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CORRECTION

On Nov. 12, Village News ran a story that incorrectly stated the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District would not be able to move forward with its reopening model if San Diego County returned to the purple tier. FUESD will, in fact, be allowed to move forward with reopening TK-1 classes. Read the corrected story on page A-9.

COVID-19
fatigue causing
cases to skyrocket

Over the last seven days, the number of COVID-19 cases skyrocketed, reaching a record 1,087 cases Nov. 14 and followed by 833 cases Nov. 15. More than 600 cases have been reported every single day in the past week. In the last seven days, 5,031 cases were reported, compared to 3,161 the previous week. That's why county health officials are strongly urging San Diegans to follow the public health guidance.

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FUHSD Board
hears concerns
from community

The Fallbrook Union High School District board of trustees Monday, Nov. 9, had further public comment and staff discussion about an advisory course offered by Fallbrook High School. The discussion came after several residents expressed concerns about the course as well as the continuation of distance learning through the end of the first semester of the school year.

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Praying for America



A group of Fallbrook residents gather at the corner of Main and Alvarado, joining 20 million Christians all across America, at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 to pray for their nation. Participants were able to follow a prayer program on their phones during that hour. Village News/Mario Morales photo

Pilot hurt in crash of small plane
near Fallbrook Airpark

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

A small single-engine plane crashed near the Fallbrook Airpark Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, leaving the pilot with injuries.

The crash was reported at 9:51 a.m. near the airpark along South Mission Road, according to North County Fire Capt. John Choi.

The plane was having mechanical issues and came down for an emergency landing but ran out of runway space and went into an open field, according to information from Choi.

The plane did not catch fire, and the single occupant was taken to Palomar Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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



A small plane that was experiencing mechanical issues went off the runway at Fallbrook Airpark Nov. 11, according to North County Fire Capt. John Choi. Village News/Mike Reardon photo

FUHSD bids goodbye to longtime
board members

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees bid farewell Monday, Nov. 9, to board members Lee De Meo and Sharon Koehler.

Superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez conducted the recognition ceremony for De Meo and Koehler.

"First is trustee Lee De Meo who has served on the Fallbrook Union High School District board of education for six years," she said. "During his time on the board, trustee De Meo has been an advocate for civics education. He was supportive of bringing the Marine Corps Junior ROTC and the International Baccalaureate program to our district. Trustee De Meo was part of the bond passage, which will allow much needed infrastructure and safety and security improvements to come to Fallbrook Union High School. "I have been very pleased working with you. You are always

Thank you, Trustee
De Meo!

The Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees honored board members Lee De Meo and Sharon Koehler for their years of service on the board during its meeting Monday, Nov. 9.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solana Center to present program on compost bins

FALLBROOK – Composting experts from the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation will present at a program for a Zoom meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m. “Basic Backyard Composting” is co-hosted by the Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

They will discuss composting and why it is so important; what tools and materials are needed; which items are compostable and which are not and harvesting and using compost.

Reducing waste is an important component of reducing greenhouse gasses in San Diego County. Composting is eco-friendly and saves you money. Yard trimmings and food scraps, taken together, make up a large portion of commercial and residential discarded resources.

Composting is also one of the most economical and effective methods of recycling these organic materials, and it prevents organic waste from releasing methane, a potent greenhouse gas, in the



The Solana Center for Environmental Innovation will present a program about compost bins for the Fallbrook Climate Action Team Zoom meeting.

Village News/Courtesy photo

landfill. Additionally, businesses can save significantly on trash hauling fees by composting instead of throwing food waste away.

FCAT presents monthly presentations about climate change, usually on the last Tuesday of

the month on ZOOM, although December will be dark. To receive the ZOOM link, sign up for the group’s e-blast on <http://fallbrookclimateactionteam.org>.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Climate Action Team

Bonsall Woman’s Club to hold merry Christmas fundraiser



This wreath is similar to the wreaths being sold at the Bonsall Woman’s Club Christmas fundraiser.

BONSALL – Bonsall Woman’s Club is holding its Christmas fundraiser, with a “Let’s be Merry” theme, over a three-day period: Thursday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Suite 704 in the River Village

in Bonsall. Suite 704 is located behind Daniel’s Market and near the Postal Annex.

Items available will consist of the ever popular and beautifully decorated designer wreaths and lighted, 3-foot to 4-foot Christmas trees. Attendees can also win one of the several themed gift baskets. Handcrafted jewelry will also be available. To enter to win one of the aforementioned items, purchase your tickets, place it in the container next to the item you wish to win and wait for the drawing results.

Various sized poinsettias and other craft items will be available to purchase.

All appropriate and mandatory county coronavirus rules for retail businesses, including face masks and social distancing will be enforced.

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

Submitted by the Bonsall Woman’s Club.

Virtual Turkey Jingle Trot to raise funds for nonprofits



Runners of all ages participate in the 2019 Turkey Trot; this year, participants can choose where and when to do the Fallbrook Village Rotary’s Turkey Jingle Trot.

Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – This year, the Fallbrook Village Rotary 12th annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot has been reimagined as the 12th annual “choose your own place and pace” Turkey Jingle Trot to be held Nov. 13 through Dec. 31. As in previous years, proceeds will benefit the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary and the Fallbrook Village Rotary Foundation.

While Rotarians have enjoyed Turkey Trot memories with family and many friends, they realize this year has to be different. For starters, participants are able to pick a day that won’t be raining. They choose where to complete their socially distanced turkey trot.

With safety in mind, everyone is asked to take and email photos of their “own place and pace” 2020 Turkey Jingle Trot this year. Rotarians look forward to including some photos of this reimagined Turkey Trot in next year’s Fallbrook Village Rotary Turkey Trot’s invitation, so everyone can look back and grin. Photos can be sent to fallbrookvillagerotary@yahoo.com.

Registration opens Nov. 13. Participants can go to <http://active.com> and search for “Fallbrook Village Rotary Turkey Jingle Trot” to register and place their T-shirt order. They will be notified when and where to pick up their T-shirt locally in a few weeks. They need to bring their registration and ID to confirm their T-shirt order pick up.

Fallbrook Village Rotary hopes everyone will enjoy making new Turkey Trot memories and wishes them a heartfelt COVID-safe holiday season. Participation in this event is always greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Fallbrook Village Rotary.

Marine support group seeks sponsors to make Thanksgiving special

DANA POINT – Thanksgiving is just a few days away, and most people anticipate a warm, wonderful holiday surrounded by family and friends. Still, not everyone gets to celebrate Thanksgiving seated at a beautifully decorated table, laden down with homemade dishes.

There are 175 single Marines who will remain at Camp Pendleton to maintain readiness as the Nation’s first responders and cannot travel home to be with loved ones. There will be empty chairs at tables across the U.S.

To ease the loneliness of this time, the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group is seeking the public’s help. By sponsoring a Marine or Marines for Thanksgiving, donors give them a chance to be together with their brothers-in-arms and celebrate.

After dinner in the Chow Hall, they will go to Task Force Grizzly to continue their festivities. To add something special to the day, DPSG will be creating a swag bag for each Marine, complete with gift cards, socks, candy, and more.

The group wants to provide a fun-filled event, including poker,

karaoke, and even a “Zoom Room,” where the Marines can connect with their families at home. They also plan to have lots of home-baked goodies for the Marines to enjoy.

For just a \$35 donation, donors can provide the Marines with a day of fun. Plus, the Stanley W. Ekstrom Foundation has generously offered to match every gift.

“It is a way for our local folks to show that our country appreciates the sacrifices they are making. Most importantly, it is a way to say ‘Thank You,’” said Terry Rifkin, Chairman of the DPSG. “We hope that these American heroes will feel the gratitude of our Community for their sacrifices and service.”

Individuals may donate online at <https://danapoint5thmarines.com/thanksgiving/> via a secure site or by sending a check to Holiday Magic, Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group, P.O. Box 471, Dana Point, CA 92629-0471.

Submitted by the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group.

Fallbrook Garden Club presents well-known speakers

FALLBROOK – For the next two months, the Fallbrook Garden Club will present widely acclaimed speakers at its general meetings held via Zoom.

For the Nov. 24 meeting, the guest speaker will be Panayoti

Kelaidis, a plant explorer, gardener and public garden administrator associated with Denver’s Botanic Gardens. Rocks in a garden can run the spectrum of ungainly boulders to the elegance of a Zen Garden.

Kelaidis will illustrate ways that rock work has been used effectively by gardeners in Southern California, and place the art of plants and rocks in a worldwide context.

The Dec. 8 featured feature will be David Root whose imaginative ideas and unique creations have captured more than 175 awards, from New York to California.

In 2017, he was the recipient of one of the most prestigious awards on the West Coast, California State Floral Association Top Ten winner. He won the coveted Designer of the Year award at the San Diego County Fair in 1992.

To receive an invitation to enjoy these renowned speakers, one must be a member of the Fallbrook Garden Club. To become a member, visit <http://www.fallbrookgardenclub.org> and click on the “Membership” button.

Submitted by Fallbrook Garden Club.

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OPINIONS

Purple haze over San Diego County



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

Seven months ago, San Diegans were asked to flatten the curve, protect our most vulnerable and make sure we had enough personal protection equipment available. Seven months later, our curve has flattened, we are protecting our most vulnerable and we have more than enough personal protection equipment. While the people and business owners of San Diego have done everything that’s been asked of them, they’re being punished. With the state putting us back into the most restrictive “purple” tier, many businesses will be closing their doors for good. Restaurants will once again be

forced to only provide service outside, and gyms and places of worship can’t operate indoors. California has given us impossible guidelines and we, the people of San Diego, are being punished. These closures will add to the more than 200,000 San Diegans out of work, it will add to the growing number of businesses shutting their doors permanently, and it will add to the growing mental health crisis in our region. If we’ve learned anything over the past seven months, it’s that this shotgun approach of closing all businesses doesn’t work. Instead, we need to look at where people are getting sick and approach it with a scalpel. If there are outbreaks at certain businesses, then we can and should address the issues. Shutting down an entire industry goes too far. Now more than ever, we need business owners and their employees to step up. The state needs to hear your stories, the struggles you’re going through. We the people have the power to influence a better, more balanced approach, and we need to use that power before it’s too late.

And the beat goes on

As the President (who has a perfect right) continues to question the integrity of our election process, we wait in anticipation to determine what this country will be, a capitalist or socialist entity. The Biden agenda would destroy the middle class and promote illegal entrants into our country. We have already heard some of this. It’s the other parts of the agenda which are in question. Biden has not laid out his total plan for America and I fear it will be quite radical. The far left is at his heels and he is too weak to dispel their focus. It is imperative that we, as Americans, stand up for the integrity of our elections. If not now – when? Even if President Trump is not victorious, which many of us are praying he will be, the election process needs to be restored so that we have faith in our government.

Orolie Gubser

New legislative session begins Dec. 7



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75 (R)

The Legislature will open Dec. 7 with the swearing in of all members and start the 2021-2022 session. Though a few bills are likely to be introduced, the day is largely ceremonial, and the new session will begin in earnest Jan. 6. Next year my priorities will continue to be on the needs of

this region. We must ensure that we have sufficient resources and response to disasters like COVID-19 and prevention of wildfires, that we have a secure, reliable water supply for people and agriculture alike, that our education system is funded with operational certainty for students and parents, that people can access health care easier, and that our increasingly overcrowded highways are modernized and upgraded. The pandemic’s economic fallout has been catastrophic for thousands of people and for California’s overall economy. With businesses closing and thousands losing their jobs, it is critical the state fixes the EDD, DMV and other failures. With that in mind, I will support policies that help small businesses and job creation to get the economy moving again. Needless to say, a faltering economy results in fewer tax dollars. Meeting the responsibilities of government will be extremely challenging with the

tight state budget. But we must take a close look at our priorities to put necessities above desires. In Sacramento, we may disagree on many issues, but there is much we agree on. Healthcare, education, wildfires, water and power infrastructure, and our economic distress – none of these is political which creates the need for bi-partisan solutions. As the new session begins, I will continue to work with my colleagues from both parties as we tackle the enormous challenges facing California. I am humbled by the support I received from the district Nov. 3, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in Sacramento. Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

Re: ‘Kicking It back in Alaska’ [Village News, Eddy Letter, 11/5/20]

Hello Karen, I have labored over this reply for days since reading your letter to the editor, Nov. 5. To our mutual community of bridge players, anticipating my reply to your response to my Alaska column, let me offer this up, no comment. While I am always pleased to learn my column is being read, I will not bother to point out the abyss between our political

differences. Hence, I’m gonna bite my tongue. The response that matters will come in a year, two years, four years max, long after China has refilled the empty shelves at the Dollar Tree and Hunter Biden has joined his father on the inaugural dais, my response will come from this country. It is my hope, by not replying to your accusations, we will continue

in harmony when next we meet at the bridge table. After all, we are ladies-who-play-bridge together in two towns. Just the same, I will be tickled silly should I get an opportunity to trump your opening ace. Warmest regards, Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal

It is the time for choosing and action



Brian Jones
California Senate Republican Caucus chair

As regional leaders, we face unprecedented challenges. The decisions we make today to address those challenges will be felt by those we serve long after we leave office. This moment of crisis presents us with a choice: what kind of region, state and country do we want to be?

CORRECTION: The seat that is currently vacant on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group is to be filled by one of the newly elected members in January. Therefore, there is not time to seat an applicant in that position before the end of the year. So, the vacancy should not have been promoted in the article “Four incumbents and four newcomers elected to FCPG” in the Nov. 5 issue. Village News regrets the error.

The choice begins with our state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In an April commentary, I encouraged readers to remember it is up to “We the People” to ensure the governor’s unilateral infringements on our precious liberties were temporary, narrowly tailored and the least restrictive means to achieving the state’s goal of ending the pandemic. Sadly, while our knowledge of the disease has evolved dramatically, the state’s clamping down on our liberties has not let up. Businesses have been irreversibly damaged; houses of worship have been shuttered and the mental health of countless Californians continues to decline. It didn’t need to be this way. It’s time that leaders at all levels of government recognize the social and economic havoc wreaked by lockdowns and take a more thoughtful approach to addressing the pandemic. We must allow businesses to implement safe protocols and trust they will enforce them. We must reopen our schools immediately, especially in light of the overwhelming evidence that the disease isn’t spreading in schools. We must restore the God-given right to worship and allow Californians to access the social care and community they desperately need, by fully and safely opening churches. Our leaders at the federal level – which I am glad will include Rep. Darrell Issa – must commit to a significant investment in our transportation infrastructure and regional priorities such as the Tijuana River Valley restoration. It’s time for leadership on

these issues, and I know our next congressman is committed to these efforts. I am also pleased that East County appears to have joined me in voting for Joel Anderson to represent us on the Board of Supervisors. Joel made a campaign pledge to streamline housing approval so that all San Diegans could attain the dream of home ownership and afford to raise their families here in our beautiful region. If his lead holds, Supervisor-elect Anderson will have my partnership. Finally, I strongly encourage the Legislature to reconsider my homelessness package that presented an alternative to the unworkable solutions proposed by Sacramento politicians thus far. The package included five measures aimed at moving Californians currently homeless into temporary, transitional housing. It also emphasized a compassionate assessment of each homeless person’s behavior, mental health and substance issues before placing that person in temporary housing. Finally, the measures emphasized utilization of existing nonprofits, charities and faith-based housing programs, rather than setting up new bureaucracies. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel, but we have to act now. I am ready to work with anyone from any party on these priorities. The question is whether others are willing to do the same. This is the time for choosing — and action. Senator Brian W. Jones is Chair of the Senate Republican Caucus and was elected to the California State Senate in 2018 representing the 38th Senate District which includes Alpine, Escondido, Lemon Grove, El Cajon, La Mesa, Santee, Poway, San Marcos, Lakeside, Valley Center, Rancho Santa Fe, Julian, Ramona, Rancho San Diego, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Borrego Springs, and parts of the City of San Diego.

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Real Estate Round-Up: Integrity, take 2



Kim Murphy
Murphy & Murphy Southern California Realty

Integrity. This word has been in the news a lot lately. Integrity is the opposite to fraudulent, another word that has been in the news. Truth or transparency and deceit or deception are more tangible

definitions. I wrote about integrity in the real estate transaction a few months ago, but after reading my own article under the lens of today’s integrity monocle, I believe right now is as good of a time as any to expand on integrity within a real estate transaction. Previously, I defined the various areas in which either the buyer or the seller can grapple with integrity. For example, should the seller disclose everything they know about the property they are selling? Even if it could scare off potential buyers? On the other hand, should the buyer disclose everything about their financial situation with their lender? The funny thing about both these questions is, the lack of disclosure will eventually come out, and then the result will be much more costly.

A lawsuit may result due to lack of seller disclosure. The inability to secure loan approval may result due to lack of buyer disclosure. One thing is certain, more than just the person’s reputation will be affected. Real tangible consequences will result when a person chooses to not operate with integrity. A person with integrity probably doesn’t even need to pause to ask the question, because the simple answer is “yes”. Integrity isn’t something you decide to have, it is who you are. Integrity in real estate begins with the agent or the lender. If you’re thinking of selling your home, you should interview various Realtors or hire a Realtor with a strong referral from someone you trust and who has also worked with the Realtor. Just because someone is nice to you, or just because they are your neighbor, does not automatically

qualify them as being a person with integrity. I am sad to say that a few times in my life someone that I genuinely liked turned out to be someone who wasn’t always truthful or fair. Integrity requires both of those traits, and much more. Integrity requires full disclosure and transparency. Withholding part of the information or searching for the right words so as to not fully disclose, cannot exist in the world of integrity. Realtors are held to a Code of Ethics. Article 2 of the Realtor Code of Ethics, states “Realtors shall avoid exaggeration, misrepresentation, or concealment of pertinent facts relating to the property or the transaction.” That speaks directly to the question of integrity. Realtors, as the fiduciary to their client, are required to exercise the utmost care, integrity, honesty, and loyalty in their dealings with their client.

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Board hears concerns about advisory course, distance learning

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

The Fallbrook Union High School District board of trustees Monday, Nov. 9, had further public comment and staff discussion about an advisory course offered by Fallbrook High School. The discussion came after several residents expressed concerns about the course as well as the continuation of distance learning through the end of the first semester of the school year.

“I just wanted to share from a parent’s perspective just urging you guys to help get these kids back to in-person and also addressing the advisory class,” Becky Daily said. “I read an article from the Union-Tribune stating experts and school leaders overwhelmingly agree that the harms of school closures, which have deprived children of in-person learning, social interaction and health and emotional support will have ripple effects on children for years to come. I’ve seen firsthand how it’s affecting my student and I just urge you guys to please consider starting in- person learning sooner and please follow through on getting started in January.

“I also want to ask you to not continue with the advisory class or at least to explain more if it would be a mandatory class. When I asked the teacher for a syllabus, I was told there wasn’t one. So, I was able to find the course description through your agenda here and reading more through that. I feel that there are issues in this that if parents were given an option, I would certainly want to opt out. There are SAT prep, but some of it I feel is not appropriate,” Daily said.

Student Rachel Rodrick took issue with the continuation of

distance learning as well.

“One thing that I really found to be offensive is one of our advisory classes had a mental health check as an exit ticket,” she said. “And it’s been about three weeks since and no follow ups or check-ins have been done with those who are struggling.

“I want to say this in the nicest way possible, but please stop acting like you guys care for the students. Lastly, I want to leave you with this thought, what happened to the freedom of choice? Why can’t we make the option to go to school or stay at home? Because trust me, those who want to stay at home said that they would, they wouldn’t want to get in the way of those who want to go to school,” Rodrick said.

“We’re not doing what’s best for kids by continuing to protect, I guess, our teachers from returning our students to school,” Tim Biland said. “I just encourage you to have the courage to do what some neighboring districts have done and do what’s best for kids. And if you’re not going to do that, do some things dramatically different with how kids are sitting in front of the computer, just Zooming they’re their brains out of their heads, staring at the computer screen.

That’s not the solution that’s best for kids.”

Board president Diane Summers thanked everyone for the comments.

“It’s good to hear everybody’s opinion,” she said. “Always know, community, that the board does listen.”

