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FUESD tentatively plans to reopen Oct. 5

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District administrators gave details on their tentative plans for restarting in-person instruction next month, should San Diego County keep new coronavirus cases low enough to remain in the public health tier that will allow such a move.

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23 new coronavirus cases in Fallbrook

The Fallbrook area is reporting 520 coronavirus cases as of Sept. 21, an increase of 23 cases over last week – the exact same increase in cases from the week before that. More than 1% of the population of the 92028 ZIP code has tested positive for the coronavirus since the start of the pandemic.

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Library now open, taking precautions

The Friends of the Fallbrook Library are excited to announce that the San Diego County Library reopened branches for limited in-person services on Sept 10. While the staff's commitment to service will always stay the same, patrons will notice some changes when they visit.

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Charles family receives keys to HFOT home in Fallbrook



Marine Cpl Darryl Charles and his wife, Desiree Mercado, celebrate the presentation of their new home donated by Homes for Our Troops, Sept. 19.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Normally at a Homes for Our Troops Key Ceremony event, those in attendance to welcome home the family would watch with joy in seeing children running around the property, in and out of rooms, enjoying their very own new space.

But due to COVID-19 and restrictions, this time, the people tuning in on a Zoom call would just have to take the family's word for it Saturday, Sept. 18, when Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles, along with his wife Desiree Mercado, and their son, Kingsley, received keys to their new, specially-adapted home in Fallbrook.

They were escorted to the property by San Diego County Sheriff's Fallbrook substation units, some area motorcyclists, and cheered by other HFOT home



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Marine Cpl Darryl Charles' 3-year old son Kingsley, right, runs through his family's new home during a key ceremony presented by Homes for Our Troops.

State of the Chamber event highlights Fallbrook Strong

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

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 Wednesday, Sept. 16, was shorter in length than any held previously.

Secondly, no food was provided, though guests were encouraged to purchase something from a chamber member restaurant before joining the party.

Oh yes, thirdly, nobody was allowed to physically attend either.

That's of course because the entire event was held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and restrictions regarding large gatherings.

During the event, titled Fallbrook Strong, presentations were made by chamber directors and county and state representatives.

Fallbrook Chamber Chief Executive Officer Lila MacDonald kicked off the presentations.

"This year has brought us many



The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce held its annual State of the Chamber event in Zoom this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Village News/Courtesy photo

challenges and continues to bring us changes each week, sometimes each day," MacDonald said. "I am so grateful to have you all with us. I want you to know that we continue to support each of you

and the needs of the community. We are indeed blessed for your continued support and recognize the truly unique and spectacular community we are a part of.

"This year, we connected with

many organizations and people in our community. We leveraged relationships with other chambers and economic development

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OPINION

Trying to reopen businesses



Supervisor Jim Desmond
Fifth District

San Diego has been backed into a corner with unreasonable expectations. The state’s new, color coded criteria makes it impossible for San Diego County to ever completely open. Last week, I made a motion at the Board of Supervisors meeting for the county to no longer enforce whether businesses should be open or closed. I still believe that we should enforce the health and safety protocols, but let the state enforce their closure requirements.

Unfortunately, my motion didn’t receive a second and failed prior to the vote. I’m disappointed by my colleagues’ lack of support, and the county will continue to enforce business closures, rather than safe reopenings. There is a new crisis – and it’s now economic. The April lockdown continues indefinitely with 200,000 San Diegans unemployed and \$5 Billion in lost wages for the region’s workforce. In April, we were told that we need to protect hospital beds, ICUs and respirators, and there was limited personal protective equipment. We have lost sight of the original goals. As of September, we are in single digit percentages of coronavirus patients in hospital beds. We have proven we can identify, treat, and protect the most vulnerable people in San Diego County. We have done all that was asked of us by the State. It’s time for us to take local control, to stay safe, protect our most vulnerable, and allow our businesses to open safely and our workforce the opportunity to get back to work.

Dulin Road would be an unsafe entry to the park

Most residents of Fallbrook and Bonsall are aware of a new county regional park that is soon to be built. This new park, Rio Prado Park, will have many sports facilities, including soccer fields and baseball diamonds. This park will attract families from all over the region and will add a quality of life to our area. However, a problem exists. The proposed plan for the main entrance to this new county regional park is Dulin Road. What are they thinking? Dulin Road goes right through a quiet, peaceful community of senior citizens. Most residents of the Rancho Monserate community drive within their neighborhood in golf carts. For any resident to get to the library, club house, pool, tennis courts, golf course, trash receptacles, etc., they must cross Dulin Road. Currently Dulin Road has very little car traffic, but a great amount of golf cart traffic. Great danger lies ahead, if Dulin Road were to become the main the access road

to the new community park. Rancho Monserate would no longer be a peaceful senior community. It would become a dangerous community. Dulin Road access to the new community facilities would dangerously increase traffic, putting all the residents living in Rancho Monserate at great risk. An example of that risk happened as I was headed home from my errands in town. I drove into the park and almost collided with an older couple who are probably in their 90s, as they were driving their golf cart toward me in my lane. They were driving on the wrong side of the grassy divider, which is not necessarily a total surprise considering we have a few older, sometimes disoriented citizens in our community and we watch out carefully for our older neighbors. This incident only emphasized to me that the road in the middle of our community absolutely cannot be the main access road to a large regional county park.

Common sense should guide the county planners. It is clearly cheaper, however, to use our already existing road to access the county park. But money, not common sense, seems to be their guide. A main access road leading off the eastbound lane of Highway 76 needs to be built. They could build it, but they are doing everything they can to make people – even people in our community – think it can’t be done. Hogwash! Of course, it can be done, and it should be done. The entire Rancho Monserate community is doing their best to educate the county board on what a horrible mistake it would be to put a busy roadway through a peaceful senior community neighborhood. So far, they have refused to listen. They are dead set on doing their own thing no matter what we say. Is this democracy? In disbelief at such obtuse behavior,

Jack McKee

How leftists’ critical race theory poisons our discussion of racism

Eleanor Krasne / @EllieKrasne

I recently revived my Instagram account in an attempt to kill time during the COVID-19 lockdown. Until three weeks ago, my Instagram feed was filled with cooking photos, quarantine home projects and the occasional funny meme. But shortly after George Floyd’s horrifying May 25 killing, my Instagram feed changed course and was filled with commentary on police brutality and race relations. I’m glad that those I follow on Instagram are speaking out about race relations and abuse at the hands of police officers. But the casual and pervasive use of leftist language to talk about race relations is worrisome. I decided to respond to one of those posts by a friend and former colleague. She’s a bright, hardworking and thoughtful woman and from what I know, relatively apolitical. When she posted a series of images – what Instagram calls a “story” – that mentioned “systemic racism,” “white privilege,” and a list of required reading that included the writings of Malcolm X, I messaged her directly asking if she was familiar with so-called “critical race theory.” Critical race theory is a theoretical framework, rooted in Marxism that posits individuals as oppressed or oppressor based on their skin color. She replied “yes” and said she had studied it in graduate school. I pushed further to ask about her familiarity with Marxism. She wrote back that philosophical and policy arguments have no place in this conversation and that her statements were not in any way controversial. I was relieved to discover that she may not actually believe what she was saying, but was shocked to learn that, from her perspective, this was the only way to have a conversation about race.

I live in a large East Coast city, so it’s no surprise that many of my friends lean left and are social progressives. What was surprising is that my peers, including and especially those who are relatively apolitical, use the leftist paradigms of critical race theory to share their ideas about racism. They don’t understand the intellectual roots of that language and think that it’s the only way to talk about racism. As such, questioning their ideas amounts to tacit support of racism and makes you a racist. That notion reflects the true nature of all leftist ideology by being ultimately authoritarian in nature. You either agree with the left’s worldview or you are an enemy of all that is good. That way of thinking didn’t come out of nowhere. Beginning in the 1960s, higher education became permeated with critical theory. Critical theory, also rooted in Marxism, says that we must understand our beliefs – including on religion and politics – vis-a-vis the “means of production,” namely, businesses and industries. In this view, it’s in the business owners’ interest to create laws, social norms, and ideas that keep

them in power. Later on, this concept was applied to race, gender and other identities. Critical race theorists see these identities as social constructs that support systems of oppression. Regrettably, these theories have permeated higher education, the mainstream media and, most recently, the responses to Floyd’s killing in the custody of Minneapolis police officers. In college humanities classes, critical theory and its grievance studies accoutrements (critical race theory, feminist theory and postcolonialism, to name a few) are presented as the only and correct way to understand the world. The Western canon’s lack of gender and race diversity makes it unworthy of study. In other words, one’s gender and/or skin color make their ideas worthy (or not) of discussing. Critical race theory is presented as the singular lens through which one ought to see the world. Race is a social construct, enforced by those in power (white men), and predetermines someone’s role and ability in society. Philosophy and literature (and, increasingly, science) exist to dismantle the power structure instead of serving as vehicles through which we understand the most profound questions around human existence. As a result, anyone who went to college during or after the 1960s may very well have never explored ideas around the truth, justice, or the origins of our rights. Simply put, most college graduates with training in the humanities and social sciences lack the vocabulary to talk about racism and prejudice without using the framework of “systemic racism” and “white privilege.”

If you disagree with that philosophical framework, then you are ipso facto against fighting racism or deny that racism even exists. And if you push back on the use of terms such as “power structure” or “systemic racism,” you are likewise accused. That’s particularly damaging on two levels. First, it precludes any meaningful conversation about racism and race. Second, it creates a chasm between two presumably well-meaning people who most likely agree racism is bad but disagree on the best way to address it. A concrete example of that occurred when I questioned a friend’s posting of a “white supremacy iceberg.” I asked her how a so-called “Eurocentric” curriculum teaching Western civilization and supporting legal immigration support white supremacy. Her non-answer: “Do you deny that racism exists?” To be clear, racism exists. It’s sad and awful, and damages each of our souls. How sad that an otherwise productive conversation about racism is stopped by accusing me of denying racism’s existence. Further, the notion posits that “nonbelievers” – those who don’t subscribe to critical race theory – are enemies in the fight to defeat racism. Surely there are individuals who think that English should be the country’s official language, that

securing our borders is necessary to uphold the rule of law, and that the Western canon is an important part of a robust liberal arts education, while also thinking that racism is wrong and wanting to do their part to stop it. But within the paradigm of critical race theory, that’s not possible. You either #resist the hegemonic white supremacist power structure (which includes Western civilization classes and Columbus Day) or you are a racist. That’s hardly a way to have productive conversations that lead to ending racism. Regrettably, this divisiveness can be applied to all leftist doctrine, including and especially Marxism, from which critical race theory is derived. Critical race theory does not seek equality or justice. Instead, it categorizes people. One’s gender, race, or sexual orientation posits you as the oppressed or an oppressor – a status from which you are freed only when all existing societal structures, which are inherently racist, are overthrown. However, history shows us that authoritarianism, not utopia, follows revolution. We need only look to Cuba, Iran and Venezuela as examples. Those once-prosperous countries, albeit not without problems, were captivated by the revolutionary narrative of leftism only to find out the hard way that revolution serves only those in power. Leftism does not seek enduring notions of truth, the good or justice. It seeks only to subjugate the other as a means of overthrowing an existing structure. Once that structure is overthrown, the leaders of the revolution will find someone new to subjugate. If we succeed in fighting racism through authoritarian means, then what did we truly gain?

I’m reminded of one of my favorite books, Allan Bloom’s “The Closing of the American Mind.” In it, Bloom famously wrote: “Freedom of the mind requires not only, or not even specially, the absence of legal constraints, but the presence of alternative thoughts. “The most successful tyranny is not the one that uses force to assure uniformity, but the one that removes the awareness of other possibilities.” Our fight against prejudice is being done through what is perhaps the worst tyranny of all; namely, the tyranny over the mind. My friend’s well-intentioned attempts to fight racism, a terrible form of oppression, are being viewed through a lens of authoritarianism that calls upon our darkest demons. It categorizes people based on race and gender and assumes that people have (or don’t have) abilities based on those categories. It leaves no room for meaningful discourse. If we want to fight prejudice, then let’s shape the conversation around our better angels; namely, freedom, the inherent dignity of every single person, truth and the good.

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Vote No on Proposition 15

Proposition 15 is the worst idea known to man – at least this year. We are being asked to vote for an \$11 billion increase in taxes on California businesses. In the middle of a pandemic that has caused massive job losses, shuttered restaurants and stores, and squeezed businesses that are currently struggling with government-ordered shutdowns, we are being asked to burden California businesses with a new, massive tax increase. Higher prices for consumers will undoubtedly occur if this thing passes. In addition to having the highest income and sales taxes in the nation, California could soon have the highest property taxes in the nation. Other reasons for voting No on 15:

- It is an attack on Proposition 13 as it would revoke Proposition 13’s protection for business properties effectively raising taxes on nearly every business in California, not just once but over and over again.
- It is step one in a plan to completely destroy Proposition 13 which has protected property owners since 1978. This could lead to big increases on home property taxes.
- Proposition 15 would mean higher prices across California’s economy including higher prices for nearly everything including rent, food, gas, utilities and medicine.
- A massive tax increase on California businesses risk delaying or even preventing an economic recovery, while other states thrive
- An army of new government assessors would need to be hired and trained to go out and reassess California commercial property. The California Assessors Association has stated that it will cost \$1 billion to implement Proposition 15 in the first three years. They also have taken an official position against Proposition 15 because it would be “impossible” to implement as written because of confusion over multiple owners and certain exemptions.
- Proposition 15 is being titled the “Schools and Communities First” initiative. California voters are tired of misleading titles on California ballot propositions. The majority of the \$11 billion tax increase would not go to schools.
- Save what is left of the Golden State and the California Dream by voting down Proposition 15, the worst idea known to man. Vote no on 15.

Bob Newkirk

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OPINION

What can we do about wildfires?



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75 (R)

This year, devastation from California’s wildfires is at record levels of destruction – about 3.4 million acres already burned! We have some of the toughest environmental standards in the nation, but our success in reducing greenhouse gas emissions is wiped out by tons of carbon dioxide spewed into the atmosphere by these fires.

The Legislature recently passed legislation to help prevent wildfires and deal with their aftermath. Two years ago, I supported a bipartisan plan with then Governor Jerry Brown to increase vegetation clearance funding, and to empower CalFire and the California Department of Forestry to strategically and scientifically

thin forest overgrowth, while holding utility companies more accountable for keeping power lines safe. I also supported the Wildfire Fund to help people who lost their homes deal with the aftermath of wildfires.

But we must be more proactive to lessen the number and severity of wildfires. More than 40% of open land is owned by the federal government. We need to push for aggressive vegetation management for government and private lands.

Our fire and weather technology infrastructure will need an upgrade statewide so that we can better predict wildfires and their probable path, similar to what we have in our county and SDG&E.

We need more technology and equipment for local and state fire departments with modernized communications systems for better coordination between federal, state and local agencies to manage incidents under their jurisdictions and keep them and the public safe.

County roadways need more vegetation clearance as vehicles cause about 25% of fires in high-risk zones. Obviously, there will be a cost for all this, but if we don’t take action, the brush, dead trees and overgrown forests will still be thinned – wildfires will do the job. Those costs are much higher.

As always, I continue to make wildfire prevention and management a top priority.

Re: ‘Our republic is in peril’, [Village News, Letter, 9/17/20]

No, Democrats don’t believe that the government will solve all problems. However, we do need to vote into office those best qualified to solve the problems the government is best qualified to solve and there are many.

If Reagan were here today, he would be correct in saying government is the problem. Other than that, what I remember about Reagan is that he almost tripled the national debt in his effort to “reduce” government spending.

The author of the subject letter says: “Think, people, think!” The author should also advise getting some facts to think on. For instance, there is no evidence that: “Socialism is just a step before communism.” Apparently the author is unaware that socialism is a political, social, and economic

philosophy. Our own country is a hybrid: democratic politically, with some socialistic economic policies (e.g., Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid).

The Nordic countries, for example, also have democratic forms of government but socialistic economic practices such as health care for all. And they have fared well. Not coincidentally, “All five of the Nordic countries ranked in the top 10 on the World Happiness Report.” (Wikipedia)

The letter author also says, “Some people may not like the things the president says.” I certainly don’t like to hear him

complimenting himself for his handling of the pandemic, now that Woodward has presented the real story.

His words and actions have alienated our allies, relegating them to the status of just countries we do business with. I also don’t like to hear him touting his “health care plan” – a plan that exists only in his imagination. And his erratic speech and behavior have frightened friends and foes, wondering if he might finally get curious about that football he’s not supposed to touch.

John H. Terrell

Democrats are for tolerance, free speech and diversity

Then why can’t I wear a Trump hat, put a Trump sticker on my car or put a Trump sign on my front lawn?

Because, I would be subject to bodily harm, being yelled at or hassled in a restaurant, or I’d have my car keyed or my home fire bombed. If I try to defend myself, I will be the one thrown in jail.

What a country.

Randy Jones

6 degrees of separation

I have heard it said only six people stand between you and anyone else on earth. I asked the following question here with a different topic over 10 years ago and received quite a response. I am looking forward to the same response amount today.

Now then, my question: “Do you know anyone who rents a storage unit at Citrus Plaza here

in Fallbrook?”

Specifically, I am looking for the person who rented Unit 177 after Aug. 10, 2020, and/or anyone who has anything they’d like to share about this facility. You can email me at: raynruth@roadrunner.com

And that’s it. Thank you for your time.

Ruth Noyes

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Renewable energy zones to be explained at FCAT meeting



Pete Beauregard is the guest speaker for the Wednesday, Sept. 30, meeting of the Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

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FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Climate Action Team will present a talk about Green Energy Zones Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Pierre “Pete” Beauregard, a Ramona rancher, will be the speaker. The Wednesday date is a change from the group’s usual date on the last Tuesday of the month.

Beauregard is the owner and builder of Casa Aguila, San Diego’s first net zero energy home. He is a successful farmer using advanced irrigation methods and sustainable planting. He will talk about establishing Green Enterprise Zones to encourage investment by business and create good paying local green jobs.

Green or Renewable Energy Zones are geographic areas with high-quality variable renewable energy resources, such as wind and solar; suitable topography and land use designations for development, and demonstrated interest from project developers. The San Diego County back country has the right climate and topography for these zones.

Beauregard spoke to the group in 2018 to a packed house. To get the Zoom link, sign up for the group’s e-blast at <http://FallbrookClimateActionTeam.org>. FCAT has been holding Zoom meetings since May.

Submitted by Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

Chamber golf tournament tees off Sept. 25



This avocado themed basket is one of the donations available in the chamber’s fundraiser for REINS.

Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Chamber’s Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Pala Mesa Resort is scheduled for tomorrow, Sept. 25 and everything is ready to go. All the fun starts midday, with check-in at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Tournament play is enhanced by a fabulous lunch, an opportunity

drawing, a virtual silent auction, contests and golf awards. A portion of the proceeds will benefit REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program, a local nonprofit where children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses and have fun doing it.

Additionally, the Putting Contest will be coordinated by the Friends of the Fallbrook Library to also benefit REINS.

Anyone can bid on the silent auction items now by going to www.fallbrookauction.com and browse the prizes and start the bidding. Tickets for the opportunity drawing are available at the chamber office and at the golf course Sept. 25.

For more information, call the chamber, 760-728-5845.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

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Fallbrook Woman’s Club to display scarecrows

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Woman’s Club had its first meeting of the club’s calendar year this month via Zoom. The FWC is complying with the state’s mandate, as well as the California Federation of Women’s Clubs, by not holding regular in-person monthly meetings.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom, for now. Advice is available on the use of the Zoom app for members and guests requesting more information.

The meetings are social, fun and are focused on participating in community events and serving the needs of the community. In October, the club will participate in Fallbrook’s Scarecrow Days. Be sure to look for the FWC scarecrow ladies adorning the clubhouse grounds next month. The clubhouse is at 238 W. Mission Road, in Fallbrook.

A segment of the FWC meetings is having a community speaker present. The speakers inform members about the community or about an organization in need of community support.

The Tuesday, Oct. 13, Zoom meeting will have a speaker from Michelle’s Place Cancer Resource Center in Temecula. It is a new organization servicing Fallbrook but has provided services in Temecula for 17 years. Michelle’s Place provides over 10,000 free services in a year to individuals and families impacted by all types of cancer.

