still being asked to reduce their water use by 15% over 2020 levels to protect water reserves. “Californians need to be aware that even these big storms may not refill our major reservoirs during the next few months,” Nemeth said. “We need more storms and average temperatures this winter and spring, and we can’t be sure it’s coming. So, it’s important that we continue to do our part to keep conserving – we will need that water this summer.” December is the first of the three typically wettest months of California’s water year. Significant January and February precipitation would be required to generate

enough runoff to make up for the previous two winters that were some of the driest water years on record. Wet Decembers are not unusual for California, but in the past, storms have also disappeared for the remainder of the season. In 2013, the first snow survey provided promising results after a wet December, similar to this year. The following January and February, however, were exceptionally dry, and the year ended as the driest on record, contributing to a record-breaking drought. DWR conducts five media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month from January through April and, if necessary, May. For tips on saving water, visit <http://www.saveourwater.com>. Learn more about current drought conditions, the state’s response and informational resources available to the public at the state’s new drought preparedness website, <https://drought.ca.gov>. Kim Harris can be reached by email at valleyeditor@reedermedia.com.



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NATIONAL

Omicron explosion spurs nationwide breakdown of services



Los Angeles County Fire Department vehicles sit at a medical call Friday, Jan. 7, in Inglewood. Occasionally, firefighters transport patients to the hospital in fire engines because of short staffing amid an explosion in omicron-fueled coronavirus infections at an ambulance company that the fire department contracts with.

Jennifer Sinco Kelleher and Terry Tang
The Associated Press

Ambulances in Kansas speed toward hospitals then suddenly change direction because hospitals are full. Employee shortages in New York City cause delays in trash and subway services and diminish the ranks of firefighters and emergency workers. Airport officials shut down security checkpoints at the biggest terminal in Phoenix and schools across the nation struggle to find teachers for their classrooms.

The current explosion of omicron-fueled coronavirus infections in the U.S. is causing a breakdown in basic functions and services, the latest illustration of how COVID-19 keeps upending life more than two years into the pandemic.

“This really does, I think, remind everyone of when COVID-19 first appeared and there were such major disruptions across every part of our normal life,” Tom Cotter, director of emergency response and preparedness at the global health nonprofit Project HOPE, said. “And the unfortunate reality is, there’s no way of predicting what will happen next until we get our vaccination numbers, globally, up.”

First responders, hospitals, schools and government agencies have employed an all-hands-on-deck approach to keep the public safe, but they are worried how much longer they can keep it up.

In Kansas’ Johnson County,

paramedics are working 80 hours a week. Ambulances have frequently been forced to alter their course when the hospitals they’re heading to tell them they’re too overwhelmed to help, confusing the patients’ already anxious family members driving behind them. When the ambulances arrive at hospitals, some of their emergency patients end up in waiting rooms because there are no beds.

Dr. Steve Stites, chief medical officer for the University of Kansas Hospital, said when the leader of a rural hospital had no place to send its dialysis patients this week, the hospital’s staff consulted a textbook and “tried to put in some catheters and figure out how to do it.”

Medical facilities have been hit by a “double whammy,” he said. The number of COVID-19 patients at the University of Kansas Hospital rose from 40 Dec. 1 to 139 Friday, Jan. 7. At the same time, more than 900 employees have been sickened with COVID-19 or are awaiting test results, 7% of the hospital’s 13,500-person workforce.

“What my hope is and what we’re going to cross our fingers around is that as it peaks ... maybe it’ll have the same rapid fall we saw in South Africa,” Stites said, referring to the swiftness with which the number of cases fell in that country. “We don’t know that. That’s just hope.”

The omicron variant spreads even more easily than other coronavirus strains and has already become dominant in many countries.

It also more readily infects those who have been vaccinated or had previously been infected by prior versions of the virus. However, early studies show omicron is less likely to cause severe illness than the previous delta variant.

Still, its easy transmissibility has led to skyrocketing cases in the U.S., which is affecting businesses, government offices and public services alike.

In downtown Boise, Idaho, customers were queued up outside a pharmacy before it opened Friday morning, Jan. 7 and before long, the line wound throughout the large drugstore. Pharmacies have been slammed by staffing shortages, either because employees are out sick or have left altogether.

Pharmacy technician Anecia Mascorro said that before the pandemic, the Sav-On Pharmacy where she works always had prescriptions ready for the next day. Now, it’s taking a lot longer to fill the hundreds of orders that are pouring in.

“The demand is crazy, everybody’s not getting their scripts fast enough so they keep transferring to us,” Mascorro said.

In Los Angeles, more than 800 police and fire personnel were sidelined because of the virus as of Thursday, Jan. 6, causing slightly longer ambulance and fire response times.

In New York City, officials have had to delay or scale back trash and subway services because of a virus-fueled staffing hemorrhage. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority said about one-fifth of

subway operators and conductors, 1,300 people, have been absent in recent days. Almost one-fourth of the city sanitation department’s workers were out sick Thursday, Jan. 6, Sanitation Commissioner Edward Grayson said.

“Everybody’s working ’round the clock, 12-hour shifts,” Grayson said.

The city’s fire department also has adjusted for higher absences. Officials said Thursday, Jan. 6, that 28% of EMS workers were out sick, compared with about 8% to 10% on a normal day. Twice as many firefighters as usual were also absent.

In contrast, the police department saw its sick rate fall over the past week, officials said.

At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, two checkpoints at the airport’s busiest terminal were shut down because not enough Transportation Security Administration agents showed up for work, according to statements from airport and TSA officials.

Meanwhile, schools from coast to coast tried to maintain in-person instruction despite massive teacher absences. In Chicago, a tense standoff between the school district and the teachers union over remote learning and COVID-19 safety protocols led to classes being canceled over the past three days. In San Francisco, nearly 900 educators and aides called in sick Thursday, Jan. 6.

In Hawaii, where public schools are under one statewide district, 1,600 teachers and staff were absent Wednesday, Jan. 5, because of

illness or prearranged vacation or leave. The state’s teachers union criticized education officials for not better preparing for the ensuing void. Osa Tui Jr., head of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, said counselors and security guards were being pulled to go “babysit a classroom.”

“That is very inappropriate,” Tui said at a news conference. “To have this model where there are so many teachers out and for the department to say, ‘send your kid’ to a classroom (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill) that doesn’t have a teacher, what’s the point of that?”

In New Haven, Connecticut, where hundreds of teachers have been out each day this past week, administrators have helped to cover classrooms. Some teachers say they appreciate that, but that it can be confusing for students, adding to the physical and mental stress they’re already feeling because of the pandemic.

“We’ve already been tested so much. How much can the rubber band stretch here?” Leslie Blatteau, president of the New Haven Federation of Teachers, asked.

Kelleher reported from Honolulu. Tang reported from Phoenix. Associated Press writers Rebecca Boone in Boise, Idaho; Paul Davenport in Phoenix; Heather Hollingsworth in Mission, Kansas; Michelle L. Price, David Porter and Michael R. Sisak in New York; and Michael Melia in Hartford, Connecticut, contributed to this report.

Judge gives FDA just over eight months to produce Pfizer’s safety data

The decision rejects the FDA’s request to release the data over what would be 75 years

Mimi Nguyen Ly
The Epoch Times

A federal judge Thursday, Jan. 6, ordered the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to produce, at a rate of 55,000 pages per month, the documents it relied on to license the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

The rate of 55,000 pages a month would mean the FDA has just over eight months to fully produce all of Pfizer’s pre-licensure safety data. That is much faster than the 500 pages-per-month rate the FDA proposed in December 2021. That rate would have effectively given the agency roughly 75 years to fully produce the data, Aaron Siri, a lawyer working on the case, previously observed.

U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman ordered the FDA to produce more than 12,000 pages on or before Jan. 31, which was what the FDA had proposed in part. Pittman then ordered the agency to “produce the remaining documents at a rate of 55,000 pages every 30 days, with the first production being due on or before March 1, 2022, until produc-

tion is complete.”

“Here, the court recognizes the ‘unduly burdensome’ challenges that this FOIA request may present to the FDA ... But, as expressed at the scheduling conference, there may not be a ‘more important issue at the Food and Drug Administration ... than the pandemic, the Pfizer vaccine, getting every American vaccinated, and making sure that the American public is assured that this was not rushed on behalf of the United States.

“Accordingly, the court concludes that this FOIA request is of paramount public importance,” Pittman wrote in the order.

In a statement to The Epoch Times, the FDA said it “does not comment on possible, pending or ongoing litigation.”

The case was brought by the Public Health and Medical Professionals for Transparency, which said the data should be made public quickly because the FDA took just 108 days to review the data before granting Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine full approval.

“Pfizer began its rolling submission May 7, 2021, and the vaccine

was licensed Aug. 23, 2021, 108 days from initial submission to licensure,” the nonprofit group noted in a December filing.

The group, which comprises public health professionals, medical professionals, scientists and journalists, includes Dr. Harvey Risch, a professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health, Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, who was until recently a professor of psychiatry at UC Irvine’s School of Medicine, and Dr. Peter McCullough, a cardiologist, epidemiologist and internist.

Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine, marketed as Comirnaty, is the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved by the FDA for people 16 and older. The approval is only for doses produced in the future, according to FDA documents. The existing supply of COVID-19 vaccines under Pfizer continue to be administered under an updated emergency use authorization (EUA).

“All the documents sought in the FOIA request are urgently needed to allow independent scientists to review the FDA’s work and to pro-

vide assurance to the public that the liability-free vaccine (for Americans) are being mandated to receive has truly passed the most rigorous review possible,” the group said in its filing in December, adding, “[T]he need for this information will be lost if all the documents are not promptly produced because people and governments are making decisions regarding the Pfizer vaccine now, not in 75 years.”

In the initial complaint, the PHMPT said there is an “urgent” need for the public to access the data and information underlying the FDA’s licensure of the Pfizer vaccine, due to widespread and ongoing debate in the medical community about whether the vaccine is “safe and effective,” and due to the “objections of many” regarding current vaccine mandates across the United States.

“This is a great win for transparency and removes one of the strangleholds federal ‘health’ authorities have had on the data needed for independent scientists to offer solutions and address serious issues with the current vaccine program, issues which include waning im-

munity, variants evading vaccine immunity, and, as the CDC has confirmed that the vaccines do not prevent transmission,” Siri said in a blog post Jan. 6.

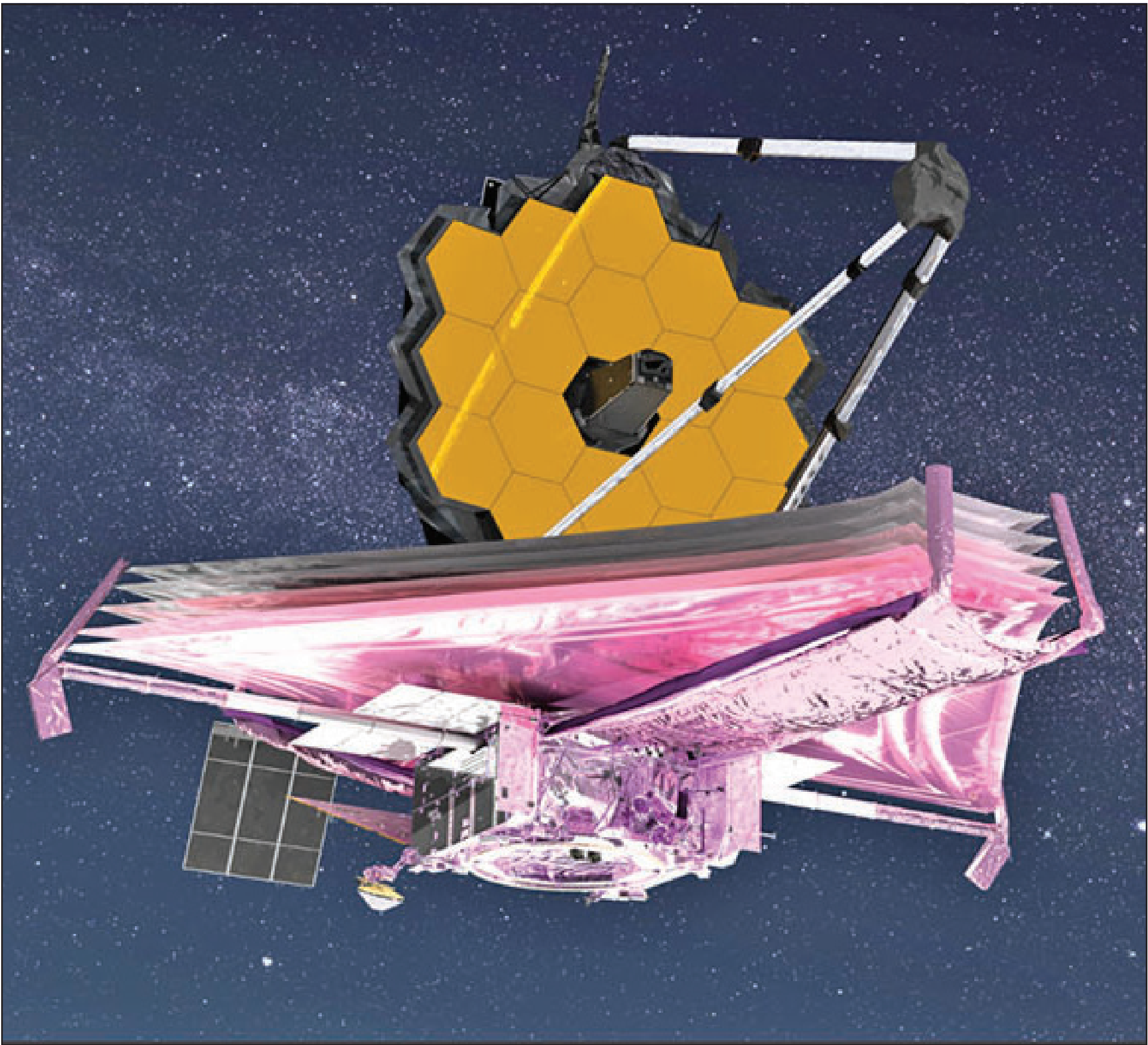
The FDA previously told the judge in December that its Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, which maintains the records being sought, has just 10 staff in the branch responsible for processing FOIA requests, two of whom are new and “are not yet able to review records at the same rate as more experienced staff members.”