Emily Toone, director of curriculum and instruction, clarified the objectives of the advisory course and answered some previously asked questions about the course.

“This adviser course has been

incorporated into the 2020-2021 learning model as part of our learning continuity and attendance plan to address the social and emotional requirement to deal with the coping skills that the pandemic and the current events have brought on for our students and our families,” she said. “This course also hits the Senate Bill 98 and Fair Education Act under Senate Bill 48, and also adheres to superintendent Tony Thurmond and the California Department of Education’s initiative to end hate. Designed to empower educators and students to confront the hate, bigotry and racism rising in communities across the state and nation. The course currently is 60 minutes on Fridays and is part of our 240 a minute instructional requirement.

“It is elective credit. However, the elective credits do not get calculated into the student’s GPA.

And those elective credits are given on a pass/fail basis. And the pass or fail is given solely based on the attendance of the student in the advisory course. Additionally, the course and the goal of the course is to introduce students to the core social, emotional competencies,” Toone said.

She explained some of the competencies, including self-awareness, thoughts and values and how they influence behavior across contexts, self-management, understanding the perspectives of and empathizing with others, and context relationship skills.

“Our district has a very diverse student population, and this course allows our students an opportunity to voluntarily have a voice and address critical issues under the supervision and guidance of a certificated teacher in the common

core standards that are addressed are the common core standards that are at cross all subject areas and content areas,” Toone said.

“We did hear a couple of the parents who are concerned about some of the political content,” board member Lee De Meo said. “I have to say that I’m kind of troubled by it. There are certain great things here. My own experience in junior high school and high school, I did get a lot of presentations about bias and things like that in school. And a lot of that did basically help build and formulate my own personal feelings about not being racist, not being biased of any kind. And I think that’s a good thing. So the anti-bias, anti-bullying is a great place to be.

“I’m kind of concerned particularly when I see things like we’re going to talk about athletes and their ability to affect history, et cetera. That’s fine. But are we going to make someone like Colin Kaepernick a hero, or is this going to be taught balanced? For one thing, yes, Colin Kaepernick started, basically, the kneeling movement that brought attention supposedly to police brutality. But he’s taken it so far as to complain to the company he was representing, Nike, when they put out a Fourth of July sneaker with the Betsy Ross flag (saying) that was offensive. Now, I’m hoping we’re not going to be teaching things like this in this course. I’m hoping if you teach bias from a biased position, you get more hate instead of clarifying,” De Meo said.

Toone answered, “There is a variety of resources that have been put into the advisory course, including our college and career curriculum. That is part of the Apex courses that all teachers have access to. Our current ASB director pulls information from a variety of different areas. And some of it is grade level alike, depending on what different grade levels are (being taught). We’ve just been looking at financial aid and things for our 11th graders. So, the curriculum has been pulled from an approved core aligned curriculum from the Anti-Defamation League

Apex. Then she takes the lessons and she adapts them to fit teachers so that the teachers can disseminate the lessons as easily as possible.”

There were also questions about HIPAA rules and teacher training in regard to mental health.

“Our students are not forced to share any information that they choose not to,” Toone said. “Our teachers have been through restorative justice training. Students have the option to pass if they are uncomfortable or choose not to share. I know that Lauren Gardner, who is creating the curriculum, has also developed ways for students to share virtually so that if they want to share directly to the teacher, that there are opportunities for them to do so without sharing to the entire class. So it is at the discretion of the student, what they choose to share with them.

“Our teachers have been through suicide prevention training. So if there are issues that arise that are beyond the capability of our teachers to handle, they are to refer those particular scenarios to the counselors to address. The teacher’s role in the advisory course is to maintain respect and tolerance and dialogue and equitable sharing of perspectives and opinions,” she said.

The board also approved a revised agreement regarding benefits between FUHSD and the Fallbrook High School Teachers Association, Service Employee International Union Local 221 and the Unrepresented Employees, compensation between FUHSD and the above-mentioned groups and salary schedules for unrepresented employees.

The board also approved the second reading of the Advisory, The Write of Your Life and APEX Statistics (for Ivy High) courses. They also approved consent agenda items that included a personnel report, an organizational meeting for Dec. 14, and a performance agreement with Dr. Howard Taras.

The board will meet next, Dec. 14.

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FUESD plans to send T-K through first grade students back to in-person classes 4 days per week

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District administrators are planning to send some students back to classrooms four days a week at the end of this month.

Currently, FUESD is in “phase one” of its reopening plan, with most students attending school in-person two days a week in a “cohort” model, with one group in classrooms on Mondays and Wednesdays and a second group in classrooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and with students participating in virtual learning otherwise. Classrooms reopened in that format on Oct. 5.

The plan, Singh told FUESD’s board on Nov. 2, is for the district to send transitional kindergarten,

kindergarten and first grade students back to classrooms Monday through Thursday as of Nov. 30; they would continue to learn virtually on Fridays.

After that, the district was tentatively planning for further groups and grades to return to classrooms in January, depending on public health data, but grades 2-8 would remain in the current cohort model for the time being.

“We remain committed to a careful and measured reopening model,” Singh said.

The reason grades TK-1 are being prioritized, she said, is because of in-person learning’s importance to early literacy development.

“The foundation for long term success in school begins with a strong foundation with literacy and

we know this,” Singh said. “This foundation of literacy will contribute to their success or will contribute to their lack of success going forward and we want to make sure that our littlest ones are going back to school.”

While San Diego County was heading back into the purple tier of the coronavirus reopening plan as of Nov. 10, that would have no effect on FUESD’s plans to restart TK-1 in-person classes.

Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county’s public health officer, said schools, unless they have already restarted in-person learning, will be restricted to distance learning. K-12 schools already in session – as FUESD already has – can continue, Wooten said.

FUESD Associate Superintendent of Human Resources and

Communication affirmed the district was continuing with its plans.

“Health data has and will continue to serve as the foundation for school reopening plans in FUESD,” Billingsley said in an email statement on Nov. 9, when it appeared likely though not yet certain the county was headed back into the purple tier. “We remain committed to balancing the real risks of the long term academic setbacks and social/emotional traumas students are experiencing during school closures with the risks of COVID-19 in the school setting. We know that schools continue to be among the safest places for students and adults given the extensive safety measures we have put in place to prevent the spread of the virus.

“FUESD will continue to monitor

the COVID data locally and throughout the county,” Billingsley continued. “At this time, we are moving forward with our plan to bring back all TK, Kindergarten, and first grade students four days a week on Nov. 30. We are steadfast in our belief that these early years are critical to their long-term academic success.”

FUESD’s cohort model was made possible by San Diego County’s removal from the state’s coronavirus watchlist on Aug. 18, which started a 14-day countdown to schools in the county being allowed to reopen.

An earlier version of this story incorrectly indicated FUESD would not be able to restart any classes four days a week if San Diego County returned to the purple tier. Village News regrets the error.

CHP focused on eliminating distracted driving

SACRAMENTO – Distracted driving can be a life-changing choice resulting in crashes and the deaths of thousands of people every year in the United States. Driven to make a difference, the California Highway Patrol has implemented a yearlong Adult Distracted Drivers grant designed to keep California roads safe through education and enforcement.

CHP officers throughout the state

will host in-person presentations and use web-based or virtual platforms to conduct distracted driving traffic safety presentations. In addition, the CHP will conduct several distracted driving enforcement operations through Sept. 30, 2021.

“Distracted driving continues to be a serious issue on our roadway, and it is entirely avoidable,”

CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. “With the support

of this grant, we can implement lifesaving efforts throughout California that will raise awareness and hopefully change dangerous behavior behind the wheel.”

Multitasking behind the wheel places extra demands on the driver, which can have tragic consequences.

On average, there are more than 20,000 drivers in California involved in a crash every year

where inattention is a factor. “These statistics are likely much higher and are often under-reported to law enforcement since motorists do not always admit to driving distracted,” Stanley said.

While there are many forms of inattention, cell phones continue to be the main source of diversion. Using a handheld cellphone while driving is not only a violation of the vehicle code, it is also an unsafe

activity behind the wheel. Drivers should only use a phone when necessary and in a hands-free mode.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Submitted by the California Highway Patrol.

Tom Metzger, infamous white supremacist, dies at 82

Will Fritz
Associate Editor

Tom Metzger, the white supremacist who lived in Fallbrook for decades, died earlier this month.

According to Metzger’s White Aryan Resistance webpage, the former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard died Nov. 4 in Hemet at the age of 82.

A short obituary to Metzger that ran in the San Diego Union-Tribune Nov. 10 stated he lived in Fallbrook for 40 years; he

worked as a television repairman during his time in town. Metzger later returned to his hometown in Indiana, then came back to California in the years before his death, according to his obituary, which said his family will be having a “private gathering.”

“He is survived by Mary Arnold, six children – Carolyn, Dorraine, John, Lynn, Rebecca, Laurie, along with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild,” the obituary said. “Tom served in the U.S. Army as a PFC-E1 from 1956 to 1959 and then moved to

Southern California to work in the electronics industry.”

The obituary leaves out his Ku Klux Klan affiliation and his runs for public office.

Metzger won a Democratic primary for California’s 43rd Congressional District in 1980, leading Democratic leaders to disavow him and endorse his opponent, incumbent Clair Burgener.

Metzger also ran in a Democratic primary for the United States Senate in California two years later in 1982, earning about 76,000

votes, though Jerry Brown won that primary with more than one million votes.

He later ran for a congressional seat in Indiana in 2010, earning just 10 votes.

The Southern Poverty Law Center has called Metzger a neo-Nazi and once described him as a “wily, iconic racist ideologue who has for years espoused ‘lone-wolf’ terrorism.”

According to the SPLC, Metzger was jailed in Los Angeles in 1991 for 45 days out of a six month sentence in connection with a

cross burning he attended nine years earlier in 1982. He was also jailed for violating Canadian immigration laws in 1992 by entering the country “to promote race hatred” and had his home searched in 2009 “in connection with the arrest of two brothers accused of carrying out a mail bomb attack that injured an Arizona diversity director.”

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a gentleman. I’ve been impressed by that and appreciate all of the conversations that we’ve had,” she said.

“As you heard, I have served on this board for six years,” De Meo said. “I have decided not to run for the next term due to personal reasons. I have been proud to serve these six years that I did. It was probably one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done, and I had no intentions of doing it.

“We have such great in this community, the things that they accomplished, the things they can accomplish, I would never have guessed before. On that basis, I say it’s time to reopen soon as we can to get our students back on campus. And I want to thank those who voted for me.

Thank those who served with me. It’s been a great, a great time,” De Meo said.

“Sharon Koehler has served the community of Fallbrook as a trustee on the Fallbrook Union High School District board of

education for the past 12 years,” Garza-Gonzalez said. “Trustee Koehler was the past board president and also served as vice president during her tenure. She has advocated for arts education and was instrumental in getting the bond measure passed. Trustee Koehler has served as the unofficial historian and has really assisted me in learning the Fallbrook story.”

“I’ve been in education my whole life, and I’ve taught everything from preschoolers to adults, but I have to say my favorites are teenagers,” Koehler said. “I love teenagers and I liked my own most of the time. When I joined the board in 2008, there was a huge downturn in the economy.

As many of you know, 2008 was not a good economic year and our campus, which was holding over 3,000 students began to decline because of declining enrollment. We had to cut employees.

We had to cut programs. It was a very painful, difficult time to be on the board.

“I also had the pleasure of hiring and working with Dr. Hugo Pedroza. I learned a lot from him, but the main thing that I will

always recall about him is how he said, it’s all about the kids,” she said. “And now we have Ilsa ... she has certainly risen to the occasion and I respect her and I salute her. And I know that our school district is in good hands with Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez at the helm.”

Oscar Caralampio in District 4 and Eddie Jones in District 5 will join the board after winning the seats running unopposed.

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Seniors golf group is looking for new members

FALLBROOK – Any men who are over 50 years of age and like to play golf on a weekly basis are asked to contact the Fallbrook Seniors Golf Group. The group plays 15-20 different courses in the area every Tuesday morning.

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In America we have the rule of law

Julie Reeder
Publisher

It is a confusing time politically. I think it is compounded by being in the middle of pandemic restrictions. It's a good thing we have the Constitution and rule of law to guide us.

It's hard to discern what is true and what isn't. Most national media outlets called the election for Vice President Biden, although they hold no authority, and while he may very well be our next president, the current president's team heard enough stories of fraud that they believed the election was being stolen from them.

This may seem unreasonable to people who voted for Biden but consider what is not really being widely reported. Broadcast media and social media "fact checkers" continue to claim there is zero evidence of election fraud, but RNC Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel and Kayleigh McEnany reported that the Republican National Committee received 11,000 fraud incident reports from across the country and they have 500 signed affidavits. That is evidence. It remains to be seen if it will make a difference, but it is evidence. No one knows how this will turn out. They have the daunting task of following up on all those reports and discerning whether they are credible or not. The 500 affidavits that people have signed are under penalty of perjury. That is serious business including jail time.

Just in Wayne County, Michigan, they say they have 234 people

with signed sworn affidavits testifying to what appears to be pervasive election fraud. The affidavits allege:

60% of one batch of absentee ballots had no signature as required by state and federal law. Yet these votes were counted anyway.

35 ballots have no record of ever registering to vote, yet those votes were also illegally counted.

50 ballots were run through counting machines multiple times, effectively counting each single ballot as multiple votes for the same candidate, potentially adding hundreds of false votes to the count.

Relatives reporting their deceased family members are showing up on voting records as having voted.

Again, who knows whether it will make a difference, but they must believe that they have enough evidence to overturn the reported election results or I don't believe they would waste millions of dollars to investigate these claims and fight them in court. And, is it only about the office of the president? I don't believe so. It's about free and fair elections. If we allow someone to manipulate

our elections, our country as we know it will be lost forever. We have the right to vote for even a crook or a criminal, that's our right, but if we start getting reports that there is manipulation and voter fraud, that is stealing from every American who took the time to do their patriotic duty and vote.

Is there voter manipulation? I've heard the reported stories of boxes and bags of votes coming in the back door during the night after almost everyone was sent home. I'm waiting to see if someone proves that it's true.

Then there is Sydney Powell. You may remember her as Michael Flynn's attorney and a best-selling author. She is well known for fighting government corruption. She has been lead counsel in more than 500 federal appeals – 350 of them as an Assistant United States Attorney and Appellate Section Chief in the Western and Northern Districts of Texas. She is a past president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, and a member of the American Law Institute.

President Trump added her to his team and she says she has been

taking information from a "fire hose" about the Dominion Voting Systems and Smartmatic software.

She reported on Lou Dobbs a few nights ago that she has stunning evidence from a first hand witness and high ranking military officer who was present when Smartmatic software was designed in a way that you could change the vote of each voter without being detected. The voter wouldn't be tracked to the changed vote and there would be no evidence to show that the vote had been changed. It was created for President Chavez in Venezuela. The officer saw it used in 2006 and 2013 when it was used for Chavez. He saw in real time how the votes coming in were for or against the candidate and they were able to move votes from one candidate to another. It was used for Maduro in Venezuela to adjust votes so he could win as well.

Powell says there has been willful blindness to this in our country and it has been used in every vote tabulating system in the U.S. According to Powell, the software was funded by communist money including Chavez and Castro. There are also

American politicians who have invested in these voting systems.

Dobbs reported that the FBI is now investigating Smartmatic, so hopefully there will be concrete answers soon.

There was a joint statement from Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council and The Election Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Executive Committees that, "There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised."

What we weren't told, according to Powell, was that the presidents of Dominion Voting and Smartmatic sit on those committees.

Anyway, there is a lot going on right now and the media, Facebook and Twitter would like everyone to just be quiet and go along with what they decreed, but this is America and we operate under the rule of law and while it may change nothing, it may change everything, and the Republican National Committee and Trump's team deserve their day in court like Gore did in 2000 and like everyone else does.

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Newsom announces new immediate actions to curb COVID-19 transmission



SACRAMENTO – As COVID-19 cases sharply increase across the country and California, Governor Gavin Newsom and state public health officials announced immediate actions Nov. 16 to slow the spread of the virus.

The state is pulling an emergency brake in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>) resulting in 94.1% of California’s population in the most restrictive tier.

This change is effective tomorrow. The state will reassess data continuously and move more counties back if necessary. California is also strengthening its face covering guidance to require individuals to wear a mask whenever outside their home, with limited exceptions.

“We are sounding the alarm,” said Newsom. “California is experiencing the fastest increase in cases we have seen yet – faster

than what we experienced at the outset of the pandemic or even this summer. The spread of COVID-19, if left unchecked, could quickly overwhelm our health care system and lead to catastrophic outcomes. That is why we are pulling an emergency brake in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Now is the time to do all we can – government at all levels and Californians across the state – to flatten the curve again as

we have done before.”

The rate of growth in confirmed COVID-19 cases is faster than it was in July, which led to a significant peak in cases. This requires a swift public health response and action from all Californians to slow the spread of the virus. Immediate action will help protect individuals at higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 and will help keep the state’s health care delivery system

from becoming overwhelmed.

“The data we are seeing is very concerning. We are in the midst of a surge, and time is of the essence. Every day matters and every decision matters,” said California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. “Personal decisions are critical, and I am imploring every Californian to stay home if they

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Moderna vaccine claims 94.5% effective rate in US tests

Lauran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

A second experimental COVID-19 vaccine – this one from Moderna Inc. – yielded strong early results Monday, Nov. 16, as the pandemic enters a new phase.

Moderna said its vaccine appears to be 94.5% effective, according to preliminary data from an ongoing study. A week ago, competitor Pfizer Inc. announced its own vaccine looked 90% effective – news that puts both companies on track to seek permission within weeks for emergency use in the U.S.

The results are “truly striking,” Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government’s top infectious-diseases expert, said. “The vaccines that we’re talking about, and vaccines to come, are really the light at the end of the tunnel.”

A vaccine can’t come fast enough, as virus cases topped 11 million in the U.S. over the weekend – 1 million cases recorded in the past week – and governors and mayors are ratcheting up restrictions ahead of Thanksgiving. The outbreak killed more than 1.3 million people worldwide, over 246,000 of them in the U.S.

Stocks rallied on Wall Street and elsewhere around the world on rising hopes that the global economy could start returning to normal in the coming months. Moderna was up 7.5% in the morning, while companies that have benefited from the stay-at-home economy were down, including Zoom, Peloton and

Netflix.

Both vaccines require two shots, given several weeks apart. U.S. officials said they hope to have about 20 million Moderna doses and another 20 million of the vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech to use in late December.

Dr. Stephen Hoge, Moderna’s president, welcomed the “really important milestone” but said having similar results from two different companies is what’s most reassuring.

“That should give us all hope that actually a vaccine is going to be able to stop this pandemic and hopefully get us back to our lives,” Hoge told The Associated Press. “It won’t be Moderna alone that solves this problem. It’s going to require many vaccines” to meet the global demand.

If the Food and Drug Administration allows emergency use of Moderna’s or Pfizer’s candidate, there will be limited, rationed supplies before the end of the year.

Exactly who is first in line has yet to be decided. But Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the hope is that enough doses are available by the end of January to vaccinate adults over 65, who are at the highest risk from the coronavirus, and health care workers. Fauci said it may take until spring or summer before anyone who is not high risk and wants a shot can get one.

The National Institutes of Health helped create the vaccine Moderna is manufacturing, and

NIH’s director, Dr. Francis Collins, said the exciting news from two companies “gives us a lot of confidence that we’re on the path toward having effective vaccines.”

But “we’re also at this really dark time,” he warned, saying people can’t let down their guard during the months it will take for doses of any vaccines cleared by the FDA to start reaching a large share of the population.

Moderna’s vaccine is being studied in 30,000 volunteers who received either the real thing or a dummy shot. On Sunday, an independent monitoring board examined 95 infections that were recorded after volunteers’ second shot. Only five of the illnesses were in people given the vaccine.

Earlier this year, Fauci said he would be happy with a COVID-19 vaccine that was 60% effective.

The study is continuing, and Moderna acknowledged the protection rate might change as more COVID-19 infections are detected. Also, it’s too soon to know how long protection lasts. Both cautions apply to Pfizer’s vaccine as well.