The FWC invites all ladies to participate at the meetings each month, either as a guest or as a member. For more information, email fallbrookwomansclub@gmail.com.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Woman’s Club.

LOCAL

American Legion stays busy, offering salmon dinner



FALLBROOK – As the world crawls toward fall 2020, members of American Legion Post 776 in Fallbrook are challenged to find a new normal in the face of COVID-19, fires, smoke and ash. While forced to cancel many activities, members remain busy.

They hosted a successful salmon dinner fundraiser earlier in the year and decided to do it again. The delicious blackened salmon was a huge hit and they hope those who missed it will join them on Sept. 25, 4-8 p.m. The meal includes rice pilaf, asparagus and a lemon bar for dessert, all for only \$14 a plate, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1175 Old Stage Road.

New American Legion officers were elected in May. Marti Sonniksen is the new post commander, Jeanine Domercq is post adjutant, Joseph DiMento is finance officer, Michael Bermudez is the chaplain, and Thomas Lester III holds the position of Sgt-at-Arms.

Membership meetings are currently held, socially distanced, on the first Saturday of the month, 1 p.m., at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1175 Old Stage Road. Those not comfortable attending in person, are linked in via Zoom.

Members are advised that voting will take place at the October meeting to change the group's meeting date and time to the first Thursday of the month, at 6 p.m. They are adapting.

On Patriot Day, Sept. 11, members encouraged those comfortable doing so, to have dinner downtown and wear red, white and blue in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attack and subsequent wars on terror.

Several members also helped distribute food at the Fallbrook Food Pantry in September and participated in a blood drive in October. With precautions and masks, they remain dedicated to their community.

Their Defender Bracelet fundraiser continues, and bracelets can be purchased at the VFW Hall for only \$5. The bracelets can also be ordered by calling the post commander. Phone orders incur a shipping charge.

Anyone who has questions or needs assistance can contact Cmdr. Marti Sonniksen, 209-595-6804.

Submitted by American Legion Post 776.

American Legion Post 776 members assist the Fallbrook Food Pantry in May, from left, Tom Lester, Marti Sonniksen, Joe DiMento and Al Ollivares.

FUESD tentatively plans to reopen Oct. 5

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District administrators gave details on their tentative plans for restarting in-person instruction next month, should San Diego County keep new coronavirus cases low enough to remain in the public health tier that will allow such a move.

Officials at FUESD's Sept. 14 Governing Board meeting provided a look at a hybrid reopening plan that will provide in-person learning two days a week and virtual learning the other three, with both elementary and middle school students divided into two cohorts.

Superintendent Candace Singh said while the learning model might not necessarily be ideal for everyone, it was the best and safest option the district could come up with.

"We are doing our best to create a plan that is thoughtful and careful," Singh said. "I would ask our parents to stick with us. I want everyone to be patient and know that we are doing our best. We are responsible for many, many lives, and we are taking this seriously."

Singh said the district was planning to reopen in its hybrid format Oct. 5, although she reminded those watching the meeting virtually that its plans will always be subject to changing circumstances as San Diego County and California continue to deal with the coronavirus pandemic – a point underscored by news on Sept. 16 that a surge in cases at San Diego State University could send the county back into the state's most restrictive "purple" public health tier, which would prohibit in-person learning.

Parents who do not feel comfortable sending their students to in-person classes do have the option to sign up for five-day-a-week online learning, Singh said.

Julie Norby, FUESD's assistant superintendent of educational services, said students will be divided into "A" and "B" cohorts.

At the elementary level, "A" students will come to their school sites on Mondays and Wednesdays, while "B" students will be on-campus Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All students will be home on Fridays.

The plan, Norby said, is for students to have staggered drop-off times to maximize social distancing, and begin classes at 8:30 a.m.

Elementary students will all have separate recesses, she said. While plans are still being hammered out, school will end early, she said.

"The reason for that is that we are finding it's very challenging to create a lunchtime opportunity for students and maintain social distancing," Norby said.

The cohorts will look similar for middle school students, with the addition of class periods to implement into the scheduling.

"A" students will attend periods 1, 3 and 5 on Mondays and periods 2, 4 and 6 on Wednesdays, while "B" students will attend those class periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays, respectively, according to Norby.

Middle school students will get an approximately-20-minute nutrition break, Norby said, and while there will be passing periods, the students will not be the ones passing – teachers will instead move from class to class to minimize the potential for virus spread.

For both elementary and middle school students, there will be a final period of online learning after attending school in-person, so all students will attend classes for a full day, although they will only be on campus for approximately five hours.

Norby said the district is working to ensure that families with multiple children enrolled

in FUESD will all attend school on the same days.

"I do want to just remind our families out there listening to us tonight that we recognize that this is not ideal," Norby said. "We would love to have our students back five days a week and all go back to normal again."

Cindi Martin, FUESD's director of accounting, also provided information on health screening – parents will be asked to screen their children prior to arrival on campus, and faculty will conduct visual checks when students arrive.

"I think where we have landed with this is not temperature checking every child, but visually checking – that visual health screening which is very powerful," Singh said. "When a kid looks like he has a runny nose, that's an immediate 'you're going to the health clerk and you're getting a temperature check' as opposed to checking every single child every day, but visually screening every child every day when they come and then immediately providing that kind of supplemental checking should we see a child who looks like they might be having a little cough or something."

Singh reiterated that the plan is only tentative.

"We have a plan at a given time and then if public health data changes, the plan changes," she said.

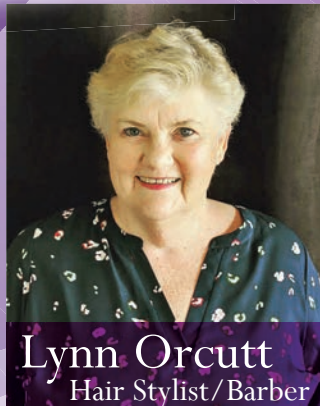
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‘Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded’ offers weeklong series of virtual events

FALLBROOK – Stagecoach Sunday, the Fallbrook Land Conservancy’s annual fall fundraiser, will take a break from its traditional festival this year with a weeklong series of virtual events to be held on www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org.

In a recent letter mailed to longtime supporters, the FLC presented “Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded,” which is designed to bring “all the fun of our popular, community festival to the comfort of your own home.” Generously sponsored by the San Diego Foundation, the fundraiser kicks off Monday, Sept. 28, with live wildlife demonstrations from Pacific Animal Productions, and tours of the FLC’s local nature preserves, which will be accessible on the group’s website.

Throughout the week, the Firehouse Que and Brew and The Rib Shack, popular local eateries and FLC business supporters, will join in the fun with special takeout menus.

The event culminates at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, with a Main Stage Event, showcasing the popular local band Daring Greatly, which will perform live from the historic Palomares House and Wildlife Sculpture Garden, the traditional site of Stagecoach Sunday for more than 30 years. Winners of the

FLC’s “Go Wild!” photo contest will also be announced.

The funds raised at the group’s annual Stagecoach Sunday event have long been critical to the group’s mission of preserving the natural beauty of the Fallbrook area. “As the COVID-19 crises unfolded, we were grateful to see the increased usage of our preserves, and hope that people have found solace in these beautiful open spaces during this difficult time,” said Karla Standridge, executive director of the FLC.

While many aspects of the traditional festival will be missing this year, most notably the authentic stagecoach rides, silent auction and raffle, and hands-on children’s activities, members of the community are encouraged to visit Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded, “which promises a unique entertainment and learning experience for both children and adults,” said Ashley Stein Araiza, Stagecoach Sunday chair and member of the FLC’s board of directors. She also encouraged members of the community who enjoy FLC’s preserves to take this opportunity to join FLC, renew or upgrade their memberships, or become corporate partners.

In addition, the group is seeking sponsors for its newest project,



While families cannot take a stagecoach ride this year on Stagecoach Sunday, they can view a variety of virtual events at www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org. Village News/Cia Farrar Knapp photo

the restoration of the Wildlife Sculpture Garden, which houses one of the largest collections of native wildlife sculptures in San Diego County. “With the

community’s help, the park will reach its full potential as a special place for present and future generations to enjoy,” Standridge said.

For a full schedule of Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded events, visit www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org. Submitted by Fallbrook Land Conservancy.

23 new coronavirus cases in Fallbrook again

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook area is reporting 520 coronavirus cases as of Sept. 21, an increase of 23 cases over last week – the exact same increase in cases from the week before that.

More than 1% of the population of the 92028 ZIP code has tested positive for the coronavirus since the start of the pandemic. 92028 includes Fallbrook as well as Rainbow and De Luz.

The 92028 ZIP code currently has San Diego County’s 35th highest rate of coronavirus infections per 100,000 people, as well as the 43rd lowest rate in the county.

Nearby Bonsall’s 92003 ZIP code reported 43 coronavirus cases as of Sept. 21, the same as last week – marking the second week in a row Bonsall has not seen an increase in cases. As has been the case since the start of the pandemic, San Diego County

cannot estimate an infection rate for Bonsall because of the low number of cases and low population.

Meanwhile, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors was planning after press time Sept. 21 to consider taking legal action against the state to prevent potentially sliding back into the most restrictive tier on Sept. 22.

The Board met Sept. 17 to discuss their options after Gov. Gavin Newsom rejected a county effort to discount the more than 700 positive tests recorded by San Diego State University since the semester began, the day before the meeting.

The supervisors did not make a decision on taking legal action against the state in their meeting Sept. 17, but Supervisor Greg Cox said the board will meet in closed-session Sept. 21 after receiving more information, “to consider any further actions.”

County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher was vague about the closed meeting Sept. 17 but urged caution.

“In general, I believe we should be fighting COVID-19 and not the state of California,” he said. “We do not yet know what our case rate will be next Tuesday and will have to evaluate that number in order to understand any possible impact.”

The county was expected to find out Sept. 22, after Village News’ press time, if it will slip back to the purple tier of the state’s coronavirus reopening roadmap. If so, it would likely shutter indoor operations for restaurants, movie theaters, houses of worship and gyms, limit retail businesses to just 25% capacity and have major impacts on indoor business for most other industries until the county can improve its numbers.

Should the county be placed in that tier, it would have to wait a minimum of three weeks before moving back to less restrictive

tiers.

If state data announced Sept. 22 shows the county has a case rate higher than 7, it could be moved into the purple tier – the most restrictive level.

However, if the numbers from the university were removed from the equation, San Diego County would suddenly drop below the mark to remain in the red tier.

As of 6 p.m. Sept. 19, SDSU had reported 819 confirmed cases and 32 probable cases, bringing the total number of cases to 851. The university has not received any reports of faculty or staff who have tested positive, SDSU health officials said, nor have any cases been traced to classroom or research settings.

San Diego County health officials reported 284 new COVID-19 infections and no new deaths on Sept. 20, raising the region’s totals to 44,577 cases with the death toll remaining at 760.

Of the 9,097 tests reported on

Sept. 19, 3% returned positive, bringing the 14-day rolling average of positive tests to 3.6%.

The seven-day daily average of tests is 8,375.

Of the total positive cases reported as of Sept. 20, 3,404 – or 7.6% – required hospitalization and 800 – or 1.8% – had to be admitted to an intensive care unit.

One new community outbreak in a grocery business was confirmed this weekend. From Sept. 13-19, 21 community outbreaks were confirmed.

The number of community outbreaks remains above the trigger of seven or more in seven days. 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.

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City News Service contributed to this report.

Local vintners, “two Teds,” receive awards



Showing off their awards from the San Diego Fair Homemade Wine Competition are hobby winemakers Ted Lacy, left, and Ted Kubitz, right, with Mary Polopolus. Lacy and Kubitz were awarded the Bronze Medal for their 2018 Petite Syrah as well as the Yellow Ribbon, fifth place overall, out of 280 entries, for the label designed by Polopolus. The competition was held and judged by local wineries from San Diego and Temecula. Awards were done by virtual presentation since the SD Fair was not officially held this year. Village News photo

Real Estate Round-Up: Appraisal – checkmate



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The real estate transaction is complicated. There are multiple participants, there are multiple disclosures and reports, there are multiple points of negotiation, and there’s the appraisal.

Appraisers are a bit like the Wizard of Oz. They have all the levers, they hide behind the curtain, and they decide what you get. We all know how that worked out for the cowardly lion, the tin man, and Dorothy. The wizard gave them what he determined they needed and sent them on their way. It wasn’t until they returned and discovered that the wizard was just a man behind a curtain, that the wizard was exposed.

In the good old days, mortgage brokers had a group of appraisers that they regularly worked with.

The lenders had relationships with appraisers who understood custom homes and those that understood track homes.

The lenders worked with appraisers who understood the coastal communities and those that understood the rural communities, and much like Realtors, they would utilize the services of the appraiser that had the most thorough knowledge of the specific type of home in the specific community it was located in.

The Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act became a federal law in July 2010. It required that the relationship between lender and appraiser be arms-length.

For a while, even Realtors, were being held at arms-length, so no one could accuse anyone of undue persuasion. This arms-length component was a product of abuse by lenders leading up to the 2008 great recession.

Listen up, the abuse was from a very few who ruined it for the many. The abusers sold homes, plain and simple. They made the numbers work, so buyers purchased homes, regardless of whether they could truly afford to purchase that home. Legitimate lenders help qualified buyers purchase homes they can afford.

This history lesson leads us to today. Many of you know that the inventory of homes for sale is historically low. Basic supply and demand says that when there is not adequate supply to keep up with the demand, prices for the

product goes up. The buyers drive the prices up, not the producer, or in the case of the home, the seller.

Think of gas prices. When there is an abundance of oil, gas prices drop. When oil is in short supply, gas prices rise. In the month of August, detached homes in Fallbrook sold for 98.6% of their original list price.

The median price of a detached home in Fallbrook in August was \$622,500 which is 10.8% higher than August 2019. The average price of a detached home in Fallbrook in August was \$686,318 which is 7.1% higher than August 2019. Prices are climbing and buyers are willing to pay the higher price. Supply and demand are a major component affecting these numbers.

Enter the appraiser. First the good news. We have had a few purchases where the lender has waived the appraisal. That is a good thing unless the buyer offered more than they really wanted to pay and was hoping that the appraisal would come in lower.

However, for most buyers and sellers this is great news. It is one less variable to contend with. Appraisals generally are performed on all purchases. With VA and FHA loans there is a document that the buyers and sellers sign stating that the buyers do not need to proceed with the purchase if the appraisal comes in below the agreed purchase price.

VA and FHA will only lend based on the appraised value. In all other cases, appraisal is a

contingency for the buyers and provides a reason to not proceed with the transaction if the sellers and buyers cannot come up with a resolution on a low appraisal.

This is the thing; all appraisals are not created equal. Appraisers are tasked with finding properties that have similar characteristics as the property being purchased. Appraisers attempt to find properties that are a half mile from the property and closed escrow within the previous six months. That’s a task in today’s market.

Inventory is so low, that appraisers must look outside of the half mile radius but do try to stay within the six-month criteria. Appraisals are, however, subjective. There is no road map to create the final value.

We recently had an appraisal completed on a purchase of one of our listings. The appraiser submitted his report and determined that the appraised value and the purchase price were the same. Everyone was elated. Some time passed and we received notification that Fannie Mae was reviewing the appraisal and was going to send out a new appraiser to review the value.

This appraiser did not contact anyone. This appraiser did a “drive-by” appraisal and proceeded to bring in the appraised value \$70,000 below the first appraisal. The transaction went from being smooth to “in trouble”.

It was resolved only after extensive negotiations that included the option for the buyer

to get a new loan with a new lender, who would then get a new appraisal, or cancel the escrow.

Fortunately, the existing lender was able to get approval for a third appraisal. That appraisal was completed and just like the first appraisal, brought the appraised value in at the purchase price. There was a week’s delay, but disaster averted.

Why am I making you aware of this scenario? Inventory is low, prices are rising because demand remains high. Appraisals may be a problem. There are solutions if the parties wish to work to find one.

With VA and FHA, the solutions are more difficult to find. With conventional financing, there is always a solution, which could include, the seller lowering their accepted price, the buyer bringing in more cash to close the escrow, the parties meeting somewhere in the middle, or even having a new appraisal completed.

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OBITUARIES



Retired U.S. Marine Corps **Capt. Richard C. Gloady**, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at the age of 83. He was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, Feb. 2, 1937.

“Dick,” as he was affectionately called, was most proud of his 20 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He enlisted right out of high school at the age of 17, and it was this choice that helped shape the rest of his life. He grew up in the Marine Corps. It laid the foundation for who he became as

an adult and helped define him as a person.

The Marines gave him confidence and a sense of purpose and helped him become a man of honor, conviction and integrity. Near the end of his service, Dick was a Mustang who was commissioned during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Marines at the ripe old age of 37.

Not long after enlisting, he did perhaps the next best thing in his life – he married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth. They met at the age of 12 and 13 and were

together for 70 years, married for 64 of those.

After retiring from the Marines, Dick went back to school, earning his associate degree from Palomar College and a bachelor’s degree in accounting from National University. He had a second career in property management, which allowed him to play a large role in helping raise his first grandchild.

Dick also officiated basketball at the high school and college levels for more than 30 years and umpired softball for many years.

When Dick retired fully, he loved traveling the globe. He traveled to such places as Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Acapulco, Mexico, and through the Panama Canal on a cruise, just to name a

few, all with his loving wife by his side. He also enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Elizabeth, Dick is survived by his four children, Kim, Shawn, Rick and Pam, and his six grandchildren, Shane, Jared, Kayla, Lauren, Spenser, Christina and Nicca. He also leaves behind a 9-month-old, great-grandson, Lennon Richard Gloady.

Dick was interred with full military honors at Miramar National Cemetery Monday, Sept. 21. Donations may be made to either the Wounded Warriors or Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924 in Fallbrook.

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councils to advocate for businesses, reached out to our state and local leaders, and kept businesses informed on current health updates and COVID information, grant and loan programs, updated permit processes and laws affecting most businesses and community.

“We have also continued working with Jim Desmond’s revitalization committee to help

preserve the resources that we have and work on solutions for issues that the community feels are important. It’s a collaboration between county and community that has helped address issues like homelessness, public safety, housing, and infrastructure. We worked with SANDAG and San Diego County Department of Public Works to bring our shared streets projects to our community where you can visit Friday and Saturday nights and dine

in the street.”

MacDonald continued to discuss the ways the chamber serves the business community and the community as a whole.

“Our chamber is definitely serving in a variety of ways,” she said. “Our chamber, as a nonprofit, we serve beyond the scope of any other active community chamber of commerce. This is all done with the staff, a small staff, and a lot of dedicated volunteers like yourselves who have the heart for the community. So tonight, as we reflect on the last year and look forward to a brighter future, let’s celebrate you. Let’s celebrate collaboration, resiliency, teamwork, ingenuity.

And remember that together we are Fallbrook Strong.”

State Senator Brian Jones was next, but before he got started, he announced that the Fallbrook Food Pantry was named nonprofit of the year by his office.

He also gave a legislative update and talked about five bills he has on Governor Gavin Newsom’s desk.

“I want you all to know that I am doing everything I can to make sure businesses are surviving during this pandemic and thrive going forward,” Jones said. “If you do have some particular challenges with any state agency please don’t hesitate to reach out.”

Fallbrook Chamber Board

of Directors Chairman Martín Quiroz talked about prevailing over adversity.

“Our mission statement is promoting business and building a better community,” Quiroz said. “And we had to really try hard to figure out how to do that under COVID. Again, we adjust daily to what the county allows with the ever-changing rules and planning events a real challenge. Being a leader in the community and being town hall for the unincorporated area is a challenge. And I give to those in the whole organization for stepping up and continuing to really lead in our town.

“We’re not just members, we’re a close-knit group, we’re friends, and we’re almost like a family and we’ve gone through this together. And it’s been a remarkable journey to be going through this with all of you.”

Also speaking during the event was State Assemblymember Marie Waldron and Fallbrook Honorary Mayor Carlos Perez, who will be the honorary mayor again, MacDonald said.

