

Feb. 8 is deadline for applicants for second opening on FUHSD board

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

The most prominent item on the Fallbrook Union High School District website's main page is the notice of two vacancies on the five-member board of trustees.

No one ran for the position in Area 2 in the November election and the district continues to look for candidates to be considered for appointment. The area covers most of the southern part of Camp Pendleton and no one has applied for the post. Superintendent Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez said the district is awaiting word from the state on a waiver so it can continue to seek candidates.

In Area 1, Courtney Hilborn won the election and was sworn in during the Dec. 12 organizational meeting. Four days later, on Dec. 16, she sent a letter to Eddie Jones, board president, saying she was resigning immediately. Then on Jan. 3, she made it official by notifying Paul Gothold, superintendent of the San Diego County Office of Education.

The Village News attempted to reach Hilborn by phone and email to discover why she resigned, but there was no response. The other candidate in that election, Jim Dooley, chose not to respond to the question of if he would apply for the position.

At the Jan. 24 meeting of the school board, the three remaining board members voted unanimously to open the period of Jan. 25 to Feb. 8 for applicants in Area 1, which covers the northern part of Camp Pendleton, De Luz, and most of the northern region to I-15. A link to a map of the district is available on the district web page, as well as application forms.

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Wind knocks down 50 foot tree



One of seven Australian Flame Trees that blew down in strong winds overnight Sunday, Jan. 22/Monday, Jan. 23, blocks the driveway of its homeowners. No damage was done to anything and they were able to get it cut up that Monday. This tree was 50 feet tall and was located between Santa Margarita and Stage Coach. Village News/Marci Eisenstadt photo

Local woman fights for justice

Julie Reeder
Publisher

The case is DN 176837 Karie McEwen vs. Michael McEwen; Karie McEwen is alleging that her ex-husband, Michael McEwen, has presented fraudulent documents to the court, giving him a windfall in their divorce settlement. Judges, attorneys, and court clerks have also alleged with Karie McEwen that someone, likely Mr. McEwen, in this case has produced fraudulent documents.

However, both parties are alleging that the other filed the fraudulent paperwork. Village News attempted to contact Mr. McEwen through his work website and by phone, but had no response. We did receive a copy of his Response Declaration, which

“When suspected fraud in the court is referred to the DA by the judges and the DA appears to be protecting someone within their own ranks who is guilty, it is very discouraging,” said Mrs. McEwen, “They have kept this fake judgment around my neck and held me hostage for five years, while [he] ran off with all the property and cash. The courts can’t seem to fix the errors and the DA refuses to prosecute one of their own.”

There is another document in addition to the post marital agreement which is apparently a fake wage assignment that the Supervisor of the Clerks of the Court Kim Stucker identified as fake. It was then turned over to the District Attorney’s office for investigation and according to

"Not only did I not create that post-marital agreement or sign it, I would have never created an agreement that gave all my client's assets and money to [one] partner."

Attorney James Fox

confirms that he also is alleging Mrs. McEwen filed the fraudulent paperwork.

In response, Karie McEwen said, “Why would I file fraudulent paperwork to give my ex husband everything? Why would I file fraudulent documents knowing his expertise in forensics and fraud?”

Village News asked a sitting judge who wished to remain anonymous, “If the courts recognize that documents are fraudulent, why can’t they throw them out?” The judge replied that it actually doesn’t happen often, but the judge whose name was stamped on the document would normally throw it out, but this is complicated because someone slipped it in the file and it isn’t on the Register of Actions, so it doesn’t technically exist. However, the case was already ruled on, recognizing the fake document.

In this case, the two attorneys, the judge and Mrs. McEwen, who are all named on the post marital agreement, have claimed the document is fake. Presiding Judge Michael T. Smyth referred the file to the District Attorney’s office. The problem, according to Mrs. McEwen, is that her ex-husband works for the DA’s office.

paperwork provided to Village News, DA Investigator Wendy Patrick verified with court clerk Kim Stucker who verified the document the wage assignment was fake.