But Moderna’s independent monitors shared some additional, promising tidbits: All 11 severe COVID-19 cases were among placebo recipients, and there were no significant safety concerns. The main side effects were fatigue, muscle aches and injection-site pain after the second dose.

Scientists not involved with

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FTC requires Zoom to enhance its security practices as part of settlement

WASHINGTON – The Federal Trade Commission announced a settlement with Zoom Video Communications Inc. recently that will require the company to implement a robust information security program to settle allegations that the video conferencing provider engaged in a series of deceptive and unfair practices that undermined the security of its users.

Zoom has agreed to a requirement to establish and implement a comprehensive security program, a prohibition on privacy and security misrepresentations, and other detailed and specific relief to protect its user base, which has skyrocketed from 10 million in December 2019 to 300 million in April 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its complaint, the FTC alleged that, since at least 2016, Zoom misled users by touting that it offered “end-to-end, 256-bit encryption” to secure users’ communications, when in fact it provided a lower level of security. End-to-end encryption is a method of securing communications so that only the sender and recipients – and no other person, not even the platform provider – can read the content.

In reality, the FTC alleged, Zoom maintained the cryptographic keys that could allow Zoom to access the content of its customers’ meetings and secured its Zoom Meetings, in part, with a lower level of encryption than promised.

Zoom’s misleading claims gave users a false sense of security,

according to the FTC’s complaint, especially for those who used the company’s platform to discuss sensitive topics such as health and financial information. In numerous blog posts, Zoom specifically touted its level of encryption as a reason for customers and potential customers to use Zoom’s video conferencing services.

“During the pandemic, practically everyone – families, schools, social groups, businesses – is using videoconferencing to communicate, making the security of these platforms more critical than ever,” Andrew Smith, director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection, said. “Zoom’s security practices didn’t line up with its promises, and this action will help to make sure that Zoom meetings and data about Zoom users are protected.”

According to the FTC’s complaint, Zoom also misled some users who wanted to store recorded meetings on the company’s cloud storage by falsely claiming that those meetings were encrypted immediately after the meeting ended. Instead, some recordings allegedly were stored unencrypted for up to 60 days on Zoom’s servers before being transferred to its secure cloud storage.

The FTC also alleged that the company compromised the security of some users when it secretly installed software, called a ZoomOpener web server, as part of a manual update for its Mac

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Meth deaths increase to record numbers; arrests, hospitalizations also rise



SAN DIEGO (CNS) – The San Diego County Methamphetamine Strike Force released data Friday, Nov. 13 confirming a record number of San Diegans died from meth last year, breaking the previous high set in 2018.

According to the strike force’s figures, the highly addictive drug was tied to the deaths of 546 people in San Diego County last year, 63 more than the previous

record of 483 set in 2018.

“There’s no sugarcoating it: Meth is destroying lives and families at a record pace here in San Diego County,” said San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, who in 1996, spearheaded the creation of the Methamphetamine Strike Force to combat meth problems in the region. “Local law enforcement and treatment services are on the frontlines battling this scourge, but clearly we need to do even more as a region.”

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The 2020 Meth Report Card released Friday by the Methamphetamine Strike Force also shows:

- There were 13,020 emergency room visits due to

methamphetamines in 2018 compared to 12,926 in 2017. Data from 2019 won’t be available until 2021.

- A total of 6,591 people were admitted to county-funded treatment programs due to meth abuse last year versus 6,906 in 2018.
- 59% of adult arrestees tested positive for meth in 2019, compared to 57% the previous year.
- 11% of juvenile arrestees tested positive for meth in 2019, compared to 10% in 2018.
- Meth arrests for selling and possession increased to 11,313 in 2019 as opposed to 10,156 the year before.

According to the report, while San Diego County is not producing nearly as much methamphetamine as it did in the early 2000s and 1990s, cheap and potent batches of the drug are being smuggled across the border by Mexican cartels. Most of the methamphetamine in San Diego County is coming from Mexico.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, methamphetamine seizures at U.S.-Mexico ports of entry nearly doubled in 2019. More than 34,000 kilograms were seized in 2019 compared to more than 19,000 kilograms the year before.

With availability going up and prices coming down, meth is having more negative consequences in San Diego families and communities, strike force leaders said.

The county funds residential and outpatient treatment programs across the region to help people recover from substance use disorders. According to a county statement, participation in a recovery program also improves overall health.

People who want to anonymously report meth or drug activity are encouraged by county officials to call the Meth Hotline at 877-NO-2-METH or go to www.no2meth.org. Substance use treatment resources are available by calling the county’s access and crisis line at 888-724-7240 or 211.

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State releases draft updated fire hazard planning guidance for California cities and counties

SACRAMENTO – As California grapples with the most extensive wildfires in the state’s history, the governor’s Office of Planning and Research has released the draft updated Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory, which includes specific land use strategies to reduce fire risk to buildings, infrastructure and communities. The draft update responded to Senate Bill 901 and Assembly Bill 2911. OPR encouraged public comment on the document through Dec. 18, 2020.

“California communities are experiencing bigger, more severe wildfires that are happening more often,” Kate Gordon, OPR director and the governor’s senior adviser on climate, said. “As climate change continues to increase California’s wildfire risk, the state looks to support local and regional planners as they work to reduce wildfire risk and increase climate resilience, especially in our most vulnerable communities.”

The updated Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory is a tool for local planners and stakeholders engaged in preparing or updating general plans, which serve as each local government’s land use blueprint and long-term vision for future growth and change. The Fire Hazard Planning TA supplements OPR’s General Plan Guidelines.

OPR collaborated on the draft with an interagency working group composed of staff representing seven State departments with expertise in fire prevention, hazard mitigation, natural resources management and other disciplines including the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

“The changes we are seeing in the scale and severity of wildfires, combined with decades of expansion of the wildland-urban interface and a century of

extensive fuel buildup demands that we expand our approach,” Chief Thom Porter of Cal Fire said. “Our actions fight fires as we increase the pace and scale of forest management, promote home hardening, and educate Californians about fire prevention go hand in hand with local land use planning.”

In addition to OPR and Cal Fire, representatives from the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Natural Resources Agency, Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Public Utilities Commission, California Department of Insurance, and California Department of Justice participated in the development of the draft update Fire Hazard Planning TA.

Overview of the draft Update Fire Hazard Planning TA

Once finalized, the updated Fire Hazard Planning TA will supersede the initial version published in 2015. The draft update provides more expanded wildfire guidance for updates to general plans prepared by cities and counties on the robust outreach to and engagement with community members, fire safe councils, fire agencies and other stakeholders to more comprehensively assess and understand wildfire fire hazards and risks and to develop actionable solutions collaboratively and technical guidance and tools for conducting comprehensive wildfire hazard and risk assessments, including accounting for climate change and increasing risk factors and aligning and integrating these assessments across different types of plans such as local hazard mitigation plans, community wildfire protection plans, climate adaptation plans.



It updated the developing general plan policies and implementation programs based on the findings of fire hazard and risk assessments that are context-sensitive and are designed to reduce risk effectively through various strategies, including but not limited to: incorporating avoidance and risk minimization policies and development review procedures in the land use element for high-risk and extreme threat areas, along with zoning code amendments or other codes and standards that can implement the general plan; prioritizing the needs of vulnerable and under-resourced populations in view of the many disproportionate impacts that can occur when a wildfire disaster strikes, such as adequate notifications and evacuation, safe temporary refuge areas, temporary

housing and support services, poor air quality, rebuilding assistance, etc.; integrating land use and risk avoidance measures with conservation and open space element policies and programs that can maximize nature-based solutions as wildfire risk-reduction strategies and identifying existing homes, businesses, or community assets at highest risk and establishing policies and programs with effective measures to reduce risk, such as retrofitting or “hardening” homes or infrastructure or improving compliance with and financing for activities that provide for defensible space and expanded sample policies and programs, case studies, potential funding sources and numerous other resources and tools that exist to support local level planning and

implementation to reduce wildfire risk at the community scale.

Public Review and Next Steps

The draft Fire Hazard Planning TA is available online on OPR’s website. OPR encourages interested parties to submit comments on the draft through OPR’s Public Comment Submission Form by Dec. 18.

OPR hosted a webinar Nov. 18, to present the draft Fire Hazard Planning TA update and answer questions.

OPR will review and consider the public’s feedback on the draft and expects to release the final Fire Hazard Planning TA in early 2021.

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the testing were encouraged but cautioned that the FDA still must scrutinize the safety data and decide whether to allow vaccinations outside of a research study.

“We’re not to the finish line yet,” Dr. James Cutrell, an infectious-disease expert at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, said. “If there’s an impression or perception that there’s just a rubber stamp, or due diligence wasn’t done to look at the data, that could weaken public confidence.”

States already are gearing up for what is expected to be the biggest vaccination campaign in U.S. history. First the shots have to arrive where they’re needed, and Pfizer’s must be kept at ultra-cold temperatures – around minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit. Moderna’s vaccine also starts off frozen, but the company said Monday it can be thawed and kept in a regular

refrigerator for 30 days, easing that concern.

Beyond the U.S., other governments and the World Health Organization, which aims to buy doses for poor countries, will have to separately decide if and when vaccines should be rolled out broadly.

“There are many, many questions still remaining,” including how long protection lasts and if the first vaccines to emerge work as well in older people as in the young, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist at WHO, said. “We also hope the clinical trials will continue to collect data, because it’s really going to be important for us to know in the long term.”

The vaccine from Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Moderna is among 11 candidates in late-stage testing around the world, four of them in huge studies in the United States. Collins stressed that more U.S. volunteers are needed for those studies.

Elsewhere around the world,

China and Russia have been offering different experimental vaccines to people before completing final-stage testing.

Both Moderna’s shots and the Pfizer-BioNTech candidate are so-called mRNA vaccines, a new technology. They aren’t made with the coronavirus itself, meaning there’s no chance anyone could catch it from the shots. Instead, the vaccine contains a piece of genetic code that trains the immune system to recognize the spiked protein on the surface of the virus.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla tweeted that he was thrilled at Moderna’s news, saying, “Our companies share a common goal – defeating this dreaded disease.”

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ZOOM

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desktop application in July 2018. The ZoomOpener web server allowed Zoom to automatically launch and join a user to a meeting by bypassing an Apple Safari browser safeguard that protected users from a common type of malware. Without the ZoomOpener web server, the Safari browser would have provided users with a warning box, before launching the Zoom app, that asked users if they wanted to launch the app.

The complaint alleged that Zoom did not implement any offsetting measures to protect users’ security, and increased users’ risk of remote video surveillance by strangers. The software remained on users’ computers even after they deleted the Zoom app, and would automatically reinstall the Zoom app – without any user action – in certain circumstances. The complaint alleges that Zoom’s deployment of the ZoomOpener, without adequate notice or user consent, was unfair and violated the FTC Act. Apple removed the ZoomOpener web server from users’ computers through an automatic update in July 2019.

The complaint also alleged that Zoom’s release notes for the July 2018 update were deceptive because they did not adequately disclose that the app update would install the ZoomOpener web server on users’ computers, that it would circumvent a Safari browser safeguard, or that it would remain on users’ computers even after users deleted the Zoom app.

As part of the proposed comprehensive information security program, Zoom must take specific measures aimed at addressing the problems identified in the complaint. For example, it must: assess and document on an annual basis any potential internal and external security risks and develop ways to safeguard against such risks; implement a vulnerability management program and deploy safeguards

such as multi-factor authentication to protect against unauthorized access to its network; institute data deletion controls and take steps to prevent the use of known compromised user credentials.

In addition, Zoom personnel will be required to review any software updates for security flaws and must ensure the updates will not hamper third-party security features.

Under the proposed settlement, Zoom is also prohibited from making misrepresentations about its privacy and security practices, including about how it collects, uses, maintains or discloses personal information; its security features and the extent to which users can control the privacy or security of their personal information.

Finally, the company must obtain biennial assessments of its security program by an independent third party, which the FTC has authority to approve and notify the commission if it experiences a data breach.

The commission voted 3-2 to issue the proposed administrative complaint and to accept the consent agreement with the company. Commissioners Rohit Chopra and Rebecca Kelly Slaughter issued dissenting statements, while Chairman Joe Simons as well as Commissioners Noah Joshua Phillips and Christine S. Wilson issued a majority statement.

The FTC will publish a description of the consent agreement package in the Federal Register soon. The agreement will be subject to public comment for 30 days after publication in the Federal Register after which the commission will decide whether to make the proposed consent order final. Instructions for filing comments will appear in the published notice. Once processed, comments will be posted on <http://www.ftc.gov/Regulations.gov>.

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Amazon opens online pharmacy, shaking up another industry

NEW YORK (AP) — Now at Amazon.com: insulin and inhalers. The retail colossus opened an online pharmacy Tuesday that allows customers to order medication or prescription refills, and have them delivered to their front door in a couple of days.

The potential impact of Amazon’s arrival in the pharmaceutical space rippled through that sector immediately. The stocks of CVS Health Corp., Walgreens and Rite Aid all tumbled Tuesday.

The big chains rely on their pharmacies for a steady flow of shoppers who may also grab a snack or shampoo or groceries on the way out. All have upped online services and touted their abilities to deliver prescriptions and other goods as the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more consumers to stay home. But Amazon.com has mastered these things, and its online store is infinitely larger, with millions of loyal shoppers already buying books, TVs and just about anything else.

“The news represents a disruption to the system and competitive threat that will likely shift scripts away from the retail

channel,” analysts at Citi Research said in a note.

Amazon has a history of disruption. Launched in 1995 as an online book store, it pushed other booksellers to sell online. But those that couldn’t keep up went out of business, like the Borders bookstore chain, which disappeared in 2011.

Its purchase of Whole Foods three years ago sent supermarket stocks spiraling, but many have been able to hold their own against Amazon, offering home delivery and curbside pickup of groceries.

Amazon has also become a threat to shipping companies, delivering more than half of its own packages itself. Vans stamped with the Amazon logo have become as common a sight as the UPS truck.

The company said its online pharmacy will offer commonly prescribed medications in the U.S., including creams, pills, as well as medications that need to stay refrigerated, like insulin. Shoppers have to set up a profile on Amazon’s website and have their doctors send prescriptions there. It won’t ship medications

that have a high risk of being abused, like some opioids.

Most insurance is accepted, Amazon said. But Prime members who don’t have insurance can also buy generic or brand name drugs from Amazon for a discount. They can also get discounts at 50,000 physical pharmacies around the country at Costco, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart and other stores.

Health economist Craig Garthwaite sees several reasons Amazon may become an attractive option for patients looking to fill prescriptions.

The retailer is a known entity that many people already use. It may be able to make price shopping for prescriptions more pleasant, and it might be competitive on the pricing of generic drugs, said Garthwaite, who teaches at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

Amazon’s prescription business could be appealing to the uninsured or people who have plans that make them pay a high deductible first before their coverage starts, added John Boylan, an analyst who covers Walgreens for

Edward Jones.

He said Amazon’s move will mostly affect smaller drugstores that don’t have either the retail giant’s purchasing power or deals that major drugstore chains have with insurers to funnel patients to their stores for prescriptions.

Amazon has eyed the health care industry for some time. Two years ago, it spent \$750 million to buy online pharmacy PillPack, which organizes medication in packets by what time and day they need to be taken.

Separately, it also has formed a venture named Haven with JPMorgan Chase and Berkshire Hathaway to focus on improving the care their employees receive and managing the expense.

CVS and Walgreens, which had opened thousands of drugstores nationwide to get closer to customers, have been trying to adjust to the rise of online shopping by offering same-day deliveries in many markets.

Walgreens also has a partnership with FedEx for a delivery service that takes a day or two. Walgreens CEO Stefano Pessina told analysts in July that the company has seen

“unprecedented demand” for both home delivery and online services as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded earlier this year.

Both companies also are providing more care and helping customers monitor chronic conditions like diabetes with services that can’t be delivered by competitors such as Amazon.

CVS Health also operates one of the nation’s largest health insurers — Aetna — and a big pharmacy benefit management, or PBM, business that runs prescription drug plans. Spokesman T.J. Crawford said in a statement that new pharmacy competition is no surprise, but he noted that CVS Health has evolved into “so much more” than a corner drugstore.

Amazon may continue to evolve as well, said the economist Garthwaite.

“We could think of this one day as the first step toward Amazon becoming a PBM,” he said.

Shares of CVS and Walgreens sank nearly 9% in afternoon trading while broader indexes slipped. Rite Aid Corp.’s stock plunged more than 16% while Amazon shares edged up 1%.

Twitter, Facebook CEOs defend election actions, promise more

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CEOs of Twitter and Facebook on Tuesday defended their safeguards against disinformation in the presidential election, and promised Congress they would take vigorous action for two special elections in Georgia that could determine which party controls the U.S. Senate.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg told a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee they have strong programs in place to protect their platforms from being used to disseminate falsehoods or discourage people from voting in the Georgia elections.

“You have an immense civic and moral responsibility,” Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, told the executives. He said the actions the companies took to slow the spread of disinformation in the contest between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden were constructive. But Blumenthal said he was concerned they could let their guard down for the Georgia elections and fail to act against

dangerous information.

“You’ve tried to slow its spread. That’s not censorship,” he said.

But Republican senators, including Committee Chairman Sen. Lindsey Graham, revived complaints of censorship and anti-conservative bias against the social media platforms and pushed for stripping away some of the protections that have shielded tech companies from legal responsibility for what people post.

“I think there’s Republican and Democratic concern about the power that’s being used by social media outlets to tell us what we can see and what we can’t, what’s true and what’s not,” Graham said at the start of the hearing.

Democrats also support curbing the long-held legal shield for tech companies, though for different reasons. They have focused their concern on hate speech and incitement on social media platforms that can spawn violence. Both President Trump and Vice President Biden have heartily endorsed restricting the legal immunity for social media

platforms under Section 230 of a 1996 telecommunications law.

Twitter and Facebook have both slapped a misinformation label on some content from Trump, most notably his assertions linking voting by mail to fraud. On Monday, Twitter flagged Trump’s tweet proclaiming “I won the Election!” with this note: “Official sources called this election differently.” AP, as well as several other national media called the election for Biden, however they are not in any “official” capacity.

Dorsey testified that Twitter flagged some 300,000 tweets between Oct. 27 and Nov. 11 for content that was disputed and potentially misleading, representing 0.2% of all U.S. election-related tweets sent during the period.

“We applied labels to add context and limit the risk of harmful election misinformation spreading without important context, because the public told us they wanted us to take these steps,” he said.

Of the labeled tweets, 456 also were covered by a warning message and were limited in how

they could be shared. About 74% of the people who viewed those tweets saw them after a label or warning message was applied.

Zuckerberg said Facebook joined with election officials to remove false claims about polling conditions and displayed warnings on more than 150 million pieces of content after review by independent fact-checkers. He explained that their fact-checkers are other media outlets and organizations. Facebook also prohibited misrepresentations about how or when to vote as well as attempts to use threats on the coronavirus to scare people into not voting, he said.

Zuckerberg acknowledged that “election interference remains an ongoing threat.”

Zuckerberg and Dorsey promised lawmakers last month that they would aggressively guard their platforms from being manipulated by foreign governments or used to incite violence around the election results.

Facebook moved two days after the election to ban a large group called “Stop the Steal” that

Trump supporters were using to organize protests against the vote count. The 350,000-member group echoed Trump’s allegations of a rigged election rendering the results invalid.

For days after the election as the vote counting went on, copycat “Stop the Steal” groups were easily found on Facebook. As of Monday, Facebook appeared to have made them harder to find, though it was still possible to locate them, including some groups with thousands of members.

The GOP majority on the Judiciary panel threatened Zuckerberg and Dorsey with subpoenas last month if they didn’t voluntarily agree to testify for Tuesday’s hearing. Republicans on the Senate Commerce Committee lambasted the two CEOs and Sundar Pichai, Google’s chief executive, at a hearing last month for what they said was a pattern of silencing conservative viewpoints while giving free rein to political actors from countries like China and Iran.

