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Looking back at 2020, the year of COVID-19



Lt. Arnold Aldana started as commander of the Fallbrook Substation in January 2020. Village News/Will Fritz photo



Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Lila MacDonald is honored by District 75 Woman of the Year Assemblymember Marie Waldron in March. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Robert Bowman celebrates his 100th birthday, May 17, at home in Fallbrook during the coronavirus pandemic. Village News/Courtesy photo



Gird Valley residents who support Monserate Winery pose with Jad Work and his Major Use Permit after it was approved by the planning commission, Feb. 21. Village News/Courtesy photo



The new Miss Fallbrook and Miss Teen Fallbrook 2020 courts are announced during the virtual live streaming of the pageant June 6, from left, Miss Teen Second Princess Kassidy Ewig, Miss Teen First Princess Emma Arias, Miss Teen Fallbrook Erica Nash, Miss Fallbrook Jayden Dominique, Miss Fallbrook First Princess Taylor Frazier and Miss Fallbrook Second Princess Veronica Romero. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Elias Budd greets therapy horse Finn during one of two Drive-thru Pony Parades that REINS hosted during their closure, allowing students and their families to safely visit the property and see their favorite staff and horses. Village News/Courtesy photo



Willow Tree student Tegan works on her lessons while her teacher instructs her from her computer. Village News/Courtesy photo



Stephani Baxter, left, of the Fallbrook Protea farm and Jean Trygstad clip protea flowers during a free picking event for guests, May 2. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

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Bud Roberds celebrates his 100th birthday at the Fallbrook Senior Center's birthday lunch, March 12. Village News/Michele Howard photo



D'Vine Path earned statewide visibility when it was showcased in the California State Council on Developmental Disability's online event, the Festival of Learning. Student Kai Kroeger, who was featured in the webinar, stands by his adopted vine at Batali Ranch. Village News/Courtesy photo



The Pookie's Pantry booth sells a variety of homemade jams, jellies and pickled beets on the first day of the Fallbrook Main Avenue Farmers Market, Oct. 3. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Chick Mahr, a resident of Silvergate Retirement Residence in Fallbrook, celebrates her 100th birthday with her fellow residents outside during a drive-thru celebration, Sept. 11. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Robin Stranger of Zone 4 lends a hand retrieving illegally dumped items in the culvert off Sycamore Drive in Zone 16 during the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance's Keeping Fallbrook Litter Free three-day virtual community-wide clean up, Aug. 7-9. Village News/Courtesy photo



In the Scarecrow Days contest, the Promoting Business winner is Hair Hustler – Hanna Salon on South Mission Road. Village News/Courtesy photo



Craig and Marin Pinnell turned Fallbrook Girls Rugby Club into one of the most successful youth and high school sports programs in San Diego County history since founding the program in 2007. Marin stepped away a few years ago to spend time with the couple's daughter and Craig announced he was stepping down, June 18. Village News/Courtesy photo



North County Fire Protection District paramedic Kahyl Richter responds to an emergency call wearing personal protective equipment to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Village News/John Choi photo



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



Party organizer Felicia Arteaga is in the lead car for the drive-by baby shower and celebration she planned for her sister and a friend, May 23. The Marquarts' baby is named Dawson, and the Foslars' baby is named Drew. Village News/Christine Rinaldi photo

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Bonsall ballerina Keliah Peterson, 14, has earned a short-term scholarship from the Royal Ballet School in England through an audition process. Village News/Peterson family



Vallecitos Elementary School first grade student David Valazquez has his temperature taken before entering campus as students return to class at the Rainbow school, Oct. 20. Village news/Shane Gibson photo



A glass monarch butterfly collection by artist Nic McGuire is one of many works of art at the Fallbrook Art Center Galaxy of Glass show, September-October. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Stacy McFarlane, a registered nurse at Temecula Valley Hospital, helps screen patients for COVID-19 who may be showing symptoms of the virus at a tent outside the hospital's emergency department, Monday, March 16. Hospitals throughout the area are gearing up for an influx of patients due to the pandemic. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Marine Cpl Darryl Charles and his wife, Desiree Mercardo, celebrate the presentation of their new home by Homes for Our Troops in a video-taped event, Sept. 19. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Guests beat the heat by dining in the street on Main Avenue during a special event that allowed restaurants to expand into the streets to serve more customers starting Saturday, Aug. 1. Village News/Jeff Pack photo



Dave and Stephani Baxter lead a parade of 16 vehicles including tractors, golf carts, mowers and bicycles in a patriotic celebration down Riverview Drive, July 4.



Lucy Sanders, (who turned 99 in April), celebrates with Bud Roberds at the Fallbrook Senior Center's birthday lunch, March 12. Village News/Michele Howard photo



In an ongoing celebration of Live Oak Park's 100th birthday, 100 oak trees are planted in the park with, in front, from left, Jim Lyle, Roger Boddaert and Brian Ek of County Parks & Rec getting one of the last trees in position near the hole it will be planted in while Sherry Lamont watches.



A group entertains families while they take in the Fallbrook reverse Christmas parade from their cars, Dec. 5. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



The Shop Around the Corner in downtown Fallbrook reopens for business as coronavirus restrictions on retail businesses are eased in May. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

NATIONAL

Bomber to neighbor: World ‘never going to forget me’



Investigators continue to examine the site of an explosion Sunday, Dec. 27, in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. An explosion that shook the largely deserted streets of downtown early Christmas morning shattered windows, damaged buildings and wounded multiple people.

Kimberlee Kruesi, Denise Lavoie and Michael Balsamo
The Associated Press

The man authorities believe was responsible for setting off a Christmas Day bomb that injured three people and damaged dozens of buildings in downtown Nashville told a neighbor days before the explosion that “Nashville and the world is never going to forget me.”

Rick Laude said he saw Anthony Quinn Warner, 63, standing at his mailbox Monday, Dec. 21, and pulled over in his car to speak with him. After asking how Warner’s elderly mother was doing, Laude said he casually asked him, “Is Santa going to bring you anything good for Christmas?” Laude said Warner smiled and then said, “Oh, yeah, Nashville and the world is never going to forget me.”

Laude, 57, a commercial truck driver, said he didn’t think much of the remark and thought Warner only meant that “something good” was going to happen for him. He said he was “speechless” later when he read that authorities had identified Warner as the suspected bomber.

“Nothing about this guy raised any red flags,” Laude said. “He was just quiet.”

While officials on Sunday named Warner as the man behind the mysterious explosion in which

he was killed, the motive has remained elusive.

“We hope to get an answer. Sometimes, it’s just not possible,” David Rausch, the director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said in a Monday interview on NBC’s “Today” show. “The best way to find motive is to talk to the individual. We will not be able to do that in this case.”

In just a few days, hundreds of tips and leads have been submitted to law enforcement agencies. Yet thus far, officials have not provided information on what possibly drove Warner to set off the explosion. According to officials, he had not been on the radar before Christmas. A TBI records report released Monday, Dec. 28, showed that Warner’s only arrest was for a 1978 marijuana-related charge.

“It does appear that the intent was more destruction than death but again that’s all still speculation at this point as we continue in our investigation with all our partners,” Rausch said.

Furthermore, officials have not provided insight into why Warner selected the particular location for the bombing, which damaged an AT&T building and continued to wreak havoc on cellphone service and police and hospital communications in several Southern states as the company worked to restore service.

Forensic analysts were reviewing evidence collected from the blast site to try to identify the components of the explosives as well as information from the U.S. Bomb Data Center for intelligence and investigative leads, according to a law enforcement official who said investigators were examining Warner’s digital footprint and financial history, as well as a recent deed transfer of a suburban Nashville home they searched.

The official, who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity, said federal agents were examining a number of potential leads and pursuing several theories, including the possibility that the AT&T building was targeted.

Korneski said Sunday that officials were looking at any and all motives and were interviewing acquaintances of Warner’s to try to determine what may have motivated him.

The bombing took place on a holiday morning well before downtown streets were bustling with activity and was accompanied by a recorded announcement warning anyone nearby that a bomb would soon detonate. Then, for reasons that may never be known, the audio switched to a recording of Petula Clark’s 1964 hit “Downtown” shortly before

the blast.

Warner, who public records show had experience with electronics and alarms and who had also worked as a computer consultant for a Nashville realtor, had been regarded as a person of interest in the bombing since at least Saturday, when federal and local investigators converged on the home linked to him.

Federal agents could be seen looking around the property, searching the home and the backyard. A Google Maps image captured in May 2019 had shown a recreational vehicle similar to the one that exploded parked in the backyard, but it was not at the property on Saturday, according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene.

On Sunday morning, police formally named Warner as being under investigation.

Officials said their identification of Warner relied on several key pieces of evidence, including DNA found at the explosion site. Investigators had previously revealed that human remains had been found in the vicinity.

In addition, investigators from the Tennessee Highway Patrol recovered parts from the RV among the wreckage from the blast, and were able to link the vehicle identification number to an RV that was registered to Warner, officials said.

“We’re still following leads, but right now there is no indication that any other persons were involved,” Korneski said. “We’ve reviewed hours of security video surrounding the recreation vehicle. We saw no other people involved.”

Police were responding to a report of shots fired Friday when they encountered the RV blaring a recorded warning that a bomb would detonate in 15 minutes. Suddenly the warning stopped, and “Downtown” started playing.

The RV exploded shortly afterward, sending black smoke and flames billowing from the heart of downtown Nashville’s tourist scene, an area packed with honky-tonks, restaurants and shops.

Buildings shook and windows shattered streets away from the explosion near a building owned by AT&T that lies one block from the company’s office tower, a landmark in downtown.

But on Sunday, just blocks from where the bombing took place, tourists had already begun to fill



Anthony Quinn Warner FBI photo

the sidewalks on Lower Broadway, a central entertainment district. Some took selfies while others tried to get as close as possible to the explosion site, blocked by police barricades.

Earlier Sunday, the officers who responded provided harrowing details, at times getting choked up reliving the moments that led up to the blast.

“This is going to tie us together forever, for the rest of my life,” Metro Nashville police Officer James Wells, who suffered some hearing loss due to the explosion, told reporters at a news conference. “Christmas will never be the same.”

Officer Brenna Hosey said she and her colleagues knocked on six or seven doors in nearby apartments to warn people to evacuate. She particularly remembered a startled mother of four children.

“I don’t have kids but I have cousins and nieces, people who I love who are small,” Hosey said, adding she had to plead with the family to leave the building as quickly as possible.

Balsamo and Tucker reported from Washington. AP journalists Scott Stroud and Mark Humphrey in Nashville contributed to this report.

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Trump pardons 49 people; far less than any other modern president

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According to Pew Research, President Donald Trump has granted clemency less frequently than any president in modern history. So far, Trump has pardoned or commuted sentences for 49 people. Obama, for example, granted clemency 1,927 times in his eight years.

A Nov. 24 Pew Research report showed, “As he enters the home stretch of his White House tenure, Donald Trump has used his clemency power less often than any president in modern history, according to data from the U.S. Department of Justice. Trump’s sparse use of pardons, commutations and other forms of official leniency stands in sharp contrast to his predecessor, Barack Obama, who used the clemency power more frequently than any chief executive since Harry Truman. Obama, by comparison, granted clemency 1,927 times during his eight-year tenure, including 212 pardons and 1,715 commutations.”

Trump’s latest actions included campaign chairman Paul Manafort and longtime adviser Roger Stone, as well as former Rep. Duncan Hunter.

The White House announced that Manafort and Stone faced charges as a result of Robert Mueller’s investigation of alleged Russian interference in the 2016 which “premised on the Russian collusion hoax.”

The pardon of Paul Manafort spared him serving the bulk of a 7 1/2 year prison term. According

to a White House statement, “Mr. Manafort has already spent two years in prison, including a stretch of time in solitary confinement – treatment worse than what many of the most violent criminals receive. As a result of blatant prosecutorial overreach, Mr. Manafort has endured years of unfair treatment and is one of the most prominent victims of what has been revealed to be perhaps the greatest witch hunt in American history.”

The statement continued, “As Mr. Manafort’s trial judge observed, before the Special Counsel investigation, Mr. Manafort had led an ‘otherwise blameless life.’ Since May, Mr. Manafort has been released to home confinement as a result of COVID-19 concerns.”

As for Roger Stone, the statement showed, “Mr. Stone is a 68-year-old man with numerous medical conditions. Due to prosecutorial misconduct by Special Counsel Mueller’s team, Mr. Stone was treated very unfairly. He was subjected to a pre-dawn raid of his home, which the media conveniently captured on camera. Mr. Stone also faced potential political bias at his jury trial. Pardoning him will help to right the injustices he faced at the hands of the Mueller investigation.”

The 2019 Mueller report stated that while Russia did attempt to interfere in the election, there was no evidence to establish that Trump or any other U.S. citizen knowingly colluded with Russia.

The father of Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty in 2004 to

18 counts of tax evasion, witness tampering and making unlawful campaign donations.

The White House announced that since completing his sentence in 2006, Kushner had been devoted to important philanthropic organizations and causes, including Saint Barnabas Medical Center and United Cerebral Palsy.

“This record of reform and charity overshadows Mr. Kushner’s conviction and 2 year sentence for preparing false tax returns, witness retaliation, and making false statements to the (Federal Election Commission),” the statement reads.

In a Pew Research Center Nov. 24, 2020, report, John Gramlich and Kristen Bialik noted the following comparisons.

Looking at the same data another way, Trump has granted clemency to less than half of 1% of the more than 10,000 people who petitioned him for it through the end of the 2020 fiscal year (which ended Sept. 30), according to the Justice Department. That, too, is the lowest percentage of any president on record, though George W. Bush came close, granting clemency to just 2% of the more than 11,000 people who asked him for it during his eight years in office.

Clemency refers to multiple forms of presidential mercy. The two most common forms are pardons, which forgive past crimes and restore civil rights, and commutations, which completely or partially reduce sentences for those in prison or on community supervision. Two less-common forms are remissions, which reduce financial penalties associated with

convictions, and respites, which are temporary reprieves that are usually granted to inmates for medical reasons.

The Justice Department’s statistics, it’s important to note, do not count clemency granted through proclamation or executive order, such as the actions taken by Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter to forgive thousands of Vietnam-era draft dodgers. The DOJ numbers also count some clemency recipients twice – for example, in cases where someone received both a pardon and a commutation.

While rare so far, Trump’s use of presidential clemency has caused controversy because of the nature of his pardons and commutations. Many of Trump’s clemency recipients have had a “personal or political connection to the president,” according to a July analysis by the Lawfare blog, and he has often circumvented the formal process through which clemency requests are typically considered.

But Trump is far from the only president who has faced scrutiny over his use of clemency. Obama’s frequent use of commutations, particularly for prisoners convicted of drug-related crimes, prompted criticism from Republicans, who said it benefited “an entire class of offenders” and infringed on the “lawmaking authority” of the legislative branch. And President Bill Clinton drew bipartisan condemnation for pardoning a fugitive commodities trader, Marc Rich, on his last day in office in 2001.

Presidents have generally

become less forgiving over time, at least when looking at the proportion of clemency requests they have granted. Every president from McKinley to Carter granted clemency to at least 20% of those who asked for it, according to the Justice Department data. But the percentages have fallen to the single digits for every president since George H.W. Bush, including Obama, who granted clemency to just 5% of those who petitioned him for it.

Obama’s relatively low percentage, however, is largely due to the fact that his administration encouraged federal prisoners to apply for leniency under a program known as the Clemency Initiative. The program, which launched in April 2014 and ended in 2017 when Obama left office, allowed “qualified federal inmates” – those who met certain Justice Department criteria – to apply to have their prison sentences commuted. The initiative led to a surge in petitions and helps explain why Obama’s use of clemency tilted so heavily toward sentence commutations, rather than pardons.

Overall, Obama received more than 36,000 clemency petitions during his time in office, by far the largest total of any president on record. Petitions have declined considerably during Trump’s tenure.

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<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/11/24/so-far-trump-has-granted-clemency-less-frequently-than-any-president-in-modern-history/>.

House approves Trump’s \$2K checks, sending to GOP-led Senate

Lisa Mascaro and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

The House voted overwhelmingly Monday, Dec. 28, to increase COVID-19 relief checks to \$2,000, meeting President Donald Trump’s demand for bigger payments and sending the bill to the Republican-controlled Senate, where the outcome is highly uncertain.

Democrats led passage, 275-134, their majority favoring additional assistance, but dozens of Republicans suddenly joined in approval. While Democrats favored bigger checks, Congress had settled on smaller \$600 payments in a compromise over the big year-end relief bill Trump reluctantly signed into law. The president’s Republican Party allies opposed more spending and Trump’s push puts them in a difficult spot.

The vote was a stunning turn of events from just days ago, when House Republicans blocked Trump’s demands during a Christmas Eve session. After Trump spent days fuming from his private club in Florida, where he is spending the holidays, dozens of Republicans preferred to link with Democrats rather than buck the outgoing president. Senators were set to return to session Tuesday, forced to consider the measure amid similar, stark Republican Party divisions.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared, “Republicans have a choice: Vote for this legislation or vote to deny the American people the bigger paychecks they need.”

The showdown could end up as more symbol than substance. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has declined to say publicly how the Senate will handle the bill when Democrats there try to push it forward for a vote Tuesday, after press time.

After the robust House vote, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer warned, “There is no good reason for Senate Republicans to stand in the way.”

“There’s strong support for these \$2,000 emergency checks from every corner of the country,” Schumer said in a statement. “Leader McConnell ought to make sure Senate Republicans do not stand in the way of helping to meet the needs of American workers and families who are crying out for help.”

The legislative action during the rare holiday week session may do little to change the \$2 trillion-plus COVID-19 relief and federal spending package that Trump signed into law Sunday, one of the biggest bills of its kind providing relief for millions of Americans.

That package – \$900 billion in



The U.S. Capitol is seen, Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, in Washington.

AP photo/Jacquelyn Martin photo

COVID-19 aid and \$1.4 trillion to fund government agencies – will deliver long-sought cash to businesses and individuals and avert a federal government shutdown that otherwise would have started Tuesday, in the midst of the public health crisis.

But the outcome will define Trump’s Republicans, putting a spotlight on the Georgia runoff election Jan. 5 where two Republican senators are in the fights of their political lives against Democrats in a pair of races that will determine which party controls the Senate next year.

Together with votes Monday and Tuesday to override Trump’s veto of a sweeping defense bill, it’s potentially one last confrontation between the president and the Republican Party he leads as he imposes fresh demands and disputes the results of the presidential election. The new Congress is set to be sworn in Sunday.

Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, acknowledged the division and said Congress had already approved ample funds during the COVID-19 crisis. “Nothing in this bill helps anybody get back to work,” he said.

Aside from the direct \$600 checks to most Americans, the COVID-19 portion of the bill

revives a weekly pandemic jobless benefit boost – this time \$300, through March 14 – as well as a popular Paycheck Protection Program of grants to businesses to keep workers on payrolls. It extends eviction protections, adding a new rental assistance fund.

The COVID-19 package draws and expands on an earlier effort from Washington. It offers billions of dollars for vaccine purchases and distribution, for virus contact tracing, public health departments, schools, universities, farmers, food pantry programs and other institutions and groups facing hardship in the pandemic.

Americans earning up to \$75,000 will qualify for the direct payments, which are phased out at higher income levels, and there’s an additional \$600 payment per dependent child.

Meantime the government funding portion of the bill keeps federal agencies nationwide running without dramatic changes until Sept. 30.

Democrats are promising more aid to come once President-elect Joe Biden takes office, but Republicans are signaling a wait-and-see approach.

Biden told reporters at an event in Wilmington, Delaware, that he supported the \$2,000 checks.

Trump’s sudden decision to

sign the bill in Florida, where he is spending the holidays, came as he faced escalating criticism from lawmakers on all sides over his eleventh-hour demands. The bipartisan bill negotiated by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin had already passed the House and Senate by wide margins. Lawmakers had thought they had Trump’s blessing after months of negotiations with his administration.

The president’s defiant refusal to act, publicized with a heated video he tweeted just before the Christmas holiday, sparked chaos, a lapse in unemployment benefits for millions and the threat of a government shutdown in the pandemic. It was another crisis of his own making, resolved when he ultimately signed the bill into law.

In his statement about the signing, Trump repeated his frustrations with the COVID-19 relief bill for providing only \$600 checks to most Americans and complained about what he considered unnecessary spending, particularly on foreign aid – much of it proposed by his own budget.