The file has been turned over to the DA’s office more than once for investigation. The first time was by Commissioner Ratekin (ret.) with the San Diego Superior Court.

Commissioner Ratekin, while addressing Mr. McEwen’s attorney in open court said, “Let me explain to you what’s going on so you at least have a clue. OK, somebody in this case is likely to be charged criminally for falsifying court documents...”

“I can share with you what I sent down to our supervising judge to get referred to the District Attorney’s office. There are so many errors in this case that I have identified. There was a judgment that, frankly, I think your client falsified, submitted to the court.”

Commissioner Ratekin continued, “...There’s two postnuptial agreements out there; one [Mrs. McEwen] has that was in the file and is now missing; one that your client filed with

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Deputies respond to 911 call of male and female screaming

Dead body removed from vacant home



Medical Examiner personnel talk to a deputy outside a vacant home on East Mission Road where a male passed away, possibly from a drug overdose. Village News/AC Investigations photos

Julie Reeder
Publisher

"Deputies responded to a 911 call with a male and female heard screaming. Upon Deputy's arrival, a male was found in medical distress due to a possible drug overdose. Deputies administered two doses of naloxone and then started CPR," according to San Diego Sheriff Lt. Aldo Hernandez.

"The North County Fire Department arrived and assisted in providing medical aid, but unfortunately, the male was pronounced dead on the scene," Lt. Hernandez released in a statement. "On call Narcotics Detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation."

The body of a male person was taken by the Medical Examiner's office from an abandoned home at 1295 E. Mission Saturday morning, Jan. 28. He has been identified as Xavier Villa; his next of kin have been notified; manner of death is still pending. Later that day, NCFPD PIO John Choi said, "There was a pronouncement this morning. The fire department was activated by SDSO. They found him in CPR status and started resuscitation, but the patient was unresponsive and pronounced on scene."

The call came in at 3:49 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28. "It looks like it was a suspected drug overdose,

but the Medical Examiner will determine that. I wasn't on the scene, but I don't see any reports of obvious trauma to the body," said SDSO Media Relations officer, Lt. Collins.

A person close to the victim said they suspected the overdose was due to fentanyl.

The vacant house on East Mission has been an ongoing issue with law enforcement.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for all announcements and press releases is Friday, 3 p.m.
Email to villageeditor@reedermedia.com.

Engage with county about gun violence reduction



The county's Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group is conducting a survey to get input from residents.

Chuck Westerheide
County of San Diego
Communications Office

The County of San Diego is seeking input from residents and community partners to better understand the impact of gun violence on our communities. The Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group is conducting a survey to:

- Better understand the scope of gun violence in the region and the communities most affected
- Identify resources within our communities and best practices in gun violence prevention, intervention, and aftercare
- Identify gaps and challenges to reducing gun violence and community concerns
- Explore potential solutions our communities would like to see to reduce gun violence

The survey was designed to gather the community's thoughts, experiences and perspectives around gun violence. For context, gun violence refers to all types of

gun violence, including suicide; family, domestic partner, and intimate partner violence; and community violence.

To complete the Gun Violence Reduction Survey, visit the Engage San Diego County site, <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/>, and click on the orange gun violence reduction project logo; the deadline for completing the survey is Feb. 15.

The Gun Violence Reduction Project is already listening to feedback. Seven Community Listening Sessions have been hosted throughout the county. Two additional sessions were held in partnership with youth-serving organizations. Sessions were attended by more than 300 people wanting to discuss gun violence in their communities.

For more information about the Gun Violence Reduction Project, visit https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/public_safety/gun-violence-reduction-project.html.

Writers Read at Fallbrook Library features historic true crime story



Author James Stewart

FALLBROOK – Writers Read at Fallbrook Library, a free monthly event, will feature San Diego author James Stewart and his story of an unsolved 1923 murder, "Mystery at the Blue Sea Cottage: A True Story of Murder in San Diego's Jazz Age."