Wall Street taps the brakes following its record-setting run

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are taking a pause on Tuesday after a big rally this month vaulted them back to record heights.

Treasury yields also dipped after a report showed U.S. shoppers spent less at retailers last month than economists expected. The numbers underscore how the coronavirus pandemic is worsening and threatens to drag the economy lower, at least in the near term. Stocks that stormed higher this month on hopes that a vaccine or two may get the global economy back to normal next year ebbed a bit lower amid the worries.

The S&P 500 was inching down by 0.1% in afternoon trading, after nearly eliminating an earlier loss of 1.1%. It’s on pace for its first decline in three days.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was also edging lower from its record high, and it was down 81 points, or 0.3%, at 29,869, as of 2:45 p.m. Eastern time. The Nasdaq composite was

0.2% higher.

“Today is a good example of how the markets have been pricing in a lot of the good news,” said David Trainer, CEO of investment research firm New Constructs.

Stocks in the pharmacy business were among the biggest drags on the market after Amazon targeted them as the latest industry it’s trying to upend. The retailing behemoth opened an online pharmacy Tuesday that allows customers to have prescriptions delivered to their door in a couple days.

CVS Health fell 8.7%, Walgreens Boots Alliance dropped 9.1% and Rite-Aid lost 16.1%. Amazon, meanwhile, rose 0.9%.

On the winning side was Tesla, which rose 8.9% following an announcement that it will join the S&P 500 index next month. The index is hugely influential, and nearly \$4.6 trillion at the end of last year was in funds that mimic the S&P 500.

The electric-vehicle company

had already soared 388.8% in 2020 before Monday evening’s index announcement. With a total market value rivaling Johnson & Johnson’s and JPMorgan Chase’s, it’s set to become one of the biggest stocks in the S&P 500.

The broader stock market was slowing Tuesday, though, and the majority of stocks in the S&P 500 were lower.

Boston Scientific dropped 8.6% for one of the largest losses in the index after it issued a voluntary recall for its LOTUS Edge aortic valve system. Analysts said problems with its delivery system essentially mean an end to what was once a promising business.

Sales at U.S. retailers rose 0.3% last month from September, a sharp slowdown from September’s 1.6% growth. The figure also fell short of economists’ expectations for 0.5% growth.

Part of the shortfall is likely because laid-off workers are no longer getting extra unemployment benefits from the U.S. government

following the expiration of several financial-support programs from Congress. Democrats and Republicans in Washington have talked about renewing some of the programs, but progress has been painfully slow amid deep partisanship in Washington.

That’s layering on top of the already accelerating pandemic, which is pushing governments across the United States and Europe to bring back varying degrees of restrictions on daily life in hopes of slowing the spread of the virus. Health experts are warning of a bleak winter on the way.

That’s all helped dilute some of the optimism that’s rushed through markets since early last week. Companies have released encouraging early results for a couple potential COVID-19 vaccines, which is raising hopes that the economy can get back to normal and stocks beaten down during the pandemic can roar back to life. Even with Tuesday’s

decline, the S&P 500 is still up more than 10% for November so far. That’s better than any monthly performance for the index since April, when stocks were exploding higher following their pandemic-induced plunge.

“So, this theme of rotation away from some of these hyper-valued tech names to some more reasonably valued and profitable companies is going to be a big part of the theme going into the end of the year,” Trainer said.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 0.87% from 0.89% late Monday.

In Europe, Germany’s DAX was close to flat, and France’s CAC 40 reversed an earlier loss to rise 0.2%. The FTSE 100 in London fell 0.9%.

In Asia, stocks were mixed. Japan’s Nikkei 225 rose 0.4%, and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng inched up 0.1%. South Korea’s Kospi slipped 0.2%, and stocks in Shanghai lost 0.2%.

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can, wear a mask whenever they leave their homes, limit mixing, practice physical distancing and wash their hands.”

The 28 counties moving back into Tier 1 (Purple/Widespread) include:

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The two counties moving back into Tier 3 (Orange/Moderate) include:

Calaveras

Sierra

Monday’s action will remain in effect until the State Public Health Officer determines it is appropriate to make modifications based on public health conditions and data.

California has taken steps to prepare the state for an increase in COVID-19 cases. The state has developed additional testing capacity to allow cases to be quickly identified, recently opening a new laboratory in Valencia that is already processing thousands of tests a day. The state is averaging 164,345 tests over the last seven days.

The state has been working in

partnership with hospitals, clinics and physicians on the COVID-19 response. To support California’s health care delivery system, the state has an additional 1,872 beds available at alternate care sites outside of the system that can be made available quickly if needed to respond to a surge in cases.

California will continue to update the Blueprint for a Safer Economy based on the best available public health data and science. For more information about the Blueprint and what Californians can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19, visit covid19.ca.gov.



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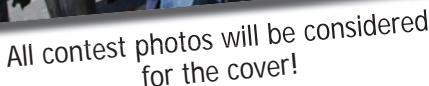


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Fallbrook artist and veteran finds passion for painting

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

James Wallace grew up in Laguna Hills and San Clemente and was attending Saddleback College when 9/11 happened.

Not long after that, he enlisted in the United States Army.

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

He explained that his injury was like falling off a moving semi trailer truck on the highway.

“I ended up getting nerve damage from that,” he said. “I tried to stay with the unit when they were rotating to Qatar and couldn’t pass the APFT. I ended up making it worse. So, I got medically discharged.”

Until that point, he hadn’t really given art much thought.

“In high school I doodled on my notebooks, but, it didn’t really become a part of my life until I got hurt,” Wallace said. “I started through the VA. They recommended that you close your eyes and imagine a place where you’d rather be. That’s when I really started to draw landscapes and making postcards and drawing landscapes, then somebody recommended I try painting and it has just kind of grown from there. That was in around 2013.

“(Painting) was like a pain release, I mean, it takes your mind somewhere else and it’s an escape.”

Fast forward to 2020 and he has his first gallery show at 105 N. Main. He signs his paintings as J. Clayton as a homage to his grandmother and father.

His love of landscape paintings is on display at the gallery.

“I’m almost really going to

say most of them that are in there are from the river down De Luz, Sandia Creek and the Santa Margarita River,” Wallace said, “The river trail down there.”

Wallace said he hasn’t taken up plein air painting and usually takes a photo of a scene he likes.

“I’d go take photos and bring it back to the studio,” he said. “There were a few of them where I took a sketchbook out, and I’ll sketch it. The colors I’ll do from memory ... unless I want to change it.”

Wallace said he’s done some paintings of alternative subjects and is interested in branching out. He has painted a Navy ship a buddy of his was working on and his father’s car.

“I’m curious about it, kind of the photorealism kind of art, using thicker paint in the foreground to differentiate it from the background and give it a 3D field,” he said.

Wallace said he’s starting to receive more requests for commissioned paintings and the reaction to his work so far has been good.

“It’s been surprising,” he said. “This year has been interesting. I’ve done a lot of orders. I’m working on three paintings at the moment and learning how to process that.

“It is different, but it’s still fun. And I do kind of like the learning experience.”

Though it wasn’t what he had planned for his life, he’s open to being a full time artist.

“It wasn’t something I grew up saying, ‘I want to be an artist,’” Wallace said. “But, it’s a lot of fun to do. If I can do it and I would certainly enjoy doing it.

“I’m trying to figure out if I can run with this.”

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Fallbrook artist James Wallace holds a painting of a scene at the Santa Margarita River next to a selection of his other works on display at the 105 N. Main Gallery.

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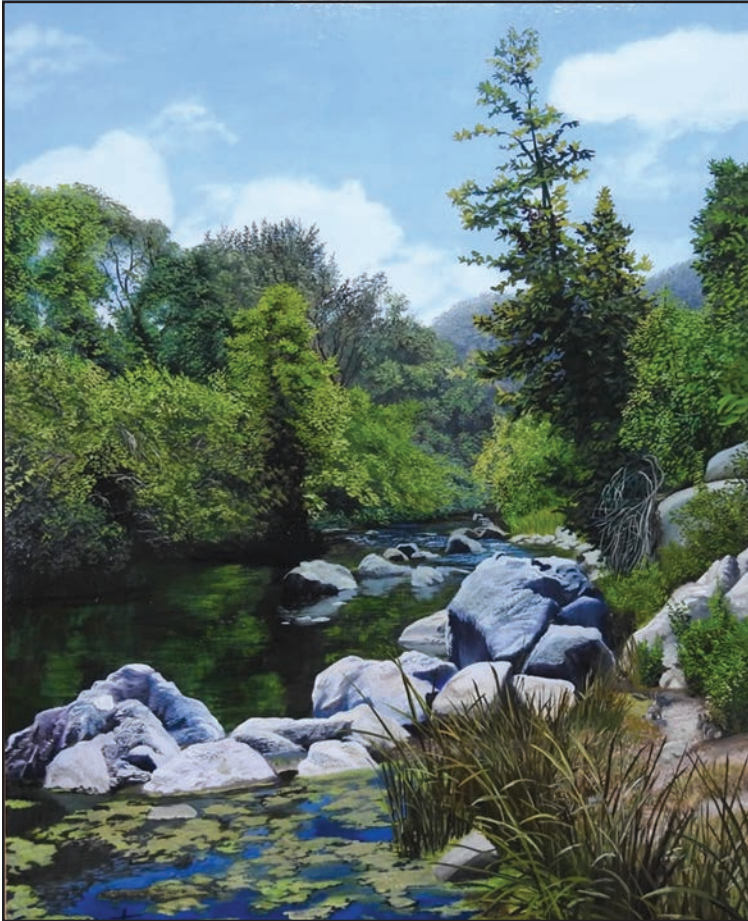
James Wallace's commissioned painting on an antique saw depicts America's Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence.



Artwork by J. Clayton (aka James Wallace) is on display at 105 N. Main.



James Wallace says he prefers to paint landscapes.



Artwork by J. Clayton (aka James Wallace) depicts scenes like this one of the Santa Margarita River.



Fallbrook artist James Wallace holds a commissioned painting on an antique saw at his art exhibit at 105 N. Main Gallery. The painting captures a historic scene at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

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Flowers have different meanings



A sunflower stands for devotion. Village News/Roger Boddaert photos

Roger Boddaert
Special to Village News

Flowers of all kinds, shapes, and colors emerge from the earth in their prescribed flowering seasons in the fantastic way that nature has with its own time-table around the world.

Fall is when we think of flowers either in the garden or as cut flowers like chrysanthemums. Christmas is when we enjoy the colorful poinsettia with the many new colors that abound today. Springtime conjures up tulips, ranunculus, freesia, and other flowering plants.

The cut flower industry is vast and dynamic, with commercial flower farms dotting the globe, in the United States, Australia, South Africa, Mexico, South America, Europe, and here in San Diego County.

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- Amaryllis denotes pride and self-esteem, comes in red, pink, white
- Baby's breath says gladness and innocence, and delicateness.
- Carnation symbolizes pride and beauty but has many assorted colors that have different meanings. Red is admiration, white is pure love, while yellow is disdain.
- Chrysanthemum represents different things; red is for love, white is truthful, and yellow is for slighted love.
- Daisy is innocent and gentle. Remember picking a single daisy flower, and pulling off each petal and saying, he loves me, and then selecting another petal and saying he loves me not?
- Daffodil in spring comes in yellow, white, two-tones, and signifies chivalry and regard.
- Protea, which are gaining in popularity with many local plantations in the area, note courage and strength.
- Gardenia is associated with purity and sweetness and is used in wedding bouquets for that meaning, and what a wonderful fragrance they emit.
- Easter lily is an elegant flower with its pure white trumpet

shape flower is a symbol of the Virgin Mary and given at this holy holiday; it is grown as a potted plant and for a cut flower.

- Forget-Me-Not recognize true love and are a delicate little plant.
- Geranium has a meaning of melancholy, yet it comes in such a colorful bounty of cheerful colors: reds, pinks, and whites.
- Iris carries a message of faith and wisdom, with blues, whites, and yellows.
- Lilac is for first emotions of love and comes in lavender, white, two tones; it has a glorious aroma in springtime.
- Marigold is a summer flower and comes in yellows and golds; it says jealousy.
- Narcissus has connotations of conceit to those who are narcissistic, and we know a few out there today.
- Orchids have over 20,000 different species found on earth from the hot, humid, rainforests of the Amazon to the northern climates in Alaska. These flowers are noted for their beauty and variety of personalities and say outstanding.
- Olive branches are used as a reward and given as a victory garland to be placed upon the head of a winner in Grecian times.
- Peony is for shame and bashfulness. It comes in a rainbow of pinks, lavender, whites, and some light-colored yellows, and unfortunately, does not do well in Southern California.
- Poppy (red) has been called for extravagance.
- Rose, depending on what color is chosen, has meaning that ranges from unity or beauty to youth and love. And if given in a bouquet of different numbers, has different meanings from a dozen up to 50 in a gifting gesture.
- Sunflowers are for devotion and thankfulness. And at Thanksgiving, what is more, cheerful than a bright yellow sunflower face looking at you.
- Tuberose is associated with dangerous pleasure, so be careful when giving these flowers. But I adore the unique aroma of these tall stemmed white flowers growing out in my summer garden.
- Snapdragon comes in many colors on its tall flower spikes and represents graciousness and strength.
- Tulip is a valid declaration of love. It is not only found blooming out in springtime but also forced to grow in greenhouses at different seasons of the year. In the tulip-mania renaissance era, some of the first tulips were discovered and imported and would fetch thousands of dollars for just one species of a tulip bulb in Holland. It was a frantic plant-collecting era, where the price of one tulip bulb could also buy a small house in Amsterdam.
- Violets with their cheery faces



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Chrysanthemums have different meanings, red for love, white for truthful, yellow for slighted love.



Daffodils are for chivalry and regards.

messages with the symbolisms of flowers were critical in Victorian times. Some of these flowers sent unique messages through different kinds of flowers arranged in specific patterns and styles.

Tussy mussy in the Victorian era were tiny handheld bouquets with fragrant flowers to ward off body smells since folks didn't bathe much in those times. I always like fragrance in flower arrangements, for when I put a bouquet together it takes me to faraway places in the past.

Remember, a simple gesture of just one flower can have significant meaning to the receiver, and it's the little things that count.

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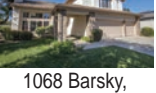
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10 tips to reduce food waste, save money and protect the environment this holiday season

SANDIEGO COUNTY—Food is the highlight of many holiday traditions and memories. Everyone can think of a holiday dish that makes them smile and mouths water instantly. Yet, about 40% of all food produced in the U.S. never gets eaten.

In fact, between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, Americans waste 25% more than during the rest of the year. During the holidays, millions of pounds of uneaten turkey, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes and other seasonal trimmings end up in landfills.

Food is the single largest material disposed of in U.S. landfills, amounting to each person tossing an average of 20 pounds of food per month into the trash at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per year, per family. This wasted food also wastes money, time, labor, transportation, water and land used in food production.

Aside from this waste, food decomposes anaerobically, or without oxygen, in landfills releasing methane gas, a driver of global climate change that is up to 86 times more potent in trapping heat than carbon dioxide. San Diego County residents have the power to change this, especially during the holidays. So, what can we do?

While gatherings with family and friends will look quite different this year, implementing some simple changes can reduce your food waste and support a healthy environment. Follow these simple tips from San Diego County and I Love A Clean San Diego to save money and help the environment while enjoying holiday meals.

1. Tune in to the Celebrate Sustainably Food & Festivities Webinar Nov. 21.

I Love A Clean San Diego and the county are hosting a webinar Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10-11 a.m., titled “Celebrate Sustainably: Food & Festivities Webinar.” Register to attend at <https://www.ilacsd.org/event/food-and-festivities/>. There is no cost to attend.

Americans send, on average, 25% more to the landfill between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day than at any other time of the year. The webinar will focus on ways to reduce the amount of waste produced in kitchens around big holiday meals. They will present strategies to begin practicing in the kitchen right away, so everyone can live a low-waste lifestyle at all times of the year.

2. Check and serve with a plan.

The easiest way to reduce food waste during the holidays is to buy and prepare the right amount of food in the first place. Save the Food, a campaign of the Ad Council in collaboration with the Natural Resources Defense Council, created a tool to help save money and time while reducing food waste. Their Guestimator helps create a menu based on how many people are attending the holiday feast.

Once the home chef knows roughly how much food is needed, create a detailed shopping list and stick to it. This will prevent getting sucked in by holiday displays appealing sales throughout the store, sometimes causing excessive purchases that may not be needed and may not actually be eaten.

When shopping for ingredients,

opt for items in recyclable packaging to further minimize unnecessary waste. Learn how to Recycle Right at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/recycling/RecycleRight.html>.

3. Shop at local farmers’ markets.

Farmers markets are back. Visit one of the 36 certified farmers’ markets in San Diego County and buy local, unpackaged produce directly from regional farmers. View this resource from the county for a list of regional certified farmers’ markets.

4. Embarrass yourself.

When shopping, most people select the best-looking produce, meaning the “ugly” fruits and vegetables are often left on the shelves. If these items are not sold in time, they may be destined for the landfill. This wasted produce has the same vitamins and nutrients as their “prettier” counterparts, but is not chosen simply because of looks. Give all produce a chance when at the grocery store or farmers’ markets, especially if the chosen produce is part of a larger dish.

5. Go plant-based meals.

Did you know meat requires almost eight times more water per calorie than most vegetables? Incorporating more plant-based foods into holiday celebrations, such as green bean casserole, lentil shepherd’s pie and stuffed peppers, can cut the environmental cost of

meals significantly. Find more plant-based holiday recipes at <https://www.plantbasedcooking.com/vegan-sides-mains-thanksgiving/>.

6. Shrink servings.

During the meal, reduce portion waste by using smaller dishes and smaller serving spoons – seriously, it works! People can always come back for seconds.

7. Anticipate yummy leftovers.

Having a plan for leftovers is another way to ensure that the food prepared is eaten. After all, half the goodness of holiday food is in the delicious leftovers the next day. Provide containers for guests to take remaining food home, freeze leftovers for a later date, or use those leftovers in creative ways. Some recipe ideas can be found at <https://www.foodnetwork.com/thanksgiving/leftovers/best-thanksgiving-leftover-recipes>.

8. Donate unused items – check out <http://WasteFreeSD.org>

Visit WasteFreeSD.org for more tips, including how to keep fruits and vegetables fresh longer and for donation locations for regional food pantries in communities near you. Currently, about one in eight people in San Diego County are food insecure.

9. Save your drains.

Prevent the “fatberg.” Another important way to protect our environment (and your plumbing)

this holiday season, and year-round, is to properly manage used cooking oil. Deep-fried turkeys have become a popular holiday tradition, but can use up to 3 gallons of cooking oil. When discarded down drains, oils, fats, and greases can block pipes and cause sewage to overflow into homes, streets, lawns and our ocean, not to mention severely damage home plumbing systems, as well as city-owned pipes. Contrary to popular belief, mixing oil with soap or pouring hot water down the drain afterward are not effective methods for preventing “fatbergs” that cause sewage backups.

Fortunately, there are free drop off locations for used cooking oil. Collect cooled cooking oils in a secure lidded container labeled “used cooking oil.” Do not mix chemicals or other liquids with the cooking oil. To find the closest drop off location, visit the Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste database, WasteFreeSD.org, or call 877-713-2784.

10. Website to remember.

Residents interested in learning more about food waste reduction can visit the county’s recycling website. To learn more about composting resources and options, visit <http://WasteFreeSD.org> and click on Resources.

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School districts collect developer fees to pay for the cost of facilities required to serve the new developments and, on Nov. 10, the Vallecitos School District board approved the district’s 2019-20 annual and five-year developer fee reports.

The board voted 5-0 to approve the fiscal year and five-year reports. The only current expenditure project is the kitchen modernization at Vallecitos Elementary School.

The California Education Code allows a school district to collect developer fees if a supporting document justifies those fees. The California Government Code requires annual and five-year developer fee reports to be approved at a regularly-scheduled board meeting within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year.

The Fallbrook Union High

School District collects developer fees on behalf of the Vallecitos School District, which allows the developers to make a single payment for schools, but the Vallecitos fees are in the school district’s own account.