“It’s all about the chamber of commerce in Fallbrook,” Perez said. “It’s been about two years or three since I joined the chamber and to me and my family, it’s been a very good ride. I’ve been creating more friends, and my family and I feel appreciated. I like your smiles when I come into the chamber of commerce to visit for whatever reason I come in. I couldn’t do it without you.

“Yes I was honorary mayor last year, but I wasn’t able to do what I really wanted to do. I want to continue working for whatever I can minimally do, whatever I can do to represent the town and whatever I can do to represent the businesses.”

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Family and friends celebrate from a distance while practicing social distancing guidelines during the Homes for Our Troops key ceremony for Marine Cpl Darryl Charles in Fallbrook.

HFOT
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recipients and Fallbrook residents and neighbors.

“I want to start by saying thank you to Homes for Our Troops,” said Charles. “Thank you volunteers, sponsors, donors for making this dream a reality. I’m still trying to process everything. It’s pretty unreal what’s happening right now. I can’t even get the words out, but I’m extremely humbled and grateful to be a recipient of this donation.

“Thank you doesn’t say enough.”

Mercado thanked everyone as well.

“We love everybody that’s joined in and everybody that’s donated time and money,” she said. “We’re just really grateful for the support system we have. We are who we are, we have what we have because of you, because it has impacted our lives.”

On Oct. 17, 2011, during his second deployment, Charles, a mortarman, was conducting a patrol with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan when he stepped on an improvised explosive device.

Charles sustained severe damage to both legs and internal injuries as a result of the blast. Since then, he endured numerous surgeries for three years while being treated at Walter Reed and Balboa medical centers. The damage to his right leg was so severe, doctors decided to amputate his leg above the knee.



Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles and his wife Desiree Mercado, enter their new home during a key ceremony presented by Homes for Our Troops in Fallbrook, Sept. 19.



A small group of notable guests gather inside the garage of the Charles family home presented by Homes for Our Troops during a Zoom call for guests to participate while practicing social distancing guidelines.



From left, Desiree Mercado, Kingsley Charles, HFOT recipient Marine Cpl. Chris Van Etten, Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles, and future HFOT recipient Marine Cpl Kionte Storey chat while attending the Charles family key ceremony in Fallbrook.



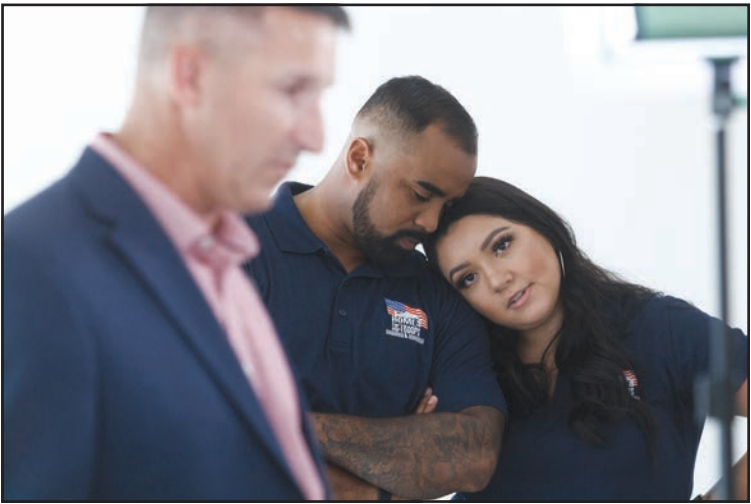
A motorcade escorts Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles and his family to their new home presented by Homes for Our Troops.



Homes for Our Troops Director of Construction Richard Pratt is recorded by Jennifer Youngren of Youngren Construction during a Zoom call for participants and those interested in watching the key ceremony for Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles.



Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles raises an American flag in front of his family's new Fallbrook home presented by Homes for Our Troops.



Marine Cpl. Darryl Charles and his wife Desiree listen as they celebrate their Homes for Our Troops presentation with a variety of speakers over a Zoom call in Fallbrook.

Today, Charles continues to work with a trainer to improve his gait and balance, and he is currently planning to have ACL reconstruction surgery on his left knee.

Charles, now retired, has been doing information technology work for the Navy through their Wounded Warrior program and he is studying for his degree with National University.

“I plan on doing that for 25 years, finish out my government contract, and hopefully be in a good position to retire,” Charles said when he learned about being accepted as a HFOT home recipient.

Longtime HFOT partner Youngren Construction built the house, and owners Scott and Jennifer Youngren served as the camera crew for the Sept. 19 ceremony. The Charles family home is the 27th home Youngren Construction has built for Homes for Our Troops.

Charles’ new home features more than 40 major special adaptations such as widened doorways for wheelchair access, a roll-in shower, and kitchen amenities that include pull-down shelving and lowered

countertops.

The home will also alleviate the mobility and safety issues associated with a traditional home, including navigating a wheelchair through narrow hallways or over thresholds, riding on carpets, or reaching for cabinets that are too high.

After raising the American flag on the flagpole that stands in front of their home, the couple were overwhelmed while walking through their new digs, which they planned to move into Wednesday, Sept. 23.

When asked who was going to take the first bath in the bathtub, after both pointed at themselves, Mercado conceded, “Realistically, it will be Kingsley.”

Homes for Our Troops donated the home to the Charles family with the support of donors, supporters and corporate partners. For more information on HFOT, visit <https://www.hfotusa.org>.

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Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg dies at 87

Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a towering women’s rights champion who became the court’s second female justice, died Friday, Sept. 18, at her home in Washington. She was 87.

Ginsburg died of complications from metastatic pancreatic cancer, the court said.

Her death just over six weeks before Election Day is likely to set off a heated battle over whether President Donald Trump should nominate, and the Republican-led Senate should confirm, her replacement, or if the seat should remain vacant until the outcome of his race against Democrat Joe Biden is known.

Trump, who called Ginsburg “an amazing woman,” made his view clear Saturday. He urged the Senate to consider “without delay” his upcoming pick for the high court.

“We were put in this position of power and importance to make decisions for the people who so proudly elected us,” Trump tweeted, “The most important of which has long been considered to be the selection of United States



In this July 31, 2014, file photo, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is seen in her chambers in at the Supreme Court AP photo/Cliff Owen, file photo in Washington. The Supreme Court says Ginsburg has died of metastatic pancreatic cancer at age 87.

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A review of ‘Ten Global Trends’ in economic affairs

Alexander Hammond
Human Progress

It’s not easy being optimistic nowadays. If you turn on the news or flick through any newspaper, you could be forgiven for thinking the world is going to the dogs.

In 2019, months before we even had a word for “COVID-19,” a YouGov poll found that a staggering 68% of Britons thought that, generally speaking, the world is becoming a worse place to live. Similarly, when the same question was asked to citizens of 17 countries in 2016, YouGov found that Britain was in the least optimistic third. Fewer than one in 20 Britons feel that the world was getting better.

It seems pessimism is an engrained part of Britain’s national psyche. But the problem with this gloomy thinking is that it is completely detached from the world in which we live.

In their new book, “Ten Global Trends Every Smart Person Should Know,” Marian L. Tupy and Ronald Bailey give a detailed and articulate account of the incredible

– but largely unknown – progress humanity has made in recent times.

The book was released Aug. 31, but the authors gave EA Magazine exclusive permission to highlight five of book’s most jaw-dropping trends – all of which demonstrate how the world is becoming a richer, healthier and more pleasant place to live.

Global Income is Rising

Economic historians estimate that in year 1 of the common era, the average global income per person per year was just \$800 in 2011 U.S. dollars. Fast-forward 18 centuries, and by the year 1800, average global incomes had only increased to a measly \$1,140. It meant that in the 1,800 years separating the birth of Christ and the election of Thomas Jefferson to the U.S. presidency, average incomes only rose by about 40%.

However, things began to accelerate during the Industrial Revolution, and between 1800 and 1900, average incomes rose from approximately \$1,140 to

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“Ten Global Trends Every Smart Person Should Know” is written by Marian L. Tupy and Ronald Bailey. Valley News/Courtesy photo

Federal court rules Pennsylvania’s lockdown order unconstitutional

Christian Britschgi
Reason

A federal judge Monday, Sept. 14, ruled that lockdown restrictions imposed by Pennsylvania Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf, including a ban on large gatherings and the closure of “non-life sustaining businesses,” are unconstitutional.

While those restrictions were “well-intentioned,” U.S. District Judge William Stickman IV said, “good intentions toward a laudable end are not alone enough to uphold governmental action against a constitutional challenge. Indeed, the greatest threats to our system of constitutional liberties may arise when the ends are laudable and the intent is good – especially in time of emergency.”

In May, Wolf and Rachel Levine, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, were sued by a coalition of counties, federal and state elected representatives, and several small businesses over the state’s coronavirus restrictions. The restrictions included a shelter-in-place order requiring people to stay in their homes, a closure of all “non-life-sustaining” businesses, and bans on gatherings of more

than 25 people indoors, or 250 people for outdoor gatherings.

The plaintiffs collectively argued that the governor’s restrictions on gatherings violated the First Amendment’s protections of free speech and assembly. The shelter-in-place order and closure of businesses, they contended, were a violation of their rights to substantive due process under the 14th Amendment.

Wolf’s lawyers had argued that the restrictions on gatherings and business openings were well within his powers to respond to a public health emergency. He also argued that the lawsuit was moot because the state had since allowed many businesses to resume, including in the counties suing the state. Because emergency orders had only been partially suspended, and not retracted in their entirety, Stickman ruled that plaintiffs were still in their right to challenge them, reports the Philadelphia Inquirer.

In regards to restrictions on gatherings, Stickman ruled that these were not “narrowly tailored” but “rather, they place substantially more burdens on gatherings than needed to achieve their stated purpose” of controlling the transmission of the virus.



Pennsylvania Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf’s lockdown restrictions, including a ban on large gatherings and the closure of “non-life sustaining businesses,” are unconstitutional, according to a federal judge’s ruling Monday, Sept. 14. Sipa USA/Newscom/Bastiaan Slabbers photo

The fact that the governor’s orders allow people to visit malls, restaurants, and stores in greater numbers than what the state’s restrictions on gatherings permit showed that the latter were overly broad, Stickman said. His opinion also cites comments from Wolf’s chief of staff about how large protests – which the governor attended – didn’t lead to a “super spreader” event as evidence that restrictions on gatherings were overly broad.

Stickman similarly ruled that Wolf’s order closing non-life sustaining businesses was also overly broad and arbitrary and deprived Pennsylvanians of their right to earn a living under the 14th Amendment. Stickman also said that populationwide lockdowns are “such a dramatic inversion of the concept of liberty in a free society as to be nearly presumptively unconstitutional.”

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Enormous California wildfire threatens desert homes near LA



A Joshua tree is silhouetted in front of the Bobcat Fire at sunset in Juniper Hills.

AP photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez photo

Christopher Weber
The Associated Press

An enormous wildfire that churned through mountains northeast of Los Angeles and into the Mojave Desert was still threatening homes Monday, Sept. 21, and was one of more than two dozen major fires burning across California.

Five of the largest wildfires in state history are currently burning and more than 5,600 square miles have been charred, an area larger than the state of Connecticut, Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

At 165 square miles, the Bobcat Fire is one of the largest ever in Los Angeles County after burning for more than two weeks. It’s just 15% contained.

Evacuation orders and warnings are in place for thousands of residents in foothill and desert areas, where semi-rural homes and a popular nature sanctuary have burned. Statewide, at least 23,000 people remain evacuated, Newsom said.

No injuries have been reported for the fire about 50 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

Erratic winds that drove flames into the community of Juniper Hills over the weekend had died down, Larry Smith, representative of U.S. Forest Service, said.

“It’s slightly cooler too, so hopefully that will be a help to firefighters,” Smith said.

Numerous studies in recent years have linked bigger U.S. wildfires to global warming from the burning of coal, oil and gas,

especially because climate change has made California much drier. A drier California means plants are more flammable.

Officials said it could be days before teams determine the scope of the destruction in the area burned by the Bobcat Fire

Early estimates are that 6,400 buildings have been destroyed across the state, but Newsom said “by no stretch of the imagination do we think this tells the entire story.”

Damage assessments are ongoing, he said.

The Bobcat Fire started Sept. 6 and has doubled in size over the last week as it ripped through forested areas that hadn’t burned in decades. The cause is under investigation.

Firefighters battled back against another flareup near Mount Wilson, which overlooks greater Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Mountains and has a historic observatory founded more than a century ago and numerous broadcast antennas serving Southern California.

Flames destroyed the nature center at Devil’s Punchbowl Natural Area, a geological attraction that sees some 130,000 visitors per year. A wildlife sanctuary on the property was undamaged, and staff and animals had been evacuated days earlier.

Nearly 19,000 firefighters in California are currently battling 27 major blazes, Newsom said. At least 7,900 wildfires have erupted in the state this year, many during a mid-August barrage of



Jesse Vasquez, of the San Bernardino County Fire Department, hoses down hot spots from the Bobcat Fire Saturday, Sept. 19, in Valyermo.

dry lightning ignited parched vegetation.

Twenty-six people have been killed. Officials were investigating the death of a firefighter at another Southern California wildfire that erupted earlier this month from a smoke-generating pyrotechnic device used by a couple to reveal their baby’s gender.

The death occurred Sept. 17, in San Bernardino National Forest as crews battled the El Dorado Fire about 75 miles east of Los Angeles, the U.S. Forest Service said in a statement. That blaze is

59% contained.

In Wyoming, officials warned that gusty winds on Monday could cause more growth of a wildfire burning toward cabins and an important water supply reservoir that’s a major source of water for the state’s capital city, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The fire in the Medicine Bow National Forest is burning in heavily forested, rugged terrain which would usually would be busy now with hunters at the start of elk hunting season.

And in Colorado, more evacuations were ordered on

Sunday as winds caused the state’s largest wildfire to grow. Firefighters had to temporarily retreat from the massive Cameron Peak Fire near Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. Flames later spread into flatter ground which gave crews a better chance to battle the blaze, fire managers said.

More than 9,000 firefighters continue to battle 27 large wildfires across Oregon and Washington, where thousands of residences have been destroyed, the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service said.

Officials join virtual ribbon cutting opening Menifee’s I-215 and Scott Road interchange

Tony Ault
Staff Writer

Facebook and Twitter viewers were invited to see the official ribbon cutting for the completion of the new Scott Road and Interstate 215 interchange Thursday, Sept. 15, in Menifee.

The 10-minute virtual presentation included a description of the work put in by the F. Atkinson Construction Co. from Colorado to build the \$58 million freeway interchange since it was first contracted in 2018.

City, state and county officials who each had a part in seeing the project completed included Bill Zimmerman, Menifee mayor; Matt Liesemeyer, Menifee mayor pro tem; Lesa Sobeck, District 3 Menifee city councilmember;

Chuck Washington, 3rd District Riverside County supervisor; Jeff Hewitt, District 5 Riverside County supervisor; Michael Beauchamp, Caltrans District 8 director and Christopher Gray, Western Riverside County Organization of Cities, transportation and planning director. Each official was shown cutting the ribbon on the livestream presentation.

Although the new interchange has been open in recent weeks, an official in-person ribbon cutting would have been delayed until Sept. 27, due to the current California COVID-19 crowd limitation rules. The event may be viewed on Facebook and Twitter and on the Menifee website.

The Scott Road/215 Interchange includes a new partial cloverleaf interchange with standard diamond

ramps, hook entrance ramps and a new overcrossing at I-215 and Scott Road. The scope of the work included work on a 338-foot-long and 90-foot-wide, cast-in-place box girder bridge, three new cast-in-place retaining walls and more than 215,000 cubic yards of earthwork obtained from a local supplier. Drainage, lighting and sign improvements, signal modification and ramp metering on all on-ramps. Project completion is slated for March 2020.

While RCTC provided the initial \$32 million for the project, five other partners helped pay the remainder of the \$58 million total cost and services. They included Menifee’s Measure DD, WRCOG’s THUMP; Federal Highway Administration; city of Murrieta; Southern California

Edison; The Southern California Gas Co. and cable utilities.

Zimmerman thanked each of the agencies for their partnership in the project, saying it will economically benefit all the cities next to the I-215 and make the freeway safer for everyone.

The upgraded interchange has already improved traffic patterns in the area, he said, but it still becomes crowded in the early morning and late afternoon hours. RCTC, Caltrans and WRCOG have plans to add new or improved interchanges in the Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore and Temecula I-215 and I-15 corridors between Riverside and San Diego.

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Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman joins others in officially cutting the ribbon for the virtual opening ceremony for the Interstate 215 and Scott Road Interchange in Menifee.

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NCTD, SANDAG, City of Encinitas and Caltrans receive award for Coastal Rail Trail - Encinitas

ENCINITAS – The North County Transit District, in conjunction with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), City of Encinitas and Caltrans District 11, has won the “Alternative Modes & Active Transportation” award for the Coastal Rail Trail – Encinitas at the 2020 WTS San Diego County Annual Awards & Scholarship Event, Sept. 21.

The WTS International Award recognizes excellence in projects embracing innovative, alternative solutions, projects, or policies where women filled essential personnel and leadership positions.

The Coastal Rail Trail is a planned 44-mile continuous bike route between Oceanside and Downtown San Diego. The completed Encinitas portion of the Trail is a multiuse path that runs 1.3 miles along the east side of the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Louis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor in the Cardiff community. This project provides a safe and attractive bikeway, complemented by pedestrian improvements, for people of all ages and abilities. Before the project, the biking and walking environment was characterized by heavy traffic, high motor-vehicle speeds and noncontiguous sidewalks, posing challenges for pedestrians and cyclists.

Opened in May 2019, the completed Encinitas section is a separated Class I path between Chesterfield Drive and Santa Fe Drive, with a connection to the grade-separated railroad undercrossing near Swami’s Beach. It increases safety and comfort by separating pedestrians from vehicle and train traffic and provides a viable transportation option to driving alone. The project also provides a safe



This 1.3-mile segment of the Coastal Rail Trail in Encinitas stretches along the east side of the tracks between Chesterfield Drive and Santa Fe Drive.

Village News/TransNet photo

route to school, encourages outdoor exercise, and has other environmental and social benefits for the region.

WTS is an international organization with more than 6,500 members and 79 chapters, including San Diego County. The WTS San Diego Awards honor women who have achieved excellence in their careers through outstanding contributions to our transportation community as well as remarkable transportation projects that help achieve regional goals by delivering effective and innovative transportation solutions. The Coastal Rail Trail – Encinitas project included dozens of women from the various agencies who managed key aspects of the project and made major contributions to its success.

“There’s no question that

the women who were involved in this project were pivotal to its success,” said SANDAG Vice Chair and Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear. “The Coastal Rail Trail - Encinitas is truly a great community benefit. From the moment this facility opened, it’s been tremendously popular. It’s a great example of ‘build it and they will come’.”

NCTD Board Chair and Encinitas Councilmember Tony Kranz expressed, “NCTD appreciates WTS for recognizing the Coastal Rail Trail - Encinitas project at this year’s awards. This trail is a wonderful example of how the community can come together in a safe manner to recreate, commute and enjoy our beautiful city. The teams at NCTD, City of Encinitas, SANDAG, and Caltrans have completed this impressive project

in a short amount of time in order to provide the city with an innovative alternative for transportation.”

“Projects like the Coastal Rail Trail are a vital part of the state transportation system,” said Caltrans District 11 Director Gustavo Dallarda. “It is an honor to be recognized by WTS as part of the team that delivered the project.”

Construction on the Coastal Rail Trail, as part of the Build NCC project, continues with completed sections in the Oceanside and Rose Creek areas. The project is a priority in SANDAG’s Regional Bikeway Early Action Program, a \$200 million initiative to dramatically expand the bikeway network throughout the region.

Build NCC is a collaborative effort between SANDAG, Caltrans, United States Department of Transportation,

and the cities of Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad. The first phase of construction is in the cities of Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad as part of the North Coast Corridor Program. Build NCC includes extending the existing carpool lane on Interstate 5 in each direction from Lomas Santa Fe Drive to State Route 78, double tracking the rail line, and replacing the highway bridge at the San Elijo Lagoon, restoring the San Elijo Lagoon, and constructing nearly 7 miles of new bike and pedestrian trails. Construction on Build NCC began in early 2017 and will be complete by 2022.