While the president insisted he would send Congress “a redlined version” with spending items he wants removed, those are merely suggestions to Congress. Democrats said they would resist such cuts.

For now, the administration can only begin work sending out the \$600 payments.

A day after the signing, Trump was back at the golf course in Florida, the state where he moved his residence from New York.

Republican Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama, a conservative who supported Trump’s challenge of the election results, counted himself Monday among the opponents of a more generous relief package and Trump’s call for higher payments.

“It’s money we don’t have, we have to borrow to get and we can’t afford to pay back,” he said on “Fox and Friends.”

But Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York said she was open to the idea of \$2,000 checks.

“Many Americans are in dire need of relief,” she said on the show.

Altogether, Republicans and Democrats alike swiftly welcomed Trump’s decision to sign the bill into law.

“The compromise bill is not perfect, but it will do an enormous amount of good for struggling Kentuckians and Americans across the country who need help now,” McConnell said.

Colvin reported from West Palm Beach, Florida. AP writer Andrew Taylor contributed to this report.

Federal agencies warn of emerging fraud schemes related to COVID-19 vaccines

WASHINGTON – The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are warning the public about several emerging fraud schemes related to COVID-19 vaccines.

The FBI, HHS-OIG and CMS have received complaints of scammers using the public’s interest in COVID-19 vaccines to obtain personally identifiable information and money through various schemes as they work with law enforcement partners and the private sector to identify cyber threats and fraud in all forms.

The public should be aware of the following potential indicators of fraudulent activity:

- Advertisements or offers for early access to a vaccine upon payment of a deposit or fee

- Requests asking you to pay out of pocket to obtain the vaccine or to put your name on a COVID-19 vaccine waiting list
- Offers to undergo additional medical testing or procedures when obtaining a vaccine
- Marketers offering to sell and/or ship doses of a vaccine, domestically or internationally, in exchange for payment of a deposit or fee
- Unsolicited emails, telephone calls, or personal contact from someone claiming to be from a medical office, insurance company or COVID-19 vaccine center requesting personal and/or medical information to determine recipients’ eligibility to participate in clinical vaccine trials or obtain the vaccine
- Claims of FDA approval for a vaccine that cannot be verified
- Advertisements for vaccines

through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online or from unsolicited and unknown sources

- Individuals contacting you in person, by phone, or by email to tell you the government or government officials require you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine

Tips to avoid COVID-19 vaccine-related fraud:

- Consult your state’s health department website for up-to-date information about authorized vaccine distribution channels and only obtaining a vaccine through such channels.
- Check the FDA’s website, <http://fda.gov>, for current information about vaccine emergency use authorizations.
- Consult your primary care physician before undergoing any vaccination.

- Don’t share your personal or health information with anyone other than known and trusted medical professionals.
 - Check your medical bills and insurance explanation of benefits for any suspicious claims and promptly reporting any errors to your health insurance provider.
 - Follow guidance and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other trusted medical professionals.
- General online/cyber fraud prevention techniques:**
- Verify the spelling of web addresses, websites, and email addresses that look trustworthy but may be imitations of legitimate websites.
 - Ensure operating systems and applications are updated to the most current versions.

- Update anti-malware and antivirus software and conduct regular network scans.
 - Do not enable macros on documents downloaded from an email unless necessary and after ensuring the file is not malicious.
 - Do not communicate with or open emails, attachments or links from unknown individuals.
 - Never provide personal information of any sort via email; be aware that many emails requesting your personal information may appear to be legitimate.
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Former Rep. Duncan Hunter gets full pardon from Trump



This Dec. 3, 2019, file photo shows California Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter leaving federal court in San Diego. Hunter submitted his resignation Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, effective Jan. 13, after pleading guilty to a corruption charge, leaving one of the Republican's few remaining House seats in heavily Democratic California. Hunter received a full pardon Tuesday, Dec. 22 from President Donald Trump.

SAN DIEGO (CNS) – The former Rep. Duncan Hunter, who pleaded guilty last year to using campaign funds for personal expenses and was weeks away from beginning an 11-month prison sentence, received a full pardon Tuesday, Dec. 22 from President Donald Trump.

Hunter represented the 50th Congressional District in San Diego County and Fallbrook, with a portion of which stretches into Temecula.

According to a statement from

the White House, the pardon was issued “at the request of many members of Congress” and was supported by Bradley Smith, former Federal Election Commission chairman.

The White House statement cites Smith as saying the case against Hunter “could have been handled as a civil case via the Federal Election Commission.”

Hunter pleaded guilty last year to a conspiracy charge for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars with campaign credit

cards on family vacations, restaurant and bar tabs, clothes and other frivolous expenses over the course of several years, while falsely stating to his staff that the purchases were campaign-related.

Hunter’s wife and former campaign manager, Margaret, also pleaded guilty last year to misusing campaign funds and was sentenced in August to eight months of home confinement and three years probation. Trump did not pardon her.

Hunter was originally ordered to surrender to authorities on May 29 of this year, but the COVID-19 pandemic prompted a delay in his sentence. He was expected to report to prison in January.

During his sentencing hearing in March, Hunter said he took “full responsibility for any dime spent on my campaign by me or anyone else.”

His defense attorney, Paul Pfingst, urged U.S. District Judge Thomas Whelan to be lenient on Hunter, noting his service in the Marines, as well his contributions in Congress, arguing that “on balance, Duncan Hunter has contributed much to his country, his constituents and his children.”

The White House also cited Hunter’s military service in announcing the pardon, noting that Hunter “has dedicated much of his adult life to public service” and was inspired to enlist in the Marines following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, serving combat duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Phillip Halpern said during the sentencing hearing that Hunter “abused his position from the very beginning” of his political career, noting that the misuse of campaign funds began in 2009.

Prosecutors argued in court papers that the Hunters were “virtually penniless” and amid dire financial straits, resorted to using campaign credit cards to support “a profligate lifestyle leading to continual debt and an ever-increasing need to find cash to pay bills.”

Despite the family bank

account not carrying a positive balance throughout any single month between 2009 and 2017, prosecutors said the family lived extravagantly, racking up thousands on expensive family trips and scores of other improper personal purchases, according to the memorandum.

It was also alleged that Hunter used campaign funds to pursue extramarital affairs and repeatedly used campaign credit cards or sought reimbursement for expenses that included resort hotel rooms, airfare, a skiing trip and Uber rides to and from the homes of five women with whom he had “intimate relationships.”

He also gave his wife a campaign credit card despite her having no official role in the campaign, until he later hired her as campaign manager amid protests from members of his staff, according to the prosecution’s court filings.

Hunter, a Republican who represented California’s 52nd congressional district from 2009-13 and 50th congressional district from 2013-20, had planned to seek another term. He resigned from Congress in January.

He repeatedly and publicly denied wrongdoing and accused the U.S. Attorney’s Office of a politically motivated prosecution.

Amid the charges and public allegations, Hunter was re-elected in November 2018 with 51.7% of the vote, despite being indicted three months prior. He was first elected in 2008, succeeding his father, who held the congressional seat for 28 years.

Regional task force on the homeless cancels Point-In-Time count due to COVID-19

SAN DIEGO (CNS) – The Regional Taskforce on the Homeless will not conduct its 2021 annual Point-in-Time Count of unsheltered San Diegans due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was announced Tuesday, Dec. 22.

According to the RTFH, a typical Point-in-Time Count requires nearly 1,600 volunteers due to the size and population of San Diego County. It is typically conducted in mid-January.

The decision was grounded in concerns for the safety and well-being of individuals experiencing homelessness, volunteers and RTFH staff, according to the task force, which cited surging coronavirus case numbers, stay-at-home orders and the need for close

interactions to conduct the survey.

The region’s Continuum of Care was granted an exception by the Department of Housing and Urban Development this week.

“With stay-at-home orders and all of the other constraints that exist, many of the CoC across California are opting not to conduct unsheltered census this year,” said Tamera Kohler, CEO of the RTFH.

“Collecting accurate, useful data is in the interest of everyone, but because we cannot complete this safely, it is in the best interest of all involved to not conduct the count. Fortunately, we have a wealth of other data that we rely on that represents the true picture of people in our community experiencing

unsheltered homelessness,” Kohler said.

The task force is responsible for collecting, tracking and reporting on a significant amount of data as it pertains to homelessness in San Diego County. While a census of sheltered individuals, as well as the Housing Inventory Count, will still take place, the unsheltered PITC, which is a one-day snapshot of who is experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the region, will not.

“I understand and support the Regional Task Force’s need to cancel the 2021 Point-in-Time Count,” said San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, who has volunteered during the annual survey for several years. “As mayor, my

decisions will be driven by data and best practices.

“The coordinated systems that the city and the region have built are continually improving and providing better and better information,” he said. “I believe we can use these systems to mitigate the loss of the 2021 count data. I will not allow this to hamper our efforts to connect people experiencing homelessness to much-needed housing and support services.”

In preparing the waiver request, the task force consulted with HUD and other Continuum of Care regions across Southern California. Of the 13 peer CoC in Southern California, 12 are asking for the same exemption

and the majority -- including the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority and the Orange County Continuum of Care -- have already received approval from HUD.

“Every year, the Point In Time Count relies on hundreds of county employee volunteers to successfully complete the unsheltered count,” said county Supervisor Nathan Fletcher. “This year, taking into account public health considerations, it is safer for volunteers, staff and those experiencing homelessness to limit the kind of interaction that the unsheltered count requires. This exception is the right choice for this year.”

Harper and Hardy given Pala Road resurfacing contract

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Hardy and Harper Inc. has been given the Riverside County contract to resurface approximately 1.7 miles of Pala Road in Temecula’s Wolf Valley area.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0, Dec. 15, to approve an addendum to the bid package and award Hardy and Harper a \$1,206,000 contract, which matches the Lake Forest company’s bid. The action also approved a total project budget of \$1,725,000.

The work will resurface Pala Road from approximately 105

feet south of Pechanga Road to the San Diego County line. Some portions of Pala Road are extremely deteriorated, and for those segments the road will be completely excavated before being reconstructed to the existing grade with hot mix asphalt and a Class 2 aggregate base. The work for less deteriorated portions of the road will remove the existing asphalt concrete pavement and overlay it with hot mix asphalt. The segment of Pala Road which will be resurfaced ranges in width from 24 to 34 feet.

The road improvement project will also include placement of an asphalt concrete dike, construction

of pavement safety edge and shoulder backing, replacement of an existing culvert, construction of asphalt concrete drains, guardrail installation, traffic striping, thermoplastic pavement markings, installation of traffic signs and other associated work.

A 5-0 board of supervisors’ vote, Sept. 22, approved the plans and specifications for the construction, authorized the project for bid, and found the resurfacing categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review. That action also set a bid deadline of 2 p.m. Oct. 14. An Oct. 8 addendum addressed the aggregate base.

Five bids were received by the deadline. The Hardy and Harper bid was the lowest with Onyx Paving Company of Anaheim providing the second-lowest bid at \$1,369,000. The engineer’s estimate for the construction contract was \$1,372,169.

The budget of \$1,725,000 also includes surveying, engineering, and inspection costs along with the previously-expended environmental and design work. A contingency amount of \$120,600 is also part of the budget. Revenue from what is known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act, which increased the gas tax by 12 cents a gallon effective

November 2017 and increased vehicle registration fees between \$25 and \$175 based on vehicle value effective spring 2018, will fund the project cost.

The construction is expected to begin in early 2021. The work will be phased so that the road can be kept open during construction as much as possible. The resurfacing is expected to be completed approximately two months after the start of construction.

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Calgon Carbon given FPUD contract for granulated activated carbon system

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Calgon Carbon Corporation was awarded the Fallbrook Public Utility District contract to provide granular activated carbon treatment system equipment. FPUD’s board voted 5-0, Dec. 7, to award Calgon Carbon a contract for \$1,260,493. A separate 5-0 vote that day approved a change order to the construction contract with Filanc Alberici JV to install pipelines associated with the granular activated carbon treatment system. In July 2019, FPUD awarded Filanc Alberici JV a \$54,398,232 construction contract for the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project which will enhance groundwater recharge and recovery capability within the lower Santa Margarita River basin and increase available water supplies for FPUD and U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The Camp Pendleton infrastructure will include piping to deliver the water to the boundary of the Naval Weapons Station and Fallbrook behind the FPUD solar

facility site on Alturas Road. Construction of the facilities from the NWS boundary is FPUD’s responsibility. The water will be treated at the Alturas Road plant and delivered into FPUD’s distribution system. FPUD’s infrastructure will include a groundwater treatment plant, a distribution system to the Gheen Zone east of Stage Coach Lane, the Gheen Pump Station and a storage tank with piping and construction management and supervisory control and data acquisition system integration. On Jan. 27, FPUD’s board voted 5-0 to amend its design contract for the Conjunctive Use Project so that the groundwater treatment plant can also remove per and polyfluoroalkyl substances contaminants from the treated water. FPUD staff recommended treating the PFAS contaminants with a combination of granular activated carbon and reverse osmosis. The groundwater treatment plant utilizes greensand filters for iron and manganese removal followed by reverse osmosis and chlorination. Reverse osmosis removes more than 99%

of salts which pass through the process, so some flow bypasses the reverse osmosis process to meet the district’s overall salt target. The design contract amendment produced design documents for the additional granular activated carbon facilities. The granular activated carbon treatment system will include three pairs of large vessels with a 12-foot diameter and a height of approximately 20 feet. Those vessels currently require approximately nine months to obtain, so a bid package for procurement of the treatment equipment was prepared to allow the project to remain on schedule. The original deadline for submission of bids was Oct. 8. Calgon Carbon and AqueoUS Vets bid on the project. The Calgon Carbon bid was for \$1,254,578 and the AqueoUS Vets proposal had a bid amount of \$1,565,333.99. The contract includes disadvantaged business requirements, and AqueoUS Vets filed a bid protest on the grounds that the Calgon Carbon proposal did not adequately address the disadvantaged business requirements. FPUD reviewed the Calgon Carbon bid and also consulted with the state Department of Water Resources, which is providing a State Revolving Fund loan for the Conjunctive Use Project. The Calgon Carbon bid was deemed non-responsive. Because the only other bid was \$310,756 higher, a 5-0 FPUD board vote Oct. 27 rejected both bids and directed district staff to readvertise the procurement of the treatment

equipment for bid. The designation of the previous Calgon Carbon bid as non-responsive did not prevent that company from submitting a new bid meeting the disadvantaged business requirements. The deadline for the new bids was Nov. 30, and once again Calgon Carbon and AqueoUS Vets submitted bids. Calgon Carbon submitted a bid amount of \$1,260,493 and the AqueoUS Vets bid was \$1,616,518.99. Approximately 800 feet of 14-inch water line and 110 feet of 10-inch sewer line will be needed to convey water to and from the granular activated carbon treatment vessels. FPUD and Filanc Alberici JV negotiated a change order which will add \$559,145.06 to the contract amount. The change order will not affect the construction schedule; the Conjunctive Use Project is expected to be complete in early 2022. The design and installation costs for the granulated activated carbon treatment system are currently estimated at \$3,500,000. The actual cost is expected to be confirmed within the next two months. In January, the State Water Resources Control Board approved a State Revolving Fund loan of \$62,935,885 which includes a contingency of \$5,440,000 as well as the construction, design and construction management costs. A 5-0 FPUD board vote, Sept. 28, added \$733,655 to the contract with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation to provide design services for the Conjunctive Use

Project. The contract with Calgon Carbon and the change order with Filanc Alberici JV bring the total contingency expenses as of Dec. 7 to \$2,493,293. “It’s looking at this point like we could exceed the contingency amount,” Aaron Cook, senior engineer of FPUD, said. The final design and installation cost amount will determine whether additional funding will be needed. FPUD could request an amendment with the State Water Resources Control Board to add the uncovered costs to the State Revolving Fund loan. “There’s no downside to pursuing the amendment,” Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUD, said. The amendment to the State Revolving Fund loan could take up to six months to finalize. FPUD also has the option of obtaining a separate loan, although that would likely be at a higher interest rate than the State Revolving Fund loan. Because approximately 4,100 feet of the new Conjunctive Use Project pipeline along Palomino Road will replace an existing water main which is more than 60 years old that portion of the cost, which is estimated at \$2,400,000, could be funded by the existing capital improvement program budget although that option would require other pipeline replacement projects to be deferred.

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Sponsor group directs PLDO funding for Bonsall Community Park

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The Bonsall Community Sponsor Group recommended that the entirety of available Park Land Dedication Ordinance funding be spent on Bonsall Community Park. The sponsor group voted 7-0, Dec. 1, to recommend that 100% of the funding be spent on Bonsall Community Park. Should other funding sources allow for remaining funding, the sponsor group can make a new recommendation next year, and next year’s recommendation will also take into account new PLDO funding received. “Every year we ask the sponsor group to come up with a priority list for the Park Land Dedication Ordinance funding,” Nina Pisano, senior park project manager of county Department of Parks and Recreation, said. The Park Land Dedication Ordinance provides for collection of fees from developers to fund park improvements in the area of the development. In 1965, the state of California adopted the Quimby Act which authorizes local governments to assess impact fees on new residential development to provide funding for park and recreation facilities to serve the new development. The Quimby Act allows fees sufficient to provide 3 acres of park land per 1,000 residents, although a local government may adopt a higher standard of 5 acres per 1,000 residents. The county has been collecting PLDO fees from developers since 1973. Developers have the option to dedicate parks instead of paying PLDO fees and a combination of park dedication and PLDO fees is also potentially acceptable. PLDO funding must be spent in the area of the development for which the money is collected. Initially the fees could only be used for active recreation parks. In 2018, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved revisions to the Park Land Dedication Ordinance, and one of the revisions allows up to 25% of

a fiscal year’s PLDO revenue to be used for the acquisition of land for trails or to develop new trails. PLDO funding still cannot be used for open space. The fees can be used for acquisition of land but not for maintenance or operation, and they can be used for replacement of playground equipment but not for the restoration of historic structures. The 2018 revisions took effect Jan. 1, 2019. One of the provisions separates park land acquisition fees, which can only be used for the acquisition of land, from park improvement impact fees which must be used to develop new park facilities or rehabilitate existing facilities. If in lieu fees are paid that funding can be used either for land acquisition or for facility development or rehabilitation. The 2018 revisions also updated the PLDO fees; the fees for Bonsall are \$6,573 for a single-family home, \$5,924 for a multi-family dwelling unit and \$4,058 for an accessory dwelling unit. As of Oct. 31, 2020, Bonsall had \$1,160,083.04 of unspent PLDO revenue provided before January 2019. The park improvement impact fee balance was \$229,807.62. The land acquisition fee balance was \$29,080.16. The in-lieu fee balance which can fund either land acquisition or improvements was \$12,687.99. “The Bonsall Community Sponsor Group has quite a bit of PLDO funding,” Pisano said. “The data is very important,” Margarette Schoendienst, chair of Bonsall Sponsor Group, said. “This is very helpful.” The San Luis Rey River Park boundaries are yet to be determined since land will be acquired only from willing sellers, but the river park will stretch for approximately 9 miles and encompass approximately 1,600 acres. The park will provide open space areas including trails, staging areas, and habitat preservation and will also include active recreation land such as ball fields, play areas and picnic facilities. “Most of the river park is going

to be open space with trails,” Pisano said. The plans for the San Luis Rey River Park include two active parks. Bonsall Community Park will total 63 acres including 55 acres to be developed. Pisano made a presentation on Bonsall Community Park at the Nov. 10 Bonsall Sponsor Group meeting. “It was beautiful,” Schoendienst said of the park as presented. “It looks great.” Rio Prado Park, which is near Rancho Monserate, will be the other active park within the San Luis Rey River Park. The use of the land at the western end of the park near the Bonsall Bridge has not been finalized. “The county has not indicated at this point, but I’m sure they will, what to do with it,” Schoendienst said. Pathways are within the right of way of a road. Trails are outside of the right of way. “PLDO funding cannot be used for pathways,” Pisano said. Funding for trails is acceptable but subject to the 25% limit. “We just cannot spend more than \$350,000 of your accumulated funding on trails,” Pisano said. The PLDO funding to develop new facilities does not necessarily need to be spent for the construction phase. “We can use it for the design; we can use it for the construction,” Pisano said. A use decision for the land near the Bonsall Bridge must be made before PLDO revenue could be spent on that area. “The PLDO funding would not be able to fund the feasibility study,” Pisano said. The sponsor group decision to earmark all of the PLDO funding for Bonsall Community Park increases the chance of that park being funded. If money from the capital general fund is available that allocation will be used. “That’s the main funding source,” Pisano said.