The reading is Friday, Feb. 10, from 5:30-7 p.m., in the library's community room. Community members are invited to share their original poetry and prose from 5:30-6 p.m. The featured author presentation is from 6:00 to 7:00, and "Mystery at Blue Sea Cottage" will be available for sale and signing by the author.

A retired Navy captain, Stewart stumbled on mention of the 1920s murder of a young dancer and spent years searching for clues. He will discuss the book and his dogged research that led to the intriguing story.

Fallbrook Library is located at 124 S. Mission Road, between Alvarado and Fig streets.



Blue Sea Cottage cover

Village News/Courtesy photos

For more information, contact K-B Gressitt at kbgressitt@gmail.com or 760-522-1064.

Submitted by Writers Read.

Conservative action groups to meet

OCEANSIDE – North County San Diego Republican Assembly or NCSdra is hosting a meeting, Monday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m., at Grace Church, 1602 S. El Camino Real in Oceanside.

All are invited to join converging conservative action

groups planning to save America's freedoms. The event includes free pizza and drinks. R.S.V.P. to Susan, 760-672-1954.

Submitted by Fallbrook members of North County San Diego Republican Assembly.

Learn about the Butterfly of the Month at the library

FALLBROOK – Wings of Change invites everyone to learn more about its Butterfly of the Month with a free class at Fallbrook Library. Participants will learn about the Giant Swallowtail, (Papilio or Heraclides Rumiko) in the Wednesday, Feb. 15 class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wings of Change staff will introduce the butterfly and explain how residents can become the wings of change. Guests will learn how to provide a place for the butterfly to live and help restore the habitat for local wildlife. They will discover more about



February's Butterfly of the Month is the Giant Swallowtail, (Papilio or Heraclides Rumiko).

Village News/Courtesy photo

the host plant, and what type of environment it needs to thrive.

Participants will also be taught about the butterfly and its lifecycle. They will know how to identify the egg, caterpillar, and pupa after the one-hour class. All are invited to

join them to become the "Wings of Change."

The class is being offered monthly on the third Wednesday, at the library, 124 S. Mission Road.

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Feb. 25 – 12-4 p.m. – Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter PF is hosting a Bunco fundraiser benefiting women's education. The cost is a \$25 donation. Lunch is served at noon; the game starts at 1 p.m. Bunco prizes will be given and there will be raffle items. Event is at the Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook. For tickets, call 760-717-3262.

March 18 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Bark in the Park will be held at Live Oak County Park, 2746 Reche Road. Event includes a Blessing of the Animals, community dog walk, contests, vendors, food trucks, raffle prizes, demos and

more. For more info, go to <http://fallbrookdogpark.com> or email liveoakdogpark@gmail.com.

April 30 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Rally for Children will hold its 28th year of "Arts in the Park" at Live Oak Park. Admission is free. All are invited to a day filled with art, music, entertainment and endless activities for children and their families. Free bus shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., departing from both the Maie Ellis Education Center and Potter Jr. High to Live Oak Park, and back again. This event is co-sponsored by the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

May 13 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Fallbrook Garden Club presents Spring Flower Faire Extraordinaire and plant sale with unique planted containers and decorative garden art items, at the Fallbrook Historical Society Heritage Center, 1730 S. Hill Ave., off Rocky Crest Road. All funds benefit community projects, club activities and scholarships. For more info, visit www.fallbrookgardenclub.org or email fallbrookgardenclub@gmail.com.

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the judgment that she says is falsified which I do have concerns it is, because attorney Mr. Fox is [named] in it and he's here; I see him [present in the courtroom, ready to testify]. He says he never consulted with her. That one says that he did."

Village News contacted Attorney James Fox, who said, "Not only did I not create that post marital agreement or sign it, I would have never created an agreement that gave all my client's assets and money to [one] partner. Further, I have never appeared in Judge Washington's court, as we are close friends and I would need to recuse myself."