Find more information about the Coastal Rail Trail at <https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/home.aspx>.

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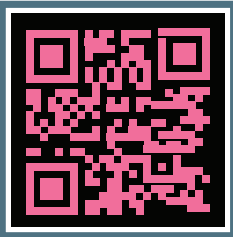
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Education taskforce releases report highlighting COVID-19 inequities in school

City News Service

An education task force released a report Sept. 21 highlighting the urgency for every San Diego County student to have equitable access to learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For distance learning to be equitable, teachers must have training, parents and caregivers must have resources and students have supportive learning environments, according to the Equitable Distance Learning Taskforce – a countywide group of school districts, education experts, nonprofit organizations

and community leaders.

The report says that technological devices and sufficient connectivity are a necessary educational investment, but not enough to promote equity in learning.

“We all have a responsibility and role to play in supporting San Diego’s children, youth and families,” said Erin Hogeboom, director of San Diego for Every Child – a nonprofit dedicated to cutting child poverty in San Diego County by 50% by 2030.

“COVID-19 has disproportionately hit and affected our community, and

getting equitable distance learning right impacts everything from a child’s educational experience to the well-being of San Diego’s future economy,” she said. “This problem is big enough for all of us to be part of the solution.”

The collaborative task force is co-chaired by the Classroom of the Future Foundation and San Diego for Every Child, in conjunction with the San Diego County Office of Education.

The report builds on findings earlier this year from the Classroom of the Future Foundation – a local nonprofit which seeks to expand innovative

learning environments in San Diego County schools -- which determined that around 100,000 PreK-12 students in San Diego County lack access to the internet at home or are underconnected.

The “Beyond the Hotspot: Supporting Equitable Distance Learning in San Diego County” report looks at the geographic impacts of economic and poverty indicators in conjunction with data on internet and technological access. The task force is now working to connect donors to community-based experts already working to meet distance learning needs across the county.

Due to distance learning since the spring, the average student is likely behind seven months academically, according to the report. Because of additional infrastructure disparities, the figure may be as high as 10


months for Black children and nine months for Latinx children.

In San Diego County, about 100,000 students do not have basic access to the internet, with in-home broadband the most unlikely in the southern and northeastern parts of the county. According to research done by the Parent Institute for Quality Education, a survey of 661 parents found that a quarter of them did not have an email address.


The task force is seeking to spread the message that if students will be primarily engaged in distance learning during the 2020-21 school year, parents and education officials must be focused on an equitable distribution of resources, which means intentionally focusing on areas which have been disproportionately impacted.

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Man arrested in attempted kidnapping in Vista

City News Service

A man was arrested in a Costco parking lot in Vista on suspicion of trying to kidnap a 2-year-old child from a car, authorities said Sept. 20.

The attempted kidnapping happened just before 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, when a woman, her fiancé and their two small children were in a car backing out of a parking stall in the Costco parking lot in the 1700 block of Hacienda Drive, according to Sgt. Nanette McMasters of the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department.

A man opened the rear door and tried to remove one of the

children, McMasters said. The parents exited the vehicle and confronted the man. The incident drew a crowd and a physical confrontation occurred between the father and the suspect, the sergeant said.

“An off-duty sheriff’s employee and other witnesses intervened, separating the two until deputies from the Vista Sheriff’s Station arrived on the scene,” McMasters said.

Adam Glavinic, 37, was arrested on suspicion of attempted kidnapping and being under the influence of a controlled substance, McMasters said.

Glavinic was booked into the Vista Detention Facility.

Sept. 20 to 26 is National Forensic Science Week

SAN DIEGO – National Forensic Science Week recognizes the crucial role of forensic science in the criminal justice system and celebrates the professionals who provide the services that have become critical tools for investigators.

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The San Diego Sheriff’s Department Regional Crime Laboratory in Kearny Mesa opened in 2018. It is a state-of-the-art facility designed and built to lower the use of water, energy and other resources, as well as reduce waste to lessen the impact on the environment.

There are nearly 80 professional staff members providing services in 14 forensic disciplines to the Sheriff’s Department and more than 30 other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in the county.

The Sheriff’s Crime Lab is inspected every year to evaluate compliance to nearly 400 quality standards. These national and international accreditations ensure the work of the lab remains at a very high quality. The lab also maintains databases that assist in identifying people or linking of cases.

To take a virtual tour of the Sheriff’s Department Regional Crime Laboratory, go to <https://vimeo.com/459571272>.

Students are encouraged to participate in a three-part virtual series event. Forensic experts will offer behind-the-scenes accounts of how their real-life work in forensic science compares to depictions on popular TV shows. To sign up for the virtual event, visit www.sdsheriff.net.

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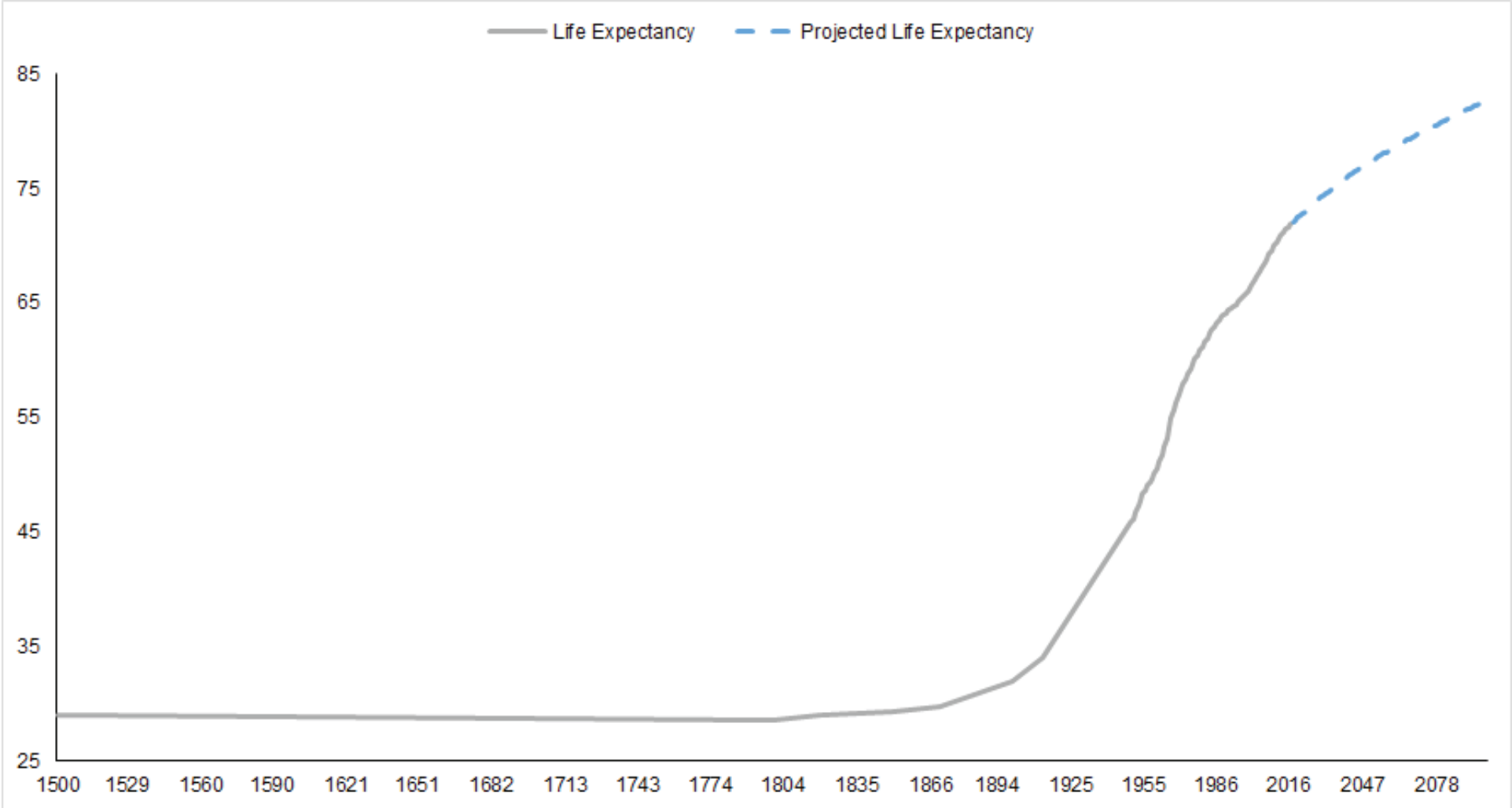


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The graph shows life expectancy rates through the years.

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\$2,021. Thankfully, this progress has drastically increased in recent decades. Today average global incomes are roughly \$14,600 per year – more than 622% higher than they were in 1900, or 1,725% higher than they were in year 1.

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Thankfully, today the global infant mortality rate is 90% lower than it was in pre-modern society and sits at about 29 deaths per 1,000 live births. This number is declining year-on-year, largely thanks to rising incomes that have enabled more people to access improved sanitation and nutrition and more resources being devoted to better educating parents. Access to modern medicine, including childhood vaccinations, is also

a major factor in falling infant mortality rates. In the UK alone, the infant mortality rate has declined by more than 97% since the year 1900.

These are just five of the 77 optimistic trends that appear in Marian L. Tupy and Ronald Bailey’s upcoming book. From the decline of global hunger, to rising access to safe drinking water, to the falling murder rate, and the increasing worldwide access to electricity – even during these difficult times, the 78 surprising and cheerful trends highlighted in this book make it difficult for anyone to be a pessimist.

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Feds threaten funds to NYC, Seattle and Portland over unrest

Michael Balsamo
The Associated Press

The Justice Department identified New York City, Portland, Oregon, and Seattle as three cities that could have federal funding slashed under a memorandum by President Donald Trump that sought to identify localities that permit “anarchy, violence and destruction in American cities.”

The designation, which could open the door for the federal government to cut off some funding to the cities, drew immediate criticism from local elected officials. It comes as Trump throughout the summer has cast American cities run by Democratic mayors as under siege by violence and lawlessness, despite the fact that most of the demonstrations against racial injustice have been largely peaceful.

An attempt to cut off federal funding to the cities would likely be met with immediate legal challenges and several federal judges ruled in favor of municipalities over similar attempts to withhold funding tied to immigration policies.

The Justice Department said the three cities were designated because they meet four main criteria, including “whether a jurisdiction forbids the police force from intervening to restore order amid widespread or sustained violence or destruction” and whether the city “disempowers or defunds police departments.”

In Seattle, officials pointed to the “occupied” protest zone, also known as the “Capitol Hill Occupied Protest” zone, or CHOP, which emerged during nationwide protests over the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, though Seattle police officers wearing helmets and wielding batons and rifles, cleared the area by force, July 1. In Portland, they pointed to 100 consecutive nights of protests “marred by vandalism, chaos and even killing” and in New York City, the Justice Department pointed to a skyrocketing number of shootings throughout the five boroughs.

It is not the first time the Justice Department has attempted to take action against city officials for the violent demonstrations.

The department also explored whether it could pursue either criminal or civil rights charges against city officials in Portland after clashes erupted there night after night between law enforcement and demonstrators. For weeks, hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the federal courthouse in Portland, some throwing bricks, rocks and other projectiles at officers, leading officers to fire volleys of tear gas and pepper balls at the crowd.

“When state and local leaders impede their own law enforcement officers and agencies from doing their jobs, it endangers innocent citizens who deserve to be protected, including those who are trying to peacefully assemble and protest,” Attorney General William Barr said in a statement. “We cannot allow federal tax dollars to be wasted when the safety of the citizenry hangs in the balance.”

Barr said he hoped the designation would convince the cities to “reverse course and become serious about performing the basic function of government and start protecting their own citizens.”

The attorney general’s statement drew immediate condemnation from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo, both Democrats, who accused the Trump administration of politicization of law enforcement.

“This is just another one of President Trump’s games,” de Blasio said.

Trump has heaped blame for the unrest on Democrats, who are leading the cities where violence has occurred, and tried to focus squarely on pockets of protest-related violence instead of the larger point of the racial injustice movement.

In a joint statement, de Blasio, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan decried the designation



U.S. Attorney General William Barr arrives to speak with federal officials for a panel discussion on combating human trafficking at the U.S. Attorney’s Office Monday, Sept. 21, in Atlanta. AP photo/Brynn Anderson photo

as “thoroughly political and unconstitutional.”

“The president is playing cheap political games with Congressionally directed funds. Our cities are bringing communities together; our cities are pushing forward after fighting back a pandemic and facing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, all despite recklessness and partisanship from the White House,” the statement said.

In a separate statement, Durkan said the threats to defund the cities were “are a gross misuse of federal power and blatantly unlawful.”

“Trump, the Department of Justice and Barr’s obsession with Seattle and me is irrational and most importantly, a huge distraction,” she said.

A number of cities, including New York, sued the U.S. government after the Justice Department announced in 2017 that it would withhold grant money from cities and states until they gave federal immigration authorities access to jails and provide advance notice when someone in the country illegally is about to be released. Federal appeals courts in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco have ruled against the federal government by upholding lower-

court injunctions placed on the enforcement of some or all of the challenged conditions, though in February the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan overturned a lower court’s decision ordering the administration to release funding to New York City and seven states

“Just like with sanctuary cities when he did that a couple of years ago and lost, if he actually does this, we will sue and he will lose once again,” Cuomo said.

AP writers Karen Matthews in New York and Eugene Johnson in Seattle contributed to this report.

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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Friday that the Senate would vote, even though it’s an election year.

Biden said the winner of the November election should choose Ginsburg’s replacement.

“There is no doubt – let me be clear – that the voters should pick the president and the president should pick the justice for the Senate to consider,” Biden told reporters after returning to Wilmington, Delaware, from campaign stops in Minnesota.

Her colleagues on the court penned heartfelt messages of grief, respect and awe for Ginsburg that also reflected the personal ties between the justices.

“Through the many challenges both professionally and personally, she was the essence of grace, civility and dignity,” Justice Clarence Thomas said. “The most difficult part of a long tenure is watching colleagues decline and pass away. And, the passing of my dear colleague, Ruth, is profoundly difficult and so very sad, I will dearly miss my friend.”

Ginsburg announced in July that she was undergoing chemotherapy treatment for lesions on her liver, the latest of her several battles with cancer.

Ginsburg spent her final years on the bench as the unquestioned leader of the court’s liberal wing and became something of a rock star to her admirers. Young women especially seemed to embrace her, affectionately calling her the Notorious RBG, for her defense of the rights of women and minorities, and the strength and resilience she displayed in the face of personal loss and health crises.

Those health issues included five bouts with cancer beginning in 1999, falls that resulted in broken ribs, insertion of a stent to clear a blocked artery and assorted other hospitalizations after she turned 75.

She resisted calls by liberals to retire during Barack Obama’s presidency at a time when Democrats held the Senate and a replacement with similar views could have been confirmed. Instead, Trump will almost certainly try to push Ginsburg’s successor through the Republican-controlled Senate – and move the conservative court even more to the right.

Ginsburg antagonized Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign in a series of media interviews, including calling him a faker. She soon apologized.

Her appointment by President Bill Clinton in 1993 was the first by a Democrat in 26 years. She initially found a comfortable ideological home somewhere left of center on a conservative court dominated by Republican appointees. Her liberal voice grew stronger the longer she served.

Ginsburg was a mother of two, an opera lover and an intellectual who also liked to show off her femininity, choosing to accessorize her robe with lace and beaded collars, and delighting in the fashion featuring her likeness that would later spring up. At argument sessions in the ornate courtroom, she was known for digging deep into case records and for being a stickler for following the rules.

She argued six key cases before the court in the 1970s when she was an architect of the women’s rights movement. She won five.

“Ruth Bader Ginsburg does not need a seat on the Supreme Court to earn her place in the American history books,” Clinton said at the time of her appointment. “She has already done that.”

Following her death, Clinton said, “Her 27 years on the court exceeded even my highest expectations when I appointed her.”

On the court, where she was known as a facile writer, her most significant majority opinions were the 1996 ruling that ordered the Virginia Military Institute to accept women or give up its state funding, and the 2015 decision that upheld independent

commissions some states use to draw congressional districts.

Besides civil rights, Ginsburg took an interest in capital punishment, voting repeatedly to limit its use. During her tenure, the court declared it unconstitutional for states to execute the intellectually disabled and killers younger than 18.

In addition, she questioned the quality of lawyers for poor accused murderers. In the most divisive of cases, including the Bush v. Gore decision in 2000, she was often at odds with the court’s more conservative members – initially Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O’Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

The division remained the same after John Roberts replaced Rehnquist as chief justice, Samuel Alito took O’Connor’s seat, and, under Trump, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh joined the court, in seats that had been held by Scalia and Kennedy, respectively.

Ginsburg would say later that the 5-4 decision that settled the 2000 presidential election for Republican George W. Bush was a “breathtaking episode” at the court.

She was perhaps personally closest to the court to Scalia, her ideological opposite. Ginsburg once explained that she took Scalia’s sometimes biting dissents as a challenge to be met.

“How am I going to answer this in a way that’s a real putdown?” she said.

When Scalia died in 2016, also an election year, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to act on Obama’s nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to fill the opening. The seat remained vacant until after Trump’s surprising presidential victory. McConnell has said he would move to confirm a Trump nominee if there were a vacancy this year.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would hold hearings on a nominee, tweeted

that he backed Trump “in any effort to move forward” and fill the vacancy.

McConnell, in a note to his Republican colleagues Friday night, urged them to “keep their powder dry” and not rush to declare a position on whether a Trump nominee should get a vote this year.

“This is not the time to prematurely lock yourselves into a position you may later regret,” he said.

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer tweeted, “The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice. Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president.”

Ginsburg wrote powerful dissents of her own in cases involving abortion, voting rights and pay discrimination against women. She said some were aimed at swaying the opinions of her fellow judges while others were “an appeal to the intelligence of another day” in the hopes that they would provide guidance to future courts.

“Hope springs eternal,” she said in 2007, “And when I am writing a dissent, I’m always hoping for that fifth or sixth vote – even though I’m disappointed more often than not.”

She wrote memorably in 2013 that the court’s decision to cut out a key part of the federal law that had ensured the voting rights of Black people, Hispanics and other minorities was “like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.”

Change on the court hit Ginsburg especially hard. She dissented forcefully from the court’s decision in 2007 to uphold a nationwide ban on an abortion procedure that opponents call partial-birth abortion. The court, with O’Connor still on it, had struck down a similar state ban seven years earlier. The “alarming” ruling, Ginsburg said, “cannot be understood as anything other than an effort to chip away at a right declared again and again by this court – and with increasing

comprehension of its centrality to women’s lives.”

In 1999, Ginsburg had surgery for colon cancer and received radiation and chemotherapy. She had surgery again in 2009 after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and in December 2018 for cancerous growths on her left lung. Following the last surgery, she missed court sessions for the first time in more than 25 years on the bench.

Ginsburg also was treated with radiation for a tumor on her pancreas in August 2019. She maintained an active schedule even during the three weeks of radiation. When she revealed a recurrence of her cancer in July 2020, Ginsburg said she remained “fully able” to continue as a justice.

Joan Ruth Bader was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1933, the second daughter in a middle-class family. Her older sister, who gave her the lifelong nickname “Kiki,” died at age 6, so Ginsburg grew up in Brooklyn’s Flatbush section as an only child. Her dream, she has said, was to be an opera singer.

Ginsburg graduated at the top of her Columbia University law school class in 1959 but could not find a law firm willing to hire her. She had “three strikes against her” – for being Jewish, female and a mother, as she put it in 2007.

She had married her husband, Martin, in 1954, the year she graduated from Cornell University. She attended Harvard University’s law school but transferred to Columbia when her husband took a law job there. Martin Ginsburg went on to become a prominent tax attorney and law professor. Martin Ginsburg died in 2010. She is survived by two children, Jane and James, and several grandchildren.

Ginsburg once said that she had not entered the law as an equal-rights champion.

“I thought I could do a lawyer’s job better than any other,” she said. “I have no talent in the arts, but I do write fairly well and analyze problems clearly.”



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Veteran Frances Price turns 100 years old



Frances Price was born in 1920 to Italian parents who came over from Sicily.