The FDA added it has to make sure it protects certain confidential information as required under the law, as well as protect other information subject to withholding under FOIA exemptions, and so must carefully review the documents on a line by line basis to apply the redactions.

“In sum, FDA’s proposed processing schedule is fair to plaintiff,” the agency argued at the time.

Editor’s note: This article has been adjusted to clarify that the FDA has only approved future COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech.

NASA’s Webb telescope reaches major milestone as mirror unfolds



This artist’s conception of the James Webb Space Telescope in space shows all its major elements fully deployed. The telescope was folded to fit into its launch vehicle, and then was slowly unfolded over the course of two weeks after launch. Valley News/NASA GSFC/CIL/Adriana Manrique Gutierrez

NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope team fully deployed its 21-foot, gold-coated primary mirror, successfully completing the final stage of all major spacecraft deployments to prepare for science operations.

A joint effort with the European Space Agency and Canadian Space Agency, the Webb mission will explore every phase of cosmic history, from within our solar system to the most distant observable galaxies in the early universe.

“Today, NASA achieved another engineering milestone decades in the making. While the journey is not complete, I join the Webb team in breathing a little easier and imagining the future breakthroughs bound to inspire the world,” NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said. “The James Webb Space Telescope is an unprecedented mission that is on the precipice of seeing the light from the first galaxies and discovering the mysteries of our universe. Each feat already achieved and future accomplishment is a testament to the thousands of innovators who poured their life’s passion into this mission.”

The two wings of Webb’s primary mirror had been folded to fit inside the nose cone of an Ariane 5 rocket before launch. After more than a week of other critical spacecraft deployments, the Webb team began remotely unfolding the hexagonal segments of the primary mirror, the largest ever launched into space. This was a multiday process, with the first side deployed Jan. 7 and the second Jan. 8.

Mission Operations Center ground control at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore began deploying the second side panel of the mirror at 8:53 a.m. EST. Once it extended and latched into position at 1:17 p.m. EST, the team declared all major deployments successfully completed.

The world’s largest and most complex space science telescope will now begin moving its 18 primary mirror segments to align the telescope optics. The ground team will command 126 actuators on the backsides of the segments to flex each mirror, an alignment that will take months to complete. Then the team will calibrate the science instruments before delivering Webb’s first images this summer.

“I am so proud of the team, spanning continents and decades, that delivered this first-of-its kind achievement,” Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate in NASA Headquarters in Washington, said. “Webb’s successful deployment exemplifies the best of what NASA has to offer: the willingness to attempt bold and challenging things in the name of discoveries still unknown.”

Soon, Webb will also undergo a third midcourse correction burn, one of three planned to place the telescope precisely in orbit around the second Lagrange point, commonly known as L2, nearly 1 million miles from Earth. This is Webb’s final orbital position, where its sunshield will protect it from light from the sun, Earth and moon that could interfere with observations of infrared light. Webb is designed to peer back over 13.5 billion years to capture infrared light from celestial objects, with much higher resolution than ever before, and to study our own solar system as well as distant worlds.

“The successful completion of all of the Webb Space Telescope’s deployments is historic,” Gregory L. Robinson, Webb program director at NASA Headquarters, said. “This is the first time a NASA-led mission has ever attempted to complete a complex sequence to unfold an observatory in space, a remarkable feat for our team, NASA and the world.”

NASA’s Science Mission Directorate oversees the mission. NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, manages the project for the agency and oversees the Space Telescope Science Institute, Northrop Grumman and other mission partners. In addition to Goddard, several NASA centers contributed to the project, including Johnson Space Center in Houston, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, and others.

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Prepare for late-winter pruning of rose bushes

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This month I'm going to help you get ready for the major late-winter pruning you should do in late January to late February. (I'll provide details on pruning in my February column.) Temecula Valley Rose Society will host a pruning demonstration Saturday, Jan. 22, at Rose Haven Heritage Garden (30592 Jedediah Smith Road in Temecula), just a few blocks north off Temecula Parkway.

You can also check local newspapers and nursery websites for schedules of hands-on pruning classes at different locations. Please bring clean, sharp, bypass pruners in good working condition, and be prepared to learn and to lend a hand pruning under experienced direction. This will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered, hone your skills, and boost your confidence.

As much as you'd like to have blooms as soon as possible, don't jump the gun! Some gardeners think pruning in December or early January will give them a head start on flower production, but that's a delusion. First, even if January brings exceptionally warm air temperatures, the soil will still be quite cold, so the roots (and stems) will not be "revved up" for much active growth – your head start won't amount to much.

More importantly, if early pruning is followed by a hard frost you'll probably lose the tender young growth and have to prune again. Will the remaining canes be long enough and have enough stored energy for vigorous spring growth? Will you have enough outward-facing buds? Probably not. Simply stated, pruning too early will set back stem growth and flower production, and can ruin your chances of strong, well-formed plants.

I think you'll be able to hold off after experiencing the recent storms that brought plenty of cold rain and near freezing nighttime temperatures to the Temecula Valley! In the Temecula Valley, the last average frost date is March 31, so you're probably safe pruning any time in February. Of course, it's always a gamble. The best advice is to watch the weather.

Late-winter pruning resets the plants' biological clock, acting as a wake-up call to begin a new life cycle. You can expect the first flush of blooms about 10 weeks after pruning. But this month get your



Temecula Valley Rose Society will host a pruning demonstration Saturday, Jan. 22, at Rose Haven Heritage Garden (30592 Jedediah Smith Road in Temecula), just a few blocks north off Temecula Parkway. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

tools ready! You need a good pair of sharp "bypass" hand pruners that fit comfortably in your hand. "Bypass" pruners have a sharp curved cutting blade (which slices through the cane) and a dull curved non-cutting blade (which holds the cane in place during the cut). The sharp blade "bypasses" or slides over the dull curved blade. This is in contrast to pruners that have a sharp flat blade that comes to rest against a flat dull blade; toss those pruners out!

At minimum, also have at least one pair of sturdy loppers handy. Each size has a maximum diameter it can cut efficiently. Using pruners or loppers that are too small on a too-large cane can damage both the tool and the cane. A hand saw with a narrow blade can also be handy if you have some older plants with large canes that may need to be removed. A "keyhole" saw works well for this.

Clean your tools – and keep them clean! Rubbing alcohol and cotton balls are ideal for cleaning cutting blades, before, during and after the job. This helps prevent disease transmission from plant to plant and you can use it as first aid on your own cuts, scratches,

and punctures!

(On that note, a good pair of leather gloves are necessary with long sleeves or a separate pair of sleeves to protect our arms.) If a major cleaning is needed, use WD40 and 0000 steel wool; if necessary, disassemble and soak for 15 – 30 minutes, wipe clean and reassemble. Lubricate your tools with a light oil such as 3-in-1.

January and February are excellent months for planting new roses which are in garden centers now. There are many sources: local nurseries and reputable online retailers who specialize in roses. New stock will begin appearing in nurseries this month, and online suppliers usually ship in mid-January. (Does that tell you anything?) But be sure to shop early for the best selection – and if you have access to it, be sure to consult your American Rose Society Buyer's Guide (which you will receive with your annual ARS membership or renewal).

Still, one can usually wait until March to plant and still expect the

roots to form relationships with beneficial soil fungi and become showstoppers as early as May, well ahead of the summer heat. Potted rose bushes will be optimal for these late plantings.

Roses offered for sale are rated by quality. You want only #1 roses – they are the surest guarantee of success, with all horticultural methods employed to provide satisfaction - don't waste your time and money on anything lower. Higher quality plants have a higher chance of success, require less effort, and acclimate faster. Also, the cost of any rose is a very small fraction of what you will eventually invest in that plant over the years in water, fertilizer, pest control, and effort, so why not start with a first-quality plant?

Roses may come to you "bare root," potted, or packaged. Bare root plants are just that, usually packed in wood chips to keep the roots damp and viable. They are slower to thrive and it is best to get them early and planted immediately so they have the

maximum amount of time to become established. (When you acquire a bare root rose, be sure to soak its roots in water for 24 hours, then plant promptly.)

Packaged roses are the slowest to thrive as they have been drastically root pruned to fit into the plastic sleeves. Potted roses make the quickest and most successful transition to the garden, but they also tend to be more expensive and not as plentiful in selection, and I've detected that many nurseries will pot up bare root plants immediately upon arrival to stores so inspect those selections. But as I said, the initial cost will pale against what you put into the plant in the years to come.

So, spend this month getting ready for "The Big Prune" and I will provide guidance on that all-important annual task in the February column.

Visit www.temeculavalleyrosesociety.org for information on future programs and events in the garden.

Tips to organize a cluttered kitchen

FALLBROOK – Kitchens serve as the heart of many homes. Thanks to the popularity of open floor plans, kitchens also tend to be highly visible from nearby spaces, such as family rooms and even main entryways. A messy, cluttered kitchen can be an inefficient eyesore that's visible from various locations in a home. That makes getting organized in the kitchen a worthwhile goal.

The following are some tips to help homeowners organize their kitchens.

Start with the utensils

Utensils come in all shapes and sizes. Take inventory of your utensils, discarding or donating items you don't use. Next, designate drawers or countertop storage solutions for the utensils you use most often. Place them within easy reach and take into account your dominant hand for placement.

Categorize your pantry

Empty the pantry, paying attention to staples you regularly use. Then figure out a system for categorization that works for your household. Perhaps place all baking essentials together, such as flour, oil, baking soda, and cocoa powder. Maybe you need to designate a "kids' corner" in the pantry where you keep fruit snacks, granola bars and breakfast cereals. Use uniformly shaped containers to store packaged foods so you're not contending with oddly shaped boxes and bags.

Use extra wall or ceiling space

Large pots and pans can eat up cabinet space or clutter the inside of an oven for those who don't have any other space. While your



Placing similar items together in the pantry can help organize the space. Village News/Metro photo

decorative enamel Dutch oven might fit nicely on a shelf or counter, cast-iron pans and skillets can be hung from durable hooks over an island or near the stove.

Organize under the sink

It can be difficult to keep cleaning products tidy and within reach. Try installing a short tension rod inside the cabinet and use it to hang spray bottles, rubber gloves and cleaning cloths.

Use kitchen cabinet rollouts

A shortage of storage space in cabinets can be remedied with rollouts. They provide additional capacity to cabinets and make it easier to find items, instead of

having to dig at the back of dim cabinet recesses.

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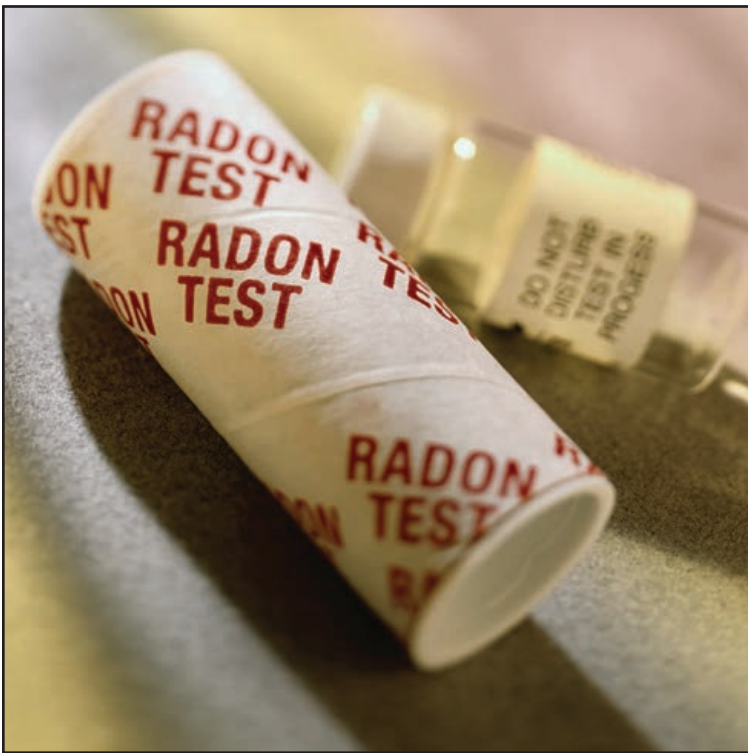
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Radon is always present in the air in low concentrations, but heavy concentrations are dangerous.

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FALLBROOK – No one is invulnerable to cancer. When it comes to reducing their cancer risk, individuals take many steps, including changing their diets and following recommended timelines for various health screenings. However, one important strategy may never occur to the average person – getting one’s home tested for radon.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that radon accounts for roughly 21,000 deaths from lung cancer each year. In fact, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in people who don’t smoke, according to the American

Cancer Society.

Radon is a natural substance that is produced from rocks and dirt in the ground, but that doesn’t make it safe. Radon is always present in the air in low concentrations, but heavy concentrations are dangerous. This can occur when too much radon gas from underneath a home leaks into a residence and builds up inside. The higher the radon levels and the longer the duration of exposure, the greater the risk for illness.

Radon is odorless and colorless, so there is no way to know if it is present without a specific radon test kit. The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention says that affordable radon kits are available from hardware stores and can be ordered from the National Radon Program Services website at <http://sosradon.org/test-kits>.

Not all tests are the same, so it is important to read the directions. Depending on the test, it may take a few days or many months to finish the test and wait for the results from the testing laboratory.

If test results show a radon level of 4 picocuries per liter (pCiL) or higher, it’s advisable to do a second test. If that test also comes back high, the issue will require remediation. A radon expert can provide advice and some solutions. Large radon problems typically require the services of a mitigation contractor to fix the home radon issues.

The CDC also advises people who have well water to get the well tested for radon, as sometimes well water can carry radon into the house, too.

Radon is a problem that can

affect newer and older homes alike. Simple testing can determine if radon needs to be addressed or if a home is safe. It’s a routine safety measure homeowners should not overlook.

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OBITUARIES



Betty Jackson, a downtown Fallbrook merchant and restaurateur for over 50 years, passed away on New Year’s Eve in McMinnville, Oregon, 17 days after celebrating her 101st birthday.

During her half-century on Main Street (she could never bring herself to call it Main Avenue), Betty created at least six successful businesses, two of which are remembered today as Fallbrook icons: The Country Cover Gift and Garden Shop and The Caldron restaurant.