Developers of residential property pay \$2.53 per square foot to the elementary school district and \$1.16 per square foot to the high school district. The fee per square foot for commercial development is \$0.41 for Vallecitos and \$0.16 for the Fallbrook Union High School district.

Developer fees include room additions and other home expansions and not just new homes, so even with a limited number of additional dwelling units Vallecitos will still collect developer fees.

Repairs are not an eligible expenditure for developer fees. “We are able to modernize the facilities,” said Vallecitos School District business manager Linda

Miller. “The kitchen project is a modernization project.”

Vallecitos School District began the 2019-20 fiscal year with a balance of \$21,774.76 and collected \$10,234.45 in developer fees which had interest earnings of \$1,817.13. Ten percent of the kitchen modernization is eligible to be funded with developer fee revenue, and the school district spent \$25,000 of that funding during 2019-20, leaving a year-end balance of \$8,826.84.


At one time the Vallecitos School District had a food service agreement with the Fallbrook Union High School District. “They terminated that agreement,” Miller said.

The end of that agreement with the high school district necessitated the Vallecitos Elementary School kitchen upgrades.

The five-year report anticipates spending \$10,000 on the kitchen modernization during fiscal year 2020-21.



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San Diego County Water Authority and its partners help Fallbrook, Rainbow flourish

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – From the very start of the Fallbrook story, nothing has been more important than reliable water supplies – and for more than 70 years, that water has come from the San Diego County Water Authority and its local partners. Every cup of coffee. Every birthday party at the pool. Every shower after a baseball game. Every backyard orange tree.

Safe, reliable water provided by San Diego County’s regional water agency – in collaboration with its member agencies Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District – sustain the Avocado Capital of the World, allow the region’s nursery crop industry to flourish, and support thousands of families who enjoy the region’s rural lifestyle. In fact, during a severe drought in the early 1990s, the Los Angeles-based Metropolitan Water District of Southern California cut water supplies to family farmers in the San Diego region by 90% and municipal supplies by 30%. The rest of San Diego County came to the aid of farmers to help them weather the dry years and continue to play their critical role providing a cornucopia of crops for the country.

To sustain North County’s quality of life, the San Diego County Water Authority has worked with the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts on strategic investments that ensure long-term water reliability.

One of those advances is a landmark conservation agreement that improves the efficiency of canals and irrigation systems in the Imperial Valley and brings the saved water to San Diego County. It’s an environmental success story of major proportions – and one that directly benefits Fallbrook and Rainbow residents, who receive this water from the Water Authority.

That kind of long-term thinking is part of the value created by the Water Authority and its 24 member agencies that work every day to ensure safe, reliable supplies for future generations and to sustain the lifestyles so important to residents in Fallbrook, Rainbow and elsewhere across San Diego County.

More than 90% of San Diego County residents agree that water supply reliability is critical to sustaining the region’s economy and quality of life – and most residents understand that continued investments are necessary to protect the region from the threats of drought, earthquakes and other supply interruptions. Those investments come at a cost, which is why water bills have risen just like bills for other utilities that require continued maintenance, operation, energy, treatment and transportation.

However, investments made by residents of Fallbrook and Rainbow through the San Diego County Water Authority come with big benefits, including



The water coming from the San Diego County Water Authority and local partners has been a vital resource in Fallbrook for more than 70 years. Village News/Courtesy photo

significantly expanded reservoir capacity to sustain San Diego County even if an earthquake cuts off imported water supplies coming from the north for months. In addition, those investments limit the impacts of droughts, which hit with increasing frequency and intensity. In just the past decade, two droughts forced the Metropolitan Water District to cut the amount of water available for San Diego County – but visionary investments by all San Diego County ratepayers protected businesses, farmers and residents so that more water was available to local residents than MWD could provide.

Given all the uncertainties of weather, climate, global trade policies and countless other uncontrollable challenges, it’s critical that family farmers and rural residents can rely on their water supplies every time they turn on the tap. Even though it goes often unnoticed, safe, reliable and affordable San Diego County Water Authority water has been there every step of the way.

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Coldwell Banker names top agents for October



Coldwell Banker Village Properties recently announced Donna Shanahan, left, and Tom Van Wie are its Top Listing Agents for October.



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Coldwell Banker Village Properties recently announced Carrie Fuller is both its Top Selling and Top Producing Agent for October.

Signs gutters are in need of repair

FALLBROOK – Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes’ exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home’s foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

- Gutter hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over

time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated.

Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it’s an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

- Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home’s foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight.
- Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary,

separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

- Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.
- Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many homeowners have been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters.

That’s because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall or harsh winter weather arrives.



Fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall.

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OBITUARIES



Elva Inez Moore, 79, of Frankfort, Indiana, died November 12, 2020 at Wesley Manor. She was born Dec. 14, 1940 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to Anthony and Inez Rose (Keebler) Mascaro.

She was raised by her aunt and uncle, John W. and Louise Keebler after her parents died. She married Keith F. Moore, Sr. on Nov. 29, 1963 in Fallbrook, California, and he preceded her in death on March 13, 2002.

Elva was a 1959 graduate of Hanford High School in California. She moved to Frankfort in 1984. A homemaker, she also worked at Marsh, Kmart and Meijer's.

She was of the Christian faith. Elva enjoyed crocheting, knitting, Gospel music and tv shows.

Elva is survived by daughters Wanda (Jason) Forsythe of Frankfort, Bethany 'Beth' Adams of Frankfort and son Keith F. (Stacy) Moore Jr. of rural Michigantown, Indiana; six grandchildren, David (Danielle) Adams, Tanner (Riley) Forsythe, Rachel Adams, Gehrig Forsythe, Bridget Moore and Keith Moore III.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Visitation was held Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 at Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

Funeral Service were held Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 at the funeral home. Kelly Kurth officiated the service. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. Please visit goodwinfuneralhome.com, where you may share a personal message with the family or send a Hug from Home.

SHERIFF'S LOG

No 2	
4900 block Dulin Rd	Vandalism
No 3	
1000 block Felicidad Dr	Report of child molestation
500 block Ventasso Wy	Battery
No 4	
1600 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Violation of parole
100 block Palmas Norte	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
No 5	
500 block S. Pico Ave	Arrest: Assault with a deadly weapon, vandalism
100 block Palmas Norte	Arrest: Violation of juvenile court order
200 block Royal Glen Dr	Petty theft
1300 block E. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance for sale
700 block W. Fallbrook St	Petty theft
W. Lilac Rd @ Camino del Rey	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
No 6	
1400 block S. Mission Rd	Stolen vehicle
400 block N. Vine St	Petty theft
2500 block Rainbow Valley Blvd	Vehicle burglary
No 7	
Camino del Cielo @ Camino del Rey	Stolen vehicle
No 8	
S. Stage Coach Ln @ Joy Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, driving on suspended license
31200 block Aquaduct Rd	Stolen vehicle
4400 block Estate Dr	Stolen vehicle
3900 block Limber Pine Rd	Battery
300 block E. Fallbrook St	Domestic abuse
100 block E. Kalmia St	Arrest: Kidnapping
14200 block state Route 76	Traffic pursuit
200 block W. Aviation Rd	Assault with a deadly weapon
No 9	
14200 block state Route 76	Traffic pursuit
5200 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
No 10	
Blue Breton Dr @ Friesian Wy	Commercial burglary
1500 block Dentro de Lomas Rd	Arrest: Violation of court order
1700 block Pala Lake Dr	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury
4700 block Pala Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
800 block S. Main Ave	Criminal threats
1400 block Rainbow Valley Rd	Domestic abuse
No 11	
3900 block Reche Rd	Arrest: Battery, vandalism

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LEGALS

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2020-00036881-CU-PT-NC
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner:
ASUCENA ARROYO
Present Name:
ASUCENA ARROYO
Proposed Name:

GLADIOLA ASUCENA SOTO ARMENTA
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: 12/1/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 23
The address of the court is North County Division, 325 S. Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
Other parent must be served. *Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a substantial risk to the health and welfare of court personnel and the public, rendering presence in, or access to, the court's facilities unsafe, and pursuant to the emergency orders of the Chief Justice of the State of California and General Orders of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior court, the following Order is made:
NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.
If all requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions.
If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.

A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.

Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: OCT 15, 2020 Signed: Sim von Kalinowski, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5328
PUBLISHED: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2020-00037965-CU-PT-NC
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner:
RUTH KAVANAUGH
Present Name:
RUTH KAVANAUGH
Proposed Name:
RUTH DELUCA KAVANAUGH

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: 12/8/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 23
The address of the court is 325 So. Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081, North County Regional Branch

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
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Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: 21 OCT 2020 Signed: Sim von Kalinowski, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5329
PUBLISHED: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9017414
Name of Business

CONTRERAS HOUKEEPING
1638 Calavo Rd Spc 71, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Maria De Luz Lopez Contreras, 1638 Calavo Rd Spc 71, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 08/31/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 22, 2020
LEGAL: 5333
PUBLISHED: November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9017296
Name of Business

a. PLAYA VISTA, TRES REAL ESTATE
b. TRES REAL ESTATE
323 N. Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075
Mailing address: 3525 Del Mar Heights Rd, 229, San Diego, CA 92130
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. Tzvetelina Todorova Taylor, 3525 Del Mar Heights Rd, 229, San Diego, CA 92130
B. Aaron Matthew Taylor, 3525 Del Mar Heights Rd, 229, San Diego, CA 92130
This business is conducted by a Trust
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 12/27/2011
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 17, 2020
LEGAL: 5334
PUBLISHED: November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9017351
Name of Business

LOPEZ ROOFING
1638 Calavo Rd Spc 50, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Oscar Lopez, 1638 Calavo Rd Spc 50, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 09/10/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 19, 2020
LEGAL: 5335
PUBLISHED: November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9016557
Name of Business

FALLBROOK SKILLED NURSING
325 Potter Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Fallbrook Healthcare Center Operating Company, LLC, 325 Potter Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 03/16/15
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 05, 2020
LEGAL: 5326
PUBLISHED: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9017244
Name of Business

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WELL SERVICE LLC
11998 Stoney Peak Drive, San Diego, CA 92128
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: a. Travis Clay Sego, 750 S. Wisconsin St., San Diego, CA 92028
b. Brighton Pryor Scala, 11998 Stoney Peak Drive, San Diego, CA 92128
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/05/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 17, 2020
LEGAL: 5327
PUBLISHED: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9017123
Name of Business

FALLBROOK RANCH FITNESS
1499 Rancho Mia, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Erica Roberg Williams, 1499 Rancho Mia, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 09/24/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 14, 2020
LEGAL: 5330
PUBLISHED: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9016748
Name of Business

CHURCH LADIES POTLUCK
220 Deddie Terrace, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Elizabeth Ann Youngman Trustee of the 2008 Separate Property Trust, 220 Deddie Terrace, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Trust
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 9/12/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 08, 2020
LEGAL: 5331
PUBLISHED: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9016774
Name of Business

MINX
363 S. Ridge Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: J4, LLC, 363 S. Ridge Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 07/08/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 09, 2020
LEGAL: 5332
PUBLISHED: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9018186
Name of Business

a. ADOBE HILL WINERY
b. ADOBE HILL
40740 Via Ranchitos, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Adobe Hill Ltd, 3563 Canonita Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 04, 2020
LEGAL: 5336
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9017636
Name of Business

VILLAGE DENTAL CENTER
8895 Lawrence Welk Drive, Escondido, CA 92026
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Kendall H. Ricks, 1555 Dentro De Lomas, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 05/01/1999
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 28, 2020
LEGAL: 5337
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9018122
Name of Business

HERITAGE RESOURCES
6685 North Elk Run Road, Hackberry, AZ 86411
County: Mohave
This business is registered by the following: Sue Anne Wade, 6685 North Elk Run Road, Hackberry, AZ 86411
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 01/01/93
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 02, 2020
LEGAL: 5338
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2020-9018415
Name of Business

ALLEN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING
1144 Belair Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Julie Marie Allen, 1144 Belair Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/15/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 07, 2020
LEGAL: 5339
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

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Rampart Blvd, #290 Las Vegas, NV 89145 - Phone: (800) 251-8736, duly appointed Trustee under Notice of Delinquent Assessment ("NDA"), and pursuant to Notice of Default and Election to Sell ("NOD"), will sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, (a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest now held under said NDA, to wit: Multiple Timeshare Estates as shown as Legal Description Variables on Schedule "1" (as described in the Declaration recorded on 08/02/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0547090 as amended) located at 333 N Myers St, Oceanside, CA, 92054 with APN shown herein. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. 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Fallbrook football continues to build toward season

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

It’s not ideal, but Fallbrook Union High School Head Football Coach Troy Everhart will take what he can get these days with the team meeting for short workouts during the week.

“We’ve been very fortunate, Ingold (Sports Park) has been very gracious,” Everhart said. “Josh (Guerrettaz) over there has just been incredibly receptive and hospitable to us. And we’re very thankful for that.”



Village News/Jeff Pack photo
Head Coach Troy Everhart is in his second season as head coach of the Warriors.



If all goes to plan, Fallbrook High's varsity football team will be back in action on Jan. 8, 2021, with their first game in more than a year.
Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Due to COVID-19 restrictions handed down from the county and state, you wouldn’t call what they are doing as practices, but certainly workouts.

“Unfortunately, we can’t use a ball there,” Everhart said. “But other than that we’ve been able to work inside our pods or cohorts or whatever term they want to use. We’re only out there for an hour and we do 15 to 20 minutes of what I call just general conditioning. We set up cones in our pods and each coach has a group by position or potential position.”

He said the coaching staff has been able to really look at all the kids in the program.

“We’ve been looking at some freshmen because they’re another outstanding freshmen class and really excited about them,” Everhart said. “And so it’s just been nice from the standpoint of the kids, it’s clear to me that the kids miss being around each other and interacting and it’s nice to have them all together.”

This time together has been a positive experience so far for the coach.

“Last year was a totally different thing than I’ve ever been a part of, but just moving forward, I want it to be a total program,” Everhart said. “I am harping on the kids a lot lately about that as opposed to being a one-year contract or

being an AAU mentality where you’re just out there for yourself for one year. This place has a rich tradition. I just would like it to get back to that before my time here is done. And I think that the only way to have that is to have that personable approach.

“It goes back to before the quarantine getting out (to) meet with each kid that was returning. Going over their evaluation from the previous year, what they could do better, sitting in living rooms and talking to parents and getting an understanding of where they’re coming from and what they’d like to see as well.”

That mentality is something Everhart is pounding home to his coaching staff as well.

“I tell the guys all the time I can find scheme guys; scheme guys are a dime a dozen,” he said. “You have to find a coach that’s going to motivate and get to the heart of the matter. Because some kids, when you critique them they like that if it’s a very low key, in private kind of thing. And some guys you can just do it right there on the field and you just have to find which button

you have to push for each kid.

“If you want to coach on this staff, you’re going to have to understand how to motivate your position. I tell them all the time, that’s how I’m going to evaluate our coaching staff. Can you motivate them?”

Having some time to establish that has been a nice opportunity.

“When I walked in the door a year ago there was definitely some cohesiveness that I didn’t think was there,” Everhart said. “Again, we were all getting to know each other. Even though some of it’s been online, we’ve had time to understand the level of expectation, work ethic, things like that that I think will hopefully propel us moving forward.”

With a young group of talent and returner that have been through the wringer, that’s important.

“We’ve got a tremendous group of freshmen that are coming through and a great sophomore group that’s coming through and you still have to motivate them,” Everhart said. “You still have to find a way to trigger them. And then this senior class has been through so much as a class and they’re still showing up every day. They’re resilient, they persevere. We’ve got to figure out what is their why and how are we going to continue to spark it? Because things aren’t going to go smooth the whole year. And when they don’t, I don’t want them to revert back to old habits or old thought processes moving forward.”

The coach said he thinks the team is ready to take the next steps in their development in training.

“I think the kids are getting tired of (working out instead

of practicing) because they’re getting tired of doing the warmup,” Everhart said. “I think they think they’re ready to move on from that. But other than that I think we’re, you know it’s been nice to see the kids get closer together.

“I think the one that we’re all finding out is that there’s a power to human connection and you can’t do it over the computer. And when you see the kids, when you talk to the kids in class and the kids that I have in my regular classes versus watching the kids, even in their small pods interact, it’s just totally different. From an adult standpoint, from an educator standpoint, I hope we are tracking that because we can’t lose a generation of kids.”

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San Luis Rey horses lead Let It Ride Stakes throughout, Strong Constitution wins

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Let It Ride Stakes race at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Sunday, Nov. 1, was a one-mile contest on Del Mar’s turf course, and all three of the colts who led have been training at the San Luis Rey Training Center.

Strong Constitution, who is trained by Doug O’Neill, won the race for 3-year-olds. O’Neill also trains Rookie Mistake, who led entering the stretch before yielding the lead to Strong Constitution. Dominant Soul, who is trained by Paula Capestro, had the lead before the stretch.

“Abel Cedillo, who was on Strong Constitution, just did an amazing job of cutting the corner,” O’Neill said. “It was a really gutsy effort by both horse and jockey.”

The top four horses finished within 1 3/4 lengths of each other, the top eight horses were within 3 1/2 lengths of each other, and the final finisher among the 10 horses finished 7 1/4 lengths behind Strong Constitution. The first five horses were within 1 1/4 lengths of each other at the beginning of the stretch while the top eight horses at that point were within 2 1/2 lengths of each other.

“Grass racing is positioning and phasing,” O’Neill said. “The last quarter-mile everyone starts picking it up.”

O’Neill wasn’t bothered that Cedillo and Strong Constitution broke first but didn’t lead again until late in the race.

“Abel’s ridden this one before. He knew what he had and he didn’t want this one to go up too early,” O’Neill said. “It’s more of a strategic phasing.”

Dominant Soul, who was ridden by Edwin Maldonado, was the fourth horse out of the gate. Rookie Mistake and jockey Mario Gutierrez broke fifth.

By the end of the first quarter of a mile, Dominant Soul was in the lead. He led second-place Jammers Justice by half a length. Strong Constitution was in third, 1 1/2 lengths in back of Jammers

Justice and a length ahead of Rookie Mistake. Rookie Mistake held a one-length lead over fifth-place Lane Way.

The top four horses maintained those positions for the next two furlongs. Dominant Soul completed the first half-mile in 45.62 seconds and was half a length ahead of Jammers Justice. Strong Constitution trailed Jammers Justice by two lengths while Rookie Mistake was a head behind Strong Constitution and 1 1/2 lengths in front of fifth-place Margot’s Boy.

Dominant Soul still held the lead three-quarters of a mile into the race, and he reached that point 1:10.16 after the race began. Jammers Justice was a head in back of Dominant Soul. Rookie Mistake had moved into third place and was half a length behind Jammers Justice and half a length in front of Margot’s Boy, who had taken over fourth. Strong Constitution was in fifth, a head in back of Margot’s Boy and a length ahead of sixth-place Lane Way.

Rookie Mistake moved into the lead by the beginning of the stretch and reached the stretch with 1:22.45 elapsed in the race. He was half a length in front of I’m Leaving You, who was second entering the stretch after being seventh three-quarters of a mile into the race. Strong Constitution was third, a length in back of I’m Leaving You and a head in front of fourth-place Margot’s Boy. Dominant Soul had fallen to sixth, a length behind fifth-place Lane Way and 2 1/4 lengths in back of Rookie Mistake.

Cedillo found a gap near the rail and took Strong Constitution to the inside.

“If he wouldn’t have taken that chance he wouldn’t have got there,” O’Neill said.

It put Strong Constitution into the lead when being first was most important.

“That was sensational. It was super gutsy and it took a real gutsy jockey and a real gutsy horse to get that done,” O’Neill said.

Strong Constitution had



Strong Constitution and jockey Abel Cedillo take the lead ahead of Heywoods Beach, Nov. 1, at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in the Let It Ride Stakes race.
Village News/Benoit photos

a winning time of 1:34.09. Heywoods Beach entered the stretch in eighth place but finished second, a head behind Strong Constitution and three-quarters of a length in front of Lane Way, who took third.