Christal Gaines-Emory
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On Sept. 14, Frances Price celebrated a milestone birthday surrounded by family and friends. They were able to have a socially distant birthday celebration to commemorate her turning 100 years old.

Price has lived in Fallbrook since 1954, and she raised her two sons, Chuck and David, in Fallbrook with her late husband David Price.

"I love it here in Fallbrook," Price said. "I raised my family

here, this is home to me."

When she first came to Fallbrook, Price said it wasn't as heavily populated and busy. She loved the peace and quiet Fallbrook offered, and she loved having the ability to choose her lot and build her own home. She has lived in the same house since, and she was proud to have helped build it and raise her children in it.

"Not many people were here," she said. "We helped build the community here."

Price is also very proud to have served her country in the Marine Corps.

"I am a veteran. I joined the Marines in 1942," she said. Price served two years in the Marines and met David Price, also a Marine, at a Marine Corp dance. He died in 1986.

She had a very memorable 100th birthday; she was visited by many family members and friends who brought her balloons and her favorite foods. She felt very lucky to be able to see her family during these times.

"It was very nice to see them," she said. "There was lots of food and lots of people."



Frances Price enjoys a visit from family for her 100th birthday Sept. 13.

Village News.Courtesy photos



Great-grandchildren Jake and Taylor wish Frances Price a happy birthday from outside her window.

Price explained that she doesn't feel her age.

"I don't feel like I'm a 100 year old woman," she said. "I still feel like I'm 19. Or maybe 20."

Price also has a unique and humorous saying that she tells everyone in her life, and she was set on having it in the newspaper as well.

"I need someone to find me a boyfriend," she said. "He needs to be bald, have one eye and one leg, and he needs to have a big bag of money!"

She also mentioned that the most important parts of her life were marrying her late husband, being a mother, and having a twin sister. Her identical twin sister has since passed away.

Price is a lively woman who loves her children and four grandchildren more than anything. She also has four great-grandchildren.

"I love my family," she said. "My sons Chuck and David and my grandchildren are the best."

"Being a grandmother is very important to me," Price said.

One of her favorite things to do is to eat. For example, she likes eating steak, chips, and pumpkin seeds above all. She is also very good at telling jokes and bringing others joy; she makes everyone around her smile.

Throughout her 100 years of life, Price has learned many lessons, but one lesson stands out to her above all.

"Live your life," she said. "Live your life and take it one day at a time."

She also has a piece of advice for the younger residents of Fallbrook.

"Have faith in God," she said. "Never forget your faith in God."



Frances Price greets her granddaughter, Lisa McDonald, from a safe distance while celebrating her birthday.



Practicing social distancing, Frances Price connects with her granddaughter while celebrating her 100th birthday.



Frances Price, right, is with her twin sister Pearl in this photo from the family album.



Frances Lamendola is second from left in the picture taken while she was in the U.S. Marines, before she met her future husband, David Price.

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SAN DIEGO – Building on its commitment to wildfire safety, San Diego Gas and Electric is implementing new and additional wildfire safety tools and enhancements in 2020 that will help prevent powerline wildfire ignitions and reduce impacts associated with public safety power shut-offs.

Some enhancements were tested early this fire season, by the first set of Santa Ana winds and elevated fire weather conditions last week, and the results were positive.

Enhancements include new physical improvements to SDG&E electrical infrastructure that are targeted to result in a 25-30% reduction in the number of customers impacted by public safety power shut-offs compared to 2019.

SDG&E is utilizing a combination of new strategies, including strategic undergrounding, adding covered conductor and grid reconfiguration to withstand more extreme weather conditions and reduce public safety power shut-offs impacts to affected customers and communities.

“We recognize the impact public safety power shut-offs have on our customers, and we want to make sure we’re doing everything we can to minimize the risk of wildfires and the number of disruptions our customers experience in the future. Simply put, we want to get better and will continue to solicit feedback from affected customers and communities after every fire season,” Caroline Winn, CEO for SDG&E, said. “As a result of conversations over the last year, along with deeper analysis and intense planning, we fast-tracked multiple strategic infrastructure projects aimed at reducing or eliminating customer impacts associated with public safety power shut-offs.”

SDG&E is also rolling out a new mobile application that allows users to receive real-time updates on weather conditions and public safety power shut-offs events. The free app, currently available for download, includes important resource information, provides viewing access to Alert Wildfire cameras and affords the user an opportunity to sign up for notifications for multiple locations within the SDG&E service territory.

“The creation of this app is the direct result of important feedback we received from our customers and stakeholders and will go a long way in providing timely information that the general public and our customers need in order to help prepare for and navigate through PSPS events,” Winn said.

Additional advancements this year include eight improvements.

Artificial intelligence system enhancements

New artificial intelligence-based predictive models are being used to increase accuracy of weather forecasts and help prevent powerline caused wildfires.

Vegetation management program and risk analysis improvements

SDG&E continues to improve on its vegetation management practices. The team is using new analyses, specifically the Vegetation Risk Index, to identify potential tree-related hazards and address them before they impact the electrical system.

Additional microgrids

To build additional community resiliency, SDG&E is constructing four new microgrids in its service territory. They will be located at the Ramona Air Attack Base, Cameron Corners, Butterfield/Agua Caliente and Shelter Valley. These microgrids will allow communities and critical facilities to remain energized during a public safety power shut-offs.

Enhanced inspections using drones

More than 30,000 poles have been assessed, using drones, in SDG&E’s highest risk areas. SDG&E was the first utility in the state to receive Federal Aviation Association approval for drone use.

Situational awareness enhancements

SDG&E’s weather stations network, the world’s first utility network of its kind, is being expanded and paired with more sectionalizing switches to be even more surgical on only turning off the most endangered communities.

Generator program expansion

Medical baseline customers who experienced a public safety power shut-offs in 2019 have been offered a portable generator, and 300 whole house generators are being offered to qualifying customers. Additionally, another 1,000 generators are being significantly subsidized for customers in the highest fire-risk areas.

Advanced protection systems

SDG&E is deploying falling conductor protection which allows for the ability to quickly shut off power to that conductor before it hits the ground. SDG&E has also installed high-speed relays that reduce the amount of energy into a fault and diminish the likelihood of an ignition.

Enhanced partnership with 211 San Diego and Orange County

SDG&E has expanded its partnership with 211 San Diego and Orange County to help disseminate important information about public safety power shut-offs and wildfire safety preparations and help provide resources to affected communities.

Submitted by San Diego Gas and Electric.

Fire mitigation fee rates unchanged

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors accepted the Fire Mitigation Fee Review Committee’s annual report for fiscal year 2018-19 and found that the participating fire agencies were in conformance with the County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance, but a planned increase was deferred.

The supervisors’ 5-0 vote Sept. 15 maintained the existing fee schedule, approved the resolution for capital expenditures for the fire mitigation fee revenue, and accepted the Fire Mitigation Fee Review Committee’s annual report for fiscal year 2018-19.

The fire mitigation fee for non-agricultural construction had originally been scheduled to increase from 58 cents per square foot to 75 cents per square foot, but due to the hardship on businesses the coronavirus shutdown has caused a fee increase was deemed inappropriate.

The fire mitigation fee is paid by developers to fund the cost of fire department facilities serving the new development. The county established the Fire Mitigation Fee Program in 1986 to provide funding for fire protection and emergency medical services in the unincorporated communities.

Although local fire agencies lack the legal authority to impose mitigation fees on new development, the county collects a fee from building permit applicants on behalf of 13 independent fire protection districts and one county service area with fire protection responsibility.

The mitigation fees are distributed quarterly to agency accounts and must be used for capital projects or to purchase firefighting equipment or supplies which will serve new developments.

The Fire Mitigation Fee Review Committee reviews the annual reports of the participating agencies to confirm that the improvements are necessary to serve new development. The committee members consist of two fire chiefs (currently Fred Cox of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and Joe Napier of the Valley Center Fire Protection District), one elected director of a fire protection district (currently Ken Munson of the North County Fire Protection District), one County Service Area staff member (currently vacant), one San Diego County Fire Authority staff member (currently Liz Johnson), and one representative apiece from the Building Industry Association (currently Matt Adams), the San Diego County Farm Bureau (currently executive director Hannah Gbeh), and the county’s Planning Commission (currently David Pallinger).

The County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance allows fee ceilings to be increased or decreased in proportion to changes in the Cost of Construction Index. The ordinance also requires an evaluation of the base fee every five years based upon dividing the average cost in current dollars to construct a fully-equipped fire station within the county’s unincorporated area by the average square footage of structures served by that average fire station. That result becomes the new base fee and was last adjusted in October 2014 and thus became effective for the 2015-16 fees.

In 2015, the estimated average cost to construct a new fire station was \$322 per square foot. The updated estimated average cost to build a new fire station including permits is \$5,269,250 and the average size of the 18 most recent fire stations is 5,600 square feet, which creates an average cost of \$941 square foot.

The average fire station serves 2,934 dwelling units, so the cost per dwelling unit is \$1,796 and based on the average new dwelling unit size of 2,400 square feet the average cost for a new fire station is \$0.75 per square foot.

The Fire Mitigation Fee Review Committee had recommended an increase prior to the coronavirus outbreak. The proposed fee increase was withdrawn from the May 19 Board of Supervisors agenda, and the replacement proposal approved Sept. 16 accepts the annual report and spending plan but does not increase fees.

Even with the proposed increase for non-agricultural construction, the previous recommendation would not have increased the fees of 16 cents per square foot for agricultural buildings without sprinklers, two cents per square foot for agricultural buildings with fire sprinkler systems, and one cent per square foot for poultry and greenhouse buildings.

The North County Fire Protection District received \$587,046.87 of Fire Mitigation Fee Program revenue in fiscal year 2018-19. The San Diego County Regional Fire Authority, whose area includes DeLuz, had \$158,449.42 of mitigation fund revenue while the Vista Fire Protection District, which covers part of Bonsall as well as unincorporated Vista, collected \$67,706.94.

Because the funding is used for capital improvements, it is not required to be spent in a particular fiscal year. The fiscal year 2020-21 planned capital expenditures approved by the Fire Mitigation Fee Review Committee include debt service payback for previous North County Fire Protection District capital expenses and construction of a new Vista Fire Protection District fire station.

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The story behind another art bench



Posing with an art bench from the Save Our Forest fundraiser are, from left, Jackie Heyneman, Thomas Stuver, Gamini Ratnavira, Lisa Ratnavira and Elizabeth Stuver. The Ranaviras collaborated on the bench which was bought by the Stuvers.

Nancy Heins Glaser
Special to Village News

During the Nov. 2, 2019, bench fundraiser for Save Our Forest, seven people stepped up to purchase the artwork of seven well-known artists in Fallbrook. The original white oak benches that were being replaced due to wear, were made by Robert Olds beginning in 1996.

The special art auction helped underwrite costs for Save Our Forest’s Environmental Education program. Fourth and fifth

grade students of the Fallbrook Elementary School District are given this special program that will hopefully develop the next generation of tree stewards and native plant appreciators.

Save Our Forest/Fallbrook Land Conservancy members and supporters work with the students to ensure that future generations will have nature preserves with native plants to be appreciated and also learn to treasure and protect these spaces for future generations.

Dave Baxter was the auctioneer whose booming voice was heard

giving it his best “Going once, going twice... sold.”

Enthusiastic support is par-for-the-course for long time Save Our Forest volunteers who love Fallbrook’s downtown trees. John and Susan Sullivan showed up to add pottery and wood sculpted auction items to the one-of-a-kind art benches that were up for bid.

Each donated item sold to become part of a “rising to the occasion” so consistent with how Fallbrookians come together for good causes. What makes Save Our Forest/Fallbrook Land Conservancy so special is that their volunteers are also their biggest supporters – with sweat and financial support.

A ceramicist and a wood sculptor, the Sullivans were fairly new to Fallbrook 15-20 years ago when they came to the Avocado Festival and won a drawing for a money tree at the Save Our Forest booth. The important role of SOF work parties is helping with pruning to meet county road standards, and regular maintenance of the many planted and potted trees downtown.

“That one event brought valuable SOF volunteers and great longtime friends,” Jackie Heyneman said.

One of the art bench artists is self-taught nature artist Gamini Ratnavira who collaborated with his published poet wife, Lisa Ratnavira. Through his interpretation of the poem “If,” written by Emily Dickinson and picked by his wife, Ratnavira created a beautiful bench.

Ratnavira was located at the Hidden Forest Gallery known to many during their years on Live Oak Road. They have since relocated the gallery to their home where they are surrounded by beautiful nature. There, they created the beautiful bench.

The Ratnaviras are known for their contributions to the art world having been involved with FLC at the start of the Fallbrook Reflections of Nature Art Show now being held annually at the Fallbrook Art Center. He began classes with children at The Palomares House on Stage Coach Lane.

It is the simplicity of the robin, the egg and gnarly branches which appealed to relative Fallbrook newcomers Elizabeth and Tom Stuver formerly of Rifle, Colorado. Though they moved to Fallbrook in 2014, they truly have embraced being community volunteers. Since their arrival, they have sold their Colorado home



Susan and John Sullivan are longtime volunteers for Save Our Forest.

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and have officially relocated as Fallbrookians.

Tom Stuver is a retired attorney working primarily for nonprofits. They have both become heavily involved in Fallbrook as active work party volunteers for Heyneman’s Save Our Forest. For many years, the Stuvers served as community organizers for Vista Volunteers specializing in infrastructure in small towns in Wyoming. They have donated tons of grapefruit to Fallbrook Food

Pantry annually since they arrived in 2014.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer with Save Our Forest and becoming part of the twice monthly work party to help clean up Old Highway 395. Everyone is invited to get involved with nature to help Keep Fallbrook Green. Visit <https://www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org/> for more information.

Submitted by Save Our Forest.



John Sullivan’s carved wooden fish which he donated to the bench auction helped raise more money for Save Our Forest.



Gamini Ratnavira painted this bench with a poem by Emily Dickinson, picked by his wife Lisa Ratnavira.

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Local Roadway Safety Plan work to return to TAC

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The introduction of the Local Roadway Safety Plan for San Diego County was an information item rather than a voting item at the Sept. 11 meeting of the county’s Traffic Advisory Committee, although data and potential recommendations will return to the TAC in the near future.

“It’s very much conceptual at this point,” Ben Baker, an engineering technician for the county’s Department of Public Works, said.

The Local Roadway Safety Plan will allow the county a framework for organizing stakeholders to identify, analyze and prioritize roadway safety improvements on county-maintained roads. The LRSP will focus on identifying

crash problems and roadway risk factors and providing potential countermeasures. The plan will also be a critical component in the county’s attempt to obtain grant funding.

LLG Engineering is analyzing the county’s traffic collision data between Jan. 1, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2019.

“We will look at all collisions in the last five years,” K.C. Yellapu of LLG Engineering said. “We will look at this data and we will figure out any patterns.”

During the five-year period 16,245 collisions were reported on roads under jurisdiction of the county.

The TAC reviews requests for regulatory measures such as speed limits, stop controls and traffic signals. Any regulatory matters must be ratified by the San Diego

County Board of Supervisors. If a road design or other nonregulatory solution is recommended, board of supervisors’ approval is needed only for a construction contract exceeding the amount DPW can spend without a Board of Supervisors action. The TAC is part of DPW.

The TAC includes representatives from the California Highway Patrol’s Oceanside, El Cajon and border stations and also includes representatives from the California Department of Transportation, the Sheriff’s Department, DPW, the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority, the San Diego County Office of Education, the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, the San Diego Safety Council, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of San Diego, a public member representing the Second

Supervisory District and a public member representing the 3rd District and 5th District.

“You have industry specialists on the committee, you have law enforcement,” Kenton Jones, TAC secretary, said. “We can probably provide some input.”

LLG Engineering will work with the TAC to evaluate the findings and make recommendations for an integrated approach.

“We want to make sure that this document actually helps reduce the crashes,” Yellapu said.

The next TAC meeting will be held Oct. 23.

“At that meeting we will be presenting collision trend analyses, we will be presenting our findings,” Yellapu said.

A draft LRSP including recommendations will be presented at the Dec. 11 TAC

meeting, although the TAC review will not necessarily include a recommendation for adoption on that date.

“I would really like that (DPW’s division of) Traffic Engineering reach out to the community,” Jones said. “I just don’t want it to be a surprise to the community.”

Jones indicated the possibility of a workshop focusing on the LRSP.

“That might be beneficial,” he said.

Yellapu also said that community input will be part of the final LRSP.

“We also want to discuss recommendations with the community at large. It’s going to be a while before we finalize that,” he said.

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Additional pandemic aid will benefit California farmers and ranchers

SACRAMENTO – The release of a second round of federal Coronavirus Food Assistance Program aid represents encouraging news, the California Farm Bureau Federation said, especially because the program has been expanded to include crops not covered in earlier versions of the program.

The U.S. Agriculture Department announced signups began Sept. 21, for CFAP 2, which

will make up to \$14 billion in additional aid available to farmers and ranchers who have seen their markets disrupted and production costs increased by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The pandemic has affected practically the entire agricultural system, and the second round of Coronavirus Food Assistance Program aid reflects that,” CFBF president Jamie Johansson said. “Almost without exception,

California farmers and ranchers have seen markets for their products disrupted and costs to harvest their products rise.”

Johansson welcomed changes in CFAP 2 that include more crops and commodities.

“From the inception of CFAP, we have advocated for aid for the full range of crops and commodities grown in California. Finally, in this round, crops such as wine grapes, table grapes, raisins and pima

cotton have been added to the list of those eligible for assistance,” he said.

“We appreciate the administration’s flexibility in adjusting CFAP to make it available to a wider range of farmers and ranchers in a wider range of circumstances,” Johansson said.

Applications for CFAP 2 will conclude Dec. 11. Full information about eligible commodities and the application process may be found

on the USDA website at <http://farmers.gov/cfap>.

The California Farm Bureau Federation works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 34,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 5.6 million Farm Bureau members.

Submitted by California Farm Bureau Federation.



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Pending Sales	71	78	+ 9.9%	755	845	+ 11.9%
Closed Sales	72	90	+ 25.0%	725	830	+ 14.5%
Days on Market until Sale	55	33	- 40.0%	57	46	- 19.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$562,000	\$622,500	+ 10.8%	\$575,000	\$605,000	+ 5.2%
Average Sales Price*	\$641,053	\$686,318	+ 7.1%	\$629,586	\$663,876	+ 5.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	310	112	- 63.9%	—	—	—
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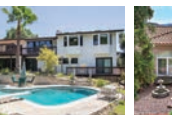
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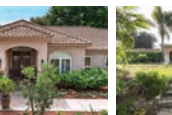
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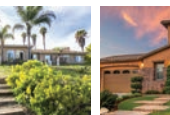
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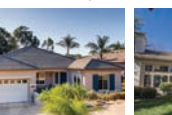
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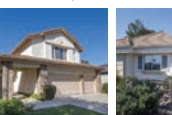
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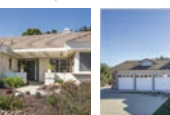
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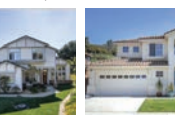
1881 Oak Glade, Fallbrook **\$660,000**



1068 Barsky, Fallbrook **\$655,000**



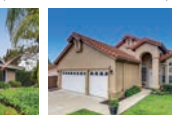
1803 Palomares, Fallbrook **\$630,000**



1895 Palomares, Fallbrook **\$595,000**



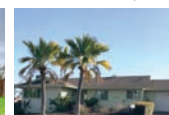
5127 Riverview Ct, Fallbrook **\$595,000**



5625 Lake Vista Dr, Bonsall **\$593,000**



1045 Funquest, Fallbrook **\$525,000**



841 La Strada, Fallbrook **\$495,000**

DINING

Garden club hosts a virtual summer picnic

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Garden Club held its annual summer picnic virtually this year. However, families were the beneficiaries of all home-

grown fruits and vegetables. More pictures and recipes can be found at www.fallbrookgardenclub.org.

While visiting the website visitors can also check out the

continuing virtual flower show, Busy Bees (kids’) activities, a listing of local nurseries/garden suppliers, community resources, and links to Pest Notes, Plant

Database and more.