She was born Mary Elizabeth Watkins in Aurora, Illinois, the third of four children. The household included her grandfather, Hall Of Famer James “Deacon” White, the first player to get a base hit in the first professional baseball game. She attended Aurora College where she fell in love with fellow student Robert Calvin Jackson. They married in 1943. Following Bob’s military service as a bomber pilot in World War II, they made their home in Aurora, where their four children were born.

Bob was a native Californian who came from a long line of San Gabriel Valley citrus growers. Bob was not fond of Midwestern winters. Or summers for that matter. In 1958, he purchased 60 acres of bare land on what is now Los Alisos Drive, planted 40 acres of avocados and lemons and built a house.

With all of the kids in school, Betty decided to start a business of her own on the ranch. She grew and sold flats of ground cover such as ice plant and ivy and served her customers herbal teas. She called it The Country Cover Nursery.

When an artist friend of Betty’s bought a rundown gift shop in the oldest commercial building in Fallbrook at 119 North Main, she invited Betty to sell her ground cover in the empty lot behind the store. They called it The Country Cover Gift and Garden Shop.

Betty and her partner had a falling out, as partners often do, and Betty ended up with the gift shop. In just a few short years, she turned it into a thriving boutique that attracted visitors and locals alike. There was no other shop like it anywhere.

In 1967, Betty and Bob built a two-story building behind the gift shop with the idea of leasing the upstairs as a restaurant. At least four restaurants came and went before Betty decided to just do it herself.

The Caldron became an even bigger Fallbrook institution than the gift shop. It was originally open for lunches only, but later on added dinners. And, again, there was no other place like it. It was where people took their out of town guests and said, “this is Fallbrook.” And it was, but it was also all Betty.

After a dozen years of The Caldron, the Jacksons sold the property and businesses with the idea of retiring. They were in their late 50s. But the people who bought The Caldron and the rest of Jackson Square went broke and walked away. So Betty and Bob had to take the property back.

They leased the upstairs out which became Le Bistro, a fine restaurant in its own right. Downstairs the Jacksons created Square One, a small luncheon spot that featured the first espresso machine in a Fallbrook restaurant. Later, and now in her 80s, Betty started a consignment store in the original Country Cover shop.

They’re all gone now, the merchants and shops that defined Main Street Fallbrook in the last quarter of the 20th century. Harrison’s Rexall, Fallbrook Hardware, Ports For Men, The Westerner, Wards Jewelers, Village Stationary, Vivian’s, Spence Shoes, Western Auto. And Betty’s gone now as well. She loved being a part of downtown. She loved her many friends, customers, fellow merchants and employees. She saw a need and filled it as best she could. She loved this town and its people and they loved her back. And that’s a pretty good life.

Bob Jackson died in 2009, a few months short of his 90th birthday. Betty is survived by her son Caddy and his wife Janet; her daughter Elizabeth Zane and her husband Tim; and her son James. Betty and Bob’s eldest son, Jon, died in 1969.

No memorial service is planned. Betty would rather you have a cup of coffee and a piece of Mile High Strawberry Pie and remember the good times we all had.

missed by her family and friends. A full obituary can be seen at the Berry-Bell and Hall Mortuary’s website: www.berry-bellandhall.com.

Freda E. Shade passed away on Jan. 9, 2022. She is survived by her six children and many, many grandchildren.

Services are being arranged at



Eleda Hila, a resident of Fallbrook for 30 + years, passed away quietly in her sleep Dec. 31, 2021. She had been progressively ill for a few weeks. She was 95 years old on Dec. 17, 2021.

Eleda was married to Ben Hila (deceased) for nearly 50 years and they had three children: Carole Hila Sheppard (m Rob Sheppard), Nancy Hila McNamara (m Brian McNamara) and Bob Hila. She was a wonderful Grandmother to Anna Sheppard, Geoffrey Sheppard (m Monica Hoffman Sheppard), Natalie Daltow Helling (m Damian Helling), Jonathan Daltow (m Megan McDonald Daltow), Nicole Hila, Devin Hila and Erin Hila. She had 14 great-grandchildren! They are Hudson, Harley, Weston, Daniel, Violet,

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Berry Bell & Hall for Jan. 21 at 12 noon.

More information on Freda and her service is available at www.berry-bellandhall.com

Laura, Emily, Meredith, Elizabeth, Grant, Josie, Trace, Trinity and Luke, all of whom she loved very much.

Eleda and Ben’s life together began in Torrance, California, where they raised their children, were active members of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Lomita, California, and then retired to Fallbrook, California. which they both enjoyed.

Eleda’s interests included gardening, joining Fallbrook organizations in which she held many offices including president of the Encore Club, and was an active member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church Women’s Club for many years. She was very social with many good friends, and a leader in her community.

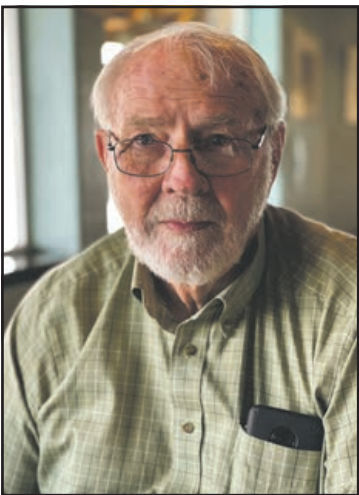
A loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, a Catholic woman who uncompromisingly led her family to our Lord, she is and always will be greatly missed.

A Rosary and Prayer Service will be said Jan. 19 between 4 and 8 p.m. at Berry, Bell and Hall Mortuary in Fallbrook.

A Catholic Mass Funeral Service will be held at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Fallbrook on Jan. 20, at 11 a.m.

Afterwards, a burial at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery will take place.

In conclusion, refreshments will be offered in the Church Plaza.



Donald Philip “Thumbtack” Garcia, age 69, of Pala passed away Dec. 20, 2021. Donald was born and raised on the Pala Indian Reservation, son of Alexander Garcia and Evelyn Torpley.

Donald is survived by his wife, Carol Garcia; children Nicole Garcia, Cleo Garcia, Philip Garcia, Nathan Garcia, Christina Garcia, Leonard Garcia and Kaitlyn Musick; along with numerous grandchildren. He is also survived by his many sisters, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters Janice Garcia and Lisa Dean.

Donald was loved and will be

greatly missed by his family and friends. He had a quick wit about him and a real mellow practical outlook on life. He loved playing ping pong and taking care of his fruit trees.

Donald served in the Army from 1972-1979, while also being in the reserves. He worked for the Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook Annex, as a bomb technician, for civil service, for 20 years.

Funeral services were held Thursday Jan. 6 at the Pala Cemetery, in Pala. The family received friends Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Berry Bell and Hall Mortuary, 333 N Vine St., Fallbrook.

his sons’ Pop Warner football teams and was beloved by his team players.

He moved to Northern California in 1985 and continued to work in public works until his retirement in 2005.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joy Parker; three sons, David (Trisha), Michael (Teri), and Donald (Maureen); daughters Debbie Parker and Brenda VanErt as well as 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

“Pa” was a wonderful grandfather who had very special relationships with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and will be missed dearly by his entire family.

Sims was a humble man who served the Lord and was active in his local churches, including being a Deacon.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

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Four Warrior matmen medal in Mission Hills Invitational

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Four members of Fallbrook High School's wrestling team received medals for their weight class positions at the Mission Hills Invitational tournament Jan. 8.

Ethan Aguila placed second in the 147-pound bracket; Alex Brown was third in the 154-pound class; Tank Benitez took fifth place among 222-pound grapplers, and Ethan Ellefsen shared fifth place in the 128-pound division.

"I'd say that was a pretty good tournament for us," said Fallbrook coach Cristian Vera. "I really love how competitive our guys were."

The CIF recognizes that teenagers grow during the year so, as of Jan. 1, a two-pound allowance is added to each of the 14 weight classes. Fallbrook's first meet of calendar year 2022 was also the Warriors' Palomar League opener, although the Jan. 5 competition at Rancho Bernardo ended as a 72-6 Broncos victory.

In each match, a wrestler is given one point for an escape, two points for a takedown, a reversal, or a near fall lasting two to five seconds, and three points for a near fall of at least five seconds. A win by decision provides three team points, a major decision which means a margin of at least eight points is worth four points, a 15-point margin triggers a technical fall which gives five points, and a pin or forfeit win adds six team points.

Fallbrook's six points were obtained when Xavier Pacheco pinned his 115-pound opponent. Aguila and 108-pounder Nick Brockson lost but limited the Broncos to decision points.

"It was nice not to get zeroed out," Vera said.

The North County Conference now places teams in leagues based on competitive balance. Fallbrook won the 2019-20 Valley League championship and was moved into the Palomar League.

"It truly is in my opinion the best league in the North County Conference," Vera said of the Palomar League.

Vera welcomes the tougher competition, since that level is what Fallbrook's wrestlers will see at the CIF tournament and in the medal rounds of invitational. "You're going to have to compete against these guys. You're going to have to take your lumps," Vera said. "You cannot escape these guys. They're going to be there."

Losing by decision rather than by pin also meant that Aguila and Brockson gained a full six minutes of experience against the higher-level competition. "At no point in those matches did I ever feel that they were completely out of that match," Vera said.

Both lost by a single point, and both sought a two-point reversal rather than an escape which would have tied the match and sent it into an overtime period. "We were down by a point and we were trying to find a way to finish the match with a pin or finish the match in a big way," Vera said.

Aguila lost a 5-4 decision to Jack Harrison. "He was taking the more high-risk, high-reward approach," Vera said of Aguila.

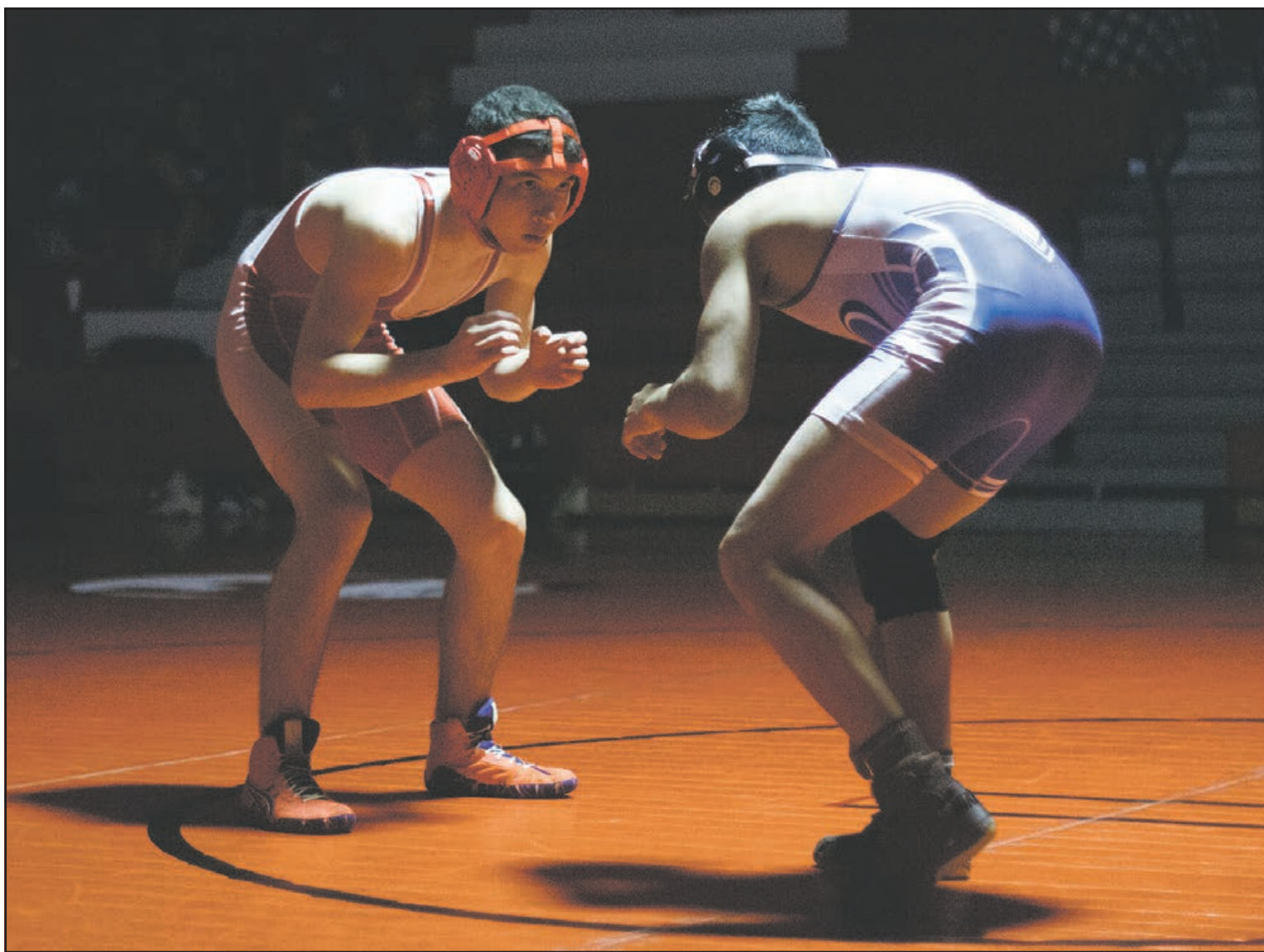
Brockson lost by a 4-3 score.

Harrison also defeated Aguila in the Mission Hills Invitational championship match. Due to injuries and to coronavirus exposure, Vera was only able to take five wrestlers to that tournament. Filling only five out of 14 weight classes wasn't going to place the Warriors in the team standings, but with four medalists and Brockson winning twice, the Warriors were accumulating points based on match results and round levels. "Pretty much until the finals we were in contention for having one of the top five teams even only having five guys," Vera said. "We had a lot of guys who were racking up a lot of points."