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14 Greater Fallbrook road segments to be resurfaced

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The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the advertisement for bid and subsequent award of construction contracts to resurface 98.64 centerline miles of road throughout San Diego County including 14 road segments in Greater Fallbrook.

The supervisors' 5-0 vote, Dec. 9, authorized the director of the county's Department of Purchasing and Contracting to take the necessary actions to issue multiple contracts, approved revenue agreements with San Diego Gas & Electric for work involving the undergrounding of utilities in Descanso and Mount Laguna in coordination with road resurfacing, appropriated the revenue from SDG&E, designated the director of the county's Department of Public Works as

the county officer responsible for administering the construction contracts and the agreements with SDG&E and found the resurfacing categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review. The road list includes eight Fallbrook road segments, four Rainbow road segments, one Bonsall street and one Pala road.

Senate Bill 1, which was signed by former Gov. Jerry Brown in April 2017, increased the gas tax by 12 cents a gallon effective November 2017 and increased vehicle registration fees between \$25 and \$175 based on vehicle value effective spring 2018. The tax increases are expected to provide local governments with an additional \$7.5 billion of funding over the next 10 years including \$538 million for San Diego County. The county expects to receive \$37 million of Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Account funding during 2020-2021.

Local governments must submit a list of projects the tax revenue will be funding to the California Transportation Commission. The board of supervisors approved a list April 21, although the California Transportation Commission allows program changes and DPW followed the preliminary list with a thorough design process including in-depth road reviews and consulting with community groups, utilities and other stakeholders. The information collected during the design phase was used to develop the final list.

The undergrounding of utilities in Mount Laguna has been completed, and the agreement with SDG&E for that work reflects the utility's portion of the cost of the road resurfacing and undergrounding. SDG&E will be undergrounding utilities on Descanso roads for fire safety purposes, and the county's resurfacing revisions capitalized on that coordination opportunity. The economic decline due to the coronavirus outbreak also reduced the county's expected revenue; before the shutdown the county had anticipated \$42.9 million of fiscal year 2020-2021 funding from the increased taxes. The county's total road resurfacing budget of \$56 million in recent years was reduced to \$40 million for 2020-2021.

DPW maintains nearly 2,000 miles of road in unincorporated San Diego County, and road crews inspect the roads and prioritize them for preventative maintenance. DPW utilizes a pavement management system

which incorporates field review, resident and community input and mechanical test data collection to determine which roads are most in need of resurfacing. The structural deterioration of pavement is measured visually by assessing the degree and type of cracking, the surface deterioration and surface defects.

The road maintenance program also evaluates the preferred rehabilitation strategy. Asphalt concrete pavement overlays are used for severely degraded roads with extensive cracking or potholes, although if the road has only minor cracking and no significant surface damage a thinner layer of slurry seals may be applied to protect the road. Although some of the roads will have seal treatment with an expected service life of seven to 10 years, all 14 Greater Fallbrook roads will have overlay resurfacing which will have an expected service life of 10 to 15 years.

Fallbrook's road resurfacing will provide overlays for 1.12 miles of Alvarado Street between South Mission Road and Mercedes Road, 0.13 miles of South Brandon Road between Alvarado Street and Elder Street, 0.46 miles of Elder Street between South Mission Road and Brandon Road, 0.13 miles of East Mission Road between Hill Avenue and Main Avenue, 0.52 miles of South Mission Road between Clemmens Lane and Rocky Crest Lane, 0.36 miles of Pankey Road between the north cul-de-sac and the south cul-de-sac, 0.29 miles of Shearer Crossing between Pankey Road and Dulin Road and 0.13 miles of Vine Street between Alvarado Street and Elder

Street.

The Rainbow work will resurface 0.06 miles of Eighth Street between Huffstatler Street and Rainbow Valley Boulevard, 0.23 miles of Huffstatler Street between Rainbow Valley Boulevard and First Street, 0.98 miles of Rainbow Valley Boulevard between Chica Road and the Riverside County line and 0.23 miles of Rainbow Valley Boulevard between 100 feet west of Eighth Street and Huffstatler Street.

In Bonsall, the work will resurface 0.99 miles of Mason Road between East Vista Way and the end of the county-maintained road.

Pala Temecula Road will have an overlay for the 2.38-mile portion between Pala Mission Road and Milepost 3.0.

The April list also included 0.93 miles of Live Oak Park Road between Reche Road and Alvarado Street, 0.04 miles of the Live Oak Park connector between Live Oak Park Road and Reche Road and 1.92 miles of Champagne Boulevard between Old Castle Road and Champagne Village Drive. Those three road segments were not in the final list.

The estimated cost of the contract, including contingency, is \$33,609,900. Revenue from the SB 1 taxes will provide \$25,489,500, the TransNet half-cent sales tax will account for \$4,083,000, and the two SDG&E funding agreements will supply \$4,037,400.

On a countywide basis the construction is expected to begin in spring 2021 and be complete by the end of 2021.

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FPUD adopts PSAWR guidelines

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Earlier this year, the San Diego County Water Authority approved an ordinance adopting a Permanent Special Agricultural Water Rate and setting the eligibility criteria. On Dec. 7, the Fallbrook Public Utility District board voted 5-0 to update FPUD’s Administrative Code to incorporate the PSAWR.

“It will become a permanent SAWR program with eligibility changes,” Ken Endter, board president of FPUD, said.

In 1994, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California implemented the Interim Agricultural Water Program which provided surplus supplies to agricultural customers at a discounted rate with the condition of cutbacks in a drought of up to 30% before implementing any mandatory reductions to Association of California Water Agencies’ customers. An agricultural user could choose to pay Association of California Water Agencies rates and not be subject to the cutbacks.

In October 2008, the MWD board voted to phase out the IAWP over a four-year period. In December 2008, the SDCWA board created the Transitional Special Agricultural Water Rate program for farmers who chose to opt out of the IAWP. TSAWR customers were not eligible to receive certain water from CWA augmented supply programs. The TSAWR was limited to farmers who had been in the IAWP before 2008.

The initial TSAWR was for a

two-year period although in March 2010 the CWA board voted to extend the program to the end of 2012, have a revised program for 2013 through 2015, and review that program before the beginning of 2016. In April 2012, the CWA board voted to extend the TSAWR until the end of 2014.

In May 2013, the CWA convened the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force whose purpose was to provide a revised rate structure intended to avoid a situation where conservation results in increased water rates due to reduced revenue from water purchases by member agencies. The task force’s report was first brought to the CWA board as an information item in February 2014. The board expressed a preference to defer action until outstanding issues could be addressed. The desire to include the TSAWR as part of the changes resulting from the task force recommendations led to a one-year extension of that program in June 2014 when the CWA’s 2014-2015 budget was approved. In March 2015, the CWA board approved several of the task force’s recommendations and extended the TSAWR until the end of 2020.

A unanimous CWA board vote in November 2019 approved making the SAWR permanent. That approval was for the framework only and did not include any criteria. The plan was for the CWA to develop and finalize new program guidelines during the first half of Calendar Year 2020 and to initiate new sign-ups during the second half of 2020. The November 2019 approval

also called for an evaluation of the program every five years to review current at the time and forecast demands and supplies.

The specific rates will be part of the budget process. The June 2020 CWA meeting adopted the calendar year 2021 rates and charges, and the PSAWR was included. Future rates will continue to reflect cost of service standards and will be determined annually as part of the annual rate setting process.

On Sept. 24, the CWA approved an ordinance adopting the program and setting eligibility criteria. That action established the Permanent Special Agricultural Water Rate program effective Jan. 1, 2021, and granted existing TSAWR program customers eligibility to participate in the PSAWR program on a temporary basis through June 30, 2021, which will allow member agencies sufficient time to verify compliance with the new PSAWR program’s eligibility requirements.

“We’ve got about six months to get people transitioned,” Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUD, said.

The eligibility criteria for the PSAWR program requires that customers grow or raise for commercial purposes products of an agricultural, horticultural or floricultural nature.

“There is no minimum acreage anymore,” Bebee said. “Instead, the applicants need to be on one of four lists.”

CWA member agencies will be required to confirm that customers are included on one of the four lists: the Regional Water Quality Control Board’s General Agricultural Orders Enrollment

List, the county’s Growers List, the county’s Active Certified Producers List or the county’s Organic Producers List.

“If they’re in the existing program and not on the list they have until July 1,” Bebee said.

As of the beginning of December, the FPUD service area included 128 TSAWR customers on one of the eligibility lists and 216 TSAWR parcels not on any list. FPUD’s website has established a page explaining the TSAWR to PSAWR transition process.

PSAWR customers will pay the MWD Tier 1 untreated supply rate, the melded treatment rate, the transportation rate, the Customer Service Charge which is intended to recover costs which support the operations of the CWA and the Infrastructure Access Charge which is used for CWA fixed expenditures incurred even when water use is reduced and is per meter equivalent rather than based on usage volume. PSAWR customers will not pay the melded supply rate which reflects water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District under the Quantification Settlement Agreement and water produced by the Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant as well as water delivered from MWD, the Storage Charge which recovers costs related to emergency storage programs, the Supply Reliability Charge or other charges related to regional conveyance.

Participation in the PSAWR is voluntary. Although the TSAWR was limited to former IAWP customers, farmers who were not in the TSAWR will be eligible for

the PSAWR.

FPUD also has a Commercial Agriculture Water Rate for customers who meet that requirement and are not in the SAWR. Commercial Agriculture Water Rate customers must produce agricultural, horticultural or floricultural products for human consumption or for the market or products for the feeding of livestock for human consumption or the market including livestock products.

If a Commercial Agriculture Water Rate parcel has a permanent residence the first five units each month, regardless of the number of residences on the property, will be considered to be for domestic rather than for agricultural use. For billing purposes one unit is equal to 1,000 gallons. If a PSAWR parcel has a permanent residence the first 17 units each month will not be eligible for the PSAWR rate.

FPUD’s 2021 PSAWR rates for the first five units each month are \$6.83, while PSAWR customers will pay \$5.86 for the sixth through 17th unit and \$5.06 for each unit beginning with the 18th. Commercial Agriculture Water Rate customers will have 2021 rates of \$6.83 for the first five units and \$5.86 for each additional unit. For domestic customers FPUD’s 2021 rate is \$6.83 for the first five units each month, \$6.92 for the sixth through 30th units and \$7.44 for each unit exceeding 30.

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\$820,000

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Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018776
Name of Business
CALIBER COLLISION CENTERS
1381 South Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Caliber Bodyworks, Inc., 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
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LEGAL: 5352
PUBLISHED: December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018759
Name of Business
CALIBER COLLISION CENTERS
2500 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard Suite 100, Spring Valley, CA 91978
Mailing address: 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
County: San Diego
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This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9020301
Name of Business
STACY'S RAINBOW ORCHARD
1845 Camino Rainbow, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Stacy Ann Salomone, 1845 Camino Rainbow, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Philip Salomone, 1845 Camino Rainbow, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
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January 7, 14, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9020321
Name of Business
S & L PRO CLEANERS, LLC
1825 Christi Dr., Vista, CA 92084
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Rosemary Pyper, 1825 Christi Dr., Vista, CA 92084
b. Oralia Cruz, 4201 Marvin St., Oceanside, CA 92056
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture
The registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 11/24/2020
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LEGAL: 5362
PUBLISHED: December 24, 31, 2020
January 7, 14, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9019406
Name of Business
A CAR NEXT STORE
1119 S Mission Road #195, Fallbrook Ca 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Gery Mel Zimmerman, 1119 S Mission Rd #195, Fallbrook Ca 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/12/20
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LEGAL: 5356
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January 7, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9020009
Name of Business
LOGAN LUV
1849 Wilt Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Logan Taylor Riggs, 1849 Wilt Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 4/27/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 05, 2020
LEGAL: 5357
PUBLISHED: December 17, 24, 31, 2020
January 7, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9020009
Name of Business
a. DYSON AUTO GROUP
b. DYSON'S MOBILE AUTO REPAIR
c. DYSON'S PERFORMANCE DIESELS
21734 Crestline Road, Palomar Mountain, CA 92060
Mailing address: P.O. Box 36, Palomar Mountain, CA 92060
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Dyson Auto Group, LLC, 21734 Crestline Road, Palomar, CA 92060
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
The registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 09/24/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 07, 2020
LEGAL: 5358
PUBLISHED: December 17, 24, 31, 2020
January 7, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9019862
Name of Business
SURFSIDE SKINCARE
4192 Oceanside Blvd Unit 406, Oceanside, CA 92056
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Jennifer Lori Box-Kicinski, 5010 Golondrina Way Unit 63, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 11/3/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 05, 2020
LEGAL: 5359
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January 7, 2021

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2020-00044840-CU-PT-CTL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
SONIA PITTMAN, on behalf of DYLAN ALEXANDER JACQUEZ
Present Name:
DYLAN ALEXANDER JACQUEZ
Proposed Name:
DYLAN KENNETH PITTMAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.*

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 1/20/2021 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 61
The address of the court is 330 W Broadway, San Diego, 92101, Hall of Justice Branch
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
Other parent must be served.
*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a substantial risk to the health and welfare of court personnel and the public, rendering presence in, or access to, the court's facilities unsafe, and pursuant to the emergency orders of the Chief Justice of the State of California and General Orders of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior court, the following Order is made:
NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.
If all requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions.
If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.
A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.
Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: 12/08/2020 Signed: Lorna Alksne, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5360
PUBLISHED: December 17, 24, 31, 2020, January 7, 2021

Abandoned Fic. Biz Name

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number: 2020-9019581
Fictitious Business Name(s) To Be Abandoned:
HOPE CITY
2169 Green Canyon Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 340 S. Lemon Ave #2169, Walnut, CA 91789
County: San Diego

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on 11/06/2019 and assigned File No. 2019-9026910
The fictitious business name is being abandoned by:
Lightfly, LLC, 2169 Green Canyon Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

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Abandonment Fict. Biz Name

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number: 2020-9019626
Fictitious Business Name(s) To Be Abandoned:
JD RAMSEY COMPANY
4412 Brodeia Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: P.O. Box 287 Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on 11/10/15 and assigned File No. 2015-029079
The fictitious business name is being abandoned by:
a. James Robert Ramsey, 4412 Brodeia Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Debra Chaffin Ramsey, 4412 Brodeia Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a married couple
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 21, 2020
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January 7, 2021