FGC provides many benefits to members, discounts and great upcoming guest speakers on Zoom. Those who become a

member won’t be disappointed.

Submitted by Fallbrook Garden Club.



Cantaloupes

Village News/Courtesy photos



Assorted veggies



Apples



Lemons

Grilled Sliced Eggplant

Submitted by Joanne Ferguson

Ingredients:
Eggplant
Olive Oil
Mozzarella slices
Salt & pepper

Directions:
1. Slice eggplant rounds 3/4 inch thick
2. Brush on some olive oil
3. Lightly season with salt & pepper
4. Grill both sides until a deep brown color
5. Top with a slice of mozzarella
6. Serve as a side dish with roasted tomatoes or make a sandwich with fresh basil. Possibilities are endless



Fresh Fruit Pie

Submitted by Lori Kilmer

Can use any fruit you want, I use this recipe for cherry, aprium, apricot, peach, blueberry, blackberry and a combination of fruits, like peach/blueberry pie.

Ingredients:
Enough fruit to fill your pie tin
3/4 cup of sugar
2 Tbsp lemon juice
4 Tbsp cornstarch
Pie crust of your choice, make one or buy one

Directions:
1. Put fruit in a pan, add sugar, cornstarch, and lemon juice. Heat until just comes to a boil and thickens up.
2. Cool the filling before pouring it into the pie crust.
3. Brush some milk on top of the pie crust or use an egg wash to help the crust brown. You can also use a sparkling sugar on top of the crust, to add shine, sparkle and crunch. King Author’s makes it or you can get it at Sur



La Tab.
4. Fill crust and bake at 425° on a hot, preheated cookie sheet for about 20 minutes, then turn down to 350° and cook an addition 30-40 minutes until desired brown on the top of the pie.
5. Variations if desired:
6. Add peach snapps or a liqueur to your pie filling
7. Add a little brown sugar to pie filling
8. Add some butter to the pie filling before baking.



Cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes



Squashes

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LEGALS

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9014440
Name of Business
SOLIS TRACTOR
1332 E. Fallbrook St, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Ramiro Solis, 1332 E. Fallbrook St, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 03/12/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 29, 2020
LEGAL: 5309
PUBLISHED: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9015201
Name of Business
JARBAR
1020 Box Canyon, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Michael Linsey Felkins, 1020 Box Canyon, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 08/14/17
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Sept 12, 2020
LEGAL: 5314
PUBLISHED: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9015420
Name of Business
THE INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT
1325 East Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Passkeys Foundation Jefferson Center for Character Education, 1325 East Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 03/16/2016
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Sep 15, 2020
LEGAL: 5315
PUBLISHED: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020

Abandonment of FBNS

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File Number: 2020-9014836
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME TO BE ABANDONED:
H & L AUTO SALES
Located at: 9625 Black Mountain Rd #317, San Diego, CA 92126
Mailing address: 212 N. Riley St Apt 3, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on Aug. 02, 2019 and assigned File No. 2019-9019035.
The fictitious business name is being abandoned by:
Ramiro Solis, 1332 E. Fallbrook St, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON SEP 03, 2020
LEGAL: 5310
PUBLISHED: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN E. DUEY
CASE NO. 37-2020-00026575-PR-PW-CTL
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **KATHLEEN E. DUEY aka KATHLEEN ELAINE DUEY**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by **RICHARD J. CUSICK** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO
The Petition for Probate requests that **RICHARD J. CUSICK** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 11/03/2020 Time: 11:00 a.m. Dept. 504
Address of court: 1100 Union St, San Diego, CA 92101
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner: John W. Crawford, Esq., Law Offices of John W. Crawford, APC, 205 West Alvarado Street, Suite J, Fallbrook, California 92028, 760-728-5799
Legal: 5316
PUBLISHED: September 24, October 1, 8, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9014149
Name of Business
a. HIDDEN HILLS EQUESTRIAN RANCH b. HIDDEN HILLS RANCH
31943 Via Ararat Dr., Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Marilyn Payne, 31943 Via Ararat Dr., Bonsall, CA 92003
b. Kevin Michael Payne, 31943 Via Ararat Dr., Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 5/1/2015
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 27, 2020
LEGAL: 5311
PUBLISHED: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9013515
Name of Business
FALLBROOK COFFEE COMPANY
622 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Stephen Hunt, 1094 Avenida Campana, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 7/3/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Aug 13, 2020
LEGAL: 5312
PUBLISHED: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9014842
Name of Business
ISLAND CANVAS
1855 E Vista Way Ste. 14, Vista, CA 92084
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Kerry Roy Kevil, 1855 E Vista Way Ste. 14, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 8/25/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Sep 03, 2020
LEGAL: 5313
PUBLISHED: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2020-00029803-CU-PT-CTL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
CASSANDRA JOAN KING
Present Name:
a. CASSANDRA JOAN KING b. CARLISLE THOMAS KING
Proposed Name:
a. CASSANDRA JOAN CALIFORNIA b. CARLISLE THOMAS CALIFORNIA
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: 10/8/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 61
The address of the court is Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101
*No hearing will occur on the date specified. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.
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
Date: AUG 26 2020 Signed: Lorna Alksne, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5308
PUBLISHED: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2020

APN: 121-270-10-00 TS No: CA05001144-16-2 TO No: 8764984 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 16, 2009. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at the entrance to the East County Regional Center by statue, 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 6, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009-0239179, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed by JUDITH L. MESSMANN, TRUSTEE FOR THE TRUST OF JUDITH L. MESSMANN, TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2004, as Trustor(s), in favor of SECURITY ONE LENDING as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: PARCEL A:PARCEL 2, IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OF PARCEL MAP NO. 2860, RECORDED JULY 18, 1974 AS DOCUMENT NO. 74-193397 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.PARCEL B:AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD, SEWER, GAS, POWER, TELEPHONE LINES AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, OVER UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND 40.00 FEET INWIDE LYING WITHIN PARCELS 1, 2, AND 3, AS SAID PARCELS ARE SHOWN ON A PARCEL MAP FILED IN BOOK OF PARCEL MAPS AT PAGES 2041, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 1, 1973 BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTH 50.00 ACRES OF THEEAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST,SAN BERNARDINO BASE AND MERIDIAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, SAID 40.00 FOOT, STRIP OF LAND BEING DESIGNATED AS "PROPOSED PRIVATE 40.00 FOOT ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT.PARCEL C:AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD, SEWER, WATER, GAS, POWER, TELEPHONE LINES, AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, OVER, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND 40.00 FEET IN WIDTH, LYING WITHIN PARCELS 2 AND 4 AS SAID PARCELS ARE SHOWN ON A PARCEL MAP FILED IN BOOK OF PARCEL MAPS AT PAGE 2041 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 1, 1973 BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTH 50.00 ACRES OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SAN BERNARDINO BASE AND MERIDIAN IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 40.00 FOOT STRIP OF LAND BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE EASTERLY TERMINUS OF THAT CERTAIN 40.00 FOOT STRIP OF LAND DESCRIBED IN PARCEL 2 ABOVE, BEING A POINT ON THE ARC OF A 200.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, A RADIAL OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 26° 47' 12" EAST TO SAID POINT, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 69° 45' 47" ADISTANCE OF 243.52 FEET; THENCE TANGENT TO SAID CURVE SOUTH 6° 32' 59" WEST 541.64 FEET TO A TANGENT 200.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AND WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 84° 09' 10" A DISTANCE OF 293.75 FEET; THENCE TANGENT TO SAID CURVE NORTH 89° 17' 51" WEST 255.05 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT 138.42 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 87° 59' 40" A DISTANCE OF 212.58 FEET TO A POINT OF TERMINATION. THE SIDELINES OF SAID STRIP OF LAND ARE TO BE PROLONGED OR SHORTENED TO TERMINATE IN THE NORTH IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF PARCEL 2 HEREIN ABOVE DESCRIBED, AND IN THE SOUTH IN A LINE WHICH BEARS SOUTH 88° 41' 49" WEST THROUGH SAID POINT OF TERMINATION. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION LYING WITHIN PARCEL A HEREIN ABOVE DESCRIBED. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 240 SPANISH SPUR, FALLBROOK, CA 92028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$559,818.06 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05001144-16-2. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 09/02/2020 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05001144-16-2 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Frances DePalma, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Order Number 72594, Pub Dates: 09/17/2020, 09/24/2020, 10/01/2020, VILLAGE NEWS

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 131144-11 Loan No. 39228 Title Order No. 1524136CAD APN 183-170-80-00 TRA No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/31/2020. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): ALAN REES, MARIA C. BRETON-REES AND REES INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC Deed of Trust: recorded on 02/03/2020 as Document No. 2020-0054289 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 10/14/2020 at 10:00AM Trustee's Sale Location: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020 Parcel A of Parcel Map No. 20596, in the City of Vista, County of San Diego, State of California filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, November 26, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008 0610513 of Official Records. The property heretofore described as being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1010 MIRAMAR DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92081. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$2,841,221.76 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 131144-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 09/09/2020 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com MARSHA TOWNSEND, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0371414 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 09/17/2020, 09/24/2020, 10/01/2020



NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, On August 18, 2020, Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Governing Board Member Patty de Jong resigned their position, effective immediately.

The resignation creates a vacancy on the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Governing Board. The Board met on September 17, 2020, and approved a provisional appointment process to fill the vacant position. The term of the provisional appointment will expire in November 2022. At that time, the appointed candidate may seek re-election for a full four (4) year term if residing in Trustee Area #1.

The District is now accepting applications from qualified persons who would like to be considered for appointment. Preference will be given to applicants residing in Trustee Area #1. Applications must be submitted online and are due by 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2020.

For Trustee Area Boundaries, an application, more information on this vacancy, applicant qualifications, and the role of the Governing Board, please visit fuesd.org/trustee.

Posted September 18, 2020
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ENTERTAINMENT

Fallbrook Music Society presents rare violin octet, Hutchins Consort



The Hutchins Consort plays eight different sizes of the violin; the concert is free to view at FallbrookMusicSociety.org. Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Music Society continues its 43rd Annual Concert Season with Hutchins Consort, a new violin family. This concert is free and “on demand” beginning Sept. 27 on the Fallbrook Music Society homepage, FallbrookMusicSociety.org. “We’re excited to present Hutchins Consort, not only because this violin octet is considered among the rarest instruments in the world, but also because this performance will once again, demonstrate just how far traditional instruments have permeated other music genres,” said Ann Murray, executive director. The Hutchins Consort plays on the eight scaled violins of the violin octet designed and built by famed luthier Dr. Carleen Hutchins who in 1957 was challenged by American composer Henry Brant to refine and implement a vision that began with the master luthiers of the Renaissance. The goal was to produce a family of string instruments whose combined voices would span the entire range of written music and effectively fill the gaps left by the traditional string instruments (violin, viola, cello and bass) which form the core of the modern symphony orchestra. Hutchins spent 30 years in research and experimentation and in the early 1960s, applied her knowledge and skills to eight

instruments which she personally hand-crafted and calibrated to match harmonic overtones throughout their ranges. The instruments are the first successful attempt to create an acoustically balanced set of instruments that can truly sound like violins across the entire range of written music. With instruments ranging from the tiny treble violin, tuned one octave above the standard violin, to the gigantic large bass violin, tuned one octave lower than a ‘cello, the Hutchins Consort produces an astonishing range of sounds. The Sept. 27 program includes a little of everything from John Dowland’s traditional classical Lachrimae Antiquae to contemporary classical works from Bartók and Monti, to Celtic and even ragtime jazz selections. “The diversity of the Hutchins Consort program shows the impact traditional classical music instruments have had on the development of all music forms. This is really quite a concert!” continued Murray. The concert can be viewed at any time at FallbrookMusicSociety.org. More information is available by calling the Music Society at 760-451-8644.

Submitted by Fallbrook Music Society.

‘Necessary Sacrifices’ is an invitation to eavesdrop

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to Village News

It is a brilliant opener for North Coast Repertory’s 39th season. Like other local theatres NCRRep has gone online. Playing online until Oct. 11, “Necessary Sacrifices” is an imagined-historical work by playwright Richard Hellesten about conversations between Abraham Lincoln and his visitor Frederick Douglass. Albeit there are no written accounts of what actually was said, no notes by Lincoln exist of either of the two meetings, just the same, both meetings were documented in the White House records to substantiate this fictional account. Historical records say the Civil War officially began April 9, 1861, when the Confederate army attacked Fort Sumter on Charleston Bay. By that time, 11 southern states had seceded from the Union in January 1861 forming the Confederate States of America. The war ended May 9, 1865, at the Appomattox Court House when General Robert E. Lee surrendered his sword to General Ulysses S. Grant. The first encounter between Douglass and the President occurred during the summer of 1863 when Douglass casually walked into Mr. Lincoln’s office unannounced. (That alone in today’s experiences boggles the mind.) With a presidential invitation, Douglass’ second visit had to have been sometime between Lincoln’s reelection Nov. 8, 1864, and April

15, 1865 (the date of Lincoln’s assassination). The exact date isn’t referenced. As a side note, Lincoln changed running mates for his reelection choosing Andrew Johnson as his vice president. He believed Johnson’s connection with the Confederate states would better serve to rebuild the south. As viewers we are invited to eavesdrop on the (alleged) discussions between the two great gentlemen and by doing so, we discover their similarities. They talk about their families, especially their children, their wives and of course their strong opinions about the abolition of slavery and the injustice perpetrated by that “moral evil.” Douglass is aptly portrayed by Hawthorne James. He bears a resemblance to the great man physically and draws us in to his interpretation as he humbly showcases his talent. Ray Chambers laces Midwestern humor and charm with inherent modesty to his portrayal of President Lincoln. Together the two actors recreate discussions of an era that are not only believable but compelling to watch. They share their mutual passion to resolve the enslavement of men and women in oftentimes heated discussions toward the same result. It is two hours of compelling entertainment. During this current election conflict it is interesting to note how certain of Douglass’ words were left out of this script. For instance, “I am a Republican, a black dyed in the wool Republican,



Hawthorne James as Frederick Douglass emphasizes his point in a conversation with Ray Chambers’ Abraham Lincoln in “Necessary Sacrifices.” Village News/Aaron Rumley photo

and I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress.” Douglass is also quoted to say, “once you learn to read, you will be free” and my favorite, “those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not themselves.” Like so much of our history that is skipped over in school, this play is a reminder of the hard-fought freedoms for all citizens in America. To view this imaginative work of history, visit <https://northcoastrep.org/> and purchase a ticket for only \$35. It can provide family-togetherness as youscrunch around a monitor. Once the ticket is purchased, you will be advised to follow the link which will import the play to your personal computer or other device for viewing. The play lasts about two hours and can even be paused if you need a drink of water. Director Peter Ellenstein chose his actors well. By not getting in their way, he allowed them to embrace their characters. The set is Marty Burnett’s 199th spectacular set for NCRRep. Eliza Benzoni’s fourth season of needle mastery is once again to be heralded. Michael Silversher is in charge of

music and Aaron Rumley is the cinematographer with Christopher Williams on camera. Peter Herman worked magic with the wigs. This production is inviting in every way and provides sterling entertainment for the entire family especially from junior high school ages and up. This production is rated a solid 10 out of 10.

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Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
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San Diego Repertory Theatre’s one-man show “A Weekend with Pablo Picasso,” written and performed by Herbert Siguenza,

is available online through Oct. 14. It is 80 minutes of charming, sophisticated adult content. When I saw this show last year at New Village Arts it was spectacular. As Siguenza is a resident artist at San Diego Rep, this performance will no doubt be

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BUSINESS

New study finds Fallbrook and Rainbow Water districts have subsidized the Water Authority by nearly \$50 million

FALLBROOK – Two North County water districts have been paying more to the San Diego County Water Authority than the benefits they receive from the authority, according to a comprehensive analysis released recently.

The study, conducted by San Diego-based London Moeder Advisors, concludes that the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District have collectively paid \$49.5 million more to the Authority over the past 10 years when compared to the benefits these districts have received from the authority.

In addition, the study concludes that if the proposed detachments of Fallbrook and Rainbow from the authority are approved, the financial impact to customers in the remaining 22 districts served by the authority would be minimal – an estimated increase of about \$6 per meter per year.

“When looking at the cost-benefit analysis of us being a member of the San Diego County Water Authority, the cost to Fallbrook clearly outweighs the benefit,” Jack Bebee, general manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District, said. “That is why we are seeking to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority.”

“The report essentially concludes that both Rainbow and Fallbrook have become donor districts in which we have been paying the water authority above and beyond our share for use of their facilities, such as pipelines,” Tom Kennedy, general manager of the Rainbow Municipal Water District, said. “The bottom line is, due to our unique location in North County, both Rainbow and Fallbrook can serve their customers without utilizing the authority’s infrastructure, so our two districts do not benefit from those facilities like the 22 other water districts served by the authority.”

In March, Fallbrook and Rainbow submitted separate detachment applications to the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission, which is governed by local elected and appointed officials and is responsible for overseeing the establishment, expansion and boundary changes of cities and special districts, including water districts.

If their applications are approved, Fallbrook and Rainbow would join the Eastern Municipal Water District. According to reports, they could purchase water from Eastern for 25% less than they are currently paying to the Authority. The annual savings to Fallbrook and Rainbow ratepayers are projected to be \$8-10 million collectively.

“This would be a considerable savings to our ratepayers,” Bebee said. “Just as important, we would be able to maintain an equally reliable supply of water by joining Eastern, which provides water to hundreds of thousands of people in nearby Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee and other cities in Riverside County.

“And based on the \$6 annual per-meter figure in the study, the financial impact to water users in the remaining 22 districts within the authority would be minuscule – it breaks down to only 14 cents per water user per month,” he said.

“Our ratepayers – especially our agricultural customers – have been hit hard by rising water costs,” Kennedy said. “For example, we’ve seen a significant loss of avocado acreage caused by high imported water costs, which among other things, has resulted in considerable job losses here over the past several years. Joining Eastern would help our customers, whether residential, commercial or agricultural, reduce their water costs.”

LAFCO has established an advisory committee to review and analyze the applications. The full commission is expected to vote on the proposals sometime in 2021. If approved, voters in the Fallbrook and Rainbow service areas would then decide the matter.

The study was commissioned by the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts and can be found at <https://www.fpud.com/here-s-why-we-want-to-leave-the-water-authority>.

Submitted by Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District.

Open enrollment choices can have big financial impact

FALLBROOK – It’s that time of year again, where, if you work for a medium-to-large employer, you’ve got some decisions to make because it’s open enrollment time.

Of course, depending on your situation, you may have been working remotely for a while, but, even so, you will likely have the opportunity to review your benefits package and make changes. And you’ll want to make the right moves, because your choices can have a big financial impact on your life.

So, take a close look at these key areas of your benefits program:

Health insurance – Think about your health care needs over the coming year – will you or someone in your family be coping with a chronic illness or facing a surgery? Will you need to at least consider testing and possible treatment for COVID-19?

In any case, make sure you’re choosing the right plan for your needs. And pay close attention to any changes in your health insurance, such as whether the plan’s provider networks have changed – you may want to make sure your own doctor is still in-network.

Also, check to see if you can reduce your health care premiums by taking part in a wellness program or health-risk assessment.

Life insurance – Your employer may offer a group life insurance policy for free, or for a small amount. It’s probably worth your while to take this coverage, but it may not be enough for your needs. If you only had this group policy, but your family situation has recently changed through marriage or the addition of a new child, you may well need to add some private insurance.

Disability insurance – In addition to offering group life insurance, your employer may provide short-term disability insurance as an employee benefit. Like group insurance, this disability coverage may not cost you anything, but it may not be adequate – typically, short-term disability only replaces part of your income for three to six months.

And while you may never need to miss work for an extended period of time, you never can tell – after all, more than one in four 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration.

You may want to consider purchasing your own long-term disability policy on top of the coverage offered by your employer.

Retirement plan – You can probably make changes to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan at any time, but why not look at it now, when you’re reviewing all your benefits?

If you can afford to increase your contributions, you probably should, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and ease of contribution through paycheck deductions, is a great way to save for retirement. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer’s match.