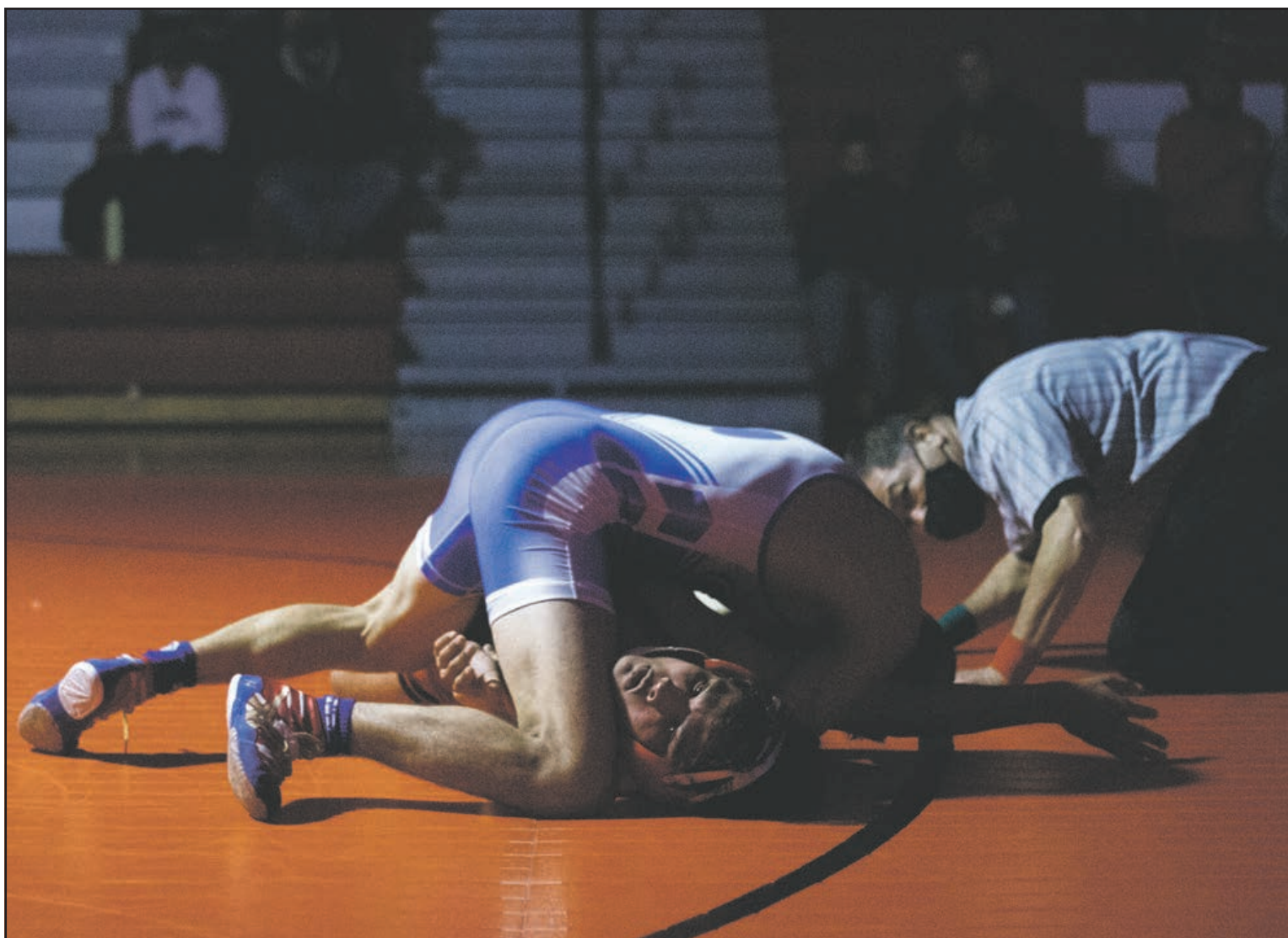
Aguila followed a first-round bye with a pin of West Hills matman Tyler Davis 16 seconds into the second period. Aguila reached the finals with a 5-4 decision over Nick Rodriguez of Cathedral Catholic. "It was a very intense match. It was a very hard-fought match for both boys," Vera said.



Warrior Nick Brockson wrestles his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 106-pound weight class during a varsity wrestling match, Jan. 5.



Daniel Wilson prepares to grapple with his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 120-pound weight class.



Ethan Ellefsen tries to avoid a pin by his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 126-pound weight class.

SPORTS

Girls softball registration now open

FALLBROOK – It’s that time of year again; registration for Fallbrook Girls Softball is open for spring 2022. Girls ages 3-14 are eligible to register and the league includes residents of Fallbrook, Rainbow, Bonsall, Pala, De Luz and Camp Pendleton.

Families can register online or at walk up registrations happening at Ingold Sports Park 2551 Olive Hill Road on the following days:

- Saturday, Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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A Fallbrook Girls Softball player slides into the base ahead of the tag.

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San Luis Rey fillies sweep top six finishes

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

San Luis Rey Training Center fillies swept the first six finishes in the second race Jan. 2 at Santa Anita Park.

She’s Bulletproof won the six-furlong turf race for 3-year-old California-bred fillies with no previous wins. Madiha finished second, 1 1/4 lengths behind She’s Bulletproof and 1 3/4 lengths in front of third-place Exactly Wendy. The fourth-place horse, Youte, trailed Exactly Wendy by half a length at the finish line while finishing a head in front of fifth-place Increase Stakes, who was a neck in front of sixth-place Roubaix. Square Fun, who also trains at San Luis Rey, finished ninth and was 8 1/2 lengths behind She’s Bulletproof and half a length behind eighth-place Copper Bo Ten.

Ruben Alvarado trains She’s Bulletproof. “I’m happy with the race. I’m happy with the way John rode her,” Alvarado said.

John Velazquez was She’s Bulletproof’s jockey. Mediha, who is trained by Walther Solis, was ridden by Kyle Frey. Doug O’Neill trains both Exactly Wendy and Square Fun; Mario Gutierrez was on Exactly Wendy and Diego Herrera rode Square Fun. Youte was underneath Juan Hernandez and is trained by Clifford Sise. Wayne Barnett was aboard Increase Stakes, who is trained by Edward Freeman. Roubaix is trained by Paula Capestro and had Juan Espinoza as her jockey.

The Jan. 2 race was the first start for She’s Bulletproof, who had 10 timed workouts at San Luis Rey between Oct. 16 and Dec. 17. “I knew she can run,” Alvarado said. “She’s fast.”

With no previous race history Alvarado and Velazquez gambled that She’s Bulletproof should be allowed to relax and would make up ground at the end. She’s Bulletproof also had the inside post position, so Velazquez needed to avoid being stuck behind the other entries.

Barnett and Increase Stakes broke first among the 10 entries. Exactly Wendy and Gutierrez comprised the third horse and jockey combination out of the gate. Espinoza and Roubaix left the gate fourth. Frey and Madiha broke sixth. Herrera and Square Fun were the seventh entry to leave the starting gate. Velazquez and She’s Bulletproof broke eighth. Hernandez and Youte were ninth at the start of the race.

Roubaix held the lead after the first quarter of a mile, which took her 22.55 seconds. Increase Stakes was second, a head behind Roubaix and a length and a half in front of third-place Square Fun. Square Fun led Finger Tip by a head while Madiha was in fifth, two lengths behind Finger Tip. She’s Bulletproof was 4 3/4 lengths behind Roubaix, a length in back of Mediha, and half a length ahead of seventh-place Copper Bo Ten. Exactly Wendy was in ninth, trailing Roubaix by 5 3/4 lengths and eighth-place She’s a Bit Sassy by half a length while leading Youte by two lengths.



She’s Bulletproof wins her first win at Santa Anita Park, ridden by John Valazquez.



The first place share is \$40,200, and She’s Bulletproof had a winning time of 1:10.25.

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The order of the first six horses did not change over the next two furlongs. Roubaix completed the first half of a mile in 45.57 seconds and was a head in front of Increase Stakes, who had a two-length lead over Square Fun. Finger Tip trailed Square Fun by a head and led Madiha by half a length. She’s Bulletproof was 3 3/4 lengths behind Roubaix and a length in back of Madiha. Youte had moved into seventh, a length and a half behind She’s Bulletproof. Exactly Wendy was in the back, trailing Roubaix by seven lengths and ninth-place Copper Bo Ten by 1 1/2 lengths.

Velazquez began making up ground. “He made a move,” Alvarado said.

Increase Stakes held the lead when she reached the beginning of the stretch 57.89 seconds after the race began. Roubaix was in second, a head behind Increase Stakes and a length in front of She’s Bulletproof, who had moved into third. Madiha was fourth, a head behind She’s Bulletproof and 1 1/2 lengths in front of Square Fun, who was in fifth. Exactly Wendy was in seventh, 4 1/4 lengths in back of Increase Stakes and 1 1/2 lengths behind sixth-place Finger Tip. Youte was in eighth and a head behind Exactly Wendy.

She’s Bulletproof had a winning time of 1:10.25. “A good ride. I’m happy for her,” Alvarado said. “She was working good.”

She’s Bulletproof was foaled in California Jan. 21, 2019. She was sired by Idiot Proof out of Onefunsonofagun.

The total purse for the race was \$67,000. The first-place share was \$40,200.

“I’m happy with the way everything came out,” Alvarado said.

That includes the fitness of She’s Bulletproof. “She came out of that race good,” Alvarado said.

The victory makes She’s Bulletproof no longer eligible for maiden races, so an allowance race will likely be next for her. “We’ve got a couple of options for the next race,” Alvarado said.

That includes a race on Santa Anita’s dirt course. “I think she can go to the main track,” Alvarado said.

Lady Warriors compete in wet weather



Warrior Goalie Aaliyah Arce makes a save on a Mission Hills scoring attempt during a game in December.



Senior Adriana Madrigal dribbles the ball down the field against Mission Hills. Village News/Courtesy photos



Lady Warriors Adriana Madrigal (#4) and Abby Petersen (#22) defend against Mission Hills at home.



Rori Gartner (#14) takes the ball upfield past the Mission Hills defenders.

Warriors split first two girls water polo games of 2022

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School’s girls water polo team was supposed to play three games during the first week of 2022, although Torrey Pines postponed if not outright cancelled the scheduled Jan. 6 match. The two games Fallbrook did play ended as an 18-10 loss Jan. 5 at Westview and a 15-10 home win Jan. 7 against Oceanside.

The Jan. 5 contest was the Warriors’ first since Dec. 16. The two weeks between games included practice for those who were able to attend. “During break we had some kids that got sick. I don’t know whether it was Covid or not, but it made it hard to practice when kids couldn’t be there,” said Fallbrook coach Sean Redmond.

The Warriors had four practices each week during the break. The team had Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 off. “We always try to make sure the kids get some family time,” Redmond said.

The practices were during the morning, so the players were done around 9:30 or 10 a.m.

The originally scheduled date of the game at Westview was Jan.

4, but the Wolverines requested a one-day postponement. The Wolverines did not practice between Christmas and New Year’s due to coronavirus precautions and requested the extra day. Redmond found that to be advantageous. “It allowed us an extra day of having everybody back,” he said.

Had Torrey Pines not postponed the Falcons’ game due to coronavirus precautions, the Warriors would have played games on three consecutive days.

Games on three consecutive days would have had advantages. “In a way it kind of prepares us for when we do the San Diego Open. We’re going to have five games in three days,” Redmond said.

The San Diego Open tournament will take place Jan. 27-29.

The match against Westview was also the Palomar League opener for both teams. “They definitely were the better team, and it took us I think 2 1/2 quarters to finally get going,” Redmond said.

Westview scored seven times in the first quarter. One of the Wolverines had five of the goals. “We just couldn’t figure out how to stop her,” Redmond said.

The score was 11-2 at halftime and 17-4 after three periods before

Fallbrook scored six of the seven goals in the fourth quarter. “There was no give up at all. They fought through it,” Redmond said. “They did come alive in that fourth quarter.”

Westview’s seniors include some who were sophomores on the 2019-20 varsity which won the CIF Division I championship. “They have a lot of experience,” Redmond said. “We had four sophomores out there, so it’s a young team.”

Fallbrook started one senior, one junior field player, one junior goalkeeper, and four sophomores. “When I look how that fourth quarter went it’s kind of promising,” Redmond said.

In 2014, Fallbrook was moved to the Valley League. The Warriors won six league championships in their seven Valley League seasons and compiled a 34-1 record against league opposition with a 2018 loss to Ramona giving the Bulldogs that year’s championship as well as the only league victory against Fallbrook during the Warriors’ time in the league.

In 2020, the North County

Conference planned to realign leagues in all sports based on competitive balance although the coronavirus restrictions delayed that for some sports. The North County Conference has moved Fallbrook to the Palomar League for girls water polo, so the Warriors will have tougher league opposition this season.

“They’re going to get their lumps and bruises,” Redmond said.

Redmond notes that tougher league opposition will improve the Warriors’ skills. “If you want to be the best, you’ve got to play the best,” he said. “I kind of welcome the tougher league.”

Oceanside is not a league opponent. The win over the Pirates gave Fallbrook a 3-4 season record. “That went well,” Redmond said.

The halftime score was 7-4 in Fallbrook’s favor. Ava Dowden scored nine of the Warriors’ goals. “There were times that they did double team her, but she was able to get it out and get it into the cage,” Redmond said.

The reliance on a single player can be a vulnerability. “We just

need others to start stepping up,” Redmond said. “I’m glad to see we had three other players that did score.”

Kela Kendall had four goals while Alexis Fieri and Grace Goode each placed one shot into the net.

The Warriors had two assists apiece from Dowden, Kayla Herbert, Kacey Sanchez, and Taylor Sanchez. Goode, Arden Baur, Ava Papoulias, and Katya Young each provided one assist. Young recorded two steals while Fieri and Taylor Sanchez had a steal apiece. Papoulias, Kacey Sanchez, and Taylor Sanchez each had a field block.

Baur and Herbert are Fallbrook’s two goalkeepers. Baur played the first and third quarters when Fallbrook defended the deep end. Herbert was in the nets for the second and fourth period when the Warriors were defending the shallow end. Baur made two saves and Herbert saved eight shots.

“They scored seven of their 10 goals in the shallow end. It’s a little hard to defend that big cage,” Redmond said.

Warriors open boys rugby season with win over Dons

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

During the time Sierra Arteaga was a Fallbrook High School student and on the Warriors’ boys rugby team, Fallbrook did not defeat Cathedral Catholic. The Warriors’ first game of the 2022 season, Jan. 7, which was also Arteaga’s first game as Fallbrook’s head coach, was a 33-24 home victory over Cathedral.

“I’m very proud of them,” Arteaga said.