Loan No.: STRATTO, LLC TS no. 2020-10024 APN: 222-121-16-00; 679-040-04-00; 679-040-05-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/4/2019, 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 1/20/2021, at 10:00 AM of said day, At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020, Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by STRATTO, LLC recorded on 9/4/2019 in Book n/a of Official Records of SAN DIEGO County, at page n/a, Recorder's Instrument No. 2019-0380560, 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 9/15/2020 as Recorder's Instrument No. 2020-0541229, 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: (See attached Legal Description) Legal Description All That Certain Real Property Situated In The County Of San Diego, State Of California, Described As Follows: Parcel A: Parcel 1 Of Parcel Map No. 3770, Filed In The Office Of The County Recorder Of San Diego County, May 8, 1975, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California. Excepting From All Of The Land Herein Described, Except That Portion Lying Within The Northeast Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Herein Described, All Coal And Other Minerals As Reserved In Patent Deed From The United States Of America. Parcel A1: An Easement For Road And Utility Purposes And Incidental Purposes To Be Used In Common With Others, Over, Along And Across A Strip Of Land 60.00 Feet In Width Lying Within The Southeast Quarter Of Section 27, The West One-Half Of The Northwest Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter Of Section 26, And The South One Third Of The West One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26, All In Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base And Meridian, According To Official Plat Thereof, The Centerline Of Which Is Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southeast Corner Of Said Section 27; Thence Along The Easterly Line Of Said Section 27, North 01° 13' 49" East (Deed North 01° 06' 00" East) 971.76 Feet To The Southeasterly Corner Of Land Described In Parcel 1 In Deed To William Mcgrath, Recorded November 30, 1965 As File No. 215571, Of Official Records, Being Also A Point On The Center Line Of County Road A-28 (Known As Questhaven Road) As Said Road Existed On September 13, 1965 And Being The Date Of Said Deed To Mcgrath Hereinafter Referred To; Thence Along Said Center Line Of Questhaven Road As Described In Said Deed To Mcgrath As Follows: South 73° 13' 00" West, 22.63 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 300.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southeasterly; Thence Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 23° 49' 30" A Distance Of 124.75 Feet; Tangent To Said Curve South 49° 23' 30" West, 206.37 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 150.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Northwesterly; Southwesterly And Westerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 57° 46' 00" A Distance Of 151.23 Feet; Tangent To Said Curve North 72° 50' 30" West, 91.88 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 700.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southerly And Westerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 05° 43' 44" A Distance Of 69.99 Feet To The True Point Of Beginning; Being The Southerly Terminus Of The Herein Established Center Line Of That 60.00 Feet Unlocated Easement As Described In Deed To Clarence C. Peterson, Et Ux, Recorded June 22, 1956 In Book 6152, Page 244, Of Official Records; Thence Along The Herein Established Center Line As Follows: North 06° 22' 26" East, 124.39 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 400.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Westerly; Northerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 12° 10' 00" A Distance Of 84.94 Feet To The Beginning Of A Reverse 380.00 Feet Radius Curve; Northerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 12° 30' 00" A Distance Of 82.90 Feet To The Beginning Of A Reverse 60.00 Feet Radius Curve; Northwesterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 65° 15' 00" A Distance Of 68.33 Feet; Tangent To Said Curve North 58° 32' 34" West, 37.00 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 140.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Northeasterly; Northwesterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 38° 30' 00" A Distance Of 94.07 Feet To The Beginning Of A Reverse 120.00 Feet Radius Curve; Northwesterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 28° 00' 00" A Distance Of 58.64 Feet To The Beginning Of A Reverse 80.00 Feet Radius Curve, Northerly And Northeasterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 72° 19' 22" A Distance Of 100.98 Feet To The Northerly Line Of The Southeast Quarter Of The Southeast Quarter Of Section 27 Continuing Northeasterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 16° 40' 38" A Distance Of 23.29 Feet Tangent To Said Curve North 40° 57' 26" East A Distance Of 188.85 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 1075.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southeasterly; Thence Northeasterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 10° 35' 30" A Distance Of 198.72 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve North 51° 32' 56" East A Distance Of 79.09 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 200.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Northwesterly; Thence Northerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 51° 23' 04" A Distance Of 179.36 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve North 0° 09' 52" East A Distance Of 63.92 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 400.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southeasterly; Thence Northeasterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 17° 56' 40" A Distance Of 125.28 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve North 18° 06' 32" East A Distance Of 211.36 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 100.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southeasterly; Thence Northeasterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 32° 34' 00" A Distance Of 56.84 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve North 50° 40' 32" East A Distance Of 34.17 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 100.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southerly; Thence Northeasterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 44° 25' 02" A Distance Of 77.52 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve South 84° 54' 26" East A Distance Of 401.23 Feet; Thence North A Distance Of 110.98 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 400.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Easterly; Thence Northerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 36° 00' 53" A Distance Of 251.43 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve North 36° 05' 53" East A Distance Of 205.01 Feet; Thence North 59° 38' 56" East A Distance Of 206.27 Feet, More Or Less, To A Point In The Easterly Line Of Said South One Third Of The West One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26, Distant Thereon North 1° 09' 21" West, 183.00 Feet From The Southeast Corner Thereof. The Sidelines Of The Hereinbefore Described 60.00 Feet Easement Shall Be Lengthened And/Or Shortened As To Terminate In The Northerly Line Of Said Questhaven Road And In Said Easterly Line Of The South One Third Of The West One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26 And As To Form A Contiguous Strip Of Land 60.00 Feet In Width. Excepting Therefrom Any Portion, If Any, Lying Within Parcels 1, 2, 3 And 4 Of Parcel Map No. 12242, Parcel A2: An Easement For Road And Utility Purposes And Incidentals Thereto To Be Used In Common With Others Over That Portion Of The Easterly 30.00 Feet Of The South One Third Of The West One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Meridian, According To Official Plat Thereof, Lying Northerly Of The Northwesterly Line Of Parcel A1 Above. Excepting Therefrom Any Portion, If Any, Lying Within Parcels 1, 2, 3 And 4 Of Parcel Map No. 12242, Parcel A3: An Easement For Road And Utility Purposes And Incidentals Thereto Over That Portion Of The East One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base And Meridian, According To Official Plat Thereof, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California, Described As Follows: The Westerly 300.00 Feet Of Said East One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base And Meridian. Excepting Therefrom That Portion Lying Southerly Of The Northeasterly Prolongation Of The Southeasterly Line Of The Above Described Easement Parcel A1. Also Excepting Therefrom That Portion Lying Northerly Of The Southeasterly Line Of The Herein Described Easement Parcel A4. Also Excepting Therefrom, Any Portion, If Any, Lying Within Parcels 1, 2, 3 And 4 Of Parcel Map No. 12242, Parcel A4: An Easement For Road And Utility Purposes And Incidentals Thereto To Be Used In Common With Others Over, Along And Across A Strip Of Land 60.00 Feet In Width Lying Within The South One Half Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base And Meridian, According To Official Plat Thereof, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California, The Center Line Of Which Is Described As Follows: Beginning At The Northwest Corner Of Said Section 26; Thence Easterly Along The Northerly Line Thereof South 89° 36' 57" East A Distance Of 2315.89 Feet; Thence South 0° 16' 36" East A Distance Of 1480.14 Feet To Point "A" Of This Description; Thence South 41° 42' 00" West A Distance Of 434.27 Feet To Point "C" Of This Description; Thence South 16° 38' 30" West A Distance Of 229.56 Feet To The True Point Of Beginning Of The Herein Described Center Line; Thence South 51° 28' 08" West A Distance Of 103.62 Feet; Thence North 82° 15' 51" West A Distance Of 326.42 Feet To A Point In The Arc Of A Non-Tangent 450.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southerly Through Which Point A Radial Bears North 51° 00' 00" East; Thence Westerly Along The Arc Of Said Curve Through A Central Angle Of 109° 10' 00" A Distance Of 857.39 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve South 31° 50' 00" West A Distance Of 260.00 Feet To The Westerly Line Of The East One Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 26. The Sidelines Shall Be Lengthened And/Or Shortened As To Terminate In Said Westerly Line. Excepting Therefrom Any Portion Thereof Lying Within Parcel A. Also Excepting Therefrom Any Portion, If Any, Lying Within Parcels 1, 2, 3 And 4 Of Parcel Map No. 12242, Parcel A5: All Those Certain "Road Easements A, B, C, D And E" As Described In Deed To Walters, Koot, Campbell, Gray, Armstrong And Tuller, Recorded August 28, 1973 As File No. 1973-242715, Of Official Records Of San Diego County, California. Excepting Therefrom Any Portion, If Any, Lying Within Parcels 1, 2, 3 And 4 Of Parcel Map No. 12242, Parcel B: Parcel 3 Of Parcel Map No. 2520, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California, Filed In The Office Of The County Recorder Of San Diego County, April 4, 1974, As File No. 1974-085346, Of Official Records. Parcel B1: An Easement For Road Purposes Over That Portion Of Parcels 1 And 2, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California, As Shown On Parcel Map Recorded In Book Of Parcel Maps At Page 2520, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of San Diego County, April 4, 1974, Lying Within That Certain 60.00 Foot Strip Designated As "Proposed Private Road Easement". Parcel B2: An Easement For Road Purposes Over A Strip Of Land 60.00 Feet In Width In The Strip Designated As The Southeast Quarter Of Section 27, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base And Meridian, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California, According To Official Plat Thereof, The Center Line Of Said 60.00 Feet Easement Being Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point In The North Line Of Said South Half Of The Southeast Quarter Distant South 88°51'14" West, 748.17 Feet From The Northeast Corner Thereof Being The Intersection Of Said North Line With The Center Line Of The Proposed Private Road Easement As Shown On Parcel Map No. 2520, Filed In The Office Of The County Recorder Of San Diego County, Being Also A Point In The Arc Of An 80.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Easterly, A Radial Bears North 65°43'12" West To Said Point; Thence Along Said Center Line Southerly Along Said Curve Through An Angle Of 72°19'22" A Distance Of 100.98 Feet To A Reverse 120.00 Feet Radius Curve; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Curve Through An Angle Of 28°00' A Distance Of 58.64 Feet To A Reverse 140.00 Feet Radius Curve; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Curve Through An Angle Of 38°30' A Distance Of 94.07 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve South 58°32'34" East, 37.00 Feet To A Tangent 60.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southwesterly; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Curve Through An Angle Of 65°15' A Distance Of 68.33 Feet To A Reverse 380.00 Feet Radius Curve; Thence Southerly Along Said Curve Through An Angle Of 12°30' A Distance Of 82.90 Feet To A Reverse 400.00 Feet Radius Curve; Thence Tangent To Said Curve Through An Angle Of 12°10' A Distance Of 84.94 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve South 6°22'26" West, 124.39 Feet To The Southerly Line Of The Land Described In Deed To William H. Mcgrath, Recorded November 30, 1965 As File No. 1965-215571, Of Official Records. Said 60.00 Feet Easement To Terminate In Said North Line Of The South Half And In Said Southerly Line Of Mcgrath Land. Parcel B3: An Easement For Ingress And Egress Over, Along And Across All That Portion Of Parcel 2, In The City Of San Marcos, County Of San Diego, State Of California, According To Parcel Map No. 2520, Filed In The Office Of The County Recorder Of San Diego County, April 4, 1974, Lying Within A Strip Of Land, 16.00 Feet In Width, The Centerline Of Which Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point In The Northerly Line Of Said Parcel 2, Distant Thereon South 88°35'12" East (South 88°34'40" East), 08.04 Feet From The Northwest Corner Thereof, Said Point Being On The Arc Of A 400.00 Feet Radius Curve, A Radial Line To Said Point Bears South 60°33'24" East; Thence Southwesterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve, Through A Central Angle Of 5°20'55" A Distance Of 37.34 Feet; Thence Tangent To Said Curve, South 34°47'31" West, 68.48 Feet To The Beginning Of A Tangent 400.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Southeasterly; Thence Southwesterly Along The Arc Of Said Curve, Through A Central Angle Of 21°15'12", A Distance Of 148.38 Feet To The Beginning Of A Reverse 400.00 Feet Radius Curve, Concave Northwesterly; Thence Southwesterly Along The Arc Of Said Reverse Curve, From An Initial Radial Bearing Of South 78°27'41" East, Through A Central Angle Of 46° 11'34", A Distance Of 322.49 Feet To A Point In The Northwesterly Line Of Said Parcel 2, Distant Thereon South 26°37'15" West, 532.39 Feet From The Northwesterly Corner Thereof, A Radial Line To Said Point Bears South 30°16'07" East Said Point Also Being The Southerly Terminus Of The Herein Described Centerline. The Sidelines Of Said Strip Of Land To Be Prolonged Or Shortened To Terminate Northerly In The Northerly Line Of Said Parcel 2 And Southwesterly In The Northwesterly Line Of Said Parcel 2.

The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: Vacant Land (0000 Attebury Road, San Marcos, CA 92078). Said property appears to have no known street address or other common designation. Directions thereto may be obtained by submitting written request to the Beneficiary at: Fawnskin, Inc., c/o Timothy McCandless, 26875 Calle Hermosa, Ste. A, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624, within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness of directions obtained from said Beneficiary. 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 \$213,990.43. 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 2020-10024. 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 www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2020-10024 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: December 17, 2020 Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Christopher Loria, Trustee's Sale Officer P.O. Box 3552, Paso Robles, CA 93447 (SEAL) Tel.: (805) 296-3176 Fax: (805) 323-9054 Trustee's Sale Information: (916) 939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com NPP0372464 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 12/24/2020, 12/31/2020, 01/07/2021

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BUSINESS

Vanderlaan named LAFCO chair, reappointed to new term



Bonsall Village News/Courtesy photo resident Andy Vanderlaan is the new chair of San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission.

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Bonsall resident Andy Vanderlaan will chair the 2021

meetings of San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission, and he was also reappointed for another four-year term on the LAFCO board.

One 8-0 LAFCO vote, Dec. 7, reappointed Vanderlaan as LAFCO's public member. A separate 8-0 vote elected Vanderlaan as the LAFCO board chair for 2021 while electing county Supervisor Jim Desmond as the vice chair for the 2021 meetings.

The public member's term actually expires in April 2021. LAFCO had the option of reappointing Vanderlaan or seeking additional applicants. The reappointment of Vanderlaan was contingent upon his willingness to serve a seventh term.

"I'm inclined to do that," he said.

LAFCO decided to reappoint Vanderlaan for the term beginning in May 2021 and expiring in April 2025.

"That's great to be honored that way," Vanderlaan said. "I really appreciate it."

Vanderlaan had been LAFCO's vice chair for the 2020 meetings. County Supervisor Dianne Jacob was the 2020 chair. The Dec. 7 meeting was the final one for Jacob as a LAFCO board member, as she is retiring from the board of supervisors after 28 years. Jacob had been one of the board of supervisors' representatives on the LAFCO board for the entire 28-year period.

"The whole meeting on Monday was about Dianne Jacob and her legacy," Vanderlaan said. "She was really the change agent for the supervisors."

Jacob led the efforts, both on the board of supervisors and at LAFCO, to create a county fire department. The San Diego County Regional Fire Authority was created in 2008 and was originally a zone within the San Diego County Regional Communications

System so that LAFCO could merely authorize fire protection and emergency medical service latent powers for that county service area rather than create a new agency. Earlier this year the county and LAFCO undertook the process of separating the county fire department from the Regional Communications System. The San Diego County Fire Protection District became official when a protest hearing earlier in the Dec. 7 meeting indicated that no protests had occurred.

The fire protection district thus came into being on Jacob's final day as a LAFCO board member.

"It was meant to happen," Vanderlaan said.

The 2021 LAFCO chairmanship will thus be Vanderlaan's seventh.

"It's just wonderful to do that. I'll do my best to serve as well as Dianne and others," he said. "It's a very rewarding honor that the commission would select me as chair for another year. It's going

to be a pretty active year."

Vanderlaan lives in the Rainbow Municipal Water District. Rainbow and the Fallbrook Public Utility District have applied to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and annex to the Eastern Municipal Water District.

"That's going to be pretty interesting," Vanderlaan said.

Vanderlaan's post-retirement activities included a year as president of the Boys and Girls Club and coaching basketball at the Boys and Girls Club, Fallbrook High School at the junior varsity level and Potter Junior High School. He is currently on the board of education for Zion Christian School, which now includes a preschool and a learning center for children up to 12th grade as well as an elementary school.

This article has been edited for space; to see the full-length version, visit www.villagenews.com.

Despite pandemic, 2020 was a very productive year for the FPUD

Jack Bebee
General Manager
Fallbrook Public Utility District

Without a doubt, 2020 has been quite a year. For many of us, it's a year we'd all probably just soon forget.

But, believe it or not, there have been many bright spots. Some very bright spots, actually.

Here in Fallbrook, for example, we've made tremendous progress this year to make our water supply more reliable and affordable for our customers.

After years of discussion and litigation, construction of the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project is now in full swing. The project, a partnership between the Fallbrook Public Utility District and Camp Pendleton, will create a local water supply by capturing the water that runs through the river instead of just letting it flow into the ocean.

Here's how it will work:

Water from the Santa Margarita River will be collected at the Marine base and stored temporarily underground. Some of the water will be kept for use on the base while some will be pumped back to

Fallbrook through a new pipeline. Here it will be processed in a new treatment facility, which is now under construction on Alturas Road along with a new pump station and reservoir. Once treated, the water will be distributed to Fallbrook water customers.

The project is on track to be completed by 2022. When it opens, it will produce, on average, almost 50% of Fallbrook's water supply, reducing our need to buy water from outside wholesalers.

Also, this year, our effort to part ways with the San Diego County Water Authority – which has raised water costs considerably over the past decade – is picking up steam. The process is called detachment.

If detachment goes forward, instead of continuing to purchase our water from the Water Authority, we have signed an agreement, and we will purchase water from the Eastern Municipal Water District in southern Riverside County at a savings of \$3-4 million a year.

The water supply from Eastern would also be as reliable as the water we're receiving today from the Water Authority.

In March, we submitted our detachment application to the San

Diego Local Agency Formation Commission. LAFCO is a group of elected and appointed officials from around the county who are tasked with deciding issues regarding jurisdictional boundaries like annexations and detachments involving cities and special districts, including water districts.

LAFCO has created an advisory committee to review our application and make a recommendation to the full commission. The commission could vote on this as soon as this summer. If they approve it, the matter would ultimately be subject to a vote within Fallbrook.

Despite the pandemic, 2020 was a very productive year for our district. We're very grateful to our employees for all their hard work, and to you, our customers, for your steady support.

As the year winds down, we're now setting our sights on 2021, which should be another fruitful year. Along with our detachment effort and other initiatives, we will begin planning our district's 100th Anniversary celebration in 2022. Stay tuned, there's a lot more to come on this.



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Prepare your business for the new year

Kyle Hotchkiss
Digital Marketing Strategist

This year’s holiday season has been one like we have never experienced. Cities are under decorated, malls lack kiosks and events are canceled. Families are burdened with the decision of isolating themselves from one another or gathering for some holiday cheer. It would be an understatement to say that it is a confusing and difficult time for all Americans.

The same can be said in the business world. Businesses have been treading water all year, and many of them have lost sight of their goals and their plans. Salaries and budgets were cut, workers were laid off and companies downsized just to stay afloat.

Unfortunately, business owners have lost the time to really focus on the business practices that will keep them afloat and growing against all odds going into 2021.

Digital marketing practices are crucial to the modern business organization and amid consistent lockdown policies in California, they are necessary for survival. Hardly anyone is going out and visiting local businesses anymore, and all these interactions have gone directly online.

Businesses have to ask themselves some important questions. Do they have a functional and up-to-date website? Is their website receiving traffic or facilitating the growth of their business? Are they active on social media? Are they cultivating their relationships with their online prospects through email marketing?

It is so important that businesses answer these questions and work to rectify problems that they may have encountered while answering them.

If there was anything that small businesses could do right now to help themselves, it would be

to answer these questions, to find solutions to their problems and to use those answers as a starting point for developing a strong digital marketing plan for 2021. Businesses must address their online presence and start incorporating solutions to perfect their marketing plans while preparing for the new year.

All businesses can benefit these tasks. At Reeder Media, we have seen it all year long. We’ve helped clients with their digital marketing pursuits helping them yield more than 700% on their marketing investment.

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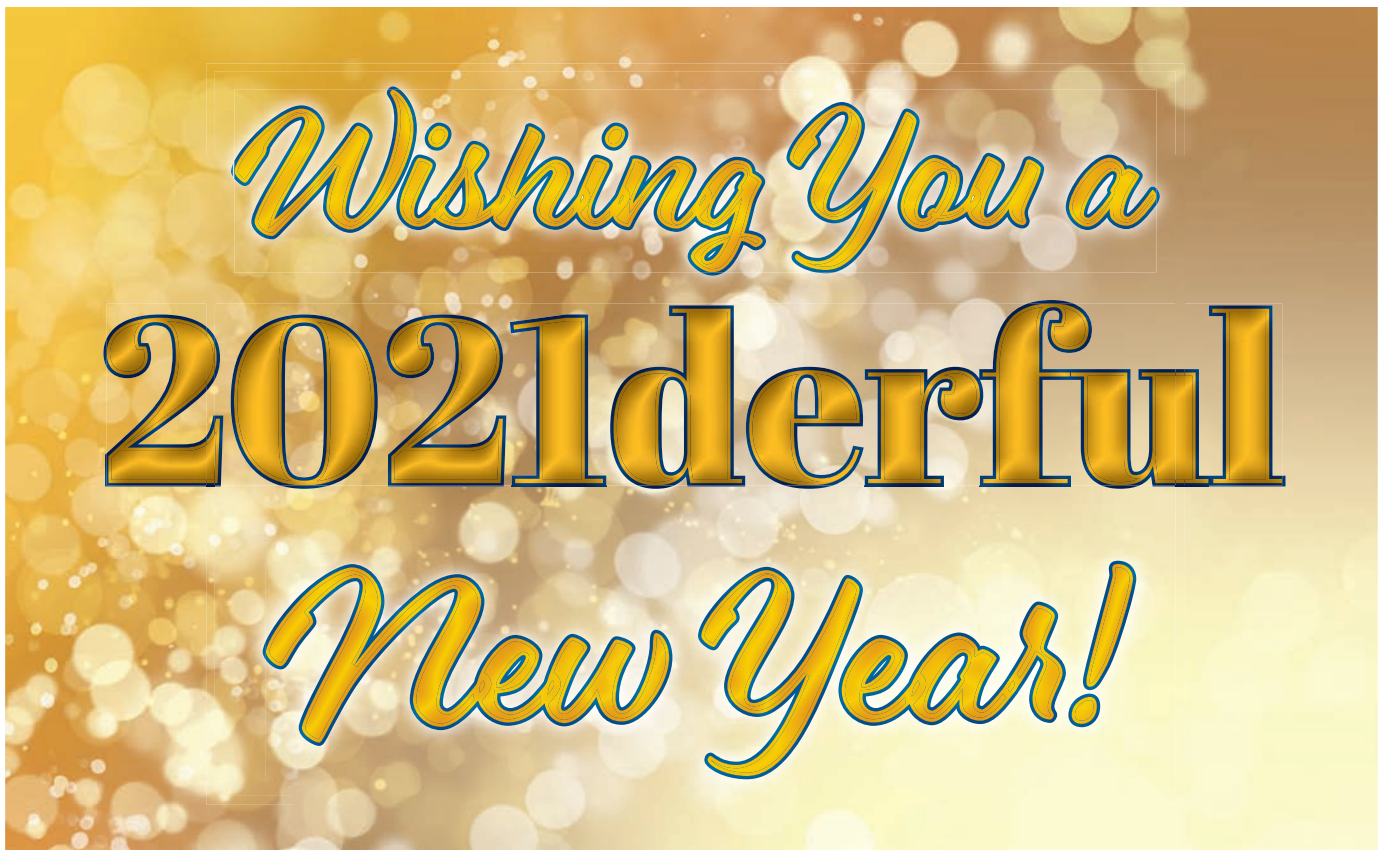
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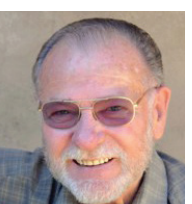
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A YEAR IN REVIEW



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Christmas Eve brush fire forces more than 7,000 Fallbrook residents to evacuate

Evacuations were lifted by Thursday evening, and the 4,200-acre Creek Fire was 98% contained at press time

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

A large brush fire that broke out in De Luz late Dec. 23 spread into Camp Pendleton and triggered mandatory evacuations in Fallbrook early Dec. 24 – an unwelcome Christmas Eve surprise for the thousands of Fallbrook residents who were forced to leave their homes. The fire’s size had been expanded to more than 3,000 acres with 0% containment on Thursday morning, but authorities said at the time that firefighters had encircled the blaze and expected to control it. By Dec. 28, the fire was 98% contained at about 4,200 acres.

Homes along much of the northwestern corner of Fallbrook were placed under evacuation orders on Wednesday night and much of Thursday, as the blaze, dubbed the Creek Fire, extended into Camp Pendleton

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The Creek Fire extends into Camp Pendleton west of DeLuz Road as firefighters work at containment, Dec. 24. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Will Fritz: My year in review

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

There’s really no other way to put it: 2020 has been a crazy year. From elections, to the wildfires that are an ever-present danger here in Southern California, to the raging pandemic that has upended all of our lives, there has simply been a lot of news to cover.

There is not nearly enough room in this newspaper to do all of it justice, and indeed, it has often felt like there was not enough time to cover it all. All of that said, I have put together some thoughts on six of what I consider to be my most noteworthy stories I have written for Village News in 2020.

Some of them were stories that I simply enjoyed covering. Many of them, though, are not stories that anyone “enjoys” writing – but they are important, and must be done nonetheless. Here they are:

Longtime Fallbrook resident teaches children anti-bullying through storytelling (Jan. 17)

Starting off the year on a light

note, in January I interviewed a longtime Fallbrook resident who has made it her mission to educate children about diversity and acceptance through storytelling.

Arlene Yates, who lived in town for nearly 30 years before moving to nearby Temecula, is a professional musician, songwriter and recording artist with more than four decades of performing experience.