You’ll also want to review your 401(k)’s investment mix. Is it still providing you with significant growth potential within the context of your individual risk tolerance?

Over time, you may need to make some adjustments, either because an investment is underperforming or because you’re getting close to retirement and you need to reduce your risk exposure.

In any case, it’s a good idea to check up on your 401(k)’s investments at least once a year.

Your employee benefits are an important part of your overall financial picture – so do what you can to get the most from them.

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Tips for saving money shopping online

Rebecca Gramuglia
Special to Village News

While these last six months have been like no other, many have had to adjust their routines and finances.

And according to a recent survey conducted by TopCashback.com, the USA’s most generous cashback site, 42% of Americans have been spending less money in the past six months.

To keep the savings strong and the momentum going, here are 10 must-know online shopping tips to save big.

1. Comparison shop. Even during popular sale times of the year like Black Friday and Prime Day, it’s always a good idea to compare prices. Before you buy an item in the first place you see it, check to see if the price is lower at another store or if the store is having a sale. Taking that extra few minutes to weigh your options can save you a few extra bucks.

2. Stack on the savings. When you’re shopping online, there are tons of savings opportunities. Be sure to look for discounted items as well as any relevant coupon codes and credit card savings that you can use. Get the most bang for your buck by using cashback credit cards, which can reward you with a percentage back for every purchase, as well as shopping through a cashback site like TopCashback.com, to earn cashback on all qualifying purchases from sites like Macy’s, adidas, Sephora and more.

3. Install money-saving tools. It happens – you make a purchase online, but forgot to input the coupon code. Save money effortlessly by downloading TopCashback.com’s Browser Extension to automatically find active promo codes and apply them to your online order.

4. Join the email list. New to an online store? Sign up for their email list or newsletter to score a discount. Typically, if you’re a first-time shopper at a store, you can likely score a small discount – along the lines of \$5/\$10 off or around 15% off. You may also receive offers for secret sales, birthday treats, discounts and freebies.

5. Use your computer and phone. Whether you are shopping on your laptop and/or through your cell phone, sometimes the savings can be different. Sales can occur on both the store’s website and app, but other times there are site- and app-exclusives. Keep your eyes peeled for all the saving possibilities.

6. Sign up for the store’s loyalty program. Of course, loyalty programs have their perks but make sure you know all the ways to earn the rewards. Ask yourself, “How many points do I need until the next reward?” or “if I sign into my store’s account online, will I get points?” Keep in mind that whether you open a store email or leave a review on a product, these small questions and tasks can quickly add up to points and therefore, save you more.

7. Shop at home and pick up in-store. If you’re not eligible for free shipping, see if you can order the item you want and pick it up at your local store instead. Not only will you save on shipping costs, but you will also avoid the temptation of buying more to reach the free shipping minimum.

8. Know when to buy. Don’t wait to purchase something until you need it. Instead, plan out your purchases with seasonal sales in mind to avoid paying the sticker price. Seasonal items usually get marked down around the same time every year. Summer items like outdoor furniture, for example, can be bought now during end-of-season sales, even if it means you don’t get much use out of them until next year. Come fall, you’ll likely see incredible deals on outdoor tools like lawnmowers and grills, and electronics on Black Friday.

9. Leave your online cart. Before you click ‘checkout’, try to trick your shopping cart to save you some money. Sometimes the longer you wait to purchase something, the better the deal will be. So essentially, load up your shopping cart with all the items on your wish list, and then leave the site without checking out. When we leave a store’s page without making a purchase, it takes note of it. If you wait a few days or so, you may receive a “You forgot something in your cart” email from that store featuring an item you browsed along with a customized discount code, too. Keep in mind that you’ll need to be signed up for a store’s email list to likely receive these messages.

10. Utilize all the online tools a retailer offers. Connecting with customer service via online chat, phone or email can be an easy way to get access to exclusive coupons and savings. So rather than dismissing the pop-up live chat service, use it to haggle for a better deal.

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Artists capture nature in Plein Air Contest



Kathy Stradley paints a scene at the Grand Tradition during the Plein Art Competition hosted by the Fallbrook Art Association, Sept. 16.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos and Village News/George Compton photos



A plein air easel kit sits with a painting of a scene at the Grand Tradition during a plein air competition.



Toni Funaki paints a scene of a waterfall at the Grand Tradition.



Jeanne Plekon paints a scene of one of the many gardens at the Grand Tradition in Fallbrook.



George Kreutz chooses a spot at the Grand Tradition and paints the scene during the plein air competition.



Jeanne Plekon, left, is awarded second place for her plein air painting by judge Char Cee Colosia.



Debra Sievers, left, accepts the first-place award from judge Char Cee Colosia at the end of the plein air competition.



Plein air contest judge Char Cee Colosia presents third place to Diane Jansen.

HEALTH

Older adults enjoy an active lifestyle at Silvergate Fallbrook



Joe Hammer lifts weights in the Sit & Be Fit Class at Silvergate Fallbrook. Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Inside the safety and protection of the Silvergate Fallbrook retirement community, older adults are finding creative ways to have fun and be active despite the new normal of the outside world.

At Silvergate Fallbrook, residents are focused on staying healthy, spending time safely with other residents and enjoying each day fully by taking part in regular physical activity throughout the week.

“I love the activities here at Silvergate,” Joe Hammer, a decadelong resident who takes full advantage of the community’s activities as they are announced and offered, said. “I’ve been so active here. When you’re at home by yourself, you just don’t want to get ready and go out and go do things. At Silvergate, it’s easy to get involved and mix and mingle with your friends. With all the activities here, you want to do more.”

With a dedicated activities director planning creative and fun events daily, there are always opportunities for residents to get moving and be active. Silvergate’s staff continually plans and leads a variety of fitness classes and physical activities to help residents strengthen their bodies, improve their cognitive abilities, and maintain a greater level of independence for a longer period

of time.

“We’re not letting the pandemic hamper our ability to offer fun and fulfilling activities to our residents,” Carie Hensley, longtime activities director for Silvergate Fallbrook, said. “We offer so much more than just socially distanced card games and puzzles. We want our residents to enjoy activities that keep them physically active and mentally agile. We try to switch up our fitness classes regularly to give residents new activities to try and enjoy.”

Each month, Silvergate’s fitness classes and wellness activities focus on cardiovascular, muscular conditioning, flexibility and balance to help improve overall physical well-being. The opportunities to participate in physical activities change regularly with new offerings that currently include: Sit & Be Fit Classes, Music for Life Instruction, Zumba for Seniors, Yoga Lessons, Tai Chi Instruction and Silvergate Walking Club.

“The activities here are fabulous,” Jean Bryson, a new resident at Silvergate who has lived in Fallbrook for 26 years, aid. “I’m a very active person. I can’t sit still. I walk every day, three times a day. When I started walking, I met a lot of lovely ladies here and I said, ‘Come walk with me’ and they did. Now we

have a walking club every night after dinner until it gets dark. We walk for at least 30 minutes every night together, and we love the exercise.”

“While movement plays an important role in any healthy lifestyle, those over the age of 70 experience greater wellness by embracing a well-rounded daily routine that includes physical activity, proper nutrition, socialization and vigorous mental stimulation. We offer all of that here at Silvergate,” Patricia Martinez, executive director, said.

Silvergate residents are transforming their health and experiencing greater positivity by living more actively than they were before moving into the community. Active living is only a part of life for residents at Silvergate. When combined with time spent socializing with friends, the activities are part of an overall health and wellness lifestyle that residents at Silvergate are embracing.

Silvergate Fallbrook is offering safe and in person tours to local residents who would like to experience the community directly. To learn more about the independent living, assisted living and memory care at Silvergate, call Helen Gray at 760-728-8880 or visit <http://SilvergateRR.com>.

Submitted by Silvergate Fallbrook.

The library is now open with safety precautions

FALLBROOK – The Friends of the Fallbrook Library are excited to announce that the San Diego County Library reopened branches for limited in-person services on Sept 10. While the staff’s commitment to service will always stay the same, patrons will notice some changes when they visit.

Branches offer In-Person Modified Services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. The midday closure allows for thorough cleaning of public spaces within the buildings. And Walk-Up Door-side service will happen on

Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m, to 4 p.m.

What to expect when visiting

The most noticeable change with in-person service is that they are letting fewer people into the buildings in order to ensure physical distancing. Patrons may experience a wait time to get into the building. Library staff will be at the front door to answer any questions.

There will also be more space. Some furniture and computers have been removed to ensure physical distancing and to provide wider walkways. Directional floor

markings have been placed in the stacks and seating will be limited in some areas.

The modified in-person services will include access to computers, printers and copiers, and WiFi. Customers will be able to browse the stacks and check out books, CDs, and movies.

Walk-up door-side service is also still available at all 33 branches on Mondays and Fridays. Once a customer has received a notice, by email, phone, or print mail that they have items ready for pickup, they can visit the branch during open hours to pick up the materials, with no appointment

needed.

How the library is addressing health and safety

The safety of staff and customers is the primary concern and staff will be complying with public health guidelines for physical distancing and facial coverings. Additionally, on the days set up for in-person modified service, cleaning will take place throughout the day and all branches will be closed from 12:30-1:30 p.m, for sanitation.

Customers can also return any materials they might still have. For the safety of library staff and customers, and at the recommendation of the Institute

for Library and Museum Services and the California State Library, all returned materials will be quarantined for at least four business days. It may take several days to remove the items from the customer’s library account, but rest assured they will not be fined for those days while the materials are quarantined.

The schedule of service and frequently asked questions are available at sdcl.org/services.

Submitted by Friends of the Fallbrook Library.

Lawsuit filed against Merck on behalf of young man allegedly injured by Gardasil

Children’s Health Defense
Special to Village News

The law firm of Baum Hedlund Aristei & Goldman filed a lawsuit Wednesday, Sept. 16, against pharmaceutical giant Merck on behalf of a young man, Zachariah Otto, who was allegedly injured by Gardasil, Merck’s HPV vaccine. The complaint seeks damages, including punitive damages, for

negligence; strict liability or failure to warn; strict liability or manufacturing defect; breach of warranty; common law fraud and violation of California’s unfair competition law.

Otto claimed in the lawsuit that multiple Gardasil injections, which he first received at the age of 16, caused him to develop life-altering injuries, including dysautonomia, postural orthostatic tachycardia

syndrome, orthostatic intolerance, small fiber neuropathy, chronic fatigue syndrome, mast cell activation syndrome, autoimmune disease and fibromyalgia, as well as a constellation of other serious health issues.

POTS is an autoimmune condition that impacts the autonomic nervous system, which automatically regulates critical bodily functions, and the sympathetic nervous system, which is involved in the “fight or flight” response. POTS symptoms include fainting, migraine headaches and anxiety among many other serious conditions.

The plaintiff said the Gardasil-induced injuries have made him disabled to a point where he can no longer work and cannot physically attend college. His mother said it was Merck’s intense Gardasil marketing campaign that encouraged her to have her son get the shots. Otto and his mother said that had they known of the serious risks associated with this vaccine, they would have never gone forward with the shots.

“Merck fast-tracked Gardasil by presenting misleading data to the FDA and fabricating a health crisis,” Otto’s co-counsel Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. said. “They claimed they were ‘filling an unmet medical’ need but in reality, the only thing Merck was interested in filling was the \$6 billion financial hole created by the Vioxx scandal.”

Gardasil is racking up a long

list of young women and men who were similarly harmed following vaccination with Merck’s product. Children’s Health Defense has also been following the case of former athlete and scholar Jennifer Robi, who filed a lawsuit for Gardasil injuries against Merck in 2016. Robi is a 25-year-old woman who has been confined to a wheelchair since receiving her third Gardasil vaccine at age 16. Like Otto, she was diagnosed with POTS after receiving the series of Gardasil shots. Her attorneys alleged that Gardasil’s amorphous aluminum hydroxyphosphate sulfate adjuvant can over-stimulate the immune systems of vaccine recipients, tipping them into autoimmune conditions in which their redlining immune defenses begin attacking their bodies’ own organs. The “autoimmune process” allegedly caused a cascade of illnesses that, in Robi’s case, resulted in damage and deterioration in diverse organ systems throughout her body.

Colton Berrett, featured in the documentary film Vaxxed II, was another victim of Gardasil injury. Berrett was an active 13-year-old when he received the series of shots as advised by his physician before leaving for Boy Scouts camp in 2014. Two weeks after his third dose of Gardasil, Berrett experienced a sore neck followed by paralysis in his arms and hands. The paralysis continued to other parts of his body ultimately making Berrett completely paralyzed from the neck down and ventilator

dependent through tracheostomy. Though he fought hard, he never recovered, and in January 2018, Berrett removed himself from the need of life support or the ventilator.

In this latest Gardasil lawsuit on behalf of Otto, Baum Hedlund accused Merck of knowingly and recklessly placing Gardasil’s profits ahead of patient safety. The team asked for punitive damages to deter Merck from withholding information on the serious adverse events associated with Gardasil while promoting it as “safe and effective.”

“Most people think Gardasil is for girls, but since 2009, Merck has made billions in profit by marketing the HPV vaccine to the parents of boys and to young men,” attorney Nicole K.H. Maldonado said. “Through its advertising, Merck sold parents on the idea that Gardasil is a safe and effective tool to stop the spread of HPV and prevent cervical cancer. But Merck knew that Gardasil was neither safe nor effective at preventing cervical cancer, and worse, the company knew that Gardasil could cause a host of serious health issues.”

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Medicare open enrollment is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7

Gregory Wright
UnitedHealthcare

Medicare open enrollment season is quickly approaching. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries make important choices that affect their medical costs, the doctors they see and prescription coverage for next year.

Whether they are enrolling in Medicare for the first time or looking to change their coverage during Medicare’s annual enrollment, Dr. Anne Docimo, chief medical officer of UnitedHealthcare and responsible for outcomes of more than 50 million Medicare members, is offering some useful tips and information to help seniors, their caregivers and newly eligible beneficiaries on what they need to know about signing up or renewing benefits during this open enrollment season.

Dr. Docimo, tell us:

1. When can people enroll in a Medicare plan?

Timing is everything, and a lot depends on your specific situation. You have a seven-month window around your 65th birthday to enroll. It includes your birthday month plus the three months before and the three months after. It’s best to sign up early to avoid gaps in coverage and late enrollment penalties.

For people already enrolled in Medicare, annual enrollment runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, and allows you to make changes to your plan or enroll in a new plan. If you have a qualifying life event, like a move, you can get a special enrollment period to switch plans during the year.

2. What should people think about as they compare their Medicare coverage options?

When it comes to Medicare, one size definitely does not fit all. That’s why it’s great to have options to choose from. You need to take the time to explore your options and understand the benefits and costs of each plan so you can find the coverage that works best for you. I suggest asking a few key

questions such as:

- Is your current coverage still meeting your personal health needs, and will your benefits change next year? If you’re enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, you should have received a document called the Annual Notice of Changes. Make sure you take a look at that document so you’re not caught off guard by any changes to your plan.
- Is your coverage a good fit for your budget? It’s important to pay attention to more than just the monthly premium. You should also understand the other out-of-pocket costs, including the deductible, copays and coinsurance.
- Are you comfortable with the doctors and hospitals that are available with the coverage you’re considering?
- Are your medications on the formulary, or approved drug list? Plans’ drug list can change from year to year, so even if your drugs are covered this year, it’s important to

review the materials you receive from your plan to make sure your drugs will still be covered next year.

- Does the plan offer additional benefits that are important to you, such as coverage of dental and vision care or a gym membership?

3. Explain for us the different “parts” of Medicare... Part A, Part B... what does this all mean?

Medicare has four main parts – A, B, C and D. Original Medicare includes Parts A and B. Part A provides coverage of inpatient care in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, as well as hospice care and some home health care. Part B provides coverage of the costs of doctor visits, outpatient hospital services, some home health services and durable medical equipment. It also covers some preventive health care.

Part C, also known as Medicare Advantage, is an option for Medicare coverage that combines

Original Medicare Parts A and B into one plan offered by private health insurers. Medicare Advantage plans often also include prescription drug coverage and other additional benefits not included with Original Medicare.

Part D helps with the cost of prescription drugs.

There’s also what’s known as Medicare supplement plans. These plans help cover some of what Medicare Parts A and B don’t pay, such as portions of coinsurance, copayments and deductibles.

4. Where can people go if they are looking for more information?

Consider exploring online resources and webinars from the comfort of your own home.

Visit <http://www.GetToKnowMedicare.com> to access a virtual event, webinars, find a local agent and other helpful resources to help you make confident Medicare decisions.

Gregory Wright is chief executive officer for Medicare and Retirement at UnitedHealthcare in California.

Don’t count on lower insurance costs for next year

Trudy Lieberman
Community Health News Service

Steve Schneider owns a digital marketing agency in Indiana where he insures six people on the company’s health insurance plan – two employees and their dependents – for about \$37,000 a year.

He said it’s an “ultra-high” deductible plan that requires each family to pay the first of the year’s \$12,100 in medical costs out of their own pockets and charges totaling \$6,050 for each family member before the insurance plan pays.

That’s hardly insurance, but that is the norm.

“Every year, it’s how much can we offer and how much can employees pay? How high can I push the deductible to lower the premium?” Schneider told me.

Schneider is one of thousands of small-business owners who are making that same calculation this fall.

In Stowe, Vermont, Jen Kimmich runs a craft brewery and wonders how long she can continue to pay

a large share of the costs to insure her 42 employees.

She provides full coverage for all her employees even if they work as few as 10 hours a week.

“They deserve it,” Kimmich said. “But it’s expensive, and we don’t know how much longer we can keep paying for it.”

Why is insurance going to cost so much again this year? Keep in mind that the out-of-pocket costs consumers pay in the form of high deductibles, copays and coinsurance are just as important as the premiums in determining the total cost of your insurance.

Cost sharing is simply another way to make consumers pay more for their coverage.

But why is insurance still so expensive when the news media are full of stories about how Americans have stopped going to the doctor and avoiding medical services, either out of fear of contracting the coronavirus or fear of racking up high medical bills they would struggle to pay?

Don’t fewer services mean less demand that would prompt doctors, hospitals and other providers of

medical care to reduce their prices as a way to attract patients? That’s the way it works with other goods and services.

Don’t bet on it, Dr. David Blumenthal, president of The Commonwealth Fund, a philanthropic organization in New York City, said.

“The reduction in insurers’ costs from reduced use of routine services will be much greater than the cost increases associated with care of COVID-19 patients. That means companies have realized substantial short-term profits,” he said. “Consumers shouldn’t assume they will get the benefit of the doubt. If there’s any doubt about how much the use of care will go up, insurance companies will assume the worst. That’s what investors want.”

The companies have market power. Although insurance actuaries, the ones who crunch the numbers, said there is plenty of pressure from employers to keep premiums low, insurers have enough clout to raise deductibles, copays and coinsurance. It places the burden on those who get sick.

Hospitals, which account for about one-third of U.S. health care spending, also have market clout. Bob Herman, a journalist who covers the hospital industry for Axios, told me, “The public safety net and rural hospitals haven’t been doing great and have been neglected for years.”

On the other hand, he said, “It’s a different story with the big, urban hospital systems.”

“They are sitting on large rainy-day funds, which were built up by high prices over the years,” he said. “COVID-19 put a wrench into some of their plans to expand, and expansion is good for hospitals. They are crying poverty but are paying consultants and lawyers millions of dollars to complete acquisitions.”

Many hospitals have begun costly advertising campaigns to drum up business. As that business returns, prices for hospital services are not likely to drop.

Dr. Sandeep Jauhar, a cardiologist at Northwell Health in New York, said hospitals in the state argue, “We need to ramp up care.”

“Some departments are being told to not only resume care at pre-pandemic levels but to boost volume of care to make up for financial losses,” he said.

In other words, they are being told to drum up business, and in many cases, they have enough market power to keep prices high.

While medical experts urged people not to delay needed care, it’s important to remember that Americans often get too much care.

“Hundreds of billions of dollars are spent unnecessarily on health care,” Jauhar said, and maybe the country should reboot in a different way.

“Maybe patients don’t need as much care as we’ve been providing,” he said.

Even if the number of services performed goes down, I’d wager, the price will continue to go up.