Judge Ratekin (ret.) continued in open court, "The wage assignment that's of most concern to the court, was never filed with the court. It was created and has her address on the top, his address for the funds to be mailed to. It has a file stamp in January that came from one small claims document, and the judge's line stamp. Whoever created this document thought was a judge, wasn't, [The person] was a clerk in small claims; it exactly matches some notice that came out of the Small Claims File. It's exact. It's the same date, the same line stamp. So the top is one document, the bottom is another. The money got mailed to your client's address [Mr. McEwen]; nobody is fessing up to where the money went. I have no idea where the money went, but I referred it to our supervising judge who's going to refer it to the District Attorney's office, is my understanding."

The Supervisor of the Clerks of the Court Stucker identified a court document, the Falsified Earning Assignment, according to Stucker and Mrs. McEwen. Kim Stucker called Mr. McEwen's employer (San Diego Police Department at that time) to let them know the court document was fake. It didn't exist in the Register of Actions and needed to be stopped immediately.

Judge Ratekin goes on, "...The notary filed the declaration, which I think is now missing. The file is not going to be available to these parties any longer because there's things in it that are missing. There's things that are filed that aren't in it, that were never in it, because every time we file something it goes into the Register of Actions. So, I assume the District Attorney is going to look into where that money went and may then point to who created this false document which will then probably, if they care to, file criminal charges against somebody."

On May 24, 2019, the Hon. Patti C. Ratekin signed an Ex Parte Minute Order stating, "On the Court's own motion this matter is set for Ex Parte hearing today re: fraudulent documents inquiry."

"The Court addresses the parties regarding possible fraudulent documents submitted to the Court as Order of the Court. Further, the Court advises the parties that the Court has referred this matter to the District Attorney's Office."

"Both parties understand and

agree regarding the referral to the District Attorney's office."

But there has been no evidence brought forward that anything happened after the DA investigation.

Attorney Amy Lass, who was

"Today I have not been able to clear this matter with the IRS. I am having to pay taxes on spousal support I did not receive."

also identified in the suspected fake Judgment dated December 30, 2016 has written a declaration under oath, and stated, "Michael McEwen's statements made regarding me being present at the hearing on December 30th, 2016, and his confirmed judgment showing the same, are false. I was no longer an attorney of record for this case and was not present at the hearing on December 30, 2016."

In 2022, the Presiding Judge, Michael Smyth, in San Diego Superior Court, referred the file to the District Attorney's office once again.

Karie McEwen questions the objectivity of the DA's office, and said she suspects a cover-up protecting Mr. McEwen as he has worked for the DA's office for years. Two judges have turned the McEwen file over to the DA's office for investigation. McEwen, a former San Diego Police officer, is a forensic accountant who specializes in family law fraud. He also serves as an expert witness in the courts.

Karie McEwen, in a declaration to the court stated, "The DA's office has had these reported fake court documents in their possession for more than three years now. One might ask why has the DA's office still done nothing? The DA has allowed the victim (Karie McEwen) to go years without receiving thousands of dollars that she is entitled to under the law. The respondent has committed very serious fraudulent crimes while not being punished in any way. Respondent worked for the San Diego Police Department as a sergeant and is a well known forensic accountant, trained by the FBI in fraud investigations."

"Respondent knows and has worked with the DA's office," she continued. "Respondent is friends with and knows judges all over California. Respondent has worked for the FBI and Homeland Security. Respondent today is still working as a court expert witness and a forensic accountant throughout Southern California. It is very obvious by the lack of punishment that there is a clear and apparent case of bias here all while the victim is left with nothing. Respondent uses his credentials to get away with committing the exact frauds that he advertises to defend others against. Respondent is the perpetrator of fraud in this case and has been able to get away with it due to his connections."

"In August of 2019, Deputy District Attorney Wendy L. Patrick, Special Operations Division, was given a copy of the allegedly fake wage assignment submitted and prepared by respondent along with Judge

standard is in regard to this simple question: if the courts make a mistake, who fixes it? If the courts are aware of fake documents, who follows up with investigation? The perpetrator sees how broken the family court is and it allows a

since it appears people that the Village News talked to, central to the case surrounding the fraudulent post marital agreement, were never contacted.