Rookie Mistake finished seventh, a nose in back of sixth-place Goalie and 3 1/2 lengths behind Strong Constitution.

“He ran a good race. At the end of the day Rookie Mistake is probably best going one turn,” O’Neill said.

The most recent win for Rookie Mistake was a 6 1/2-furlong dirt race Sept. 4 at Del Mar. Rookie Mistake has three wins in 15 career starts.

O’Neill expects a sprint to be the next race for Rookie Mistake. The specific race is to be determined.

Dominant Soul was the ninth finisher and crossed the finish line 3 1/2 lengths behind eighth-place Margot’s Boy and seven lengths in back of Strong Constitution. The 10th-place horse, Jammers Justice, was 7 1/4 lengths behind Strong Constitution and a head in back of Dominant Soul.

O’Neill said that a training team can prepare a horse but the actual race is up to the horse and jockey.

“Abel did just that,” O’Neill said.

The race had a total purse of \$81,500 including incentives for California-bred horses. Strong Constitution earned the first-place share of \$47,400 and now has career earnings of \$155,500. The Let It Ride Stakes was the seventh career race for Strong Constitution and was his first victory since he began his racing career with a win.

Strong Constitution was foaled in Kentucky April 22, 2017. The colt was sired by Constitution out of Earlybird Road. On Aug. 23, 2019, Strong Constitution made his racing debut at Del Mar and won a five-furlong turf race by a 1 1/2-length margin. O’Neill’s horses took first and second in the October 2019 Sunny Slope Stakes at Santa Anita Park with Strong Constitution finishing a neck behind Fore Left. In November 2019, Strong Constitution finished second, 1 1/4 lengths behind the winner, in the Grade 3 Bob Hope Stakes at Del Mar which

was Cedillo’s first race on Strong Constitution.

O’Neill then gave Strong Constitution a layup. The break from racing was not due to injury but rather to the change in competition from 2-year-olds to 3-year-olds.

“He just needed time to mature,” O’Neill said.

Strong Constitution had five timed workouts at San Luis Rey between June 30 and July 30 before being shipped to his racing venues. He returned to racing Aug. 9, in an allowance race at Del Mar and finished fourth. He followed that with third place in allowance races Sept. 5 at Del Mar and Oct. 4 at Santa Anita. Cedillo was the jockey in the Sept. 5 and Oct. 4 races.

“He’s just a horse that seems to get better and better,” O’Neill said.

The next race for Strong Constitution is to be determined.

“We’re going to see what our options are,” O’Neill said.

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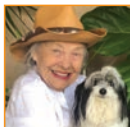


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HALLOWEEN Costume Contest WINNERS!

Village News would like to express how much the community participation and excitement for our Halloween Costume Contest warmed our hearts. Many cute, funny, scary and creative costume contestants wowed our readers and staff - bringing us joy and a moment’s escape from world issues.

Category: Kids	 <p>Contestant: Parker <i>He is here to entertain you! Taming lions, eating fire and walking a tightrope, Parker is "The Greatest Showman!"</i></p> 	 <p>Contestant: Draven <i>Draven, 11 weeks, is a Subway Sandwich for his first Halloween.</i></p> 	 <p>Contestant: T.J. <i>2 year old T.J. is dressed up as his favorite neighbor back bock - his neighbors have several farm animals.</i></p> 
Category: Business	 <p>Contestant: Fallbrook Food Pantry <i>We are a Hot Fruit Salad! We do our best to help the community, but we also love to have fun!</i></p> 	 <p>Contestant: Savvy Maes <i>"All the world is made of faith, and trust, and pixie dust." - Peter Pan. Courtney Sahagun, owner/baker.</i></p> 	 <p>Contestant: La Paloma Elementary <i>Michelle Goodman, Asst. Principal La Paloma Elementary & Fallbrook Homeschool Academy, is dressed as RBG.</i></p> 
Category: Pets	 <p>Contestant: Chunky & Harvey <i>Chunky the Pug and Harvey the Boston Terrier deliver! Submitted by Sue Slater-Schindler.</i></p> 	 <p>Contestant: Enzo <i>Channeling our inner "Minnie." Submitted by Rosemary McRobbie.</i></p> 	 <p>Contestant: Lambert & Wyatt <i>A whole lot of Funny Farm going on! Lambert the sheep and Wyatt the dog. Submitted by Tara Wan.</i></p> 
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WINE & DINE

Richie’s Diner welcomes guests with All-American fare

Laci Dontain
Intern

Standing in Temecula’s Paseo Del Sol business center for over 29 years, Richie’s Diner continues to honor its mantra of “Pleasin’ People” through traditional American cuisine and customer assured safety.

As with most businesses, Richie’s Diner has undergone model changes since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Founder and owner Linda Williams is a popular staple at the restaurant. Williams said she stops by both the Murrieta and Temecula branches of Richie’s Diner a minimum of four times a week to “ensure the quality enforced in 1991 still stands.”

Adapting to the health and safety regulations set by California’s Gov. Gavin Newson and The Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, Richie’s Diner currently offers both indoor and outdoor seating to meet an increase in customers and is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. The indoor seating alternates table arrangements to impose a 6-foot distance between diners.

When asked about the adjustments to indoor dining, Williams said that the most “important aspect” to understand about Richie’s Diner is that “(it) is a patriotic restaurant, and that service to the American people will never go away.”

Keeping up with the new COVID-19 guidelines, Richie’s Diner also experienced “a surge in workers,” according to Laura Smith, a newly employed cashier and local high school student. The diner’s employees come from a variety of age brackets, with the youngest being high school seniors from



Temecula Richie’s Diner server Hailey Johnson serves guests at the diner’s patio dining area while following state and county COVID-19 outdoor dining guidelines.
Valley News/Shane Gibson photo

Wine Country
Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Crush House + Food Trucks, Peltzer Family Cellars
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
5-8 p.m.	Fall Evenings, Wilson Creek Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Those Guys!, Lorimar Winery
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Crush House + Food Trucks, Peltzer Family Cellars
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Fall Evenings, Wilson Creek Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Bad Chemistry, Lorimar Winery
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Crush House + Food Trucks, Peltzer Family Cellars
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol’s Restaurant at Bailly Winery
Noon to 3 p.m.	Live Music, Still Kickn, Lorimar Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery

UPCOMING:
Nov. 24 is Lorimar Winery’s holiday Sip and Shop event, from 5-8 p.m.
Nov. 24 sees Dani Aribere perform from 1-5 p.m. at Bel Vino Winery.
Nov. 26 is Thanksgiving at The Vineyard Rose at South Coast Winery, Resort & Spa. Brunch is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner is from 5:30-9 p.m. Reservations required.
Nov. 26 is Thanksgiving at Bolero Restaurant at Europa Village at 11 a.m. Reservations required.
Nov. 29 is Akash Winery’s Sunday Yoga + Wine Class at 9 a.m.

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Great Oak and Temecula Valley high schools.

Smith said that the employees “are managed by three different managers, who regularly rotate.” Each manager works alternating times Sunday mornings to help ease what Smith said were the “busiest hours of operation” as “customers herd into the restaurant.”

The staff takes many precautions to stay open from the cleansing routine, rotation between employees and adherence to social distancing policies, which “constitute only a small portion of the measures taken to assure customer safety and satisfaction,” Smith said.

Each menu and table are wiped

down and sanitized to reduce germ exposure. All patrons are required to wear a mask upon entry, and masks can be removed after they’re seated and enjoying their food. All staff are required to wear their masks at all times as part of their dress code for their shifts.

Richie’s Diner is well known for its All-American aesthetic for which it has received an International Foodservice Manufacturers Association Silver Plate Award. The diner maintains its retro American diner feel during the current health orders. Williams said she also has two barns on her property that are filled with “diner decorations from every different holiday, from St. Patrick’s Day to Christmas and Thanksgiving.”

The diner’s menu contains many American classics that Williams and her husband created over their years of operation. When asked which menu item was the most popular, Williams said that bread pudding remained “in demand” for those dining outdoors.

“When customers are outside and come into Richie’s because they’re seeing people on the patio, they forget the pandemic and its problems even existed,” Williams said. “While they’re outdoors, they more than likely will pick up an order of bread pudding.”

Laci Dontain can be reached by email at valleystaff@reedermedia.com.

The Vineyard Rose Restaurant features Thanksgiving brunch and dinner, also holiday curbside carry out

TEMECULA – The Vineyard Rose Restaurant at South Coast Winery Resort & Spa brings romance, relaxation and scenic escapism to its dining among the vines for this year’s Thanksgiving celebration. The restaurant’s contemporary California cuisine and award-winning wines are served at Thanksgiving Brunch and Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 26. Physical distancing and the safest health and sanitary practices will be implemented, including limited seating. Thankful families and friends should plan on being seated in the great outdoors as they toast and dine overlooking the winery – warmed by heaters, and wearing their favorite cozy jackets and sweaters is recommended.

Thanksgiving brunch at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant opens Thursday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The restaurant’s customary brunch menu will be offered with the addition of traditional slow-roasted turkey breast with whipped potato, herb stuffing, yams, balsamic-glazed Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce and gravy. There’s deliciousness for everyone from Rolling Hills bananas Foster pancakes and hot brown sliced turkey breast, applewood smoked bacon, tomato, Gruyère cheese, brioche bread, Mornay sauce, overeasy eggs to tossed turkey Cobb salad, the Beyond Burger and house-rubbed, slow-roasted tri-tip sandwich. Holiday-inspired à la carte desserts include pumpkin pie with vanilla bourbon cream and apple tart with brown sugar streusel.

Thanksgiving dinner opens Thursday, Nov. 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.



The Vineyard Rose Restaurant at South Coast Winery Resort & Spa offers Thanksgiving brunch, dinner and carry out Thursday, Nov. 26.

Valley News/Courtesy photo

Holiday dinner dining at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant will delight guests with much-loved favorite dishes such as pan roasted salmon with roasted pee wee potatoes, haricots verts and heirloom tomato marmalade; slow braised short ribs accompanied by mashed potato, Broccolini and red wine reduction, and Salmon Creek Farms pork chop with yams puree, roasted Brussels sprouts, grape chutney and leek ash. Of course, diners may choose to savor the traditional slow roasted turkey breast with whipped potato, herb stuffing, yams, balsamic-glazed Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce and gravy. The feast may be complemented with a specialty cocktail such as Old Sage’s Fashioned made with Buffalo Trace bourbon, and guests

will want to sip Wild Horse Peak Merlot, Wild Horse Peak Meritage or Syrah, Sans Chêne Chardonnay or other award-winning selections from South Coast Winery.

Reservations are required and are now being accepted at OpenTable or by calling 951-719-8356. Seating is currently limited to county guidance of outdoor dining only.

Thanksgiving carry out from The Vineyard Rose Restaurant opens Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For carry-out Thanksgiving meals, visitors can drive up to The Vineyard Rose Restaurant Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to pick up a pre-ordered traditional Thanksgiving dinner for four, eight or more. Dinner includes slow roasted turkey breast with whipped potato, herb stuffing, yams, balsamic glazed Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce and gravy. Pumpkin pie with bourbon cream and pecan pie are available at an additional charge of \$30 each.

Thanksgiving dinner for four to-go is \$99, with additional orders available. Pre-orders must be placed by noon Tuesday, Nov. 24, by calling 855-318-3956 or emailing scw-2go@wineresort.com.

The Vineyard Rose Restaurant at South Coast Winery Resort & Spa is located at 34843 Rancho California Road in Temecula. For more information, call 951-587-9463 or visit <http://www.southcoastwinery.com>.

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FPUD board, others tour Conjunctive Use Project progress

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District held a Nov. 10 tour of the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project.

All five FPUD board members participated in the tour. If a majority of board members are present, an activity must be noticed as a public meeting, and members of the public were also invited to join the tour.

Approximately five members of the public participated in the tour as did FPUD General Manager Jack Bebee, FPUD Chief Engineer Aaron Cook, FPUD Public Affairs Specialist Noelle Denke, and FPUD legal counsel Paula de Sousa Mills.

Filanc Alberici JV was awarded the construction contract in July 2019, and Filanc civil engineer Franz Schauer was also on the tour.

And this is a great way to get a visual of progress to date on the project," Bebee said.

Bebee and Schauer provided the information during the tour, which took approximately 90 minutes. It began at the FPUD administrative headquarters, and the participants caravanned to the treatment plant on Alturas Road.

After the construction is completed, the treatment plant will include iron and manganese removal tanks, reverse osmosis treatment, granular activated carbon treatment, and four 250-horsepower distribution pumps.

Most of the tour was by conference call from the participants' vehicles although those on the tour briefly left their automobiles to view the construction at the treatment plant.

"We just kind of got a bird's-eye view," Denke said.

The Santa Margarita Conjunctive

Use Project is being pursued by FPUD, Camp Pendleton, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and will enhance groundwater recharge and recovery capability within the lower Santa Margarita River basin by the development of a program to increase available water supplies for FPUD and Camp Pendleton.

"The project is important for Fallbrook because it will help us control our water costs and reduce water purchases from our wholesaler which continually has high rate increases," Bebee said.

The Camp Pendleton infrastructure will include piping to deliver the water to the boundary of the Naval Weapons Station and Fallbrook behind the FPUD solar facility site on Alturas Road.

Construction of the facilities from the NWS boundary is FPUD's responsibility. The water will be treated at the Alturas Road plant and delivered into FPUD's distribution system.

"From there we drove the route of the newly-installed pipeline," Denke said.

More than 7,000 feet of pipeline have been installed, which makes that task about 60% complete. The route from the treatment plant took the participants along Merida Drive, Hill Avenue, Almond Street, Palomino Road, and McDonald Road.

"From there the new pipe will be tied in to our existing water lines along Mission Road," Denke said.

After the Conjunctive Use Project water is conveyed to the Gheen Zone east of Stage Coach Lane, the Gheen Reservoir and the Martin Reservoir off of East Mission Road will be used to balance supply and demand. The previous Martin tank has been replaced with a larger welded steel tank, and the tour included the Gheen Reservoir which has



Fallbrook Public Utility District board members and dignitaries arrive at the new water treatment plant during a drive-thru tour of the new water treatment plant construction progress during a special board meeting, Nov. 10. Village News/Shane Gibson photos

a six million gallon capacity and the new Martin Reservoir which is currently empty but will be able to hold four million gallons.

If there is additional surplus water from the Conjunctive Use Project that supply will be conveyed to Red Mountain Reservoir.

As of the Nov. 10 date of the tour, 402 construction days had been completed. The Conjunctive Use Project is on schedule and is expected to be complete in early 2022. The board tour of the Conjunctive Use Project was the second such tour; the first one took place May 29.

A third tour is expected at a date to be determined. "The board is very interested in tours like this," Denke said.



FPUD water treatment plant construction manager Franz Schauer leads a conference call for guests staying in their vehicles in an effort to practice social distancing during a tour of the water treatment plant construction along the south end of Alturas Road in Fallbrook.



New water tanks of different sizes are installed at the FPUD water treatment plant construction site.



A variety of new water tanks are installed at the FPUD water treatment plant construction site.



A series of reverse osmosis water treatment filters is seen during a tour of the new FPUD water treatment plant construction.



FPUD senior engineer Aaron Cook, left, provides information to board members and dignitaries about the new water treatment plant during a tour of the construction's progress in Fallbrook.



The drive-thru tour of the FPUD water treatment facilities construction follows along the new pipeline route and ends at the new Martin reservoir off of East Mission Road near Fallen Leaf Lane.

HEALTH

County Medical Examiner releases midyear and annual reports

Yvette Urrea Moe
San Diego County Communications Office

The San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office released both midyear statistics comparing the first six months of 2020 to 2019 and its 2019 annual report.

“By releasing this level of data, we hope people can study risk factors and identify common issues and trends that could perhaps lead to discoveries and improvements in health that ultimately can save lives,” Dr. Steven Campman, interim chief medical examiner of San Diego, said.

Looking first at midyear figures, the department investigated 1,751 deaths through June this year compared to 1,674 in the same months last year, a 5% increase.

The medical examiner’s office investigates deaths that occur by accident, homicide, or suicide due to trauma or overdose, or undiagnosed or sudden, unexpected natural causes.

In cases where a person dies a natural death and is under a physician’s care, that physician will certify the death and the person does not then go to the medical examiner for further investigation.

Despite it being a pandemic year, it should be noted that relatively few COVID-19 deaths are represented in the midyear statistics. Deaths resulting from contagious diseases that pose a risk to the public such as COVID-19 are reportable to the medical examiner but are considered natural deaths and are therefore not always investigated further by the department if the person was already under the care of a physician.

The deaths due to COVID-19 that the medical examiner sees are

generally cases where the person had not sought any treatment for their illness, or the death was unexpected.

Through June, the department tested 104 decedents who had potential symptoms, signs, or risk factors for COVID-19 and seven came back positive for the virus, a 6.7 positivity rate.

The number of natural deaths did increase by 11% from 552 deaths in the first six months last year to 610 in the same time this year. Natural deaths in general are investigated by the department only when the death was sudden and unexpected or resulted from an undiagnosed medical condition.

In the midyear snapshot, accidental deaths make up the largest cause of cases, with 857 of 1,751 deaths from January through June. This is an increase of 2% compared to 838 in the first six months of 2019.

The category covers any kind of death from accidental injury or intoxication, including injuries from falls or car crashes, accidental drug overdoses, injuries from fires or environmental exposure such as hypothermia or hyperthermia, drowning and other unintentional injuries.

Within the accidental death category, unintentional overdose deaths due to illicit drugs, prescription medication and alcohol toxicity increased by 21% from 320 deaths in the first half of 2019 to 387 the first six months of this year.

Of those accidental overdoses, fentanyl-caused deaths increased by 126% comparing those same six months where there were 69 deaths in 2019 and 156 cases for the first six months of this year. Most often, overdose deaths from fentanyl are traced to counterfeit pills that resemble oxycodone or



Dr. Steven Campman takes a closer look at samples from a post-mortem examination. Village News/Courtesy photo

alprazolam.

The report also shows a decrease of 5% in the number of suicides, 198 this year compared to 209 in the same six months last year. Firearms were the leading method of death in 76 of the 198 deaths by suicide this year.

Homicides increased by 14% for the first half of the year, 59 compared to last year’s 52. In this category, firearms were again the leading method of deaths, 32 of the 59 deaths.

2019 Year-end Report

For all of 2019, accidental deaths overall comprised 50% of all department investigations. Within that category, unintentional overdoses from drugs – both prescription or illegal – and alcohol were, at 39%, the leading

cause of death. Accidental falls followed at 33% and then traffic-related fatalities at 19% were next as outlined in the department’s annual report.

While more than 23,000 deaths occurred in San Diego County in 2019, the data in this report is based on some 3,347 cases investigated by the department.

Among the accidental overdose or acute toxicity deaths, the number of cases involving fentanyl was 151 compared to 92 in 2018, an increase of 63% from 2018 to 2019.

Generally, all accidental drug and alcohol overdoses increased by 12% from 577 cases in 2018 to 645 cases in 2019. Methamphetamine was a factor in 59% of accidental overdose deaths. The department investigated 379

methamphetamine overdose cases in 2019 compared to 328 the previous year, a 16% increase.

Also of note, the report stated that suicides decreased by 8% in 2019 with 428 cases compared to 465 the previous year. Homicides rose 11% to 113 cases in 2019 compared to 102 in 2018.

Deaths from falls increased by 12% with 545 cases in 2019 compared to 488 in 2018. Blunt head trauma and hip/femur fracture were the leading cause of death in falls. Traffic-related deaths decreased by 5% from 2018 which had 316 deaths while 2019 saw 301 deaths.

The 2019 Annual Report, 2020 midyear report and previous reports are available at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/me/press/stats.html>.

Help isolated loved ones this holiday season

FALLBROOK – A phenomenon called “cabin fever” tends to set in around late autumn or in midwinter. Long hours of darkness coupled with cold, inclement weather often is a recipe for increased time spent indoors. For people who live alone, the effects of cabin fever might be more pronounced.