In recent years, she’s taken her skills and put them to use teaching children to be tolerant and kind and not to be bullies through her character Haja, a boy who is teased by his peers for his unusually long arms.

After publishing books about Haja that are aimed at children who are just learning how to read, Yates got the attention of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District and recording artist with more than four decades of performing experience.

Recently, she was hired as a teaching artist for the district.

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Arlene Yates shows off a puppet of Haja, a character she created to teach students anti-bullying messages. Valley News/Will Fritz photo

Planning group defers recommendation on Sandia Creek Drive gate

Joe Naiman
Village News reporter

The Fallbrook Community Planning Group deferred a recommendation on a proposed gate on Sandia Creek Drive.

A 10-4 vote Dec. 21, with one vacant seat, continued the item until the planning group’s January 18 meeting.

“I think there are too many questions that are unanswered,” said planning group chair Jack Wood. “I think it’s premature at this point to call for a vote.”

Wood himself wasn’t aware of a Jan. 7 virtual county meeting on the request for an Administrative Permit for the gate until that meeting was mentioned during the planning group meeting. During the January 7 meeting beginning at 6 p.m. county staff will provide information on the application for the gate and will obtain public feedback. The meeting can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/SandiaCreek1> or by calling 619-343-5239 and providing conference identification number 761 745 347.

The questions to be answered include access for service delivery and for residents south of the gate for whom Sandia Creek Drive is the legitimate route to Temecula rather than a shortcut, gate operation in the case of a power failure, sharing of the gate code with non-residents, cost assessment for property owners, and use of private property for the gate and for turnarounds.

“It’s never wise to enter into an agreement when you don’t know all the details,” said planning group member Kim Murphy.

The road maintenance agreement for more than two miles of private road was approved in 1989. Maintenance of the road is paid for by 56 property owners.

Residents of Sandia Creek Drive and Sandia Creek Terrace have requested the gate to limit access

to the private road portion of Sandia Creek Drive to residents and invited guests.

“Our private road was never intended to support the volume of traffic we are experiencing,” said Alma Carpenter.

Carpenter cited an average daily traffic volume of 3,600 vehicles. In August 2019 the county’s Department of Public Works (DPW) conducted traffic surveys (DPW) conducted traffic surveys 3,000 feet north of Rock Mountain Drive on two consecutive days as part of the process for placing a seven-ton weight limit on the public portion of Sandia Creek Drive which became effective in November 2020. The traffic survey counted 1,830 vehicles the first day and 1,809 drivers the second day.

“The residents in their neighborhoods deserve not to have to pay for damage,” said planning group member Lee DeMeo.

“The increased volume of traffic is rapidly deteriorating our road,”

Carpenter said. “We are also experiencing increasing accidents in both frequency and severity.”

The road characteristics include grades of up to 21 percent and limited sight distance. Carpenter said that Sandia Creek Drive has had 44 accidents, including three fatal ones, since 2013. “The danger is extremely high. As residents we must use Sandia Creek Drive to access our homes. The cut-through commuters have alternate routes,” she said. “We determined that a gate is the only reasonable solution.”

Information on the proposed gate plan, including turnarounds, was provided to neighborhood residents. The property owners voted on a two-gate project which received support from approximately 80 percent of the landowners.

Support for the two-gate plan was not provided by DPW. “We

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LOCAL

Life and stories locally carry on despite COVID-19 shadow

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

While the 2020 conversation was seemingly dominated by COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, and the 2020 National Election, there were plenty of stories Village News covered and wrote about during the year that were important as well.

From closures to landmark birthday celebrations to new ways of doing things, life in Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow carried on.

Jan. 9
Myrtle Creek Botanical Gardens & Nursery, a Fallbrook landmark settled in the late 1800s which had been transformed into one of Fallbrook’s hidden gems, recently announced it would be closing its doors to the public. “It has been a fabulous & successful 40 years,” a statement on Myrtle Creek’s website said. “Thank you so much for your support over those years. We have made the difficult decision to close our gates to the public.”

Jan. 24
A judge ruled Tuesday, Jan. 21 that Charles “Chase” Merritt will be put to death for the killing of the McStay family of Fallbrook in 2010, less than a month shy of the 10-year anniversary of the day the family was reported missing. San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith upheld the recommendation the jury made on June 24, 2019, which said Merritt should be put to death for the murders of Summer McStay and her two young sons and recommended life in prison without parole for the murder of Joseph McStay. After a six month trial, Merritt was found guilty of bludgeoning to death Joseph and Summer McStay and the couple’s young sons – 4-year-old Gianni and 3-year-old Joseph Jr. – in 2010 and burying their bodies in a San Bernardino desert.

Feb. 5
Last week it was announced that Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce CEO Lila MacDonald would visit Sacramento in March to attend a luncheon and a state session at the Capitol where she will be honored as Woman of the Year by District 75 Assemblymember Marie Waldron. “At first it was surreal,” MacDonald said. “I mean, when you think about how many people are in the district it kind of blows me away and truly I’m used to honoring other people because I’m working for the cause, not the applause.”

Feb. 13
Chris Hasvold, who owns Coldwell Banker Village Properties along with wife, Lisa, was named President of the North San Diego County Association of Realtors (NSDCAR) for the year 2020.

“Basically the President’s role is to lead the board and the board’s role is to set the vision for the organization,” Hasvold said. “And there’s more change going on in our industry right now than I’ve ever seen in 40 years in the business.”

Feb. 24
While students were away from school on Tuesday, Feb. 18, the North County Fire Protection District hosted an active shooter drill at Fallbrook High School. The full-scale exercise included representative participants from North County Fire Protection District, Vista Fire, Camp Pendleton Fire, Pala Fire, Cal Fire, and North Comm., as well as San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, California Highway Patrol, United States Customs and Border Protection, the Oceanside Police Department. Representatives from Fallbrook Union High School and the district were in attendance and Fallbrook High students from the JROTC participated in the drill as victims.

“These aren’t real fun drills to put on, especially for school officials, they are hoping we are never here doing this, hopefully, we’re not,” NCFPD Division Chief Keith McReynolds said.

March 9
“I am so lucky to have such great friends that they have some pretty amazing moms,” Kaitlyn

McKinney told her mother after watching some of her closest friends drive by her house offering surprise birthday wishes.

The surprise birthday party parade was organized by soccer parents from Kaitlyn’s soccer team, Fallbrook Villa ‘07 Girls, Dylan Deforest and Amanda Lucy. About 10 to 12 cars paraded by for surprised Kaitlyn including members of her soccer team and friends from her school, Sullivan Middle.

March 16
As COVID-19 restrictions pressed down on local businesses, some were feeling the sting. “We are all feeling it downtown, everyone down here are feeling it, all the merchants and restaurants,” Reyna Beckler, owner of Sage Yoga Studios, said. “It’s not just me and I’m hoping I can come out of this and the students will come back. But I know some people may never recover some businesses. Nobody knows, it could be two weeks and someone said this morning it could be up to eight weeks. And I’m thinking, ‘Yeah, this is not good.’”

March 22
Rainbow Oaks Restaurant was hoping a new promotion would help them clean up during a difficult time. The longtime Rainbow eatery tried to help the community deal with the ongoing coronavirus outbreak by offering much-needed supplies for sale to surrounding neighbors. The community is responding by purchasing the supplies and supporting the restaurant by ordering take out from the restaurant’s full menu. The best part, they got a free roll of toilet paper with every takeout order.

March 23
Fallbrook Union High School Principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias informed the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2019-20 school year that they had earned their statuses in a Google Hangout call with the students and their parents last Friday. Emiliano Corona was named Valedictorian and Audrey Gillcrst was Salutatorian.

“Both these students are super deserving, they are hard-working, studious beyond words, and just great, awesome humble human beings,” Dr. Iglesias said. “I am so proud of them and their families have just been part of every aspect of our community and always 100% supportive.”

A Fallbrook transitional house is helping homeless work back into life. Kevin is loyal to his soil and the Fallbrook Union High School graduate has always lived in Fallbrook. “This is my home,” he said. “I’ve never been homeless anywhere else — just here in Fallbrook.” Now he runs the place, making sure everyone staying in the home is doing what they’re supposed to be doing to progress.

April 7
Connor Eckert, 14, is just doing for everyone else in his community that which gives him the most joy and peace — playing his bagpipe. Most evenings, the eighth-grade bagpiper who competes all over Southern California, practices his craft, sending tunes into the evening sky. “He practices his bagpipes every day and hopes that people can hear his music through the hills of Fallbrook and find comfort during this scary time,” Cat Eckert, his mother, said.

The third time was a charm for Fallbrook resident Kattie Corirossi, who was scheduled to be on the longtime CBS game show, “The Price is Right” on Wednesday, May 6. “I can honestly say, since I’m not married and I don’t have any kids yet, that was literally one of the most exciting things I’ve ever done,” Corirossi said.

April 14
“We’re going to be communicating to our families that we are going to celebrate our students via virtual graduation,” Fallbrook Union High School principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias told Village News. “It’s been a tough, tough year. Believe me, my heart is completely broken and I know that nothing I say or do will really heal the hurt and frustration that they’re feeling. While we’re hopeful for a summer celebration of sorts, I



Myrtle Creek Botanical Gardens & Nursery closed its doors on Dec. 30. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Charles 'Chase' Merritt was sentenced to death by San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith on Friday, Jan. 17. Courtesy photo/Law & Crime Network



Students portraying severely wounded victims of an active shooter are evacuated on backboards by first responders during a drill at Fallbrook High School. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Kevin sits on the front porch of the homeless transitional home that he is in charge of in Fallbrook. Not long ago, Kevin was living on the streets of Fallbrook, the community in which he grew up. Village News/Jeff Pack photo



Jackie Heyneman helps to trim an oak tree at Live Oak Park. Heyneman and other Village News/Courtesy photo volunteers have been planting 100 new trees inside the park to commemorate the park's 100th birthday.



Bonsall's Michael Casteneda turns his white pigeons loose in the morning so they can fly and stretch their wings before returning for their morning meal. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

feel it's incredibly important to acknowledge and celebrate their accomplishments as we bring a close to the school year."

April 28

For many of the seniors graduating from Bonsall High School this year, it wasn't exactly how they pictured they would be celebrating the end of their high school career — but it wasn't that bad either.

"This wasn't exactly what I had envisioned for our graduation ceremony, but I'm so grateful that we got to celebrate in some shape and form," Heather Holdo, one of BHS's valedictorians said from the front seat of her parents' car on Friday. "I'm very glad to have graduated with a class that I did."

"It's been very different from what I had expected. I was a little sad when there was the whole canceling of all the classes because I knew I wouldn't necessarily be able to hang out with my friends again in the same way or finish off my senior year the way I had planned. But I'm looking forward to the future and to getting my degree at UCLA."

Holdo, along with her fellow classmates were invited to a drive-through graduation ceremony, put on by the staff and district, that featured a drive-up cap and gown delivery, drive-through diploma handoff, a car show by a local car club, music from a live DJ and lots and lots of cheering from BHS staff, Sheriff's deputies, North County Fire, and U.S. Marine Corps representatives.

June 4

When the 8th graders at Potter Jr. High School began their final school year before entering high school, it's likely none of them could have imagined they would be sent home in March never to return to the school as a student. On Friday, May 29, Potter released its 8th Grade Commencement video online. "Although our year was cut short, we had a great year full of many memories," Dr. Edie Powers said. We miss you, we love you and congratulations to the class of 2020."

Fallbrook Union High School seniors and their families were able to watch a virtual graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 3, but received news on Tuesday that there will be another series of events to celebrate seniors, this time in person. "I'm extremely excited about it," Principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias said. "Parents and students have been asking for different opportunities to have a graduation. Again, it's not the ideal scenario,

but it is something that parents have now started to ask about since they've seen other drive-through graduation ceremonies in nearby areas. And we get to have some closure and we are able to give our students their diplomas as well."

June 18

For FUHS Principal Dr. Narciso Iglesias, being able to look into the eyes of all of the school's 2020 graduates after they picked up their diplomas last week meant a lot to him. All of the graduates from the three schools were invited to the drive-through diploma ceremonies, meaning the students were allowed out of their cars and had the opportunity to walk across the stage, be acknowledged by school staff and administrators, and be photographed professionally with their diploma. "What I'm hearing from parents is that they felt overwhelmed and they were quite surprised by how much effort and energy we put into this," Dr. Iglesias said.

July 2

It was a good problem to have at the Santa Margarita River Preserve if they are being honest. The preserve had been experiencing large crowds flocking to the area since the preserve reopened on May 9. They wanted people to enjoy the natural resources that the river valley provides, but cars were parking illegally on streets along De Luz Road and Sandia Creek Drive and some of the visitors are entering the preserve closer to where they are parking, creating their own pathways, and trampling on sensitive ecological resources to avoid having to backtrack to the main trailhead.

"There has been a recent surge of visitation over the last three months that has led to issues related to overcrowding which subsequently has led to natural resource impacts that have raised alarm for me and my counterparts with the County Department of Parks and Recreation," Zach Kantor-Anaya, Regional Director of The Wildlands Conservancy, said.

July 9

Bonsall ballerina, Keliah Peterson, 14, hopes one day to fulfill her dream of studying full time at the Royal Ballet School in England. A February performance by Keliah at a Los Angeles audition for the Youth America Grand Prix resulted in the world-renowned school awarding her a short-term scholarship. "The Royal Ballet is my dream school and company to work for as a career someday," Keliah said. "I just love it there." Of

course, because of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the school, like a lot of things are closed down. Keliah and her mom aren't sure when she will have the opportunity to go train in the UK.

"I've been in restaurants my whole life," Scott Anders said. "I'm 45, so, since high school. My parents had one. When I was in grade school, my grandparents owned one franchise ... I have many, many friends from the restaurant business that have their own back in St. Louis and in LA. I've done everything from fast food management to fine dining to bars and clubs, the whole gamut. But this is the first one I've owned outright." Anders and his wife Lori are the new owners of Café des Artistes in Fallbrook, taking over for longtime owner Michael Calvanese who handed over ownership on April 10.

July 16

There are few things more "Fallbrook" than Live Oak Park. For those that grew up in the town, there have been picnics and birthday parties held there, public events, celebrations, remembrances, weddings, and quiet moments away. And it has been that way for a century — officially the park celebrated its 100th birthday on Friday, July 17 — and in true Live Oak Park fashion, it was a subdued affair. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the original centennial celebration plan was to host a two-day special event starting with a movie in the park event on Friday and culminating with family fun and interpretive activities on Saturday. The coronavirus, however, has put such celebrations on hold but it seemed almost appropriate that the park turns 100 in the midst of a pandemic, similar to the Spanish Flu that was coming to an end back in 1920.

On Tuesday, July 7, Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center celebrated the opening of its satellite office in Fallbrook, located at the Fallbrook Regional Health District offices. "Michelle's Place has provided resources to Fallbrook and surrounding areas for the last four years," Kim Gerrish, Executive Director of Michelle's Place. "We know there is a need for resources there. Having a physical presence in Fallbrook for North

County cancer patients has been a priority for several years."

When Chef Daniel Elliot found out that Jonathan and Jennifer Arbell, owners of Oink and Moo Burgers & BBQ, were getting out of the restaurant business, Elliot said he reached out.

"(We) worked out a deal with them ... I have a business partner and he purchased the building and I have the lease and the rest was history," Elliot said of his new place, Smokin' Bird BBQ. "Now I'm here."

July 30

In a video shared with students and parents at Fallbrook Union High School last Friday, FUHSD Superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez outlined what school at Fallbrook Union High School, Oasis and Ivy high schools will look like when school starts in August. On July 17, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered schools within the state of California located in counties on the COVID-19 watch list — and San Diego County is one of those counties — to begin the school year with distance learning.

"Like you, myself and the Fallbrook Union High School District community, Governor Newsom and the California Department of Education concur that learning must resume," Garza-Gonzalez said. "And if distance learning is our safest option, it must look very different from how it looked late spring."

Aug. 6

Hot Summer Nights are canceled thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic and state and local government restrictions on large gatherings, but on Saturday, Aug. 1, it was indeed hot and a summer night when Main Ave. was closed in portions to allow local restaurants to expand into the streets. While the temperature hovered around 90 degrees at about 4:30 p.m., there were still residents ready to enjoy some of downtown Fallbrook's favorite eateries and brewpubs.

Sept. 24

The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce's State of the Chamber event was unlike any other in the business-promoting organization's history. First, the entire event held on Wednesday, Sept. 16, was shorter in length than any previously and nobody was allowed to physically attend either. That's of course because the entire event was held virtually via a Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and restrictions regarding large gatherings.

Oct. 1

In one respect, it is remarkable that the community of Fallbrook doesn't already have a weekly farmers market in town and perhaps equally so as to why the town doesn't have it's own vintage swap meet. No matter, both are now in the works and could arrive within the next month or so, with one starting sooner than the other. We are starting a farmer's market on Saturdays," Lila MacDonald, CEO of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, said. "Again, lots of people have asked and it just has not become a reality and now it can be." Robert Sommers, owner of the Blue Heron Gallery for the past 23 years, is proposing to bring a vintage swap meet to Fallbrook, hopefully by the end of the year, if not sooner.

"I've been in contact with hundreds of great vendors and Fallbrook residents that want to be on board," he said.

Oct. 19

James Wallace grew up in

Laguna Hills and San Clemente and was attending Saddleback College when 9/11 happened. Not long after that, he enlisted in the United States Army.

"I was in for three and a half years," he said. "I was (working with) Patriot missiles. I spent two of those years in Korea and I ended up getting hurt over there."

Until he was medically discharged, he hadn't really given art much thought, but now he's pursuing art full time. "(Painting) was like a pain release, I mean, it takes your mind somewhere else and it's an escape."

Nov. 26

A week ahead of Thanksgiving, the Fallbrook Union High School District's Food Services Department provided thousands of area children and their families with a Thanksgiving box as part of its meal distribution program on Thursday, Nov. 19. Included in the packages handed out Thursday morning and afternoon was a ham, carrots, celery, potatoes, cans of cream of mushrooms, grapes, a whole pizza, milk and chocolate milk, a pumpkin pie, and more. They partnered with Albertsons and Grocery Outlet to obtain items that they don't generally obtain from their food distributor.

Dec. 10

A fire that broke out in the home of well-known horse rescue center owners Friday, Dec. 4 that also spread to surrounding vegetation was contained and extinguished by firefighters, but not in time to save the home. The residents, Ron and Crystal Wylie, and their daughter Kiersti, who operate the Sandia Creek Ranch Auxiliary Foundation (scraf.org) for horse rescue, escaped unharmed although one of their cats reportedly died in the fire. Friends said they lost everything else at the estimated 3,000-square-foot house with a walk-out basement in the 40300 block of Sandia Creek Drive.

Bonsall's Michael Casteneda doesn't raise and care for his white pigeons because he hopes to make a buck. He doesn't do it for the competitions.

He raises his 40 or so birds for the sheer joy of it. "They are a joy to watch," he said. "They give you calm feelings. My neighbors are always stopping me when I'm out in front. They tell me how beautiful and how much they enjoy coming home in the evening after work, you know, fighting with the public and doing whatever they do at work. They enjoy watching and they just bring a lot of joy to the Earth when there's so much garbage out there."

Dec. 25

Chris Ingraham, Post Commander of the Charles E. Swisher Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924, is anticipating a big Christmas day for the post and its members and volunteers. "With this current COVID stay-at-home order, we think we will have even more than we had for Thanksgiving because there are actually people that aren't gonna go anywhere," Ingraham said. "We're expecting about 800 meals to be either takeout or delivered for Christmas."

During its Monday, Dec. 14 meeting, the Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees approved a contract between the district and Fallbrook High School Teachers Association and a memorandum of understanding between the district that would set hybrid learning for limited students to begin only when San Diego County returns to the red tier and more students when the county hits the orange tier of Gov. Gavin Newsom's framework for reopening.

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OPINION

Helping the helpers



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75 (R)

The holiday season is traditionally a time of giving. It’s also appropriate at this time of the year to support organizations in our area that reach out to help those in need. Locally, many organizations are available to provide assistance, but these groups depend on all of us for their support, especially during the current pandemic.

These organizations include Western Eagle Foundation of Temecula, which assists people

throughout Southern California with food, clothing and personal items, and Community Mission of Hope, which also provides food for those in need. Charity for Charity, my 2018 “Non-Profit of the Year,” fulfills wishes for individuals with life-threatening illness or traumatic injuries.