Mike Majewski was Fallbrook’s head coach in 2015, which was Arteaga’s senior year. Majewski retired after that season, and Liam Harnett coached the Warriors for the following three years. Steve Hernandez was Fallbrook’s coach in 2019 and 2020 and also coached the Warriors during the shortened 2021 season. Arteaga made his coaching debut as an assistant coach in 2021.

“I’m very excited,” Arteaga said. “I’m there to help educate and help teach them how to play rugby at a high level.”

Fallbrook’s varsity roster has 24 boys. The Warriors have a total of 35 boys in the program; the junior varsity team played a 10-on-10 game Jan. 7 rather than

the 15-a-side competition the varsity had.

“It’s really good for the community that we’re out there,” Arteaga said. “In the past we’ve had a struggle trying to get numbers.”

The varsity halftime score was 14-14. “I was very pleased with that,” Arteaga said.

Fallbrook took a 7-0 lead, the Dons tied the score, a Fallbrook try and conversion provided a 14-7 Warriors advantage, and Cathedral scored the tying try and conversion.

“Immediately off the bat we scored, and I was very impressed with that,” Arteaga said.

The Warriors never trailed and scored the first try of the second half. “We scored right away again,” Arteaga said.

Consecutive tries secured the Warriors’ victory. “That helped us maintain the lead,” Arteaga said.

Chris Bausch scored three of Fallbrook’s tries. James Jones and Angel Angulo had a try apiece. The Warriors were successful on four of their five conversion kicks with Tyler Craven providing those points.

The Warriors’ next scheduled home game is on Jan. 22 when Fallbrook will host St. Augustine.

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During summer competition Rodriguez defeated Aguila. The Jan. 8 match was the first between those two since that match. “That was a big win for Ethan,” Vera said.

Harrison won a 9-0 major decision against Aguila, although the score was 2-0 with one minute remaining in the third period. “It could have gone either way,” Vera said.

Aguila’s higher-risk strategy near the end allowed Harrison to increase his points lead. “Ethan had to go for a big move,” Vera said. “He wrestled a good match. It was pretty neck and neck up to the final period.”

Avoiding a pin meant that Aguila gained another six minutes of experience against the likes of Harrison. “He’s competing against the best guys in the county, and he’s staying competitive in all the matches,” Vera said.

“Ethan Aguila had a fantastic tournament,” Vera said. “I’m very happy with him.”

Brown began the tournament by pinning Marion Ames of El Capitan 55 seconds into the match. Brown then pinned Coastal Academy’s Giancarl Tolentino 17 seconds into the third period. That gave Brown a semifinal match against Tyler Brown of Mission Hills, whose path to the division championship included pinning Alex Brown with 30 seconds remaining in the second period.

“He had a really, really tough opponent in the Mission Hills kid,” Vera said.

Hoover’s Caleb Sturtevan lost in the other semifinal, so Brown and Sturtevan competed in the match for third place. That match lasted 35 seconds and ended with Brown pinning his opponent. “He came back and he had a fantastic third-place match,” Vera said.

“He had a fantastic tournament,” Vera said. “He finished well above what he was seeded.”

Brown was seeded sixth. Benitez followed an initial bye with a pin of Christian’s Daniel Marquez 49 seconds into the second period. San Pasqual’s Kevin Velasquez pinned Benitez 1:37 into their match. Benitez began consolation bracket competition against Tait Arnold of Hoover, who pinned Benitez 3:21 into that match. In the fifth-place match Benitez pinned Marquez 34 seconds into the third period.

“Both of his wins were by pin, which is very impressive,” Vera said. “Tank is just a fun guy for me to watch.”

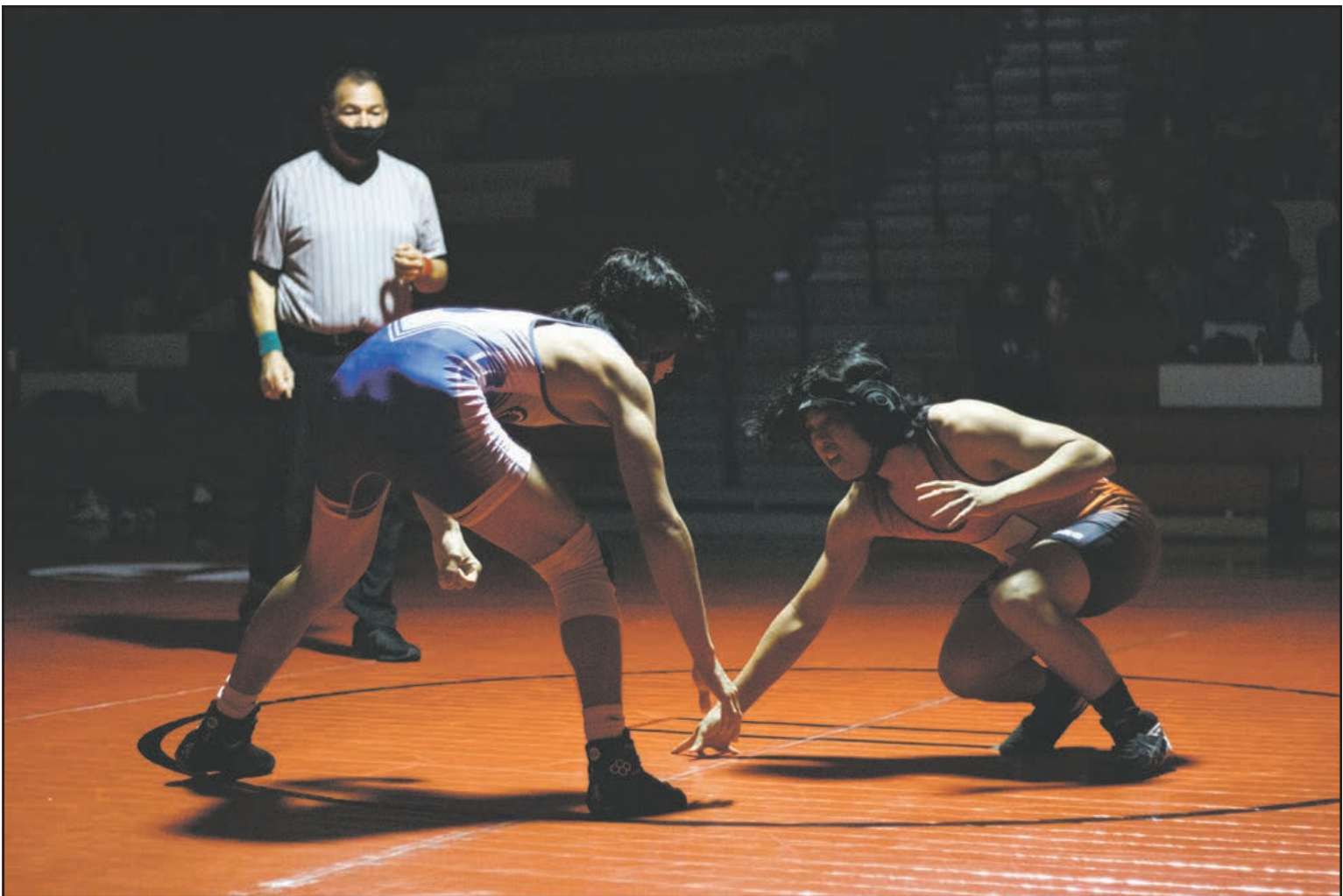
Due to a CIF rule limiting wrestlers to five matches in a day, the fifth-place match between Ellefsen and St. Augustine’s Brandon Steele was not held. Ellefsen pinned Vlad Druia of Rancho Bernardo 29 seconds into the third period but was then pinned by Poway’s Logan Lopez 1:51 into that match. Lopez would win the bracket championship.

In the consolation bracket, Ellefsen pinned Dylan Blackwood of West Hills 48 seconds into the contest and pinned Anthony Beltran of Orange Glen 3:31 after that match began. Cathedral’s Jeffrey Johnson pinned Ellefsen 47 seconds into the third period.

“He in my opinion did phenomenally well but obviously ran into some very good kids,” Vera said. “The 126-pound bracket was very tough.”

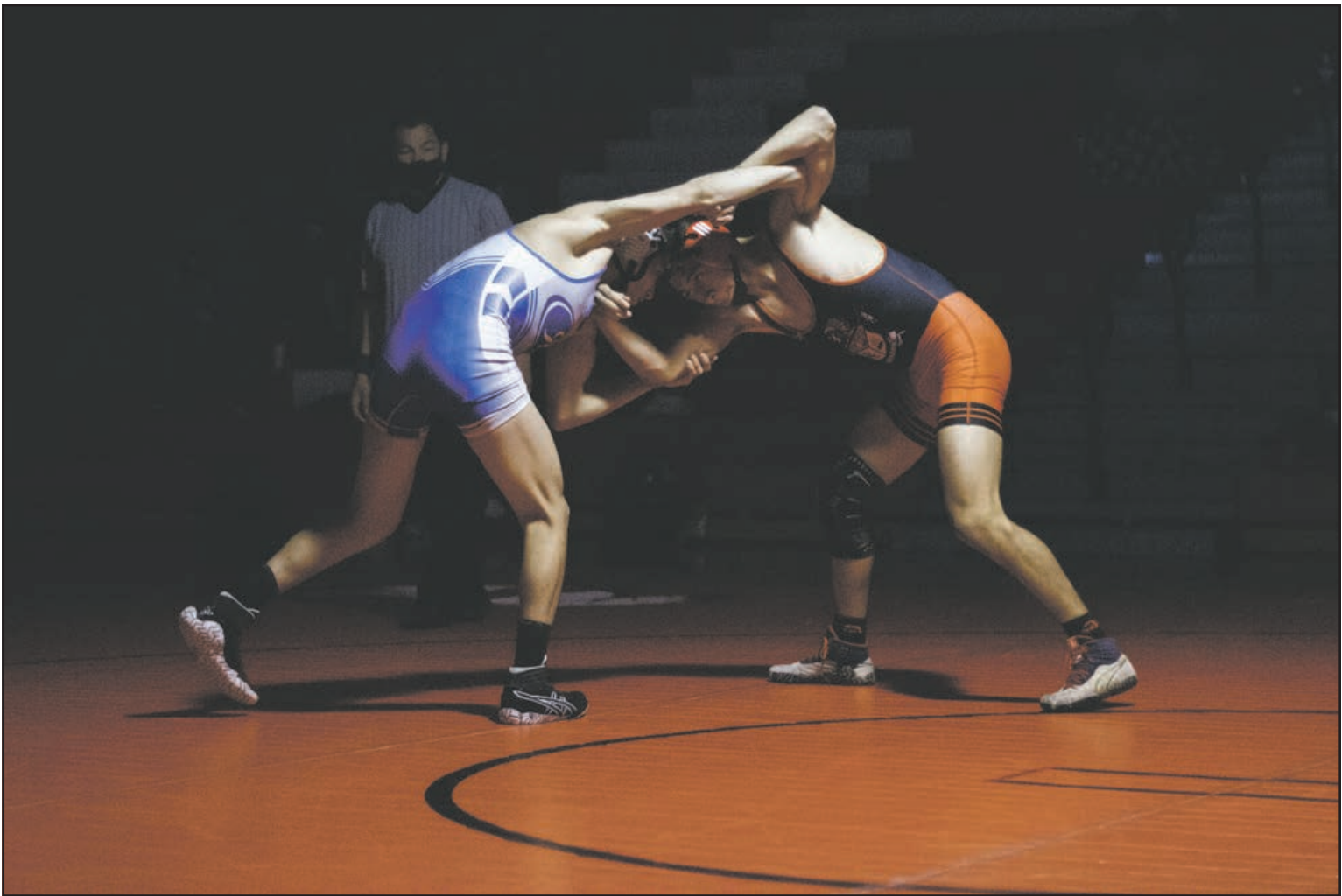
Brockson pinned San Pasqual’s Vincent Brodesser 3 minutes into that match, but in the second round Carlsbad’s Hector Cahue pinned Brockson 25 seconds into the second period. Brockson began the consolation bracket competition by pinning Valhalla’s Arseel Eliya 26 seconds into the second period. “He came back and bounced back,” Vera said.

Rancho Bernardo’s Kaiden Clapham ended Brockson’s competition with a pin 3:27 into that match.



Derrick Yap faces his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 132-pound weight class.

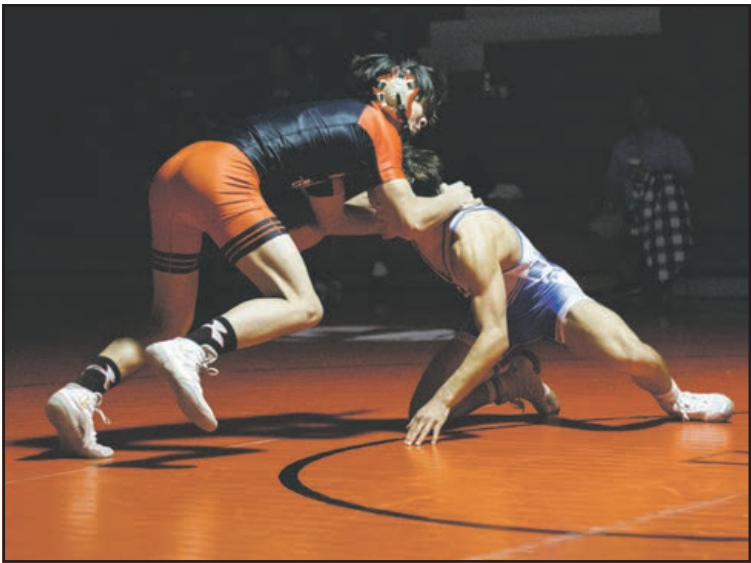
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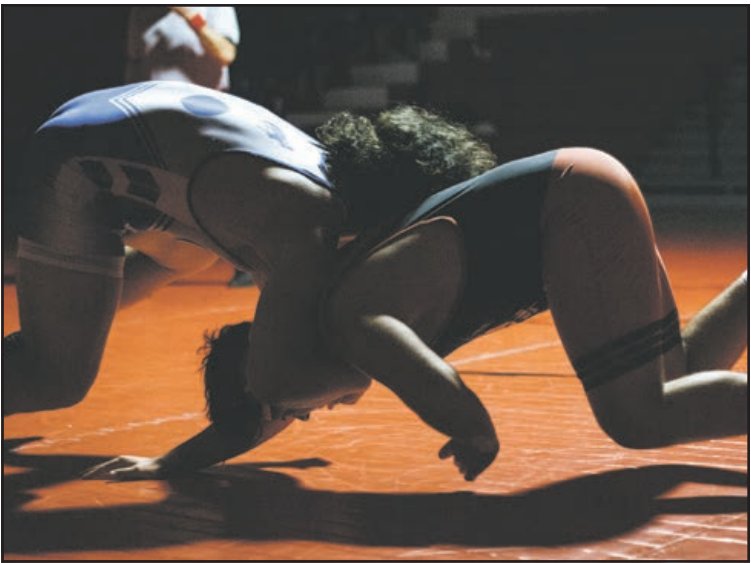
Marco Arias wrestles his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 138-pound weight class.