In addition to seasonal cabin fever, this year another factor comes into play: social distancing

and voluntary quarantine as a result of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Even those who may venture outside to socialize, particularly around the holiday season, may be hesitant or unable to do so to help prevent the spread of the virus. In these instances, friends and loved ones can mitigate feelings of isolation in various ways.

- Schedule video chats. Video conferencing apps have become



The isolation and feelings of loneliness related to cabin fever may be more pronounced with current social distancing precautions; friends and family can help alleviate these symptoms in a variety of ways. Village News/Courtesy photo

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the communication vehicles of choice during the era of social distancing. Different applications and services continue to evolve and help people stay in touch. Plan regular chats, either once or twice per week with isolated or vulnerable people. Try to organize a large group chat on the holiday itself so no one has to spend Christmas or Hanukkah alone.

- Drop off supplies. Even though supermarket shop-from-home and other delivery services have normalized somewhat since the start of the pandemic, treat individuals who may be isolated to some personalized attention. Put together care packages of supplies or holiday treats and deliver them in person so you can see the smiles that result from being able to visit with someone familiar.
- Send uplifting messages. Children or even adults can make personalized cards and mail them to loved ones at home or those who may be in long-term care facilities. Send

new mailings every week or two so that residents always have something to look forward to in the mail.

- Start a virtual club. A book club or another shared interest can be the catalyst for more frequent communication. A club puts everyone on the same page and enables them to come together, via phone or video chat, for a discussion.
- Ask for help learning a new skill. Along the same vein as a virtual club, lessons on everything from woodworking to crochet to making favorite holiday recipes can be conducted online. Give an isolated individual daily purpose and distraction by engaging him or her with online lessons.

Isolation and feelings of loneliness can affect anyone who normally suffers from cabin fever. However, this year it may be more pronounced, as it could be coupled with social distancing precautions that have already been in effect for some time.

County gets grant for Child Safety Seat Education Program

José A. Álvarez
*County of San Diego
Communications Office*

A new grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety will help the County Health & Human Services Agency teach parents and caregivers how to keep their children as safe as possible while riding in a vehicle.

The \$225,000, one-year grant will pay for a car seat education program that encourages the proper installation and use of child safety seats.

The grant funds the following activities:

- One-on-one appointments to inspect car seats
- Child safety seat education classes for parents and caregivers
- Child safety seats at no-cost to low-income families following education classes
- Child Passenger Safety Technician training and certification courses
- Work with community partners to promote child passenger safety education

Collaborate with law enforcement to increase occupant protection awareness

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 46% of car seats are misused.

“Car seats save lives,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Keeping children safe in a vehicle is as important as ever, and funding for car seat programs plays a vital role in ensuring the proper use of child safety seats.”

This safety campaign aligns with Live Well San Diego, the County’s vision for healthy, safe and thriving residents and communities.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information, contact Noemi Duenas from the Pacific Safety Center at 858-621-2313 ext. 114.



A \$225,000, one-year grant will pay for a car seat education program that encourages the proper installation and use of child safety seats.

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Parents of child killed by fentanyl meet with US drug czar in Ohio

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

When Matt Capeluoto spoke up for the first time when he took to the podium back in February to plead with the Temecula City Council to pay attention to the fentanyl problem, he couldn’t have known how far his fight would take him.

But after months of organizing, rallies and connecting with fellow parents who lost children when they unknowingly ingested fentanyl – a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine – he and his wife made their way to Ohio on Oct. 26 as part of a coalition to meet with James Carroll, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the United States.

They were two of seven California parents to attend the meeting as a coalition of 25 parents and advocates who recently formed a new organization called Coalition for Awareness of Synthetic Analogues.

The meeting in Columbus, Ohio included Carroll, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, Diocese of Columbus Bishop Robert Brennan,

Andy Wilson Senior, Advisor to Ohio Governor Mike Dewine; Carol O’Brien, Chief Counsel to AG Dave Yost, and Dr. Anahi Ortiz, Chief Medical Examiner Franklin County, Ohio.

Their purpose was to advocate on behalf of the children they had lost and the thousands of people dying from the drug each year.

“We were seated around tables that had been placed in a large rectangular formation with Mr. Carroll and his staff at the head,” Capeluoto wrote in a Facebook post. “Starting at the front we stood one at a time as our name, our child’s name, how old they were, and how they died (fentanyl poisoning), were read aloud. Most of us held a picture of our child as we were introduced. At the end of the introductions, you had 25 parents holding a picture of their child, standing and looking at Mr. Carroll. His empathy showed as he wiped the tears from his cheek.”

The Capeluotos were holding a photo of their daughter, Alexandra, a 2017 graduate of Great Oak High School who died in her parent’s home Dec. 23, 2019 after purchasing an illicit drug laced with fentanyl.

“The 12-hour-long marathon meeting was overwhelming to say the least,” Capeluoto said in his post. “The stories told and the information learned will live within me forever. As important as the public officials are that graciously attended this meeting, I was most compelled by being in a room with 25 other parents who know a pain like no other. It was not a ‘pity party.’ more just a comforting feeling. We laughed. We cried; we instantly formed the deepest of friendships.”

Village News held a teleconference call with Capeluoto and Michael Gray, father of Amanda, who died of fentanyl poisoning on Jan. 11, 2018. Gray headed the meeting in Ohio.

“These kids were not, for want of a better term, addicted to anything,” Gray said. “I try to avoid words like addict and addicted because I think it’s sort of a bit of a misnomer. I try to stick with substance use disorder. Our kids didn’t have a substance use disorder.”

“Five of us dads got together over the last year or so; we have similar stories,” Capeluoto said. “(We) didn’t feel that our kids fell

into the stereotypical drug addict that you could expect to die from a traditional drug overdose. Now we’re all very close friends, tied together by our kids.”

Gray said the group came together through the sharing of their stories and formed to combat what he calls the “new paradigm.”

“It occurred very, very suddenly in 2013,” Gray said. “There’s this paradigm shift that occurred in 2013 ... it is statistically valid to look at the fact that deaths occurred at an incredible rate in 2014 because of that paradigm shift; it was fentanyl from China and it happened in 2013. Which is quite different from 1922 to 2012.

“What happened in 2013? Everything changed. Everything you knew about drugs, drug use, drug abuse ... kind of needs to go out the window, because everything’s so much different.”

Capeluoto agreed, saying had any of the kids of parents involved in the group taken the drugs they intended to take prior to 2013, “they would be alive today, because there would not have been fentanyl.”

Makers of the illegal street drugs are cutting fentanyl into drugs like

Oxycontin, Oxycodone, Xanax, cocaine, and heroin to get addicts hooked faster and it’s resulting in a startling amount of deaths.

Last week, San Diego County health officials revealed a sharp increase in fentanyl overdose deaths, with such fatalities rising by 126% in the first six months of 2020 over a comparable period in 2019.

In 2016, there were 10 overdoses related to fentanyl in Riverside County. In 2017, that number grew to 28 overdose deaths. In 2018, there were 53.

In 2019, according to numbers still being calculated by the Riverside Overdose Data to Action team assembled by Riverside University Health System – Public Health, 122 could be attributed to the inclusion of fentanyl in overdose deaths.

“In terms of specifically for fentanyl, it’s really scary,” Wendy Hetherington, chief of epidemiology and program evaluation/vital records for Riverside Overdose Data to Action at RCPH, said. “If you look at our fentanyl overdoses, we had five,

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COVID-19 fatigue causing cases to skyrocket

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Too many San Diegans are failing to take sufficient measures to protect themselves from getting or passing COVID-19.

That’s the explanation County health officials gave Nov. 16 for the record number of COVID-19 cases that have been reported recently.

Over the last seven days, the number of COVID-19 cases skyrocketed, reaching a record 1,087 cases Nov. 14 and followed by 833 cases Nov. 15. More than 600 cases have been reported every single day in the past week. In the last seven days, 5,031 cases were reported, compared to 3,161 the previous week.

“Exactly a month ago, we sounded the alarm about the possibility of entering the purple tier and last Tuesday we confirmed that we had moved to the most restrictive tier. I had hoped those warnings would lead to a new trend in our personal and collective behavior,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer “Over the last weeks, we have seen the results of what can happen when we relax our personal behaviors and let down our guard.”

COVID-19 cases have been drastically increasing across the region, the state and the nation. California is now a sea of purple with 41 counties being in the most restrictive Purple Tier.

That’s why county health officials are strongly urging San Diegans to follow the public health guidance. That includes:

- Wearing a face covering
- Staying six feet apart from others outside your household
- Washing your hands frequently
- Avoiding crowds, gatherings

or groups

- Staying home if you are sick

The county is stepping up its enforcement efforts to make sure businesses and other entities are following the local health order.

The county will be issuing more cease and desist orders to local businesses for failure to comply. If businesses continue to ignore the public health order, the county will issue closure orders. A list of cease and desist orders now available at www.coronavirus-sd.com.

Additionally, letters were issued to all local law enforcement agencies asking them to help enforce the local health order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and drive the number of cases down.

Thanksgiving guidance

The county has issued COVID-19 guidance for Thanksgiving and other upcoming holidays.

For Thanksgiving, the following is recommended:

- Remote events with family and friends, such as a virtual dinner, sharing recipes, a virtual turkey trot or online game
- Televised or live streaming events at home with members of your own household
- Outdoor orchards, food markets, and seasonal craft fairs where state guidance is followed

State metrics:

- San Diego County’s state-calculated, adjusted case rate is currently 10.7 cases per 100,000 residents and the region is in Purple Tier or Tier 1.
- Indoor operations at restaurants, gyms, places of worship and movie theaters are not allowed.
- The testing positivity percentage is 4.2%, placing it in Tier 3 or the Orange Tier.
- The county’s health equity

metric, which looks at the testing positivity for areas with the lowest healthy conditions, is 6.5% and it’s in the Red Tier or Tier 2. This metric does not move counties to more restrictive tiers but is required to advance.

Community Setting Outbreaks:

- Seven new community outbreaks were confirmed on Nov. 15: five in restaurant/bar settings, one in a restaurant setting and one in a business setting.
- Eight community outbreaks were confirmed Nov. 14: two in restaurant/bar settings, two in business settings, one in a restaurant setting, one in a daycare/preschool/childcare setting, one in a healthcare setting and one in a government setting.
- Two community outbreaks were confirmed Nov. 13: one in a food processing setting and one in an emergency services setting.
- In the past seven days (Nov. 9 through Nov. 15), 49 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.

Testing

- 14,998 tests were reported to the county on Nov. 15, and the percentage of new laboratory-confirmed cases was 6%.
- The 14-day rolling average percentage of positive cases is 4.3%. Target is less than 8.0%.
- The 7-day, daily average of tests is 14,685.
- People with and without symptoms who are at higher

risk for COVID-19 should be tested. Healthcare and essential workers should also get a test, as well as people who had close contact to a positive case or live in communities that are being highly impacted.

Cases:

- 833 new cases were confirmed among San Diego County residents on Nov. 15. The region’s total is now 65,601.
- 4,212 or 6.4% of all cases have required hospitalization.
- 960 or 1.5% of all cases and 22.8% of hospitalized cases had to be admitted to an intensive care unit.
- A new COVID-19 case rate map shows how local cities and

communities are being impacted by the virus.

Deaths:

- No new deaths were reported in the County on Nov. 14 or Nov. 15. The region’s total remains at 926.
- Five deaths were reported Nov. 13.
- Four women and one man died between Nov. 1 and Nov. 11. Their ages ranged from late 40s to late 80s.
- All had underlying medical conditions.

The California Department of Public Health assesses counties on a weekly basis. The next report is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24.



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BUSINESS

Pro-Tire in Fallbrook approaches its 34th anniversary

Christal Gaines-Emory
Intern

In December of 1986, Gary Shimer began his business, Indy Performance Pro-Tire & Automotive, in order to provide the community with fast and reliable automotive services. Shimer and his employees have since built strong relationships with the public and say they are very proud to serve Fallbrook.

Pro-Tire & Auto provides many different automotive services, such as oil changes, and engine repair besides tire services. On an average day, they provide multiple sets of tire replacements and rotations as well as oil changes on cars and service work. The services they provide have been very helpful to the public, and Shimer believes that their customers are very satisfied with the care they receive at Pro-Tire & Auto.

“Our customers are loyal,”

Shimer said. “It’s more like a friendship rather than a client relationship.”

Shimer said she loves running this business because of the people in Fallbrook. The community has been terrific, and he loves being able to help the residents.

“We’ve been here a while and we’ve established relationships. We’ve formed strong bonds. People know that they can count on us,” he said. “They know we’ll be here tomorrow.”

When Shimer first started Pro-Tire & Auto, it was slow at first but business has grown since then. He said that he’s happy to see how the business has grown year after year, and he’s excited to see the business grow even more.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pro-Tire & Auto was able to stay open because it is considered an essential business and there are only four other employees right now. Shimer



Indy Performance Pro-Tire & Automotive employees Chris Ponce and Eric Balandran, Village News/Courtesy photo in back, and Gary Shimer, with wife Sue, pose in front of their shop at 1367 S. Mission Road.

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is very thankful that he was able to continue providing services to the public.

“Cars have to keep running no matter what. We were very fortunate,” he said. “However, there was a domino effect. Many people couldn’t go to work so they weren’t using their cars as often, we definitely lost some business here. Everyone has been really impacted by the shutdown.”

Shimer said he is very grateful that he and his employees were

able to continue working, they feel very lucky despite losing some traffic flow to the business.

Shimer is staying optimistic during these times, he hopes to continue moving forward and get back to normal someday soon.

They will celebrate their 34th year this year in December, and Shimer is eager to see what the future holds. One of his goals for next year is to continue to grow and accommodate all of the loyal customers Pro-Tire & Auto has

acquired over the years.

Shimer said he loves Fallbrook and he loves the way this community welcomed Pro-Tire & Auto. He said the customers are loyal and dependable, and he’s very happy that they have put their trust in him and his business.

“This is a wonderful town with terrific people,” he said. “I feel very lucky to be a part of it.”

Pro-Tire & Auto is located at 1367 S. Mission Road and can be reached at 760-723-TIRE (8473).

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Motorcyclist accidents happen



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Did you know? California has the largest number of motorcycles among all 50 states. Makes sense; California is the most populous state of all 50, too. With great year-round weather and tons of views from north to south, it’s not difficult to imagine why so many people invest in a motorcycle as an alternative mode of travel. With the hot summer weather behind us and the temperate days of autumn here, there’s sure to be even more motorcycles on the road.

Not so fast. Not everything is smooth sailing, and we wouldn’t be writing this article if it was. Motorcycles come with their own slew of concerns. No one gets into

a motor vehicle without some risk. Now imagine that tenfold on the back of a motorcycle. We’re not biased.

In 2019, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the number of deaths on motorcycles was almost 27 times the number in cars, despite motorcyclists accounting for fewer drivers. With less protection around them and getting lost in traffic, motorcyclists have a higher risk of serious injury or fatality when an accident occurs. And they do. Accidents happen and are a very real part of day-to-day life. Put a bare-bones motorcycle against a several-ton motor vehicle and ... well, you get the picture.

With that in mind, you might say motorcycle accidents are a “different beast.” You’d be correct. When a motorcycle accident happens, you’ll need and want an attorney with the expertise to handle the difficulties that come with it.

These include accident reconstruction, notably the location of the involved vehicles to account for blind spots, safe following distance, weather conditions, road debris or poor maintenance and more; safe driving habits, including allowing correct distance between vehicles, keeping safe stopping gaps, following speed limits or right of way violations on behalf of the passenger vehicle or motorcyclist and the driving experience and mental capacity

of both parties, particularly the motorcyclist.

While described as a leisure activity, riding a motorcycle requires hypervigilance and more skill than a passenger vehicle. An attorney that utilizes your background paves the way for a stronger claim if an accident occurs.

Does any of that sound complicated? If yes, that’s good. You’re realizing the importance of finding the right attorney when it matters most, such as when you or a loved one’s health and future are in play.

Motorcycle injury claims can carry higher medical costs or more pain and suffering than other accidents. It means choosing an attorney should be done with absolute confidence in what they can do for you and your loved ones.

Yes, of course, enjoy this beautiful autumn weather. But be safe, play it safe and stay safe – and if things have already gone awry, don’t fret, one phone call to The Zucker Law Firm can put things back on track.

Life pro tip: wear a helmet. Per the NHTSA, helmets reduce the risk of death by 37%. We like those chances, and you should too.

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Vallecitos declares equipment surplus

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Vallecitos School District has declared computer equipment and other items to be surplus to the district’s needs.

The declaration of surplus must be approved by the school district board and, on Nov. 10, the board voted 5-0 to declare surplus 47 Acer Chromebook computers, 21 Acer chargers, a shed in the district barn, and eight projectors.

The California Education Code allows a school district, with approval by the board, to sell or otherwise dispose of what is classified as personal property (as opposed to real property) if that property needs replacement

or is unsatisfactory or otherwise unsuitable for school use.

The shed and the projectors were deemed not worth repairing, and the school district might sell those at auction if no alternative arrangements for purchase or donations are made.

The computers will likely be donated. “We’re working with an organization called Computers for Kids,” said Vallecitos School District Superintendent Maritza Koeppen, who is also the principal of Vallecitos Elementary School.

“It’s good to see them get some use,” said board president Michael Darnley.

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Safely give your time and money to charities – even in a pandemic

Brent Wakefield
Special to Village News

This holiday season, charitable giving and volunteering will look a lot different, thanks to COVID-19. The need for volunteers and donations is greater than ever as millions more people than usual struggle amid the pandemic’s economic disruption.

Unfortunately, many who usually volunteer around the holidays may be unsure about doing so this year, given the risk of contracting the coronavirus, and the fact that their usual volunteering traditions through school, houses of worship or other organizations might be disrupted.

On top of that, scammers will emerge as they usually do this time of year to take advantage of well-meaning San Diegans.

So, what’s a giving person to do? Thankfully, you can still safely give your time and money to charities this holiday season, as long as you keep

the following tips in mind when donating to a cause or nonprofit organization:

1. Do your research. There are a variety of online resources that provide free access to comprehensive reports about nonprofit organizations. Start by looking at the California Attorney General’s Registry of Charitable Trusts (<http://www.oag.ca.gov/charities>), the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance (<http://www.give.org>), Guidestar (<http://www.guidestar.com>) and Charity Navigator (<http://www.charitynavigator.org>).
2. Ask questions. Real charities are able to tell you how they use their donations, what portion of your contribution will go directly to their services and provide you with a 990 tax form. If they cannot give you this information, don’t give them your money.
3. Donate food and other items – but only give what charities ask for. Many charities, including shelters

and food banks, have lists on their website of the types of clothing items, food, household goods and other things they need for the people they serve.

If you are looking for new ways to volunteer this holiday season, here are some ideas:

1. Find out how an organization you’re interested in is taking COVID-19 precautions. Are they enforcing social distancing, mask-wearing and other precautions for in-person volunteers? The charity’s volunteer directors should be able to tell you what safety measures are in place.
2. Volunteer from home. Many organizations need virtual volunteers to tutor children, give language lessons to adults, and reach out to people in need, among many other tasks. This is a great way to give your time if you don’t feel comfortable leaving your home.
3. Check in on your neighbors. You don’t have to volunteer with a specific organization to give

back to your community. Check in on your neighbors, especially if they’re elderly, disabled or immunocompromised. Offer to run errands for them or pick up their groceries, or even just lend a listening ear if you know they are lonely.

4. Volunteer as a delivery driver. If you want to take “checking on your neighbors” up a notch, volunteer with an organization like Meals on Wheels San Diego County as a delivery driver. Meals on Wheels provides more than just home-cooked, nutritious meals: volunteers provide services like light home repairs and pet food delivery – and they’re often the only person a client sees all day. It makes all the difference for older adults who are living alone and socially isolated.

This year, I hope that San Diegans with a giving spirit will consider giving time and money to help seniors in need, who need our help more than ever amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Meals on Wheels San Diego County has seen an increase of nearly 50% in the number of older adults receiving home-delivered meals and other services since social distancing restrictions took effect. We need volunteers to meet this demand and to provide a critical link to more assistance for isolated seniors cut off from their family, friends and support systems.