Fallbrook charities include the Angel Society, funded through the Angel Thrift Shop downtown, which has provided over \$4 million in charitable grants since 1978, along with the Fallbrook Food Pantry, which makes approximately 25,000 home visits and distributes about 1 million pounds of food each year.

And don’t forget groups like Interfaith Community Services and the Wounded Warriors food pantry, helping to provide food and other vital services throughout the region.

On the healthcare front, noteworthy organizations include Neighborhood Healthcare of Escondido, my 2017 “Non-Profit of the Year,” serving over 76,000 people annually, and Palomar Health foundation, which provides support to the Palomar Health District, including help in obtaining badly needed PPE for healthcare workers caring for COVID patients. And with homelessness on the rise, Solutions for Change has stepped up to serve homeless families throughout the North County region.

These are just a very few of the local organizations that make a huge difference every day. They deserve our respect, our thanks, our support and our prayers in their daily quest to make a difference in the lives of thousands.

Assemblymember Marie Waldron, R-Escondido, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

Kicking It for a Happy New Year, 2021

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to Village News

Twenty-twenty is soon to be over! As the clock ticks toward 2021, my husband reminded me this column was once a light-hearted ramble.

Somehow over the months living around the China virus, my lost birthday celebration trip to Europe, multiple stay-at-home edicts mandated unconstitutionally by elected officials, unrestrained violence in our major cities, an unethical national media, coupled with a corrupted election, it appears, I have lost my sense of humor.

Actually, this past year has been a comedy in itself. Politicians have lied to our faces as they falsely accuse others of their own misdeeds and as recently as two nights ago a left-wing coordinator with the alleged new administration had the gall to say the current administration was still entangled with the Russians. My gawd. Do they never shut up with their lies? Unlike the Obama administration that spied on the incoming government, I for one am relieved to know the transition of power will move slowly.

Lest we forget, our President was cleared of all misgivings on every level and lost 3.5 years of productivity thanks to all of the mischief led by Nancy Pelosi and her band of merry disrupters.

Clearly, the spokeswoman claiming, “Russia, Russia, Russia” has not peered into the ugly truths within her party. What about that darling Hunter Biden? What a disgrace he is. She might also take a long look into the self-aggrandizing California U.S. representative who is or was sleeping with a Chinese-Russian spy. Furthermore, said Representative is on the Intelligence Committee in Congress – another oxymoron.

I am not laughing, are you?

Looking ahead as AOC takes over the environment and threatens to kill our cows, might I recommend she keep the cows

for milk for our children and dump their paper diapers. Might she look into saving the glaciers by banning cruise ships into American ice fjords. That would also stop helicopter flights onto them while keeping swarms of hot-bodied-day trippers from scrunching over the delicate ecosystems encased in the ice.

Furthermore, she might use her big mouth to protect the world’s ice caps by campaigning internationally to close the Arctic and Antarctic to travel. And for me, she could pause all travel to the Galapagos Islands. For goodness sakes, leave the turtles and the giant blue-footed boobies at peace! These measures above all else will slow down the devastation to our delicate planet.

In AOCs desire to deprive Americans of our personal transportation, might she first stop all private airplane flights for all public officials. And then she can open her eyes and address plastic. Plastic of all kinds. Period.

Plastic is like nuclear waste. It doesn’t go away. There are barges filled with plastic waste floating at sea around the world. She could do something useful like replacing all plastic bottles with waxed paper cartons when fulfilling humanitarian supplies to the world.

Pure and simple it is this mountain of waste that is strangling the planet perpetrated by the biggest contributors, China and India with more deaths from pollution than this virus. But Dems want to blame Americans for everything, especially this President. Yet, the U.S. has some of the lowest emissions worldwide!

Next of course, the Dems want your guns. And depending on the Georgia election, they just might get them.

Now, that’s not funny either.

As I watch my constitutional rights evaporate, I am reminded that our founding fathers believed the only way our country would fail was from within. It seems their fears are coming true.

For the first time in nearly 76

years, I am afraid for the future. I fear the loss of public protection by our police. I fear new mandates from the state and federal levels altering our personal freedoms. I fear all future elections will also be manipulated by vote-counting cheats who work late into the night.

As I see it, the light is going out in America. And nobody is laughing.

As we head into this new year only one sector of this country’s population is ruling. They demonstrate through their words their desire to over-ride fairness while perpetuating evil.

In 20 days, January 20, 2021, our future no longer belongs to us. That day will go down as the day we lost our Constitutional rights as citizens of this once great country. God Bless America. My 2021 prayer.

And it is no laughing matter.

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Looking ahead



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and I think we all are looking forward to the new year. While we have had a hectic 2020, one that we will never forget, I’m starting to look ahead. My theme for 2021 is, “Back to Basics.” I’ll explain a bit more about what I mean in next week’s article, but I think we need to focus on safe communities, quality roads and infrastructure, addressing homelessness, mental health and addiction for families and those who can’t help themselves.

While I’ll talk about these issues in more detail in the coming weeks, I want to reach out to constituents and ask, “What can I do better?”

I will be meeting with my staff in the coming weeks, talking about our goals for 2021. Topics will include what services we can provide, what projects we can get built, what can we improve on?

So, I ask those same questions to you. Whether you live in the cities of District 5, like Carlsbad and Oceanside, or the unincorporated areas of Fallbrook and Valley Center, what would you like to see done?

As I hope you know by now, I encourage you to reach out to my office. Send email to Jim.Desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov or call 619-531-5555. Maybe you have a road that needs improvement or a piece of land you would love to see turned into a park? Whatever it is, reach out and let us know.

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OPINION

Billions of people around the world stand with the “deplorables”



Julie Reeder
Publisher

While many people in the U.S. complain that their president does not act like a politician, rightfully so, and in fact he is sometimes brash and rude and they don't like the way he tweets, why are there such large pro-America, pro-Trump rallies in the U.S. of 10,000 to 50,000 people?

Unless you are truly a middle-class person, or a “deplorable,” you may not understand it. He's not only empowered the middle class, but he's given people who believe in American exceptionalism a voice and that includes not only Americans, but people around the globe who are trapped in cultures that long for our freedoms.

President Donald Trump touts American free speech, freedom of religion, gun rights, school choice, border security, farming, U.S. manufacturing, hard work, small-business support, etc. He's not only given the middle class a voice, but he's invited them to the table. Because he's not a politician but a businessman who has dined with them and worked with every type and class of worker, he understands how important each one is and how important they are to the fabric of America. While he certainly is a capitalist, he understands their faith in God, family and country is more important to them than profit.

Even more interesting is, “Why are there pro-America, pro-Trump

rallies in other countries?” I was watching with amazement a parade of thousands of people in Uganda and wondering about this thought myself. But I realized it was not only Uganda, but China, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, India, Vietnam and many more countries. Why do they take the time and also the risk to show their support for Trump?

Here's why. Our politicians, Wall Street, the NBA, Hollywood, big businesses, social media oligarchs, universities, etc. have all been racing to bend the knee to China and the Chinese Communist Party. It's financially good for them, and they turn a blind eye to the human rights abuses of the Muslim Uyghurs, Christians and Falon Gong followers in “reeducation camps,” the organ harvesting industry, the cyberspying and theft, etc. They aren't against Chinese slave or low wage labor because it benefits them. If they are supportive of the CCP, they can continue to make a lot of money and that is what is most important to them.

China only allows so many American movies in each year and if you are favorable to the CCP in your movie, you have a chance to reach an audience of billions of Chinese people and make a lot of money. If you are manufacturing widgets, you can get them made for a fraction of what it costs in America and make a lot of money. If you are a social media platform, a news giant or the NBA, you have the incentive to work with and support the CCP so you can make more money. If you are a university, you are incentivized by their money and Confucius centers to support the CCP. If you are a politician, you can sell your influence through family members and make millions. It's all about money.

What Chinese Americans explain is that Trump is the first president to act in defiance to China, the CCP and Xi Jinping. It reminds me of President Ronald Reagan, June 12, 1987, when he said, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!” They explain that the Chinese people, under the CCP regime do

not enjoy our freedoms and the American dream they've now gotten a taste of includes free speech, freedom of religion, the rule of law and the freedom to work hard and prosper. They see Trump standing up to the CCP and standing for America, and it gives them hope that they can also stand up for themselves against the controlling CCP. The Chinese people are amazing people, and they are rooting not just for the

work Trump started but for America in general.

There are many who believe that a great awakening is happening right now, and people are waking up to the fight against authoritarianism, Communism, Marxism, critical race theory, etc. They believe that the very foundation of our country is at stake, and the deplorables are tired of being told to just be quiet, don't bring division, don't cause any trouble, just work hard, pay

your taxes, send your sons and daughters to fight our wars and don't upset the power structure. There are now billions of amazing Chinese, Taiwanese, Indian, Ugandans, etc. who are on the side of freedom, so I think no matter what happens in the next month, they may have already won.

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not moving.
Patiently waiting for a breeze.
The wind comes so we may see the
Flag in her Glory.
Waving to all of us and shouting,
“We are free!! We are free!!”
Thank God we are free!


Always there. Always faithful.
If only we could be like the Flag.
Always there, always faithful.
God will not let it ever be destroyed!
It is our history and it is our future.

The Flag is part of our landscape.
We plant it in our yards where it belongs.
With the beautiful oak trees and
California peppers.
And of course, with all the beautiful
flowers we see.

Let's not forget who to thank the most.
Our Betsy Ross of course!
We thank you, for your perseverance,
For your love of the Flag!

The world will always be grateful.
Your legacy is the beautiful
Art of the Flag you created.
It will last for so many generations to enjoy,
No matter gender, color or creed.

We will parade it down all the
streets of time.
Our Flag will be there
for all to see.
It belongs to everyone.
With our Flag we
are connected as
one.



Written in 2018 for
Veterans on Veterans Day

Santa visits downtown Fallbrook



Santa Claus, a.k.a Roger Boddaert, makes an appearance on Main Avenue, with Gosto the Gnome, to wish everyone happy holidays, Dec. 23. Village News/Nancy Heins-Glaser photos

Man pleads not guilty in Fallbrook woman’s hit-and-run DUI death

VISTA (CNS) – A suspected unlicensed and intoxicated driver who allegedly struck and killed a Fallbrook woman while she was walking with her husband, then fled the scene and sold the involved vehicle, pleaded not guilty Tuesday, Dec. 22 to charges that include gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Pascual Cristobal Pascual, 34, of Fallbrook, is accused in the Dec. 10 death of 60-year-old Symone Conley, who was struck by a pickup truck that veered out of a traffic lane on Gird Road near Laketree Drive and jumped a curb, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Conley died at the scene.

Following the deadly impact, the motorist pulled over and remained in the area for a short time before driving off, the CHP reported.

Deputy District Attorney David Uyar said Pascual purchased alcohol about 15 minutes prior to the deadly crash and purchased more alcohol during the weekend following the crash.

Pascual was arrested three days after Conley’s death, but not before he allegedly sold the vehicle involved in the crash.

“Not only has he demonstrated his willingness to flee and evade justice, but also to attempt to destroy evidence in the process,” Uyar said.

Investigators identified Pascual as the alleged hit-and-run driver based on physical evidence at the scene of the traffic fatality, statements from the victim’s husband and “numerous calls and leads,” CHP public-affairs Officer Mark Latulippe said.

At his arraignment, San Diego Superior Court Judge Amalia L. Meza increased Pascual’s bail from \$100,000 to \$500,000, citing concerns regarding potential flight and public safety.

In addition to the manslaughter count, Pascual is charged with felony hit-and-run and DUI counts, as well as a misdemeanor count of being an unlicensed driver.

COVID-19 cases continue spike as new year approaches

Fallbrook Regional Health District plans several new testing events as demand surges

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

It may be a new week and nearly a new year, but the story remains much the same: coronavirus cases are still going up locally.

San Diego County public health officials on Sunday, Dec. 27, reported 3,132 new COVID-19 infections – the 27th consecutive day with more than 1,000 cases.

There were no new virus-related deaths reported, but Dec. 27 was, however, the 19th day with more than 2,000 new cases.

Another 50 people also were hospitalized, according to Dec. 27’s data, and seven new patients were sent to intensive care units.

The weekly average case rate for the 92028 ZIP code – which also includes De Luz and Rainbow – was 57.4 cases per 100,000 for the most recent week available, Dec. 6 - Dec. 12. The rate had been 43.4 cases per 100,000 the previous week, and 20.7 cases per 100,000 the week before that, continuing a streak of spiking cases

There were 197 new positive coronavirus cases in 92028 between Dec. 6 - Dec. 12, even more than the increase of 149 cases the previous week.

Fallbrook specifically (not including the outlying areas that are part of the 92028 ZIP code) is faring even worse.

The county’s Fallbrook “jurisdiction” was reporting a case rate of 94.5 per 100,000 between Dec. 6 - Dec. 12, up from 71.1 per 100,000 between Nov. 29 - Dec. 5, according to county data.

The Fallbrook Regional Health District is planning several new coronavirus testing dates for January amid a surge in demand, FRHD Executive Director Rachel Mason told Village News – the district administered 184 new tests in September, 353 in October, 1,094 in November and 2,091 in December as of Dec. 23. Mason said the health district expects to have given nearly 3,000 tests by the end of the month.

FRHD’s testing events for January 2021 are as follows:

Jan. 1
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bonsall Community Center
31505 Old River Rd
Bonsall

Jan. 8
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fallbrook Union High School
400 S. Stage Coach Ln
Fallbrook

Jan. 15
9 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Vallecitos Elementary School
5211 Fifth St
Rainbow

Jan. 22
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fallbrook Union High School
400 S. Stage Coach
Fallbrook

Jan. 27
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bonsall Community Center
31505 Old River Rd
Bonsall

Jan. 30
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fallbrook Regional Health District
Wellness Center
1636 E. Mission Rd
Fallbrook

In the wider county, cumulative cases increased to 145,779 on Dec. 27 with the new cases added that day. The county’s death toll remains at 1,402.

Ten new community outbreaks were confirmed on Dec. 26. There have been 60 confirmed outbreaks in the last seven days and 250 cases associated with those outbreaks.

A community setting outbreak is defined as three or more COVID-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households over the past 14 days.

Though county officials advised residents to avoid holiday gatherings, anyone who participated in a gathering was urged to get tested, as well as people who recently returned from travel, people with any symptoms and people at higher risk for COVID-19, whether or not they display symptoms.

In advising against holiday gatherings, San Diego County Supervisors Nathan Fletcher and Greg Cox pointed to a massive uptick in cases after Thanksgiving – including the region’s highest daily total coming three weeks after the holiday with 3,611 cases reported Dec. 18.

“We cannot ignore the reality that we are in a bad place right now,” Cox said. “We’re making a special plea to avoid large gatherings with those outside your immediate family. This one time, this one year.”

If people have already traveled, they should be extra cautious about spreading the virus, Cox said.

According to Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county’s public health officer, 44.1% of the county’s cumulative cases have been reported after Thanksgiving.

San Diego County is on pace to report another 600 deaths due to the virus before the end of January, she said.

“We don’t want to see what happened after Thanksgiving happen again,” Wooten said. “We must continue to stay apart to get the spread of the virus under control. If we don’t, cases, hospitalizations and deaths will continue to soar.”

The 11-county Southern California region is still reporting zero available ICU beds. Current stay-at-home orders took effect at 11:59 Dec. 6, and were originally set to end on Dec. 28, but are now likely to be extended into 2021.

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GATE

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were denied that by the county. The county picked out the location of the gate and the turnaround,” said Rick Saathoff, who lives at the corner of Rock Mountain Drive and Sandia Creek Drive.

“Everything was picked out by the county,” Saathoff said. “We didn’t have any choices on that.”

Notification to residents of the revised plans was by electronic mail, and some of the speakers at the Dec. 21 planning group meeting cited a lack of communication.

“We just learned of this whole process and a single gate,” said Mick Gallagher.

“We’ve been kept in the dark on the details,” said John Tomik. “We’re not getting enough information to make us comfortable with the project.”

Andrew Dale has lived in the 40200 block of Sandia Creek

Drive since 1989. “They have moved this gate from the entrance of the community,” he said.

“They put it outside my house,” Dale said. “It is approximately 60 feet from my house.”

Dale’s 30-acre property includes half of the road width. “Our land goes to the middle of the road,” he said.

That would put the gate on part of Dale’s property. “The gate is outside the purview of the road agreement. It can’t be approved through the existing road agreement,” he said. “We have an easement on this road that does not allow a gate to block this road.”

The turnaround would also use part of Dale’s parcel. “That turnaround will involve the grading of our property,” Dale said. “It will also involve removing a tree or two.”

Dale also cited a lack of details provided. “We don’t know what we’re getting here,” he said.

“We don’t have any information

on the cost involved on building the gate,” Dale said. “We don’t know who’s going to maintain the gate.”

Dale also told the planning group that there was no information about who had the ability to issue gate codes. Dale supports a gate to curtail through traffic but also has traffic from Fallbrook providing goods and services to his property. “We buy our propane from Fallbrook, we get our trash pickup from Fallbrook,” he said.

“There have been a lot of misrepresentations,” said attorney Deborah Zoller, who is representing the Gallagher family.

“A two-gate system was voted on,” Gallagher said. “They need to go back and re-vote this.”

The plan includes two turnarounds to divert through traffic. “One turnaround is 1.4 miles from the gate,” Gallagher said. “Most people aren’t going to pay attention to that.”

The other turnaround is at Rock Mountain Drive. “You cannot see the elevation,” Gallagher said. “If you’re driving the county speed limit you only have three seconds to react.”

Tomik noted that the area had to evacuate during a San Diego Gas & Electric outage. “Had there been a gate there it could have been a major disaster,” he said.

Dale noted that guests might not be able to reach residents for the access code. “There is no or very flaky cell phone coverage,” he said.

Zoller argued that the gate and turnaround are not covered by the road maintenance agreement which commits property owners to sharing in the cost to maintain the road. “The road maintenance agreement is solely for repairs and maintenance of the road,” she said.

“The single gate is not what we wanted. We wanted a two-gate design,” said Kelley Gerwig. “But we are desperate to control the out-of-control traffic on this road.”

Issues involving road width and California Environmental Quality Act compliance made the two-gate proposal not feasible. “We just don’t have any way to

overcome those,” Gerwig said.

“We would probably see some significant challenges to creating an accessible turnaround,” said DPW traffic engineering manager Murali Pasumarthi.

That left the single gate at the location proposed by DPW as the only option. “It was not at all what we wanted,” Gerwig said. “We’ve done everything that we can. We’ve done everything we’ve been asked to by the county.”

Gerwig and her family were once involved in a collision which would have been a head-on crash had she not turned to the right to avoid a head-on impact. “I know first-hand about the dangers on this road,” she said. “This is not just a concept to me. I’ve lived it, and it’s terrifying.”

Lauren Davila was raised in De Luz. “This has been a year after year thing,” she said of the accidents. “I’ve seen it first-hand. The gate is overdue.”

The impediments to the two-gate plan include a deed restriction for Rock Mountain Preserve, which is managed by the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, which prevented the turnaround from being placed there and using Rock Mountain Preserve land. “The county dictates that this is the best option for the gate,” FLC executive director Karla Standridge said of the site north of Rock Mountain Drive. “A gate is necessary. I think we can come to an agreement as to the location of the gate.”

Saathoff noted that he would be impacted by the turnaround. “That’s part of my property also,” he said.

He considers the use of that part of his property worthwhile. “This road was never built for the amount of traffic we have out here,” Saathoff said. “It’s a very dangerous road and you can’t even go to your mailbox safely.”

Sandia Creek Drive also has a Riverside County portion which is administered by the DeLuz Community Services District. Debbie Ardolino-Roberts is on the board of that district. “The priority is the well-being of the residents,” she said.

“It’s a matter of public safety,” said Debbie Blackburn.

“We live on a very dangerous part of Sandia Creek Drive,” said Juan Mendez.

“Our primary concern is the safety of our loved ones,” Mendez said. “We need to do something to eliminate another death.”

“It’s time,” Davila said. “It’s simply cutting out the commuter traffic that are using our street.”

“This is clearly a safety issue,” Murphy said.

Pasumarthi noted that motorists

not using the first turnaround and having to retreat at the gate are unlikely to repeat that route. “Eventually they will learn that there is a gate,” he said.