Aiden Lane battles his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 145-pound weight class.



Ethan Aguila attempts to down his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 152-pound weight class.



Tank Benitez wrestles his Rancho Bernardo opponent in the 220-pound weight class. Fallbrook lost the varsity wrestling match, 72-6.



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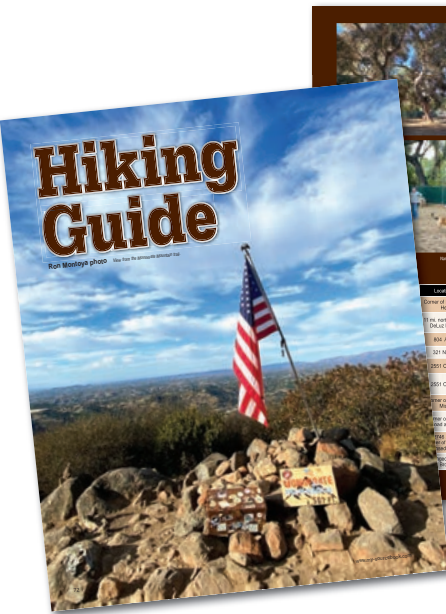
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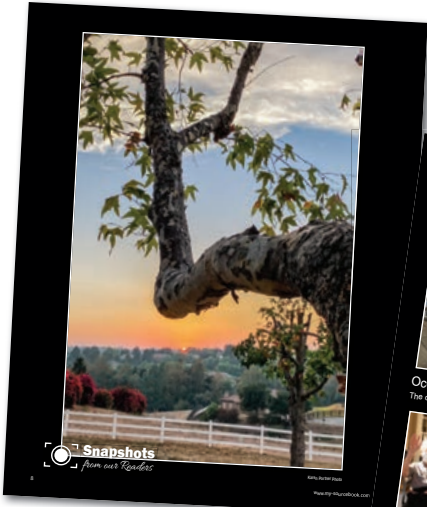
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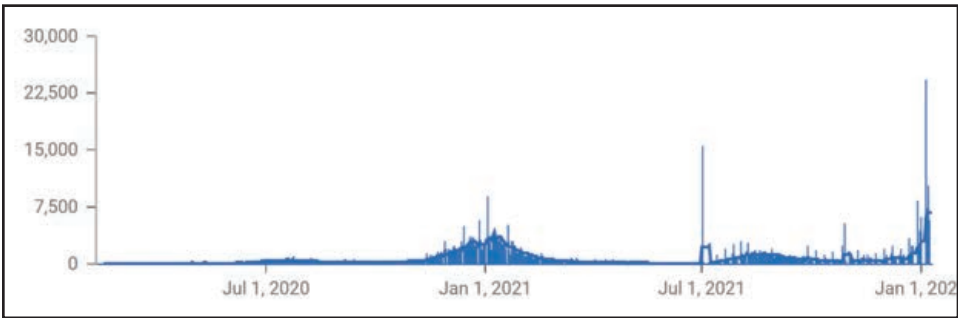


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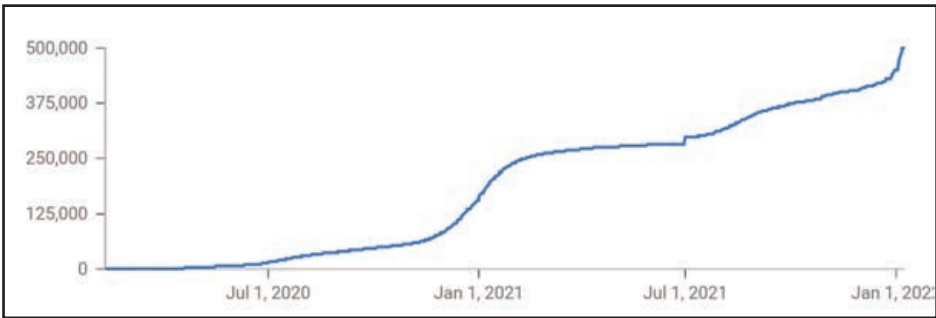
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COVID-19 cases rise in San Diego County

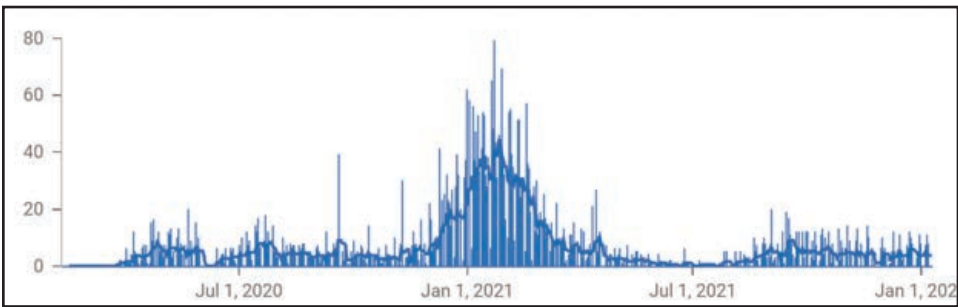
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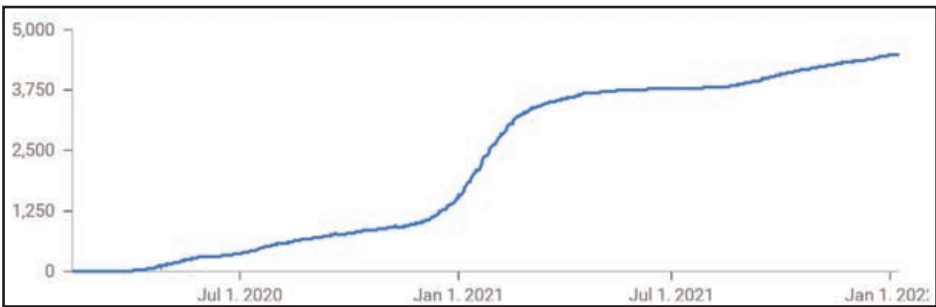
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Kim Harris
Managing Editor

The number of COVID-19 cases over the past week continues to rise in San Diego County, according to data released by the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency.

San Diego County residents are being urged to avoid emergency rooms for COVID-19 testing, amid increases in both hospitalizations and staffing shortages exacerbated by the surge in coronavirus infections. Public health officials are now urging residents to only seek testing for the illness, if necessary, as the number of COVID-positive patients in San Diego County hospitals continues to climb at a quicker pace than any other time in the pandemic, according to the latest state figures.

According to county data, in the past month, confirmed COVID-19 cases jumped from around 4,700 per week to more than 45,000 cases reported in the seven days between Dec. 29, 2021, and Jan. 4, 2022. That is nearly a tenfold increase in just 30 days.

Some COVID-positive patients may have been hospitalized for other reasons and had their COVID status discovered by hospital-mandated tests.

“We’re now seeing the highest local case counts of the pandemic. COVID-19 is everywhere,” Dr. Wilma Wooten, county public health officer, said last week. “The best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is to have as much immunity as possible and to take other precautions that we know work.”

Numbers continue to climb

According to numbers released Saturday, Jan. 8, since Jan. 1, the number of coronavirus patients in San Diego County hospitals surged from 590 to 943 and the number of those patients in intensive care increased by 55 to 169. Since Jan. 4, the county also logged an additional 39 virus-related deaths, bringing the total number of deaths since the beginning of the pandemic to 4,500. COVID-19 hospitalizations have also more than doubled in the past 30 days, putting a strain on local hospitals that are contending with hundreds

of employees unable to work after contracting the virus, officials said.

Due to HIPPA laws, it remains unclear if any of those who died from COVID-19 had any underlying health conditions. Fatalities are trailing indicators due to delays in processing death certificates which can go back weeks, according to health officials.

According to numbers reported by HHSA, the aggregate number of COVID-19 cases recorded in the county increased by more than 57,000 since Jan. 1, reaching 477,211 total cases, as of press time.

Delta remains the most common variant in San Diego County, with more than 17,000 cases reported since mid-April. Omicron has just 91 confirmed cases in the county, but the time period measured began Dec. 3. There have been no deaths from Omicron reported in the county and one hospitalization, the county HHSA reported.

Local numbers continue to rise

In Fallbrook, which has had 4,245 total cases, the current case rate is up from 15.4 cases a week to 32. Bonsall is trending a bit higher with 454 total cases and up from 18.1 cases per week to 44.9, according to HHSA data.

The increase in cases prompted the state to extend a statewide mask mandate that was due to expire Jan. 15.

The mandate, which requires people to wear masks in indoor public settings will remain in place until at least Feb. 15, the state’s Health and Human Services secretary announced Wednesday, Jan. 5. Among the

indoor public spaces affected are retail stores, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers and government offices that serve the public.

Colleges go virtual, again

In other COVID news, San Diego State leaders announced Wednesday, Jan. 5, that SDSU would begin its spring semester virtually.

The semester, scheduled to start Jan. 19, will remain virtual through at least Feb. 4. Return to in-person instruction is scheduled for Feb. 7.

All students, faculty and staff eligible for the COVID-19 booster will be required to have their booster on file in HealthConnect by Jan. 18 to be considered fully vaccinated, according to guidelines announced last month by the California State University system. The Jan. 18 deadline remains in place, SDSU said.

SDSU campuses will remain open during the two-week virtual period, but nearly all classes and labs will remain remote with a few in-person exceptions.

Additionally, SDSU asked residential students to delay returning to campus until Feb. 5 or Feb. 6 if they are able to do so. However, on-campus housing will continue to be open as scheduled for students who are unable to delay their return.

UC San Diego began a planned two weeks of remote-only classes Monday, Jan. 3, in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Students and faculty, regardless of vaccination status, are required to complete a COVID-19 test on the day they return to campus for winter quarter. People who are

not vaccinated and those who are vaccinated but have not received a booster shot are required to test for the virus two times per week, between three and five days apart.

Remote-only instruction also began Monday at other University of California campuses.

CDC adjust quarantine times

In December, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that people diagnosed with COVID-19 should isolate for “five days, and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving without a fever for 24 hours, follow that by five days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.”

The CDC also updated the recommended quarantine period for anyone in the “general public who has been exposed to COVID-19.”

For people who are unvaccinated, those who are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose or those who are more than two months after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and have not yet received a booster shot, the CDC recommended quarantine for five days followed by strict mask use for an additional five days.

“Alternatively, if a five-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure,” the CDC said.

City News Service contributed to this report.

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Parkinson’s Support Group to hear about the health and wellness center

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support Group will resume meeting this month, Friday Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Fallbrook Regional Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E Mission Road, after a brief pause during the 2021 Holiday season. The speaker will be Theresa Geracitano; her presentation will be on “FRHWC – Current Offerings & Future Vision.”

Geracitano recently joined the staff at Fallbrook Regional Health & Wellness Center as the facility administrator. She has nearly five years of experience working in the Fallbrook community as the development and outreach officer at the Foundation for Senior Care. She also brings a background in healthcare marketing and has

owned her own marketing and practice development company for over 10 years.

The Fallbrook Regional Health District is a government entity under the Local Health Care District Law and serves residents of the Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz areas of northern San Diego County.

Healthcare districts are public entities that provide community-based health care services to residents throughout the state. They respond to the needs in their district by providing a range of services, which may include a hospital, clinic, skilled nursing facility or emergency medical services as well as education and wellness programs.

After the program, break out

groups will be held for a time of sharing, coffee and refreshments. The meeting is held in support of persons with Parkinson’s disease, care partners and people interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson’s disease. Fallbrook Parkinson’s Support group is an affiliate group of North County Parkinson’s Support Group.

Contact Irene at 760-731-0171, NCPSGF@gmail.com or Caryl at 858-534-3708, cbonnell@ucsd.edu with any questions or concerns. For more information, visit <https://ncpsg.org/>

Submitted by North County Parkinson’s Support Group Fallbrook.

Temecula Valley Hospital needs community assistance during major surge

TEMECULA – Temecula Valley Hospital is currently experiencing a major surge in patients seeking care and testing through the Emergency Department.

“Due to the impact of this major surge on hospital operations, we are asking the community to please utilize all local urgent cares and retail pharmacies for non-emergent Covid-19 testing,” said Darlene Wetton, CEO of Temecula Valley Hospital. “The COVID-19 pandemic has created

an unprecedented time among our communities and in our healthcare system. Thank you for your assistance to help us so that we can prioritize our patients with the emergency room care they need.”

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Services Hospital Emergency Department in the country to achieve accreditation from the American College of Emergency Physicians as a Geriatric Emergency Department. For more information, visit www.temeculavalleyhospital.com/about/news.

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BUSINESS

Valley and Village News looks to community for story input

Kim Harris
Managing Editor

Recently, several people have reached out to Valley News and Village News regarding the difficulties they are facing with the Department of Veteran Affairs and getting quality health care after serving in the military.

From one man being listed with the Department of Veterans Affairs as pregnant woman to another being erroneously told he had a life-threatening disease, according to those who have contacted Valley News, the list of inaccuracies and discrepancies continues to grow to the point where it is affecting the lives of many.

Since one of the major roles of a newspaper is to hold the government accountable and due to this influx of complaints, the Valley News and Village News have begun working on a series

of stories addressing the needs, challenges and stories of veterans relating to health care, and we need the help of our readers to do so.

If you have a story to tell, good or bad, please send the basic details or an outline of your experience to valleyeditor@reedermedia.com and include your contact information along with the town you live in.

The VA isn't the only area raising concerns with readers. As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, staff are looking to talk to those who have experienced complications or adverse effects from the COVID-19 vaccine or its booster shots. We have heard many stories of those suffering from long-term COVID and stories from those who have lost loved ones due to the pandemic and even from the vaccine itself. Guess what, Valley News and Village News want to talk to you, too.