What kind of insurance increases are you expecting? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

California has the second most coronavirus restrictions

CALIFORNIA – To identify which states have the fewest coronavirus restrictions, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 17 key metrics. Their data set ranges from whether the state has any penalties for noncompliance with COVID-19 legislation to whether the state has required face masks in public and health checks at restaurants. Below are highlights from the report, along with a WalletHub Q&A.

Coronavirus restrictions in California (1=Fewest, 25=Average):

- 16th – Requirement to wear a face mask in public
- 18th – State guidance on customer health checks at restaurants
- 15th – Travel restrictions
- 51st – Large gathering restrictions
- 50th – Strictness of “Shelter in Place” order
- 48th – Reopening of nonessential businesses
- 51st – Reopening of restaurants and bars
- 16th – Working from home requirements/recommendations

Note: Rankings are based on data available as Sept. 14.

For the full report, visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-coronavirus-restrictions/73818/>.

What long-term consequences will there be if schools remain closed for part or all of the fall semester?

“If schools remain closed for part or all of the fall semester, one positive impact will be that the spread of COVID-19 among children will be minimized,” Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst, said. “Unfortunately, there are many negative consequences that come with keeping schools closed. Students are likely to learn less than they would through classroom instruction, and the achievement gap between wealthy and poor students is projected to widen. Parents with young children will need to make sure the children have supervision at home, which could mean that many parents may be unable to earn a living.”

Should states strictly enforce their COVID-19 restrictions?

“States should strictly enforce their COVID-19 restrictions because otherwise there is no incentive for people to follow the rules. If there are no consequences for disobeying a state’s mask mandate, for example, people will be more likely to try to enter crowded areas without masks, which in turn will contribute to the spread of the virus,” Gonzalez said. “Fines are a good deterrent to make sure Americans follow COVID-19 restrictions, and

enforcement will also minimize the need for citizens to play the police.”

Should states that see spikes in COVID-19 deaths just pause their reopening or reinstitute lockdowns?

“States with spikes in COVID-19 deaths should pause their reopening as well as make sure extra preventative measures are in place, like mandatory mask wearing and temperature checks at workplaces and busy transit hubs,” Gonzalez said. “It may be necessary to reinstitute lockdowns in some places at a micro level, in small communities that are experiencing especially high death and hospitalization rates.”

Why does South Dakota rank as the state with the fewest coronavirus restrictions?

“South Dakota ranks as the state with the fewest coronavirus restrictions in part because it has no restrictions on large gatherings and it is one of only five states that have not taken any action on face coverings in public,” Gonzalez said. “South Dakota does not require or recommend working from home, and it is one of only five states that never required nonessential businesses to close during the pandemic.”

How has COVID-19 impacted California’s restrictions?

“California has the second most coronavirus restrictions in

the U.S.,” Gonzalez said. “The state has ordered regional school closures and has made face masks mandatory in public. California is one of only two states with a limited statewide quarantine in place, while a few other states

put restrictions on high-risk individuals only. California is the only state to currently ban all gatherings, and all nonessential businesses in the state remain closed.”

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California State Parks passPORTS program goes virtual for K-12 students

CALIFORNIA – The school field trip to California State Parks is being reimagined thanks to a new partnership between California State Parks, Parks California and Computer-Using Educators. California is home to some of the country’s most unique and precious cultural, natural and historic resources, and a new passPORTS online adventure will help make it possible for students from across the state to experience them.

The new pilot program, passPORTS, will use a blended access approach that combines quality teaching practices with the latest technology to reduce barriers to park access. Using videoconference technology and web resources, the Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students program introduces K-12 students to live State Park Interpreters, allowing them to connect their classroom studies within the context of California’s state park system.

“We are excited to embark on a new partnership with Parks California and CUE to provide deep and meaningful digital learning experiences for K12 students and invite them for an in-person class visit to our parks,



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recreation areas, natural reserves and culturally important places when the time is right for schools,” Brad Krey, PORTS program manager, said.

Geoff Kish, vice president of programs at Parks California said,

“PassPORTS is an exceptional opportunity for to connect with and learn about California’s State Parks from the comfort of their home. Programs like this play an important role in making state parks accessible for all people,



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regardless of where they live.”

This enhanced initiative builds on 15-years of successful PORTS programs with a new combination of digital instructional materials for use in the classroom, as well as in-park use and provides funding

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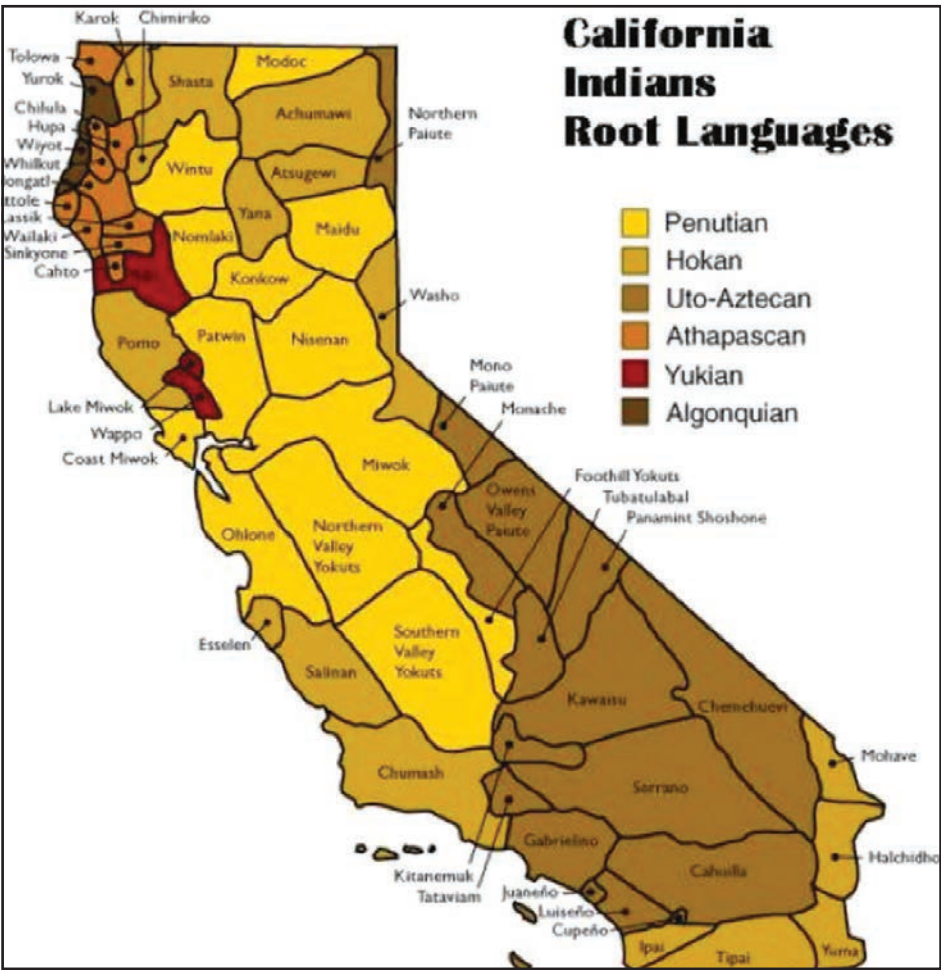
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regardless of physical, social, cultural, economic circumstance or ability,” Scott Shepherd, parks access coordinator for California State Parks, said. “Our work will not only increase equitable access to parks for all California citizens, but in turn mobilize a new generation to play, learn, serve and share in California State Parks.”
The goal of the passPORTS

program is to provide more students with access to California State Parks through a blended access approach, using both online learning adventures now and in person field trips once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
“The parks offer interdisciplinary learning opportunities which afford schools a wide variety of curriculum engagement.

California State Parks encourages students to learn more about nature, science and history,” Shepherd said. “These experiences not only support learning but also build respect for the natural environment and our diverse history and helps students to develop their understanding of California’s unique resources.
“Naturally, we want students, as

well as their teachers and parents, to discover that our parks are learning laboratories, as well as places for environmental awareness, advocacy and stewardship. But we also want them to discover that these are places to enjoy the wonder of our state. Through collaboration with California State Parks and the K12 community, we aim to develop both sustainable

and equitable access for the next generation of park visitors and champions,” Shepherd said.
For more information about passPORTS, visit <http://www.ports-ca.us>.
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Palomar College to keep online classes going through spring 2021 semester

City News Service

The majority of classes at Palomar College will remain online during the spring 2021 semester to remain in compliance with public health orders, college officials announced Friday, Sept. 18.

“The Palomar College community continues to do its part to slow the spread of this virus,”

Jack Kahn, interim superintendent and president, said. “We will proceed in an abundance of caution, mindful of the fact that some courses need physical classroom time more than others and serve essential industries in our region.”

The announcement follows a similar one Thursday from the San Diego Community College District, which stated San Diego City, Mesa

and Miramar colleges will remain online throughout the 2020-2021 school year, along with San Diego Continuing Education.

Palomar College said it will expand on-site instruction for specific programs, while maintaining strict adherence to all COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

The academic programs offering both online and on-site instruction

in spring 2021 include police academy, fire academy, paramedics, nursing, dental assisting, cabinet and furniture technology, welding, diesel mechanics technology, auto body, auto tech, air conditioning, water technology and wastewater technology, drone technology and biology 212.

The college is also awaiting guidance from the California

Community College Athletics Association on how to offer competitive athletics and training programs.

Kahn emphasized that Palomar College reserves the right to revise the spring 2021 schedule, depending on the status of the health crisis in the region.

FUESD seeks candidates for open school board seat

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook Union Elementary School District is soliciting applications to fill the governing board seat vacated by former board member Patty De Jong, who announced in August that she was stepping down.

FUESD’s board voted 3-0, with Lisa Masten absent, Thursday, Sept. 17, to fill De Jong’s seat for the remainder of her term – which was set to end in 2022 – through an appointment process.

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30, Singh said.

Board members Caron Lieber and Susan Liebes will serve on a provisional appointment committee to review applications for legal eligibility. Applicants must be over the age of 18 and reside within the district’s boundaries. The district will also ask applicants questions regarding their goals for FUESD.

Eligible candidates will be interviewed by the board at its regular meeting Monday, Oct. 12, and a selection is expected to be

made that night, Singh said.

De Jong represented FUESD’s Trustee Area 1, which stretches from the northern end of Fallbrook, excluding De Luz, through the southern half of U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton to the Pacific Ocean. Singh said it was in the community’s best interest to prioritize candidates from that trustee area, but that the board may appoint an at-large member from another area within FUESD’s boundaries should qualified applicants from Trustee Area 1 not be available.

There will be a 30-day period after the board makes its appointment during which community members can file a petition to throw De Jong’s former seat to a special election. For the petition to be successful, 1.5% of the registered voters in Trustee Area 1 would have to provide their signatures.

Singh said the district was posting notices to make the public aware of the open board seat online, as well as in Village News and three other public places within the community.

De Jong, who served on the board for 24 years, announced her resignation, which she characterized as a retirement, at the board’s Aug. 17 meeting.

“I turned 65 this year, which is the age at which a lot of people retire, and I cannot retire from my regular job – I don’t want to. But I can retire from this job,” De Jong said at the meeting.

Prospective candidates for the open board seat can apply at <http://fuesd.org/trustee>.

Will Fritz can be reached by email at wfritz@reedermedia.com.

SD Farm Bureau scholarships awarded to local ag students

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego County Farm Bureau recently announced its 2020-2021 scholarship recipients. Each year scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who are pursuing a degree in agriculture, horticulture or a closely related field.

Primary criteria for awards are career goals, work experience, financial need, grades and written expression. Secondary criteria

are extracurricular activities and academic honors.

This year, 12 scholarships were awarded to 10 deserving students, with awards ranging between \$1,000 to \$5,000. A total amount of \$28,000 was awarded to this year’s recipients. Two named awards were also bestowed upon Hailey Baldwin for the Fran Hillebrecht scholarship and Sarah Drown for the American Ag Credit scholarship. The farm bureau

looks forward to seeing more from these students in the future.

The following students are this year’s scholarship award winners: Nicole Arias (UC Davis), Hailey Baldwin (California State Polytechnic San Luis Obispo), Jacob Banner (California State Polytechnic San Luis Obispo), Christopher Burroughs (Mira Costa College), Sarah Drown (Oklahoma State University), Emily Franco (Texas Tech

University), Katherine Golden (California State Polytechnic Pomona), Tori Pedersen (California State Polytechnic San Luis Obispo), Taryn Sehnert (University of Nebraska), and Joseph Schaner (California State Polytechnic San Luis Obispo). Baldwin and Sehnert are from Fallbrook.

The San Diego County Farm Bureau is a nonprofit organization supporting the more than 5,700

farms within the county. The mission of the Farm Bureau is to foster San Diego agriculture through education, public relations and public policy advocacy in order to promote the economic viability, sustainability and community building of agriculture.

For more information, visit <http://www.sdfarmbureau.org>.

Administrative court rulings require school districts to provide in-person special education services

GUASTI, Calif. – The forced school district closure during COVID-19 has been a challenge for students, parents, and teachers alike. The struggle is even more pronounced for students in special education.

During state closure, many school districts stopped providing services to students in special education. In the California Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Judge Cara Lucier recently ruled in favor of a student in Pleasanton. The student argued that distance learning did not compare to the in-school learning received and did not fulfill the requirements of the student’s

Individual Education Plan.

Judge Lucier noted that California school districts had not been prohibited from providing special education services in person after the state-mandated school closure orders.

A second ruling, by Administrative Judge Robert G. Martin, ruled that a student in Los Angeles County is to receive compensatory education services for all services that were not provided by the student’s school district.

Special education services often necessitate in person 1:1 interaction, including therapies such as speech, occupational,

behavioral, and adaptive physical education. Many students receiving these services have been left behind during the six-month closures and suffer significant setbacks in their educational progress.

Board member of Educate. Advocate. and special education paralegal Shannon Primer states, “These two cases are a breath of fresh air for parents of children whose needs cannot be met at home. As a parent of a special needs child, a paralegal, and disability rights advocate, my family and many others appreciate ALJ Lucier and ALJ Martin whose OAH cases state ‘distance

learning may not equal a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) and that some students may be entitled to compensatory education.’”

Throughout California, some school districts have found a way to continue in-person education by opening special education programs on campus to the students who are rapidly losing their skills. These students cannot, by the nature of their disability, engage in meaningful virtual learning.

Governor Newsom’s latest reopening matrix tied to positive COVID-19 cases involves color coding of counties, limiting a school district’s ability to open

entirely until their respective county moves from the purple color code to a red color code. The guidance offered by Governor Newsom and the California Department of Public Health for level purple counties allows small cohorts to meet for specialized services.

These rulings give newfound hope to families who have children receiving special education services. Primer added, “Parents should not agree to a new IEP where they give up any services for their child.”

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WINE

Simple pairing pointers for wine novices

TEMECULA – Pairing a meal with the perfect wine can be a match made in heaven. Wine novices may be intimidated by the challenge of making the perfect pairing, but they need not put themselves under such pressure. Just because a certain wine might make for a perfect pairing, that doesn’t mean others cannot step in and serve an equally flavorful function.

People who appreciate a great meal accompanied by an equally great wine need not have an encyclopedic knowledge of food or wine to successfully pair the two together. In fact, some basic pairing knowledge might be all that’s truly necessary to make a meal more memorable.

White and light

White wine fans should know that such wines tend to pair best with light meat, such as chicken or fish. According to Backbar, a platform designed to help bars and restaurants manage their inventory more effectively, white wines pair well with fish because the acidity in these wines enhances the taste of the fish.

Chicken dishes vary greatly, and the online wine resource Wine Folly, <http://www.winefolly.com>, notes that the sauce will greatly affect the flavor of the meat. That means a wine that pairs well with a certain chicken dish may not necessarily pair as well with a different one. Representatives at local liquor stores or wineries can help people choose which wine to pair with chicken dishes.

Reds and reds

Red meats tend to match up best with red wines. Though they can be found in white wines, tannins are predominantly found in red wines. According to Backbar, the tannins in red wines soften the proteins in the meat, thereby helping enhance the flavors of the fat.



People who appreciate a great meal accompanied by an equally great wine need not have an encyclopedic knowledge of food or wine to successfully pair the two together. Valley News/Courtesy photo

That matching makes for a more flavorful meal.

Spice things up.

Spicy foods are beloved across the globe. Such foods can be among the more intimidating to pair with wine, as spicy foods have bold flavors that no one wants to detract from. In a 2016 interview with Eater.com, professional chef Sean Pharr advised against pairing high alcohol wines with spicy foods, noting that the alcohol can intensify the heat and spice of the

food. That combination can prove disastrous for anyone trying to impress a date or show off their skills with spice. Many people prefer a riesling with spicy food, as the sweetness of this white wine can help offset the spice, making for a satisfying, flavorful meal.

Pairing wines may seem intimidating. But a few simple strategies can help novices find a wine that makes a homemade meal that much more delicious.

Prepare a refreshing grape salad for outdoor relaxation



Head to the patio for a tasty bite with this chopped salad with grapes and chickpeas, a quick, refreshing solution for lunch or dinner. Valley News/California Table Grape Commission photo

Family Features

Special to Valley News

Warm weather and a cool, crisp meal is an almost perfect combination for enjoying some time outdoors. When your dish is as nutritious as it is delicious, the timeless elements of good food and great place create a recipe for relaxation that is hard to top.

Head to the patio for a tasty bite with this chopped salad with grapes and chickpeas, a quick, refreshing solution for lunch or dinner. This salad combines an array of appealing textures including crisp, juicy grapes, crunchy cucumbers and tender avocados and pairs them with a zesty dressing.

While grapes are a versatile ingredient, they also make a perfect snack on their own: healthy, hydrating, tasty and refreshing. Grapes can also be frozen for a cool, frosty treat. Additionally, grapes of all colors – red, green and black – are a natural source of beneficial antioxidants and other polyphenols which contribute to good health. Grapes are naturally fat-free, cholesterol-free, contain virtually no sodium and are an

excellent source of vitamin K.

Find snack and meal ideas perfect for enjoying outdoors at <http://GrapesFromCalifornia.com>.

Chopped Salad with Grapes and Chickpeas

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Serves: 6

Ingredients:

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 garlic clove, grated or minced
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Salad:

- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 6 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed
- 2 cups California grapes, halved or quartered
- 3 Persian or 1/2 English cu-

cumbers, sliced lengthwise and thinly sliced

- 1 Fresno chile pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 large, firm ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup crumbled queso fresco

Directions:

To make dressing, in jar, combine vinegar, mustard, lemon juice, cumin, garlic, oil, salt and pepper; secure with tightly fitting lid. Shake well and set aside.

Soak onion in cold water 15 minutes; drain. In large bowl, combine onion with romaine, chickpeas, grapes, cucumbers, chile and avocado. Add dressing, salt and pepper; toss gently. Divide between serving dishes and sprinkle with queso fresco.

Nutritional information per serving: 270 calories; 5 g protein; 29 g carbohydrates; 16 g fat (53% calories from fat); 2.5 g saturated fat (8% calories from saturated fat); 5 mg cholesterol; 450 mg sodium; 4 g fiber.

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1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
3-6 p.m.	Summer Nights, Wilson Creek Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Fear of Phobias, Lorimar Winery
7:45-9:30 p.m.	Drive-in Movie Night, "Guardians of the Galaxy," Akash Winery
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Crush House, Local Food Trucks, Pelter Family Cellars
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Totally 80s Band, Lorimar Winery
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	
9-10 a.m.	Sunday Yoga + Wine, Akash Winery
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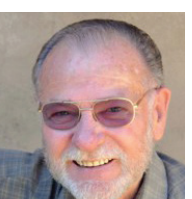
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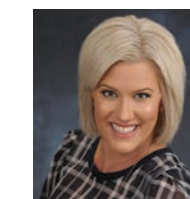
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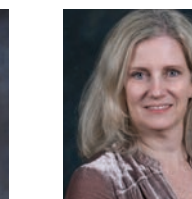
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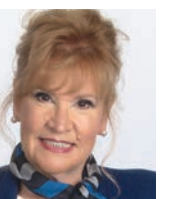
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