The North County Fire Protection District has reviewed the application for the gate. “We don’t have any issues with it,” said NCFPD fire marshal Dominic Fieri.

A loss of electrical power will not prevent the gate from being opened in an emergency. “It’s going to have the battery backup,” Fieri said.

That battery backup will allow the gate to remain in an open position to ensure emergency access if the battery power is also lost. “If the gate is not operational for any reason, we must keep it open until it is operational,” Gerwig said.

The gate can also be opened remotely by the North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority (North Comm), although Fieri noted that such activity has not previously occurred in the county. “It’s fairly new technology,” he said.

The North County Fire Protection District will also have a key to open the gate, and the gate will also respond to strobe signals as traffic lights do. “It doesn’t obstruct the fire department,” Fieri said.

“Our gate will not delay any first responders,” Carpenter said.

“This is a plan that meets all the criteria,” said county Department of Planning and Development Services planner Nick Koutoufidis.


“The commuter traffic that is on Sandia Creek Drive should never be on Sandia Creek Drive,” Pasumarthi said. “Mission Road should be taking on this and not Sandia Creek Drive.”

Pasumarthi noted that the commuters using Sandia Creek Drive are likely avoiding Interstate 15 rather than East Mission Road. “East Mission does have existing capacity,” he said.

The diversion of traffic concerned planning group member Jerry Kalman, who lives on East Mission Road. “If you start adding incremental traffic it’s going to get worse,” he said.

DPW estimates the transfer of approximately 1,600 additional daily trips from Sandia Creek Drive to East Mission Road. “That’s a lot of additional traffic,” Kalman said.

Carpenter noted that residents south of the gate would still be able to use the private section to travel to Temecula. “We’re not looking to try to stop the neighbors from getting to appointments,” she said.



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Protesters hold up signs at a protest in Fallbrook of George Floyd's death, May 30. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

The demonstration came one day after a larger protest in Temecula turned into a tense standoff with sheriff's deputies once the Riverside County Sheriff's Department declared the protest to be an "unlawful assembly." It was also the morning after buildings burned in La Mesa, Los Angeles and other cities across the country as some protests became riots.

In Fallbrook, the demonstration was entirely peaceful, and little if any presence from San Diego County sheriff's deputies could be seen, a far cry from the inundation of law enforcement seen at other protests in the region.

One woman at the protest, Leticia Maldonado-Stamos, said she was attending the protest because of the “heartbrokenness” she said she felt from years of watching not only Floyd’s death, but the deaths of other black people and people of color during interactions with police.

“My heart’s just been broken by what’s going on with our community and our country,” Maldonado-Stamos said. “We’re getting so separated and so divided and yesterday when we were watching the news it was just so much pain, and I thought I’m not white, I’m Latina, but I thought, we’re all suffering. And I felt I needed to be a part of something that was expressing love and concern and I needed to be part of that.”

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In battleground Arizona, 2 sides react to projected Biden victory (Nov. 12)

In a spur-of-the-moment decision, I drove to Arizona after the Nov. 3 election to witness and report firsthand on the scene taking place outside the Maricopa County Tabulation Center in Phoenix, where supporters of President Trump were gathering in protest after Joe Biden's victory there. I went there deeply discouraged about the state of the country – we are so divided now, that it seems most of us can scarcely talk to those we disagree with, much less try to listen to them and find a common understanding. We travel in different social circles,

move to different cities and even read news from different sources to avoid confronting ideas we do not hold. But I ended up leaving Arizona with some measure of hope.

One woman, Linnea McCann, showed up outside the pro-Trump protest with a pride flag. She said she had come with the hope of being able to have honest dialogue with those she disagreed with, and found success.

"I'm not scared," she said. "Everyone here has been really nice to me, and I think that there's this idea in America that there has to be tension all the time between everyone on each side and although I fundamentally disagree with the political views of pretty much everybody here in most ways, I can still talk to them and have open, civil conversations with them."

I don't think it will be easy or that it will happen overnight, but if we can just start talking to each other and trying to understand opposing points of view, we can get past the intense division our country is experiencing right now.

Creek Fire (Dec. 24)
2020, apparently not content with the havoc it has wrought on our lives already, decided to end the year in Fallbrook with a bang by forcing thousands to evacuate in the wee hours of Christmas Eve for fear their homes would be destroyed in a wildfire.

The fire started off at a reported 300 acres, which was revised down to 50, and then grew to more than 3,000 acres later in the morning.

Homes along much of the northwestern corner of Fallbrook were under evacuation orders on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, as the blaze extended into Camp Pendleton and threatened to affect populated areas should the winds shift.

I had been just about to go to bed when the news broke, and ended up awake most of the night trying to post updates on the fire. How cruel, I thought, of the universe, or of nature, or of whomever you want to ascribe responsibility for the randomness that befalls us, to threaten to destroy the homes of more than 7,000 people just before Christmas, of all times to do it. But it was, ultimately, just a threat – almost miraculously, the winds did not shift, and no homes were destroyed.

I wonder if that's what all of 2020 was supposed to be: a threat, a warning, a reminder, that life is precious and tragically short. That anything can happen at any time, and most of this world is beyond our control.

I have no way of knowing, of course, if there's some larger meaning behind all of this or if it's just a random mess of bad luck. But whether intended or not, I'm taking 2020's lessons to heart; my New Year's resolution, I suppose, is to savor life's experiences a little more, with the knowledge that none of this is guaranteed.

I sure do hope 2021 is better, though.

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Yates said while she started off her musical career playing in an all-girl rock band, she's had a long-running interest in writing and performing for a younger audience and wrote her first story for children in the early 1980s. She said she initially wanted to take old nursery rhymes – many of which can be negative and off-putting when their true meanings are analyzed – and turn them into positive stories for children.

I thought Yates' story was neat: a true example of someone taking their talents and finding a way to put them to use in a way that will do the most good.

Bus crash on I-15 near Fallbrook kills 3, leaves 17 hospitalized (Feb. 22)

On Feb. 22, I ended up having to cover a deadly tragedy. A bus heading from El Monte to San Ysidro overturned on Interstate 15 near Bonsall, killing three and injuring the 18 other people on the bus. I had been covering a Habitat for Humanity event in Lake Elsinore for our other publication, Valley News, the morning of the crash, and had to race down to North County for a press conference at the crash scene (which I did not end up getting to in time because traffic was backed up for miles).

The three who sadly died in the accident were identified as 73-year-old Julia Perez Cornejo of Pasadena, 67-year-old Maria de la Luz Diaz of Riverside and 23-year-old Cinthya Karely Rodriguez-Banda of Mexico.

Of the 18 hurt, a 5-year-old boy suffered major injuries and was airlifted to Riverside University Health System hospital in Moreno Valley, where he later recovered. The bus driver, a

52-year-old Whittier man, was not suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or other substances. He suffered minor injuries.

I've covered many fatal crashes and probably will cover many more in the future. But for some reason, this one sticks in my head, and I think about the three victims each time I drive down that stretch of freeway as I commute between my home in Escondido and assignments in Fallbrook and the Temecula area. I think of how the victims, being bus passengers, had zero control over the circumstances of their deaths. There was simply nothing at all they could have done to avoid their fates. And I also think of the driver, and how it was, at the end of the day, an accident. He surely never intended for the crash to happen. He was not under the influence at the time of the crash. It was just a mistake – but one with life-changing implications for the victims, for him, for the families of all involved. And much as we all turn up our noses at drivers who pass us a little too fast for the rainy weather, or who, perhaps momentarily distracted, drift a bit too far over into our lane, the truth is that none of us are perfect, and no matter how hard we try, all it takes is one slip-up to produce an outcome as tragic as that bus driver's fateful error. But life goes on nonetheless – how many of us drive that stretch of southbound I-15 nearly every day, as though nothing ever happened?

North County firefighter tests positive for coronavirus, fire district spokesman says (March 14)

It's probably fair to say March was a pretty strange month for most of us. Remembering the swine flu pandemic in 2009

that, for the most part, ended up being a non-issue for most Americans, and the mild panic that some had over the Ebola crisis in West Africa back in 2014 that ultimately did not affect the United States to any significant degree, the coronavirus was mostly off my radar. I knew it was going on, but to me at least, it was not something I needed to concern myself with – it was a story for someone else to worry about.

Of course, that's probably the worst I've ever misjudged a story as a journalist. Once sports games started to be canceled, it felt a bit real. Then when local schools suddenly decided to close on March 13, it felt more real. But it still didn't feel completely real for me until the next day on March 14, when I had to report that a North County firefighter had tested positive for the virus.

The unidentified firefighter was asymptomatic before developing a fever Saturday and notifying his captain, then was tested for the virus, North County Fire spokesman John Choi told me at the time.

The fire district did not disclose which station the infected firefighter worked at, but the district decided Sunday, March 15, to suspend most firefighter and paramedic public interactions.

When I broke that story (actually, I think one of the TV stations may have beaten me, but it would have only been by a couple of minutes at most), the coronavirus was no longer a theoretical concept, but something that was spreading freely right here in our own community.

Fallbrook residents protest death of George Floyd (May 30)

All news, at the end of the day, is local. It might not often be clear, but plenty of events you see in far-flung places in national and international news have effects that reverberate in your hometown. This was especially true with the George Floyd protests, which of course started in Minneapolis but soon spread to the familiar corner of Mission and Ammunition in Fallbrook.

A few dozen protesters turned out May 30 to that corner to show solidarity with Floyd – the black man who died May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes – and the rest of the Black Lives Matter movement.



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and threatened to affect populated areas should the winds shift, according to North County Fire Capt. John Choi.

Evacuation orders at first only affected homes on the edge of Fallbrook and De Luz but were expanded by about 2:30 a.m. to include areas north of the Fallbrook Airpark along South Mission Road, including part of downtown Fallbrook. Other parts of Fallbrook along South Mission Road were under an evacuation warning.

Cal Fire San Diego estimated

about 7,000 Fallbrook residents were under evacuation orders and an evacuation center was set up at Fallbrook High School, 2400 S. Stage Coach Lane.

Those affected by the evacuation orders were allowed to return to their homes Thursday evening.

Housing on Camp Pendleton was also under evacuation orders – base officials said on Twitter that DeLuz Housing, Wounded Warrior Battalion, and Lake O’Neill Campground areas were all under mandatory evacuation. Those evacuation orders were also lifted on Thursday.

The fire first broke out around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, when the North County Fire Protection

District tweeted that crews were at the scene of a vegetation fire near De Luz Road west of Sandia Creek Drive. The blaze erupted amid a red flag warning issued by the National Weather Service for high winds and low humidity.

North County Fire initially estimated the blaze to be as large as 300 acres, but Cal Fire San Diego tweeted at about 11:50 p.m. that its units were also responding to the fire and were estimating its size at 50 acres. By about 2:30 a.m., North County Fire tweeted the

fire had indeed expanded to 300 acres, and another update at 7 a.m. indicated the fire had expanded to more than 3,000 acres.

Early Thursday morning, the fire was burning along the eastern side of Camp Pendleton, North County Fire Capt. John Choi said, and changing winds could have caused the fire to immediately impact Fallbrook.

The firefighters caught up later that morning.

“We had a lull this morning,” Choi said on Thursday. “We went

from a critical rate of spread where we were dealing with 20-30 mile per hour winds - critical rate is the fastest you can have - but in that lull, the fire changed to a moderate rate of spread.”

Firefighters from North County, Camp Pendleton, and Cal Fire worked together to control the blaze.

No buildings were reported to have been damaged in the fire.

Jeff Pack and City News Service contributed to this report.



The Creek Fire at 2 am Christmas Eve. Photo taken by Tom Casey from Rainbow.



The land west of DeLuz Road near the Santa Margarita River is left charred after the fire broke out late Wednesday evening around 11:30 p.m. Village News/Shane Gibson photos



A helicopter makes a water drop on hotspots near DeLuz Road as firefighters work at containing the Creek Fire.



The land west of DeLuz Road near the Santa Margarita River is left charred after the fire broke out late Wednesday evening around 11:30 p.m.



Firefighters from around the region join the fight against the Creek Fire as Santa Ana winds blow the fire into Camp Pendleton.



Hot spots continue to burn in the canyon area around the Santa Margarita River west of DeLuz Fire during the Creek Fire.



The land west of DeLuz Road near the Santa Margarita River is left charred after the fire broke out late Wednesday evening around 11:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Fallbrook Encore Club shares Christmas gingerbread creations and elf sightings



Fallbrook Encore Club's winning gingerbread house entry is "Winter on Candy Cane Lane."



Jan Hohenstein, Debbie Shriver and Betty Nelson are creators of the winning gingerbread entry, "Winter on Candy Cane Lane."



Linda Johnson poses for a photo with her gingerbread construction crew, grandson Phoenix, friend Molly, Molly's father Chris, daughter Penelope, Linda and grandson Quinlan.



Another gingerbread house entry is combined with elf photos and shared by an Encore Club member.

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Encore Club is finding new ways to enjoy the holidays together. In December, many members created gingerbread houses to enter in a contest. Winter on "Candy Cane Lane" won first place as a collaboration of three friends.

Other members also shared photos of many of Santa's elves, appearing here and there in their

homes or climbing a gingerbread house. Encore Club wishes the community happy holidays and a COVID-19-free New Year. Meanwhile they will continue to enjoy more fun via Zoom with Book Club Monday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m., Bunco Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m., Trivia Mania Thursday, Jan. 21, from 1-3 p.m., and Sip & Paint Thursday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will also be held via Zoom Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Lenila Batali, founder of D'Vine Path, a commercial vineyard and agricultural business dedicated to providing hands-on training, education and vocational opportunities for special needs adults. She will share more about their goals and their work through

a private-public partnership with Fallbrook Union High School District.

Encore club is a social club. New club members are always welcome, drawing from the communities of Fallbrook, De Luz, Rainbow and Bonsall. Those interested should inquire from membership chair, Sherry Drzewicki, 949-751-9748 or visit

<http://www.fallbrookencoreclub.com>. Attend a Zoom monthly meeting or an activity as a guest and learn more about the club and social activities. It is hoped that in-person activities can resume soon, in the coming year.

Submitted by Fallbrook Encore Club.

It's a wonderful season for theatre

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to Village News

North Coast Repertory is running dual performances and neither should be missed. Last time I applauded their one-man show for the telling of "A Christmas Carol." This time it is "An Iliad."

Based on Homer's epic poem "Iliad," this monumental telling is a prerequisite for every college bound student.

It is recognized by historians that prior to the written word, all stories were heard not read. Keeping with that tradition, Richard Baird masterfully shares the woes of the Trojan War as he guides us through the voluminous text.

After ignoring both of Homer's great works, the "Odyssey" and "Iliad," for the entirety of my life, thanks to Baird's performance, I was sent to the internet to capture the essence of these colossal poems.

The first thing I learned from the Merriam-Webster dictionary is "iliad" is a noun meaning "a series of miseries or disastrous events."

Homer's famous poem written in 800 B.C. continues to be popular amongst the world's historians as they argue, dissect, discuss at infinitum, and postulate over his 24 books.

Let me summarize it for you. "They pour along like a fire that sweeps the whole earth before it." Homer's description paints the horror of all wars. Bottom line, when Achilles kills Hector, he ends the Trojan Wars.

"An Iliad" as told through the mastery of Richard Baird's performance is a monumental effort subtly directed by none other than David Ellenstein. One of his finest accomplishments to date.

"An Iliad" plays through Jan. 24 at NorthCoastRep.org. This production is a solid 10 and not to be missed.

Meanwhile at Moonlight Theatre, Kris Kringle springs to life in "Miracle on 34th Street, a Musical Radio Play." Retold by a cast of merrymakers filled with holiday spirit, this iconic Christmas story was originally aired in 1947.

Finally, the war in Europe had ended and to celebrate America's need for a bit of hope and joy, the Lux Radio Broadcast aired this show live from New York City.

You might recall when families came together weekly to listen to radio shows and only chatted during the commercials. Before television, the internet, cell phones, and video games, once upon a time, families engaged in conversation.

As a holiday gift from sponsors The Moonlight aka Moonlight Amphitheatre in Vista is sending us a talking Christmas card filled with the hope, love, and joy of the season.

Enjoy the magical times by connecting to www.moonlightstage.com to purchase this charming-audio-streaming production. It is truly a gift to be cherished. Rated 10 out of 10.

San Diego Rep scored a 10

with "Tchaikovsky" presented by Hershey Felder. Russia's greatest composer, a few of Tchaikovsky's most recognizable works include "Swan Lake," "Romeo and Juliet," "Sleeping Beauty," and the "1812 Overture."

Felder is adding two more shows from Florence this Spring. He will salute Aleichem's "Fiddler on the Roof" with "Before Fiddler," Feb. 7, followed on March 14 with "Puccini." I assure you they will both knock your socks off.

As a gift to yourself, why not sign up for the free theatre newsletter to keep in the loop for future performances by Felder, www.SanDiegoRep.org.

Don't forget to check out Lamb's Players in Coronado and enjoy their show "The Women" as they celebrate songs of the holidays.

La Jolla Playhouse is streaming "A Christmas Carol" in case you missed productions by the other theatres.

The Cygnet just closed "A Christmas Carol" and "A Wonderful Life" on the 27th. More to come though.

Be sure to sign in at TheOldGlobe.org for their upcoming 2021 season opening with "Little Women."

By subscribing to the various theatre newsletters, you won't miss any of their upcoming performances. You can then hand pick your tickets for in-home streaming until we can return to the theatre.

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Richard Baird shares the woes of the Trojan War in "An Iliad." Village News/Aaron Rumley photo

SPORTS

Fallbrook couple golfs and walks course for 250 consecutive days



Emma Ashe takes a putt at the Golf Club of California during her and her husband's 261st consecutive day walking the entire golf course in Fallbrook.

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The coronavirus quarantine closed the gym Fallbrook residents Dawood and Emma Ashe used to exercise, but as members of the Golf Club of California they were allowed to use the course.

Initially walking only was allowed while golfing but, even after carts were permitted, the couple placed their equipment in the cart and walked the entire course. On Nov. 16, they walked the course for the 250th consecutive day.

“We’re very excited that we made it to 250,” Emma Ashe said.

The streak began April 11. They had walked the course before that, but rain interrupted their routine. The weather permitted walking and golfing every day since April 11.

Ashe is 66. Her husband is 72. They have been members of the Golf Club of California for eight years and moved from Escondido to Fallbrook six years ago to be closer to the golf course.

“We liked this golf course so much,” Ashe said.

Before the coronavirus shutdown, Ashe golfed approximately three times each week.

“My husband golfed more than I did. He did nearly every day,” she said.

Ashe was also going to the gym approximately three times each week, as was her husband. The closure of the gym eliminated that exercise.

“I had to make it up somehow,” she said.

The Golf Club of California remained open, although only to members.

“The members were allowed to walk the course,” Ashe said.

Initially carts were not allowed.

“You could only walk,” Ashe said. “The golf course opened a month later. We stayed walking. We did not take a cart.

“It was hard in the beginning. It took, of course, longer,” he said.

How long the walk around the course – along with 18 holes of golf – takes depends on whether other players are using the course. At first, walking the course and playing 18 holes took Ashe and her husband approximately 4 1/2 hours without any wait for other golfers.

“It started out being difficult,” she said. “Our course is not a course that can easily be walked. It’s hilly. You have to go up and down. It’s about 7 miles.”

The walks became easier over time.

“We wouldn’t even think we

would be able to do that. It shows that you are more resilient than you think you are and you can accomplish more if you have to,” Ashe said.

If the course is not busy, Ashe and her husband can complete the walk and the round of golf in just under four hours.

The walks have become a routine not only for Ashe and her husband but also for other golfers.

“All the members are excited to see us,” Ashe said.

Ashe and her husband arrive at the golf course between 8-9 a.m. each morning, and the walk is usually completed by the early afternoon.

The walks have provided exercise for Ashe and her husband.

“We’ve lost weight, definitely,” she said.

Combining a round of golf each day along with the walk has also led to a decrease in scores. Ashe’s best 18-hole score before beginning the daily rounds was 84, and during the daily activity she shot a 79. Her husband’s previous best score was 82, and he had a round of 80 strokes during the first 250 days of walking the course. Neither has achieved a hole-in-one or an eagle, but both have shot birdies on holes.

“We still hit the ball,” Ashe said.