Just last week, The Associated Press reported that more than 3,000 soldiers, airmen and Marines had been discharged after refusing the vaccine, that large of a number not only affects the families of those service members discharged, it also affects military readiness, which the Pentagon said is not a matter of concern.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin is most concerned with "the readiness of the force and the importance of the vaccine," Pentagon press secretary John Kirby told reporters. Getting the vaccine, he said, is "the best way to protect themselves and their units."

At least 12,000 service members have asked for religious exemptions, none of which have yet been granted. Religious exemptions are "always rare," Kirby told reporters, Wednesday, Dec. 8, before deflecting the

question and telling reporters to contact each branch of the military.

"I would ask you to speak to the services about their exemption policies," he said. "That's not something that's centrally managed at the Secretary's level."

"This has absolutely nothing to do with trampling on the religious liberties of our men and women in uniform," he said. "... This is not about liberties. It's about a military medical requirement to keep them safe, to keep their family safe, to keep their units safe. ... And just because none have been approved doesn't mean that they can't still be applied for. As we've said in the past, and not everybody, look, there'll be some medical exemptions."

But according to many who have contacted Valley News and Village News, military readiness could potentially become a real problem as more and more service

members are denied exemptions and ultimately discharged due to their refusal of the vaccine.

Valley News and Village News wants to talk to those who have been affected by their refusal to take the vaccine, not just members of the military and encourages all to share their story by email with valleyeditor@reedermedia.com.

Because of the current political climate, it has been Valley News and Village News' experience that many wish to remain anonymous for fear of retribution. Both Valley News and Village News are prepared to protect the identity of those who come forth and share their stories after verifying their identity and adverse effects or experiences.

Kim Harris can be reached by email at valleyeditor@reedermedia.com.

Julie Reeder contributed to this story.

What to know about refinancing a mortgage



FALLBROOK – Historically low interest rates have made now a good time to be a homeowner. According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, also known as Freddie Mac, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in mid-September 2021 was 2.86. Just 10 years earlier, the average rate was 4.09. That's a significant dip, and one that's saving today's homeowners tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their mortgages.

Interest rates dipped during the pandemic and have remained low ever since. That's unlikely to last forever, which has given many homeowners a sense of urgency regarding refinancing. Refinancing can be financially advantageous, but there are some things homeowners should know prior to contacting their lenders.

Refinancing does not always save money over the long haul

It's hard to blame homeowners who jump at the chance to refinance their mortgages. Refinancing is often associated with significantly lower monthly payments, and such savings can be used to finance home improvements, pay for tuition or build retirement nest

eggs. However, homeowners won't necessarily save money over the long haul if they're refinancing an existing 30-year mortgage with another 30-year mortgage.

The mortgage experts at Mortgage Calculator note that a Change Terms mortgage refinance is characterized by a shift to a loan charging a lower interest rate. The initial savings with such a refinance are undeniable but changing from one 30-year to another 30-year restarts the mortgage clock, which can add years to the time homeowners will be repaying their debt.

As a result, homeowners may end up paying more interest over time than they might have had they just kept their initial mortgage. Homeowners interested in a Change Terms refinance may want to look into switching from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage. A shorter term mortgage will increase the monthly payment, but the loan will reach maturity much faster, greatly reducing the amount of interest homeowners will pay over the life of the mortgage.

Refinancing can be costly

Lower monthly payments might be the number that catches

homeowners' eyes as they look to refinance, but it's important that homeowners recognize that refinancing is not free. In fact, the personal finance experts at Kiplinger note that refinancing incurs many of the same costs that homeowners had to pay when they signed their initial mortgage papers. That includes fees, taxes and appraisal costs. These costs are sometimes paid up front, but they also might be rolled into the loan balance. In the latter instance, homeowners could be paying interest on their refinancing costs.

Homeowners who are refinancing solely because of lower interest rates should know that some lenders raise interest rates to compensate for refinancing costs. That can negate the savings and end up costing homeowners more money than the original mortgage.

Refinancing is an option for homeowners who want to save money. Homeowners can speak with a financial advisor to determine if this is the best way to save money over the long haul or if refinancing will ultimately cost them more over the life of the mortgage.

Kendall Farms names Employee of the Year



Jason Kendall, left, and Troy Conner, right, honor Cynthia Torres as the Employee of the Year for 2021 at Kendall Farms.

RAINBOW – Cynthia Torres was awarded employee of the year by her co-workers at Kendall Farms. They said Torres is always willing to give a helping hand to her co-workers. She always has a smile and makes sure to say "Good morning" or "hello" to everyone at the farm, and she can handle

any stressful situations with her positive attitude.

Torres started working at the farm two years ago, first as quality control, and now as a purchasing assistant; she works directly with their vendors by creating orders to the farms.

Submitted by Kendall Farms.

Palomar College Governing Board elects officers for 2022

SAN MARCOS – The Palomar College Governing Board held its annual election of officers during an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.

Norma Miyamoto, who represents Trustee Area 5 and served as vice president for 2021, was elected as the new board president. Area 3 Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, the former secretary, was elected board vice

president, and Kartik Raju of Area 4 was chosen as the new board secretary. Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, superintendent/president of Palomar College, was elected secretary to the Board.

The governing board also voted to continue its current meeting schedule on the first and third Tuesdays of every month: closed session at 4 p.m. followed by open session at 5 p.m.

"As the college prepares for a safe and strategic reopening in the coming Spring semester, we are in good hands with a governing board that prioritizes health and safety paired with student success," said Dr. Rivera-Lacey. "Congratulations to our new officers, who have already demonstrated strong leadership in the previous year."

Submitted by Palomar College Governing Board.

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EDUCATION

Fallbrook High Drama Club announces newest show



Outdoor rehearsals allow for cast members to have the space of a stage without needing an entire set on hand.



This Clue-inspired play will leave the audience at the edge of their seats, even after they vote for who they think the killer is.

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook High School Drama Club is proud to welcome the community to its production of “Murder’s in the Heir!” Along with an amazing cast, the audience gets to help decide who the murderer is. Is it the money hungry nephew or the uptight butler? Every character has a motive, an alibi, and a weapon—it’s up to the audience to figure it out.

Shows are at 3:30 and 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, in the Bob Burton Center. Everyone is encouraged to come to the 7 p.m. showing for a community-oriented performance. Tickets are \$3 and masks are mandatory inside the building, per school rules. There will be concessions for sale and all proceeds will help to fund future activities, workshops, and productions. Everybody is welcome to come support the drama club.

Submitted by Fallbrook High School Drama Club.

5 common learning disabilities



Learning disabilities prevent a person from acquiring the same amount of knowledge as others of the same age.

FALLBROOK – Students are often told that hard work is the path to success. Individuals who have learning disabilities may have to work even harder than their peers to be successful.

The Learning Disabilities Association of America says learning disabilities occur due to neurobiological and/or genetic factors that alter the way the brain functions. This can affect one or more cognitive processes related to learning and interfere with various skills, potentially preventing a person from acquiring the same amount of knowledge as others of the same age.

There are many learning disabilities, and the following are five of the most common, according to LD Resources Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps find solutions to those who are affected by learning disabilities.

1. Dyslexia: This learning disability can impede a person’s ability to read and comprehend text. Students may have trouble with phonemic awareness, or the way to break down words. Similar

problems with phonological processing, or distinguishing between similar word sounds, can occur as well.

2. ADHD: Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder is marked by behaviors that make it difficult to pay attention and stay on task. The Masters in Special Education, a resource for finding work and study in special education concentrations, says there is debate over whether ADHD is a learning disability. But there is no denying that ADHD can impede success in school settings.

3. Auditory processing disorder/ language processing disorder: APD affects how sounds are processed and interpreted by the brain, advises WebMD. A person may not be able to recognize slight differences between the sounds in words and may not be able to distinguish the direction sounds are coming from. That’s challenging in a classroom setting. LPD is a form of APD that affects how one attaches meaning to sound groups that form words, sentences and so on. An audiologist can diagnose

Palomar College Governing Board begins redistricting of trustee areas

Public comment is welcomed during virtual meetings Jan. 29

SAN MARCOS – The Palomar College Governing Board will seek public comment regarding the redistricting of its trustee areas during a series of virtual meetings Saturday, Jan. 29.

Following the publication of 2020 Census data, the Palomar Community College District is legally required to adjust the boundaries of its trustee areas to ensure an “reasonably equal” distribution of voters in each district.

“This process will allow us to ensure that the district’s Governing Board elections remain fair and our voters in every community are adequately represented,” said Palomar College Superintendent/ President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey.

The district will host four virtual meetings to receive public comment on Jan. 29 – one for those living near the main San Marcos campus and one for each of the three education centers in Escondido, Rancho Bernardo and Fallbrook.

Most notably, the 2020 Census revealed an 18% variance between the most populous and least populous Trustee Areas, with the population in Trustee Area 1 growing by 22% since the previous census. The PCCD held its first trustee-area election in November 2020. Currently:

- Trustee Mark Evilsizer represents Area 1, including most of the district south of Highway 78 and west of I-15.
- Trustee Christian Garcia represents Area 2, encompassing much of Vista, stretches across unincorporated land north of Escondido and extends along the eastern side of Interstate 15 as far south as Poway.
- Board Secretary Kartik Raju represents Area 4, a sprawling district extending from I-15 east to near the Salton Sea.
- And Board President Norma Miyamoto represents Trustee Area 5, including Fallbrook, Bonsall, east Oceanside and Camp Pendleton.

The board established criteria to guide the redistricting process consistent with legal requirements with the unanimous approval of Resolution 21-21615 on Dec. 7, 2021. Those criteria consist of the following:

1. Each trustee area shall contain a nearly equal number of inhabitants.
2. Trustee area borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act.
3. Trustee areas shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact a form as possible given the other criteria set forth herein.
4. Trustee area borders shall respect communities of interest as much as possible.
5. Trustee area borders shall consider jurisdictional boundaries as much as possible.
6. Trustee area borders shall attempt to avoid head-to-head contests between incumbent members of the Board insofar as this does not conflict with federal or state law.
7. Trustee areas known to be areas of higher-than-average population growth in the two to five years following the establishment of trustee areas, may be underpopulated within the population deviation amounts allowed by law.

More information about the PCCD’s Trustee Areas and the redistricting process can be found at <https://www.palomar.edu/governingboard/trustee-area-elections/>.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre Talk about the new season

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to the Village News

NOTE: Proof of Vaccination must be presented before entering any local theatre as well as wearing a mask is required throughout all performances.

This year’s theatre season is starting off slowly. Even so, a few shows are opening this month.

North Coast Repertory kicks off with “Desperate Measures” a musical romp based on Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure” opened Jan. 12, runs through Feb. 27, at 987 Lomas Santa Fe, Solano Beach, 858-481-1055.

Scripps Ranch Theatre in Poway is opening with “Heisenberg” on Jan. 14 and runs until Jan. 30. Performances are at the Lenbough Legler Theatre on the Alliant International University campus at 9783 Avenue of Nations. For tickets, visit www.scrippsranchtheatre.org or call the box office, 858-395-0573.

The Cygnet Theatre in Old Town will kick off with “Life Sucks” which is a new spin off of Chekov’s Uncle Vanya. This show

runs from Jan. 26 to Feb. 27 at Old Town San Diego, 4040 Twiggs St. For tickets, call 619-337-1525 or visit cygnettheatre.com.

New Village Arts is presenting “Desert Rock Gardens” Jan. 26 – Feb. 20, about a Japanese internment camp during WWII, 2787 State St., Carlsbad. For tickets, call 760-433-3245 or visit nva.org.

The Welk Resort Theatre is running with “Scott Bruce – A Rockin Tribute to the King” on Wednesdays starting Jan. 12 and running through Feb. 23. For tickets, call the box office, 760-749-3448 or visit wrsd.theatre@welkgroup.com.

Meanwhile, San Diego Musical Theatre will kick off their season in February with a musical version of “Catch me if You Can.” Tickets are on sale now at 858-560-5740 or SDMT.org. Their new address is 4650 Mercury St.92111, with free parking.

Broadway San Diego is holding off until March 1 to bring in “The Band’s Visit,” although tickets are on sale now at www.broadwaysd.com.

The Old Globe in Balboa Park is opening Feb. 5 with “Trouble

in Mind” about a segregated cast performing in the south circa 1955. April 17 is the world premiere of “Bob Fosse’s Dancin.” Just for the record, I expect great things from this show. I’d buy tickets to this early in order to get a good seat, 619-234-5623 or theoldglobe.org.

La Jolla Playhouse is dark until March 8 when they open the world premier show “Bhangin’ iT: A

Bangin’ New Musical.” For tickets call 858.550.1010 or email info@ljp.org.

The Roustabouts Theatre and Diversionary theatre are open for limited readings and performances.

San Diego Rep has postponed “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time” indefinitely. The “Great Kahn” opens in March and it looks like it may be a single

performance.

Lambs Players on Coronado Island is taking a hiatus until April.

This is a good time to browse the theatre’s websites to take advantage of getting the best seats.

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



“Catch Me If You Can, the Musical” is based on the high-flying true story of Frank Abagnale, Jr. (Beau Briens) as he seeks fame and fortune after running away from home to begin his unforgettable adventure.