No matter how you choose to give your time and money this holiday season, know that you can make a difference as long as you’re smart about your donations and stay safe while you volunteer.

Brent Wakefield is the president and CEO of Meals on Wheels San Diego County, a nonprofit organization that supports the independence and well-being of seniors in need by delivering them nutritious meals. To see how you can get involved with Meals on Wheels, visit <http://www.meals-on-wheels.org>.

George Plumbing receives Torch Award for Ethics

FALLBROOK – The Better Business Bureau has named George Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning as a winner of the 2020 BBB Torch Awards for Ethics in Southern California.

This esteemed recognition raises awareness in marketplace ethics, and honors businesses who operate with integrity. Winners in each category were announced Oct. 28.

“This achievement is not only a dream come true for my own career aspirations, but also a reflection of a lifetime of hard work put in by the generation before us who established this company based off ethics and excellence in the trades. My father, George Slaven, founded the company in 1984 but died tragically in a work-related accident in 2009. Together as a team of family and friends, we carried the torch of our family business after his untimely

passing. We are proud to honor him by continuing his legacy of excellence in the industry, and look forward to serving the community for many years to come,” CEO Marie Wade said.

The BBB Torch Awards for Ethics were established to recognize outstanding businesses that maintain a solid commitment to ethics and trust in the marketplace. Companies are selected by an independent panel of volunteer community leaders based on criteria established by the international Association of Better Business Bureaus.

All winners completed an evaluation where they demonstrated their commitment to ethics in six categories: Transformation at the Top; Leadership Commitment to Ethical Practices; Reinforce & Build; Communications of Ethical Practices; Unite the Team;

Leadership Practices to Unify the Organization; Steer Performance; Organizational Commitment to Performance Management Practices; Treasure People: Organizational Commitment to Ethical Human Resource Practices and Enthusiastically Re-invest!; Organizational Commitment to the Community.

“This has been a difficult year for businesses, and doing the right thing is not always easy. These companies have demonstrated a commitment to ethical business practices even in the most difficult times,” Shelley Bradley, BBB director of programs and special events, said. “This year’s winners represent BBB’s community of trustworthy businesses that operate with integrity at the forefront.”

BBB made the critical decision to pivot this year’s in-person celebratory event to a virtual



Marie and David Wade, owners o George Plumbing, Heating and Air, display their 2020 BBB Torch Award for Ethics in Southern California.

format as an ongoing commitment to keep up our community safe and healthy. Throughout November, winners will be celebrated through a visual digital campaign on BBB’s social media channels.

View a complete list of this

year’s BBB Torch Awards for Ethics Finalists and Winners at <http://torchawards.bbbcommunity.org>.

Submitted by George Plumbing.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Artful gifts can be found at the Fallbrook Art Center



A variety of arts and crafts are represented by the items available for holiday shopping at the art center.

FALLBROOK – Art of the Holidays runs through Dec. 24, at the Doris E. De Haan Fallbrook Art Center in The Janice Griffiths Gallery. Artful gifts are available from a wide array of affordably priced, unique handcrafted gifts, created by over 42 regional artisans. The stock is replenished continuously, so there are new offerings on a daily basis. Jewelry, functional glassware, wearable art, accessories, functional and decorative wood, ceramics, greeting

cards, glass mosaics, hand blown and fused glass and a wide variety of glass, ceramic, wood and mixed media ornaments are also on sale. Art of the Holiday is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, from noon to 3 p.m. The show and parking are free. COVID-19 safety protocols require facial coverings for everyone and temperature monitoring. A limit of 50 visitors in the gallery and social distancing is required.



The Art of the Holidays show includes knitted and crocheted ornaments.

The art center is located at 103 S. Main Avenue at Alvarado St. For other information on the show, supporting programs or volunteering, call 760-728-1414 or visit <http://www.fallbrookartcenter.org>.



Fall decor is part of the Art of the Holidays at the Fallbrook Art Center.



Wood pieces crafted by Jan Greenwald are on exhibit in the Art of the Holidays show through Dec. 24.

Also showing, in The Salon and Lehmann galleries is “Elemental Beauty” – original works by Nick Potter. The elemental beauty of nature, its colors and sensational

concepts synergize to create abstract layers of visually appealing art to invoke emotion. Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Center.

Now playing in online theatres



John Adams (Rosina Reynolds), right, instructs his 9-year-old son, John Quincy Adams (Crystal Lucas-Perry), to be good and do good in the play “JQA.”



Jesse Perez, left, and Larry Bates play several different characters in “JQA” with the red coat always worn by the actor portraying John Quincy Adams in that particular scene.

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to The Village News

Online theatre is a bargain. It only requires the purchase of one ticket for the entire family to watch the performance in the comfort of your home.

Currently streaming at San Diego Rep is “JQA” (John Quincy Adams). It is another re-imagined historical play about presidents. This starts with our third president, John Adams, and his 9-year-old son, John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, with focus on the latter and his long political career.

Written by award winning playwright Aaron Posner, “JQA,” as cast by Director Sam Woodhouse, is confusing. The four actors, Crystal Lucas-Perry, Jesse Perez, Larry Bates, and Rosina Reynolds play multiple parts, yet the only person correctly portrayed both gender wise and ethnically

happens to be Frederick Douglass. Extended until Nov. 29, “JQA” is available for streaming from San Diego Rep. Visit SDRRep.org to view the show through Sunday, Nov. 29. Unfortunately, this production did not live up to expectations. Rated 6 out of 10. Do not despair. Maestro Hershey

Felder as Claude Debussy can be seen via streaming in “A Paris Love Story” Sunday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. PST. He never disappoints! One ticket from SDRRep.org is good for the entire family. Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal can be reached at eyoungman@reedermedia.com.

FENTANYL

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maybe, a year since 2013 and then starting in 2015 the number of fentanyl overdoses doubled. Then, 2019, our most recent year, it pretty much skyrocketed.” Gray explained how much different the issue of drug use in America is with the opioid epidemic and how it relates to fentanyl and plant-based drugs such as heroin. “Fentanyl is a whole different animal, because there is the option of the dealer and the trafficker to sell plant-based opiates, which are infinitely less dangerous,” he said. “Heroin is orders of magnitude less dangerous than synthetic opioids. They have a choice to make whether to sell that infinitely dangerous, lethal chemical. And they’re choosing it at a terrifying pace. “Why? Because there’s a scale out there. Every businessman makes a decision on that scale. Everything we do gets subjected

to scale of risk/reward type sales on the scale. “Something needs to be done because they’re using what is the worst chemical warfare agent that is available to rogue terrorist nations and they’re selling it as a recreational drug on our streets. Killing people at a rate that’s just breathtaking.” Gray said they are working on how to shift the dynamic of the supply side of the issue. “There’s really nothing we can do on the demand side, because those kids aren’t using regularly, they’re not addicted, there’s no treatment that’s going to help them,” he said. “They went to a party once. All we can do on that sort of the analog of the demand side is to get a lot of awareness out there. “The good thing about Amanda and Alex and Daniel and Charlie and Eddie is that they didn’t have their minds tortured by long term drug use. They had their sense about them. If they really appreciated the danger of that decision they made, they wouldn’t have made it, there’s no question. None of them would

have made it.” Gray said they want to replace a lot of the “demand side work” – treatment, medically assisted, harm reduction, drug diversion programs – and replace those with awareness campaigns. He said there is a law enforcement component to the problem, but he said he thinks it goes higher than that. “It’s really a trafficking issue, not a street-dealing issue, so by definition it’s those traffickers that we’re going after and more importantly, it’s a trade issue with China,” Gray said. “Because it’s all coming from them, and it’s all illegal, and it’s all done intentionally. “You have to start at the trafficking level, by the time it gets to the street, there’s probably not a lot we can do.” The two men were worried a bit about impending changes that could happen when and if a new administration takes over in Washington D.C., but they are committed to continuing the fight regardless.

“What we’re trying to do is create this think tank, NGO type of organization that will give people the sort of position statements and various things,” Gray said. “Bring back what our affiliates are working on and work that into position statements. They will work at the local level and we will work not only at the national level but at the local level as well.” Capeluoto has helped to create a drug-induced homicide organization to pressure the state of California to create laws that will enable district attorneys to charge drug dealers with crimes more akin to murder. “I think it’s got the potential to really go like wildfire across the country,” Gray said. Capeluoto said he has been working on a proposal with local lawmakers that will be released within weeks regarding a new rule that can be used by prosecutors to impose stiffer penalties and charges against drug dealers. Gray has proposed treating people charged with distributing fentanyl similarly to charges

brought against people using weapons of mass destruction or terrorism. “We can bring some accountability to the normal putting people at risk drug dealing, but have that big slammer of terrorism, chemical warfare agent person who really is doing that,” Gray said. “I think we have to thread that needle and I think we can. I think we can.” The men said they are making headway on the issue with lawmakers, even if sometimes their bills don’t make it through in state government. “The bill that we failed on in the 115th Congress, basically I got so many congressional members to come around and understand the problem through all the debate of that bill,” Gray said. Editor’s note: To read more about the fentanyl epidemic in our communities and throughout the nation, visit www.villagenews.com and search “fentanyl.” Jeff Pack can be reached by email at jpack@reedermedia.com.

EDUCATION

Palomar opens its campus doors to marginalized people

SAN MARCOS – Following the turbulent 1960s and 70s, Palomar College took its first steps toward overturning systemic racism with the creation of the first academic departments dedicated to multicultural studies.

But the campus was still inaccessible to many within the Palomar Community College District who didn’t speak English, or whose ethnic identity left them feeling isolated from higher education.

The next steps in Palomar’s progress would include the expansion of English as a Second Language and a number of other programs and initiatives that brought the idea of inclusion and diversity to the forefront of campus life.

“For decades, many people here at Palomar College worked together to realize their shared vision of a campus that is truly inclusive and welcoming of all people,” said Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Jack Kahn. “We do well to remember how much time and effort it took to open the doors of this institution to the whole community in a meaningful way.”

With each step, from ESL classes to the Pride Center to a series of campus events known as Tarde de Familia, Palomar opened its doors wider to those who had previously been kept out.

A more robust ESL Program

Prior to the adoption of the federal Immigration Act of 1965, ESL instruction was closely tied to citizenship requirements.

Patricia Zevin, the first ESL Department Chair at Palomar, recalled that in 1969, “Palomar College Bilingual Centers were initiated as a community program designed to meet the language needs of 13 Spanish-speaking mothers enrolled in ESL.”

By 1977, Palomar was operating Bilingual Centers in San Marcos, Escondido and Fallbrook. The program continued to grow and, in 1986, added citizenship and other classes to enable students to meet U.S. residency requirements under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. In 1994, enrollment had grown to nearly 1,900 students.

Throughout the last 40-plus years, the program steadily expanded to include more services, reach more off-campus locations, and serve more of North County’s growing Spanish-language population.

“A lot of the process is trying to take away the barriers people encounter,” said Palomar’s ESL Department Chair, Tracy Fung. “The college has shown strong support for our ESL students, who are extremely diverse. All of that is key to supporting the most vulnerable students in our community.”

Most recently, Fung said, the program has expanded its non-credit offerings – courses and programs designed for students who want to learn English but don’t need academic credit. One ESL class has also been added

that fulfills a college composition requirement, equivalent to ENG 100. “That’s a huge step for our college: transfer-level composition with English language support,” she said.

Today, the ESL program includes dozens of employees, including faculty, advisors, and staff who help with registration and other processes that can be a barrier for those who don’t speak English and aren’t familiar with the higher education system.

There are ESL offices at the main campus and the Fallbrook and Escondido education centers. And, under normal circumstances, Palomar provides ESL classes in a wide variety of community locations across the district.

Maritza Koeppen, Superintendent of the Vallecitos School District in Rainbow, said that Palomar started providing ESL classes at her district’s location just south of Temecula two nights a week after she met with Dr. Kahn to request ESL support.

“We feel like being able to support your child is important for their success, and parents who are eager to learn English may not have the time to go to school during the day,” said Koeppen. “I think the benefit really is for them to be able to support their kids, and also communicate in English with people in the community.”

Koeppen said her staff promoted the program to parents, but also at the commercial nurseries near the school in Rainbow Valley. In her previous capacity as Director of Special Programs for the San Marcos Unified School District, she worked closely with Palomar’s ESL program, and she said she sees the college as a force for positive change in the communities it serves.

“I’ve always appreciated Palomar’s involvement, its willingness to participate, and its diversity,” said Koeppen.

Reaching out to local families: Tarde de Familia

Alongside the rapid expansion of ESL programs, faculty and staff on campus began to identify a new set of needs to be met outside of the classroom.

When Rodolfo Jacobo arrived at Palomar in 2011, he recalled, “A lot of the students in my Chicano Studies courses reminded me of myself at their age – first-generation college students, working while taking classes. When I would ask them about transferring, not many of them would raise their hands.”

“I knew that education was the key to breaking the cycle of limitations and low income,” said Jacobo, who is now the chair of the Multicultural Studies Department.

So in his second year, Jacobo created a series of Palomar-hosted events – one per semester – to help give students and their families a vision of what higher education can do for them. Tarde de Familia, as it is still known, began humbly, with about 25 people at the first event: “Then it began to grow,” said Jacobo.



Palomar College’s Tarde de Familia program brings students’ families on campus to give them a vision of what higher education can do for them.

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“The idea was to have an event where Latino professionals, who came from the same background as my students and myself, would speak to them,” he recalled. “We began to go out and invite Latino professionals from different careers – engineers, firefighters, people with MBAs.”

They were asked to discuss their backgrounds, college experiences – especially what it takes to overcome obstacles – and their professional careers.

“The goal was not only to help students see themselves in the future, but also to create a network,” said Jacobo. “I would tell my students, ‘I want you to go up after the talk, engage with these professionals, and get their business card.’”

The other aspect of the program – and what provided its Familia name – was inviting parents to participate.

“We really felt it was important for the parents to come to campus and feel that they had some ownership of the academic space themselves,” said Jacobo. “When I was in college, my mom and dad felt really disconnected from the system. It was very important to invite parents to come and meet the faculty, see the campus where their sons and daughters were taking classes.”

Jacobo recalled that, when Dr. Kahn came to Palomar as an academic dean, he invited him to Tarde de Familia.

“We had about 140 people show up. We didn’t fit in the room,” recalled Jacobo. “Dr. Kahn took this to the next level – he said, ‘This is a great thing, let’s do it in a bigger space and bring in more resources.’ We began to have 300, 400, even 600 people show up.”

At the same time, Palomar was taking the program off campus, to other strategic locations, including Vista.

Collaborative support from the Pride Center

As the effort to dismantle racism and exclusion gained momentum at Palomar, it drew support from various groups, including the Pride Center, whose supporters have been an active and vocal presence on campus.

In the late 2000s, a group of students, faculty and staff formed the Palomar College Committee to Combat Hate (PC3H), which was focused on supporting the LGBTQ population on campus.

Many of the problems the committee was confronting were shared by other groups, and from the beginning, said Pride Center Director Abbie Cory, her team was collaborating with the Black Student Union, M.E.Ch.A. and other race- and ethnicity-based organizations.

“People of color have always been part of the LGBTQ community at Palomar and other places,” Cory said. “We frequently have queer people-of-color discussion groups, and we try to think, plan and program with all of our various constituents in mind.”

Cory, whose Pride Center has grown from a single small faculty office to a 600 square-foot space, said that she is encouraged by the antiracist efforts now underway at the college.

“I think since the events of this past summer, we are making amazing change,” she said. “I see all of the statements of support for the antiracist work that is happening on campus, and Dr. Kahn and other leaders are doing so much to support people of color and lead that change.”

New directions, new opportunities: ALASS

In the last several years, as Tarde de Familia saw participation rise sharply, a team of Palomar faculty and staff launched ALASS, the Association of Latinos and Allies for Student Success.

“It was a way of connecting the community to Palomar College,” said Izabel Solis, Counseling

Services Supervisor and the president of ALASS until last spring. “We want our Latino students to feel that our campus belongs to them – that they belong here.”

Together, the group created new events, like the Undocumented Student Week of Action, and continues to strategize about how best to create a welcoming campus for students like Dreamers, whose residency status under the DREAM Act has recently been threatened.

Leslie Aguilar, who serves as an Outreach Specialist in Palomar’s Extended Opportunity Programs & Services, said that ALASS is focused on helping students see what education can do for them.

“In the last couple of months, there has been an open dialogue (within the campus community) about the experiences of different cultures,” said Aguilar. “We’ve also been talking about how we can shed light on those voices that maybe didn’t have a place to voice their concerns.”

“We want to make sure every student feels that their culture and their needs are reflected in the campus experience,” added Aguilar.

“It’s amazing, the work that Palomar has started,” said Solis. “However, we still have a lot of work to do. But people are willing to learn and willing to share what they learn – and that’s a big accomplishment.”

A brighter future on the way

Those who were involved in the effort to open Palomar’s campus in the 1990s, ‘00s and ‘10s say that the work often advanced without much fanfare.

But whether it was taking ESL classes into the community, partnering with allies at the Pride Center, or bringing families together to celebrate higher education, their efforts positioned Palomar College to become a truly inclusive and welcoming place for all students.

Parents can exercise caution with youth-based social apps

FALLBROOK – Internet access is no longer limited to desktop or laptop computers. World Advertising Research Center, using data from mobile trade body GSMA, says almost three-quarters of internet users, or roughly 3.7 billion people, will access the internet exclusively via smartphones by 2025.

Young people are one of the largest demographics utilizing smartphones today. A Common Sense Media survey says just over half of children in the United States now own a smartphone by the age of 11. In addition, 84 percent of teenagers have their own phones. Most youth grew up with the internet, and they have embraced a variety of apps, particularly social media apps, that connect them to the world.

Social media certainly can be an asset, but it has inherent risks, such as making kids easy targets for identity theft or sexual predators. Other apps expose users to explicit, unfiltered content. Parents must educate themselves about the popular apps their tweens and teens may be using and weigh their pros and cons. Here’s a list of apps every parent should know in 2020.

- TikTok: This app (formerly Musical.ly) is designed for creating and sharing short videos,

notably music videos. Users are urged to express their creativity, and special effects can be added. While the minimum age for use is 13, there is no real way to validate users’ ages so anyone can download the app. Parents say the videos are plagued by inappropriate language and content, including pornographic material. Also, some have warned that when sexual predators are identified, the app is slow to flag and remove these users.

- Kik: This is a cross-platform messaging app that enables users to chat anonymously without the need for phone service. Users also can share most digital media and video chat with one another. Forbes reports that Kik has had issues with child exploitation and sexual harassment.
- Tellonym: The web resource FamilyEducation says this messenger app allows kids to ask and answer questions anonymously, purporting to be the “most honest place on the internet.” Cyber bullying and violent threats are common, according to watchdog groups.
- MeetMe: This social app advertises its ability to have users meet new people through



messages, video calls and live streams. With no option to set privacy limitations, users can freely view other profiles within the vicinity. Also, reaching out to others and viewing profiles generates in-app reward incentives.

• Bigo Live: Common Sense Media says this app is like YouTube and Twitch in that Bigo Live lets users stream live videos of themselves that others can see and comment on in real time. People also can send and receive “beans,” which are virtual gifts that cost real money. The warning is that Bigo has a lot of mature content and predatory commentary.

Yolo: Yolo is an easy add-on for Snapchat, which also is a popular app among children. Yolo lets users ask anonymous questions and receive feedback. The anonymity of commentary can be a recipe for bullying, trolling and hurt feelings.

Parents can safeguard their children by monitoring internet access and understanding popular apps used by today’s youth.



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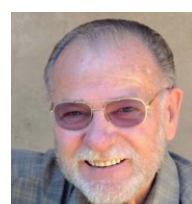
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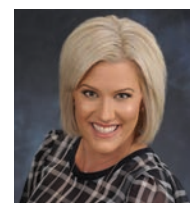
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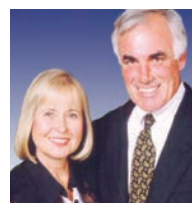
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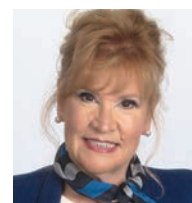
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