The seventh hole, which is on a hill, is Ashe’s favorite.

“You can look all around the valley,” she said. “It’s higher up, so you have to hit your ball down and the green has, in the middle, a bunker, which is very unusual.”

The streak of golfing while walking the course will continue until ended by rain.

“It depends on how much rain,” Ashe said. “We have a big umbrella.”

Light rain will not stop the walks or the golfing, although adjustments must be made.

“It definitely affects the course,” Ashe said.

Ashe added that trying to find the ball after a shot is also more difficult during rainfall.

Ashe appreciates the accommodations the Golf Club of California has made to allow the members’ activity.

“The Golf Club of California is very supportive of this community,” she said.

She notes the involvement of Golf Club of California director of golf operations Richard Ro.

“He was very supportive, and without him we couldn’t have done it,” Ashe said.

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Emma Ashe and her husband Dawood walk the entire Golf Club of California while stopping to play each hole along the way. The Ashe’s have been walking the course every day for over 260 days consecutively at the time of publication.



Dawood and Emma Ashe stop to talk with Golf Club of California Director of Golf Richard Ro. Ro helps the Ashe couple with any assistance they may need as they set out every day on foot at the course.



Dawood Ashe tees off before walking to his ball for the next swing at the Golf Club of California in Fallbrook.




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HEALTH

‘Alexandra’s Law’ to be introduced by Sen. Melendez in January

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Just a day before the anniversary of Alexandra Capelouto’s death by fentanyl poisoning, California State Sen. Melissa Melendez’s office announced Tuesday, Dec. 22, the senator would present legislation called “Alexandra’s Law” to legislators in January.

Alexandra was the 2017 graduate of Great Oak High School who was found dead by her family Dec. 23, 2019. She was home visiting for the holidays from Arizona State when she obtained what her father, Matt Capelouto, said was believed to be oxycodone but turned out to be a street drug laced with a lethal dose of fentanyl.

“She was deceived. She didn’t know what she was taking. She didn’t know what she was getting,” Capelouto said. “If it had been legitimate oxycodone pills, she would be alive today.”

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, “fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine.”

It has become increasingly popular for illegal drug manufacturers to use synthetic fentanyl to boost the impact of the drugs they sell. The problem is, fentanyl is measured in the millionths, meaning it takes very little fentanyl to make the drugs lethal.

“As the mother of five children, I can’t imagine what it would be like to lose a child to drug poisoning,” Melendez said in a news release. “We are fighting a two-front war against an epidemic that is not going to go away by itself. It’s time we punish those who knowingly sell fentanyl to unsuspecting buyers.”

According to one possible draft of the proposed legislation, once a person is arrested and charged with the distribution of fentanyl, they will be made to sign a statement that reads: “You are hereby advised that the illicit manufacture and distribution of fentanyl, and substances containing any amount of fentanyl, inflicts a grave health risk to those who ingest or are exposed to them. It is extremely dangerous to human life to manufacture or distribute fentanyl, or a substance containing

any fentanyl. If you do so, and as a result, a person dies, you can be charged with murder.”

Capelouto, who has been working nonstop since the death of his daughter to shine a light on the fentanyl issue in the United States, was instrumental in bringing the issue to Melendez’s desk.

“It’s a warning saying that, ‘Hey, if you continue to sell drugs and, and now somebody dies, now you’re going to be charged with murder,’” Capelouto said in a phone call with Valley News. “It gives the drug dealer an opportunity to straighten his life up. Then on top of that, if he does continue to sell, and God forbid somebody dies and then absolutely that person needs to be behind bars so they are not killing more people.”

In the news release, Capelouto was appreciative of the announcement of the legislation and sent a message to all that would read it.

“The holidays are a very difficult time of year for all parents who have lost a child,” Capelouto said in the news release. “It’s especially rough for my family because Alex’s Angelversary is Dec. 23. Introducing this legislation makes December a little brighter, not only for my family but all the other parents in our organization. All I have to say is, don’t underestimate the resolve of bereaved parents. Many of us have come together and we are ready to fight for change.”

Capelouto has done nothing but fight since Alex died.

He was initially angry when he discovered that the drug dealer suspect of selling the drug to his daughter would never face murder charges for selling his daughter a drug they knew wasn’t what she had asked for, he said.

He approached the Temecula City Council in February to talk about what happened to his daughter, as well as three other young people who died in similar circumstances in the three weeks before.

“I’m asking you to help me fight this epidemic,” he told the council.

Since then, Capelouto has become heavily involved in working on changing state and federal laws pertaining to the distribution of fentanyl on



the streets.

He held a rally in Temecula on Father’s Day to spotlight awareness, he has worked with organizations such as Druginducedhomicide.org, and late in October, traveled with his wife and a coalition of parents and advocates to Ohio as part of a new organization called Coalition for Awareness of Synthetic Analogues.

There, the group met with James Carroll, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the United States.

“I was most compelled by being in a room with 25 other parents who know a pain like no other,” Capelouto said at the time. “It was not a ‘pity party.’ More a comforting feeling. We laughed, we cried; we instantly formed the deepest of friendships.”

And they continued to fight. Alexandra’s Law is the culmination of his yearlong work in California.

“When it first happened, and maybe this is just the typical dad/ guy thing, you want somebody

to be held accountable, right?” Capelouto said. “There’s such a strong sense and need for that. But as time has gone by, and I’ve had more time to think things through, things shift and it sort of changes from focusing on that need for accountability to just wanting to save lives. Innocent kids and young adult lives.”

He said he is calling on all parents who have lost a child to similar circumstances to fight along with him. He routinely meets and talks with parents all over the country dealing with the grief of the loss of their child.

“We need parental support,” Capelouto said. “We need all the parents that are in our shoes, all the parents that are in this terrible club, to step up. It’s unfortunate, but a lot of the parents in our shoes, because they’ve been conditioned to believe that their child just died of an overdose, that’s what they roll with. Their mindset has been corrupted into that kind of thinking when in reality fentanyl is involved. Most likely their child

was lethally poisoned.”

When the law goes to Sacramento, he said he is hopeful a groundswell of support will push it through, but he’s been told passing the law isn’t a sure thing.

“I’ve been told it’s going to be a fight,” Capelouto said. “I don’t know all the ins and outs of our bureaucratic political process. I’ve been told to prepare to potentially be disappointed. I’ve been told that by a couple of political representatives now, but I’m going to say this, they don’t know the resolve of bereaved parents, and that’s what we’ll be bringing to this.

“I just really hope that it’s not going to be politics and arguing about this bill, that they’re going to listen to us parents who lost a child and let us argue our case. It’s not a right or left issue.

“It is about what’s right to protect the citizens of California, the people of California,” he said.

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Grant benefits seniors for the holidays

SAN DIEGO – Fallbrook Senior Center has won \$3,000 from San Diego Seniors Community Foundation. The funds will be used to grow the center’s volunteer outreach to a team of 10 people that will provide 200 isolated older people with holiday decor and hand-written cards and deliver poinsettias to the home-bound and Meals-to-Go members.

The grants are tailored to support centers and nonprofit agencies creating holiday-themed events for older people who are isolated and expected to be apart from family and loved ones this holiday season.

The centers collectively aim to bring joy to socially isolated older people through a variety of holiday activities including drive-thru

parties, meal and gift deliveries, and virtual gatherings.

For example, the Ramona Senior Center will create a holiday drive-thru party where senior clients can receive poinsettias, gifts, cards, and festive treats distributed by staff and volunteers.

The Fourth District Senior Center is planning an event for 150 older people to receive a hot curbside meal, a potted poinsettia/ Christmas cactus plant, stocking stuffers, and hand-crafted greeting cards.

New data show at least one in three older people won’t see their family this holiday season; therefore, this funding comes at an opportune time as the senior population is experiencing

increased social isolation due to COVID-19.

To support isolated older people, the grants from SDSCF will allow organizations to create holiday-themed programming and events that spread joy to vulnerable elders who have been hardest hit by the pandemic.

The San Diego Seniors Community Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 2017. Its priority focus is to improve the lives of older people in San Diego County, so they are physically active, socially connected, and receive the support they need to live healthy, dynamic lives.

SDSCF is founded on the vision of Bob Kelly, former president and CEO of The San Diego Foundation. He is a passionate advocate and committed leader who envisions a world where older people are an essential element of our community –where they are no longer vulnerable, but vibrant. SDSCF is one of the only community foundations in the country to be solely focused on older people. It exists to ensure that every local older person has someone they can turn to and trust. For more information visit <https://sdscf.org/>

Submitted by the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation.

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Easy dishes to boost immunity



Include on your grocery list, grapes of all colors – red, green and black – which contain more than 1,600 natural plant compounds such as antioxidants and other polyphenols that help your immune system.

Family Features

Special to Village News

Staying healthy is important year-round, but especially in the cooler months when temperatures drop, people spend more time inside and germs can spread easily. What you eat and the lifestyle you embrace are critical components of staying healthy.

Nourishing meals full of fruits, vegetables, protein-rich foods and whole grains help provide the body’s immune system with the nutrients it needs. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle by getting enough sleep, being physically active every day, having enough fluids and reducing stress also help keep the immune system in shape.

As a nutritious food to include on your grocery list, grapes of all colors – red, green and black – contain more than 1,600 natural plant compounds such as antioxidants and other polyphenols that help protect the health of cells throughout the body. They

also contain about 82% water, so they provide important fluids for hydration, which is also critical to a healthy immune system.

Grapes can be enjoyed as a healthy snack or an immune-boosting ingredient in recipes like Chicken, Spinach and Grape Pita sandwiches and Grape and Salmon Power Salad. Each provides a mix of immune-supporting nutrients, including zinc in chicken, vitamins A and C in kale, polyphenols in grapes and other important nutrients in the salmon, walnuts and barley.

Find these recipes and more in “Eating for Immune Health” along with additional ways to eat healthy and stay well at <http://grapesfromcalifornia.com>.

Chicken, Spinach and Grape Pita
Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients:
2 tablespoons pine nuts

2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons minced shallot
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 pinch red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoon ground sumac
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 package (5-6 ounces) fresh baby spinach, washed and dried
1 1/2 cups shredded, cooked chicken (about 8 ounces)
1 cup red California grapes, sliced
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
4 whole-wheat pita breads (6 1/2 inches each), warmed and halved

Directions:
In a small skillet over medium-high heat, toast pine nuts, stirring constantly until toasted, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and let cool.

In a large bowl, whisk lemon juice, shallot, olive oil, red pepper flakes, sumac, salt and pepper. Add spinach, chicken, grapes, feta and pine nuts; toss to mix. Stuff into pita breads and serve.

Nutritional information per



Grape and Salmon Power Salad provides a mix of immune-supporting nutrients, including vitamins A and C in kale, polyphenols in grapes and other important nutrients in the salmon, walnuts and barley.

serving: 445 calories; 24 g protein; 46 g carbohydrates; 20 g fat (39% calories from fat); 5 g saturated fat (10% calories from saturated fat); 57 mg cholesterol; 658 mg sodium; 6 g fiber.

Grape and Salmon Power Salad
Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 6

Ingredients:
3/4 cup pearly barley
3 cups firmly packed kale leaves, torn and sliced into ribbons
1 cup halved red or black seedless California grapes
8 ounces cold, cooked salmon, skin and bones removed
1/2 cup walnuts, lightly toasted and coarsely chopped

Dressing:
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 clove garlic, mashed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 pinch cayenne pepper
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Directions:
In a medium pot, cook barley according to package directions. Drain and cool.

Tenderize kale by blanching in boiling water 2-3 seconds or microwaving 1 minute. Rinse pieces in cold water to stop cooking; squeeze dry. Fluff and uncrimp dry kale pieces with fingers.

In a medium bowl, mix barley, kale, grapes, salmon and walnuts.

To make dressing: In a small bowl, whisk lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Gradually mix in olive oil. Pour onto salad and fold gently to combine.

Nutritional information per serving: 413 calories; 15 g protein; 30 g carbohydrates; 16 g fat (47% calories from fat); 3 g saturated fat (8% calories from saturated fat); 22 mg cholesterol; 232 mg sodium; 500 mg potassium; 4 g fiber.

SHERIFF’S LOG

Dec. 16	
Iowa St @ Ivy St	Arrest: Vehicle theft, possession of stolen vehicle
Sea Larke Dr @ Calavo Rd	Stolen vehicle
1300 block S. Mission Rd	Death
37300 block De Luz Rd	Arrest: Vehicle theft
Dec. 17	
1200 block E. Mission Rd	Residential burglary
Dec. 18	
800 block S. Main Ave	Arrest: Under the influence of controlled substance
35900 Shetland Hills E.	Petty theft
200 block Ohearn Rd	Petty theft
600 block W. Alvarado St	Petty theft
600 block E. Elder St	Petty theft

Dec. 19	
1900 block Carolton Ln	Vandalism
900 block Dolstra Ln	Stolen vehicle
S. Old Highway 395 @ Pala Mesa Dr	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
2700 block Alta Vista Dr	Death
Dec. 20	
100 block Almond St	Residential burglary
4700 block S. Mission Rd	Recovered stolen vehicle
500 block Ammunition Rd	Domestic abuse
Dec. 21	
1100 block Old Stage Rd	Petty theft
1500 block S. Mission Rd	Vehicle burglary
500 block N. Main Ave	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, domestic abuse with minor injury

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OBITUARIES



George Francis Jurosky, beloved son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather died peacefully at home, Nov. 6.

George was very proud of his parents, George and Kathryn, for bringing him up in the Catholic faith, and of his brother Gerard for the lifetime of shared companionship and deep caring.

Born May 10, 1933, in Exeter, Pennsylvania, his family moved to the Philadelphia area where he attended Glen-Nor High School, class of 1950, and received the best musician honors and awards in basketball. He attended St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1954, with an accounting degree

and a great appreciation for his Jesuit education.

During his U.S. Air Force career, he married his sweetheart, Rose Doran, and obtained a master's degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio. Lt. Col. Jurosky retired from the United States Air Force as director of procurement at Tactical Air Command Headquarters in Langley, Virginia. His procurement career continued at Ralph M. Parsons Company, an engineering firm in Pasadena.

The George Jurosky family resided outside the United States during most of his military service. Assignments included Bogota, Columbia; the Panama Canal Zone; Tokyo, Japan; Seville,

Spain, and the Rhinefaltz area of Germany. The final and most fortunate residence was one of choice. He found the "Friendly Village" of Fallbrook in Southern California, the most ideal of all.

He leaves behind his wife Rose of 62 years, and four daughters, Kathryn (Kurt), Donna (John), Janel (Dave), and Jennifer (Wayne); six adoring grandchildren, Tara Rose, Jordan, Ella, Doran, Julian, and Gunnar; his brother Gerard (Mary Dolores), and nephews Gerard Jr., and Gary.

He is buried at Miramar National Cemetery in California. His legacy is one of loving devotion and stewardship to family, God and country.



James Robert Donovan, "one-of-a-kind," passed away peacefully at home, soaring from this temporary life to Life Eternal, Dec. 16, 2020. He was born Dec. 7, 1924, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin but went to school in Cleveland, Ohio. During his high school year he played trumpet in various dance bands.

He enlisted in the Marine



Corps January, 1943 and went to boot camp in San Diego. Upon graduation he was put in a group that was bound for Camp Pendleton to prepare for the Division that was going to land at Tarawa, but fate stepped in - he was given a Radio Aptitude test and "aced" it. He was then sent to the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Jacksonville, Florida to

be a radioman and aerial gunner on B-25's, known as "Mitchell's."

In the fall of 1943, Jim joined the Marine Air Group 32 at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and the unit promptly moved to El Toro and then to the Pacific War Zone. At this time MAG-32 lost its B25's and acquired Corsairs, so Jim was no longer a "fly guy."

In early 1944, MAG-32 was attached to an army unit for close air support and made the initial landing at Lingayen Gulf on the northwestern coast of Luzon, Philippines. These units waded ashore with MacArthur on the island of Mindoro, and later landed at Zamboanga, Mindanao. At the end of the war Jim was discharged as a Sergeant.

He attended UCLA and also went to Art Center School in LA. He re-enlisted in the Marines, and because it was discovered he had played the trumpet, was assigned to the Band at El Toro, California, and then back overseas to Iwakuni, Japan. This was the start of 25 more years in the Marines, during which time he graduated from the Berklee School of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. Jim played the trumpet in Marine bands until 1950 when he switched to Drum Major. He was a Drum Major, "Drummie" until retirement.

Jim served in bands in the Department of Pacific, San Francisco, Po Hang Dong, Korea, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, El Toro, 1st Marine Brigade, Kaneohe, Hawaii, MCRD in San Diego and finally with the United States Marine Band in Washington, D.C. - a prestigious position.

While with the President's Own Band, he led the band in many functions, including performing the Friday Night Parades at 8th and I. That bearskin was hot! He composed a march for President

Lyndon B. Johnson and presented a copy of the score to the President after the Marine Band performed his march on the White House lawn. Quite an honor! He also composed and arranged other selections for the band, and designed a new, lighter, baldric and higher quality mace.

When Jim retired in 1972, some of the awards and medals he earned were the "Leatherneck Award" for outstanding marksmanship in Marine Corps-wide competition, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one star and the Asiatic Pacific Medal with three stars. He always said that he would like to do it all over again. Oh! the stories...

After retirement, he joined the Capitol Police in D.C. then his wife Maggie and he moved back to his home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where he worked for a local newspaper, and played in various bands including a Dixieland band on a river boat. Lots of fun!

In 2000, they moved to the sunny climes of Fallbrook, where Jim played eight ball pocket billiards at the VFW and worked as a Sheriff's Volunteer, serving the community.

Jim cherished his family and friends. He had a great sense of humor, a razor sharp wit and was huge fun to live with. When asked how he was feeling he would state

"I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in!" He could fit in anywhere - a man for all seasons. He loved animals, finding joy in them all his life.

He had a thirst for knowledge, was an avid reader and a history buff. He completed a four year university course in Japanese.

He was a man of many talents. He composed and wrote music beautifully and sang around the house. He gave piano lessons at one time. He was an accomplished artist - drawing and painting, and a mean pool player. He will be terribly missed here on earth, but his new Duty is playing in Sousa's Heavenly Band.

Many thanks go to Silverado Hospice who made Jim's last days comfortable, also to his faithful caregivers. Of course, he joked around with them all!

In addition to his wife Maggie, Jim is survived by two much-loved daughters: Tami (Greg) Zietlow, Missoula, Montana, and Patsy (Marty) Luckie, Orlando, Florida. He was Grandpa to Alex, Orlando. Many cousins and nephews will remember him fondly.

A private family Full Military Funeral will be held in Miramar National Cemetery at a later date.

If so desired, a donation may be made in Jim's memory to the Fallbrook VFW or Sunrise Christian Fellowship.



Nora Lee Fusco was born in Joliet, Illinois on Jan. 21, 1954 and passed away on December 20, 2020 at the age of 66. Her death followed a 17-month struggle with cancer. She moved to California with her family while still in grade school, later attending La Serna High School in Whittier. She graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a bachelor's degree and a teaching credential. She resided in Rancho Cucamonga for 34 years before retiring and moving to Fallbrook, a community that charmed and delighted her.

Shortly after graduating from college she began pursuing one of her passions, teaching. Nora's teaching career spanned 31 years, mostly teaching sixth graders. She was employed by the Alta Loma School District. The skill and creativity she brought to her profession earned her praise and

respect from students, parents and peers. Nora never met a student who couldn't succeed. Her determination and tenacity brought out the best in her students. Even years after her retirement former students would contact her to express their thanks.

Along life's path Nora discovered another passion, quilting. She was creative and artistic by nature and quilting offered an explosive outlet for her skills. Her creativity and attention to detail resulted in quilts of astounding beauty. Her quilts appeared in shows and won a number of awards. But that isn't what mattered to her. Her creations were an act of love and celebration. Most of them were given away to family and friends to commemorate special events such as a birth or a new home. She was generous by nature, warm and friendly to all and always ready to help.

However her overriding passion was family. As the hub of the family she organized and directed. She photographed and chronicled, from crazy vacations to Christmas lasagna. She was the conscience of the family and she made it all work. Her greatest joy was being a grandmother. Sadly, that was cut short.

Nora leaves behind her husband, Guido, sons Joel and Anthony, daughter Katherine, three grandchildren and other extended family. Arrangements for a Celebration of Life will be made when it is safe to congregate.

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