Piano concert is Jan. 16



Fallbrook Music Society proudly presents Solo Due Duo, (Jacopo Giacopuzzi, left, and Konstantin Soukhovetski) in a four-hands piano concert Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. in Mission Theater. This concert is free admission. Masks are required to attend this concert.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis

5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)

8. Single-strand break

11. Combinations of countries

13. Cutting tool

14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine

15. Actress Lathan

16. Chatter incessantly

17. Energy, style and enthusiasm

18. Simple shoe

20. Woman (French)

21. Abnormal rattling sound

22. Able to change

25. Future butterfly

30. Used in cooking and medicine

31. A street for nightmares

32. French modernist painter

33. Dishonors

38. Integrated data processing

41. Frameworks

43. Apply new materials

45. Where merch is displayed

48. American figure skater Lipinski

49. Cycles per second

50. Oohed and __

55. Dark olive black

56. Peyton’s little brother

57. Plant in the bean family

59. A wife: __ covert

60. Born of

61. Arranges balls on the pool table

62. Title of Italian monk

63. Tooth caregiver

64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather’s old network

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. __ fide (Latin)

4. Sign of healing

5. Warm-blooded vertebrate

6. Model

7. Of or relating to plants

8. Plant of the heath family

9. Where to weigh something

10. Internal structure

12. __ Paulo, city

14. South Slavic person

19. A way to record

23. Have already done

24. As much as one can hold

25. Auburn legend Newton

26. Comedienne Gasteyer

27. Beloved dog Rin Tin __

28. Midway between east and southeast

29. Call it a career

34. Former CIA

35. American time

36. Confederate general

37. Soviet Socialist Republic

39. Travel downward

40. Made red-blue

41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc

42. Capital of Italy

44. Small bunches of flowers

45. Calvary sword

46. A distinctive, pleasant odor

47. A well-defined track or path

48. Cereal used to make flour

51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. Famed men’s basketball program

58. Midway between south and southeast

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'A Show of Hands' can be seen at the Fallbrook Library



Maíz Prayer by D. Marqz



Paige & Sir Charles by Hajime Ohno



Remembering the Shape of Their Feet by Christina Curiel



Pea Medley by Joseph Curiel

FALLBROOK – “A Show of Hands,” an exhibition from the team that brings library art shows to life, will open Jan. 17, hosted by the Friends of the Fallbrook Library.

It may seem like the six shows per year magically appear on the library walls and patio but a great deal of behind the scenes effort goes into every show. Noreen Ring, Daniel Marquez, Christina Curiel, Joseph Curiel, Scott Thom, Steve Lee, Hajime Ohno, Joe Fedorchak, Ryan Clark and Carol Zaleski plan, create, curate, hang and take down each show. Each exhibition takes months to put together.

“A Show of Hands” celebrates personal creations of this talented team who themselves are award winning artists, collectors and valued volunteers.

Over the years, Fallbrook Library art shows have covered myriad mediums ranging from mixed media, textiles, pastels, water color, encaustics, photography as well as diverse topical themes such as climate concerns, pets, portraiture, art from other countries and more. This year will bring exciting new shows that will delight and educate the community.

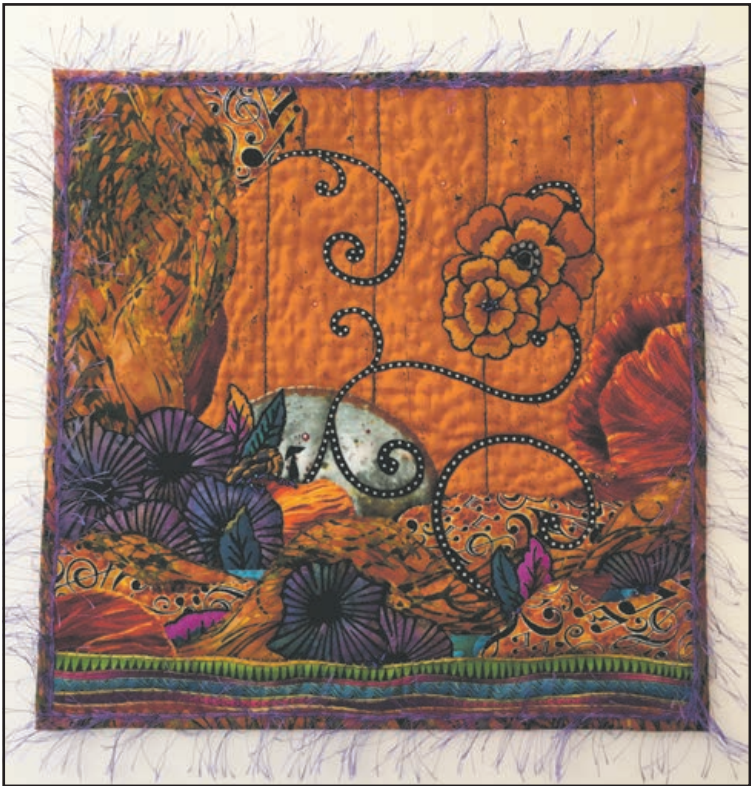
It has been said that art has two lives, the first is when you see it with your own eyes and the second is what your mind remembers.

The exhibit is free and open to all. The show runs through Feb. 24. The Fallbrook Library is located at 124 S. Mission Road and is open weekdays from 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

Submitted by Friends of the Fallbrook Library.



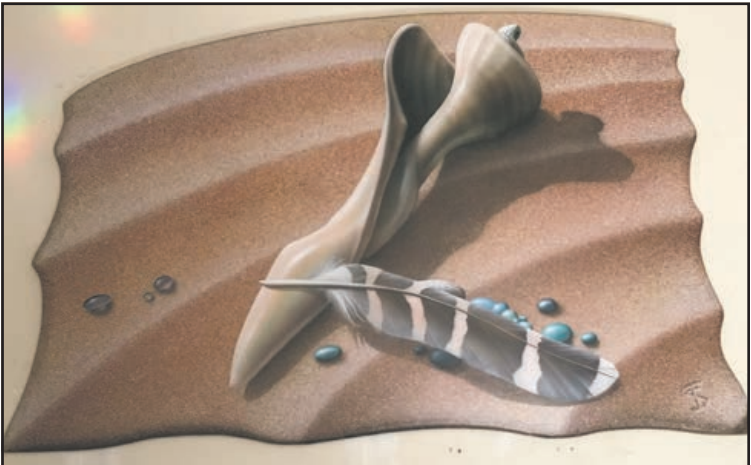
Short Circuit by Joe Fedorchak



Carefully Moving Into Monday by Noreen Ring



Summer on Sawyer Street by Carol Zaleski



Shell, Feather, Egg and Moonstone by Scott Thom

SHERIFF’S LOG

Dec. 24		
800 block Magarian Road	Vandalism	
Dec. 26		
200 block W. Clemmens Lane	Arrest: Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor in-jury	
Dec. 28		
1600 block Macadamia Drive	Battery: spouse/ex spouse/date/etc.	
5600 block Morning Mist Way	Burglary	
5600 block Morning Mist Way	Grand theft: money/labor/property	
Dec. 29		
2000 block Gird Road	Take vehicle w/o owner’s consent/vehicle theft	
300 block W. Fig St.	Arrest: Drunk in public: alcohol, drugs, combo or toluene	
Dec. 30		
2200 block Berwick Woods	Miscellaneous incidents	
4200 block White Lilac Road	Petty theft	
700 block E. Mission Road	Burglary	
100 block West Beech St.	Take vehicle w/o owner’s consent/vehicle theft	
300 block Ammunition Road	Arrest: Obstruct/resist peace ofcr/emer med tech	
2000 block Old Highway 395	Found property	
Dec. 31		
800 block S. Main Ave.	Miscellaneous incidents	
900 block Alturas Road	Arrest: Battery: spouse/ex spouse/date/etc.	
1400 block N. Stage Coach Lane	Contempt of court: disobey court order	
35500 block Asturian Way	Burglary	
1100 block Capra Way	Burglary	
600 block W. Mission Ave.	Courtesy reports	
Jan. 1		
E. Mission Road @ Riverview Dr.	Arrest: Drunk in public: alcohol, drugs, combo or toluene	
3000 block Gird Road	Arrest: Battery: spouse/ex spouse/date/etc.	
1100 block Alturas Road	Take vehicle w/o owner’s consent/vehicle theft	
Jan. 2		
500 block S. Main Ave.	Arrest: Poss controlled subs paraphernalia	
1700 block S. Hill Ave.	Vandalism	
Old Stage Road @ E. Fallbrook St.	Arrest: Drunk in public: alcohol, drugs, combo or toluene	
40400 block De Luz Murrieta Road	Arrest: Poss controlled subs paraphernalia	
900 block Tomorro Lane	5150: Mental disorder 72 hr observation	
3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Felony other agency’s warrant	
1100 block Alturas Road	Arrest: Drunk in public: alcohol, drugs, combo or toluene	
Jan. 3		
2200 block Huffstatler St.	Burglary	
800 block E. Alvarado St.	Vandalism	
6900 block W. Lilac Road	Miscellaneous incidents	
31900 block Del Cielo Este	Death	
Jan. 4		
Olive Hill Road @ Spanish Spur	Arrest: Poss controlled subs paraphernalia	
3800 block Valle Del Sol	5150: Mental disorder 72 hr observation	
1700 block Reche Road	Arrest: Simple battery	
1100 block Santa Margarita Dr.	Found property	
400 block Waxflower Lane	Simple battery	
Jan. 5		
4200 block Paso Del Lagos	Miscellaneous incidents	
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Loan No.: 12609-ACCELER8 REAL ESTATE RESS Order No.: 2021-78062 A.P. NUMBER 223-061-25-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/16/2018, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 01/31/2022, at 10:00AM of said day, At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020, RESS Financial Corporation, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by ACCELER8 REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC, A WYOMING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY recorded on 07/24/2018, in Book N/A of Official Records of SAN DIEGO County, at page N/A, Recorder's Instrument No. 2018-0301191, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 09/16/2021 as Recorder's Instrument No. 2021-0655108, in Book n/a, at page n/a, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right, title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows: Lot 23, Tract 02-17 Fair Oaks Valley, of Map 15971 filed 03/21/2014. Refer to Deed of Trust for Full Legal Description. The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: 7524-26 PASEO CRISTAL, CARLSBAD, CA 92009. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon; and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$949,602.06. In the event that the deed of trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f: NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee's sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-78062. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-78062 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 12/20/2021 RESS Financial Corporation, a California corporation, as Trustee By: GRACE GROVES, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER 1780 Town and Country Drive, Suite 105, Norco, CA 92860-3618 (SEAL) Tel.: (951) 270-0164 or (800)343-7377 FAX: (951)270-2673 Trustee's Sale Information: (916) 939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com NPP0397788 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 01/06/2022, 01/13/2022, 01/20/2022

T.S. No. 20-30256-BA-CA Title No. 1259115 A.P.N. 168-100-22-02 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/05/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Vincent Pollizzi, Melinda Pollizzi Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 04/24/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-0220521 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Diego County, CA. Date of Sale: 02/07/2022 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$32,647.97 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3434 Seabreeze Walk Oceanside, CA 92056 A.P.N.: 168-100-22-02 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 20-30256-BA-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/27/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 01/06/2022, 01/13/2022, 01/20/2022 CPP351821

T.S. No. 21-0038-11
Notice Of Trustee's Sale
A.P.N. 228-480-02-33 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 4/29/2005. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. "See Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof" Trustor: Lisa R Williams, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded 6/10/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0490031 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 830 W. Lincoln Avenue #186 Escondido, CA 92026 A.P.N.: 228-480-02-33 Date of Sale: 2/7/2022 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$30,009.44, estimated The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21-0038-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21-0038-11 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The Notice to Tenant pertains to sales occurring after January 1, 2021. Date: 1/5/2022 The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation 1851 East 1st Street, Suite 100 Santa Ana, California 92705 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sales Information Only: (877) 440-4460 www.mkconsultantsinc.com Sindy Clements, Foreclosure Officer Please Be Advised That The Wolf Firm May Be Acting As A Debt Collector, Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information You Provide May Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A" A Condominium Comprised of: Parcel 1: An undivided fractional interest as tenant-in-common in and to Lot 2 of Escondido Tract No. 433, in the City of Escondido, County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map thereof No. 10189, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, on September 8, 1981. Excepting therefrom all Units, as shown and defined in that certain Condominium Plan entitled "Rock Springs East Phase No. 2, Condominium Plan" recorded on November 6, 1981 as File/Page No. 81-353161 of Official Records recorded in the Office of the San Diego County Recorder, California, hereafter the "Condominium Plan." Also excepting therefrom the right to possession of all those areas designated as "Exclusive Use Common Areas" as shown and/or described upon the Condominium Plan referred to above the Declaration. Parcel 2: Unit LU-186, as shown on that Condominium Plan referred to in Parcel 1 above. Parcel 3: The exclusive right to the use, possession and occupancy of those portions of Parcel 1 described above that are designated on the Condominium Plan described above as "Balcony," "Patio" or "Storage Space," "Exclusive Use Common Areas," which are shown by symbol thereon followed by the same numerical designated as the Unit described in Parcel 2 above, which shall be appurtenant to Parcel 2 described above. Parcel 4: The exclusive right to the use, possession and occupancy of those portions of Parcel 1 described above that are designated on the Condominium Plan described above as "Parking Space Exclusive Use Common Area(s)" as assigned in that certain "Parking Declaration", or any amendment thereto as may be affected in accordance with the provisions therefor contained in the Declaration and in the Parking Declaration. Published: 1/13/22, 1/20/22, 1/27/22

APN: 133-360-11 OTHER: 5944280 TS-210902 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/21/2016 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that C.N.A. FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Luis Pena and Virginia Pena, husband and wife as joint tenants Recorded on 4/27/2016 as Instrument No. 2016-0196502, of Official records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 9/20/2021 as Instrument No. 20210660816 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 1/19/2022 At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020 at 10:00 a.m. AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 30115 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$109,375.00 (estimated). In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 210902 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION CALL : 916-939-0772 C/O C.N.A. FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as said Trustee. 2020 CAMINO DEL RIO N. #230 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92108 (619) 297-6740 DATE: 12/20/2021 C.N.A. Foreclosure Services, Inc., a California Corporation KIMBERLY CURRAN TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER NPP0397781 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 12/30/2021, 01/06/2022, 01/13/2022

T.S. No. 21-20445-SP-CA Title No. 210345986-CA-VOI A.P.N. 144-270-04-25 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ramon Cui, a married man as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/01/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0386078 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Diego County, CA. Date of Sale: 02/07/2022 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$503,283.45 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 795 Harbor Cliff Way, #197 Oceanside, CA 92054 A.P.N.: 144-270-04-25 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/30/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 01/13/2022, 01/20/2022, 01/27/2022 CPP351838

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY FORUM NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
990 E. MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK**

Chief McReynolds and the District consultants will be holding a community forum seeking information to develop its Strategic and Long-Range Master Plans. Your input is requested to aid the District in better understanding and forecasting how the District may improve service to the community and meet your needs in the coming years.

This is not a Board meeting and no business will be conducted. The next Board meeting will be held January 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Fallbrook Public Utility District in the Board Room.

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary

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