The charges Ms. McEwen, Judge Ratekin and the attorneys are accusing Michael McEwen of are serious. Forgery includes altering, corrupting, or falsifying legal documents, wills, property conveyances, court records, or any other legal writing that can be used as evidence in a court of law.

If an investigation had taken place, the two attorneys and Judge Washington, who were named on the false judgment, who supposedly heard the matter in court, it seems would be central figures in the investigation. There, apparently, is no evidence that they were ever contacted by the DA's office.

This case brings into question the integrity of the courts and a judicial system that appears to be helpless to fraud and manipulation for personal benefit. The people affected are not just Mrs. McEwen, but the judicial system.

Mrs. McEwen said, "I feel like we've all received a lesson on how to commit fraud on the court and get away with it. Even if judges and court clerks admit documents are fake, the only person who benefited financially by the fraudulent documents was the rich, powerful white guy. District Attorney Summer Stephan said she will protect the vulnerable. When you have two judges, one being Michael T. Smyth who is the Presiding Judge in San Diego, along with Commissioner Ratekin, Clerk of the court Kim Stucker and two prominent San Diego attorneys, Jim Fox and Amy Lass, who have

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with a grown autistic son who needs full-time care, must bear the burden of the fake documents until the court, if ever, removes them.

When the office of the Presiding Judge Michael Smyth was contacted by Village News to find out how falsified documents are handled by the court, Public Affairs Officer Emily Cox said, "It's not the job of the judge to investigate, but he [the Presiding Judge Michael Smyth] has turned the file over to the District Attorney's office."

Meanwhile, in family court recently, the ex-husband touted to a judge that the DAs office had investigated him and he was cleared of any charges.

Village News contacted the District Attorney's office to verify that an investigation had taken place and if Mr. McEwen was exonerated. Steve Walker, the Communications Director for the San Diego District Attorney Summer Stephan's office responded by email, "The District Attorney's Office has thoroughly investigated the allegations you outlined and we have determined that we are unable to prove any potential criminal charges beyond a reasonable doubt."

That would be easy to believe

written declarations that state they were not in court and the fake judgment filed by Mr. McEwen giving himself everything in the divorce that never happened and was false."

"It is now clear the DAs office did not do their job," Mrs. McEwen said. "The District Attorney's office apparently does not have high standards to protect the integrity of the courts. It looks like a free for all will now be the new standard set by the courts. Family court does not investigate crimes and does not have a gold standard of fixing their own errors. They took the fake document Mr. McEwen gave them and stamped it to make it look real, even after the court admitted it was fake."

"They have kept this fake judgment around my neck and held me hostage for five years while the criminal ran off with all the property and cash," she said. "I believe the DA's office has a bias for protecting their own-- that is clear. Mr. McEwen has been allowed to hide behind the skirt of the district attorney. What is the excuse of the family courts? How long do they hold someone to a fake judgment making this the perfect crime and showing how broken family court is?"

"Could this start a chain reaction? Are there other cases that people are claiming Mr. McEwen has improperly won? Are there more cases, where corrupt acts to yield a desired result for financial gain are currently under investigation? Time will tell. One attorney asked me, "Do you know what a hired gun is? They will lie to yield whatever outcome they want and for financial gain. I believe that's what we have here in the DA's office."

DA Summer Stephan was quoted during her campaign as saying that she loves Maya Angelou and lives by her words. She quotes her and says, "I want to live with hope of what's the right thing to do right now." And "let the chips fall where they may."

Karie McEwen says she has been hoping, and waiting for what she believes is "the right thing."

The next court case is coming up on March 20, 2023. We will follow this most unusual divorce case.

APPLICANT

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Either vacancy can be filled by appointment. The board is required to provide notice of the vacancy, solicit applications from eligible individuals, interview applicants, and make an appointment. Garza-Gonzalez said a special election would be a costly alternative. Appointments to either Area 1 or Area 2 would serve until the next regular election in 2024 when voters would determine who serves the remaining two years of the term.

At its Jan. 24 meeting, the board approved creation of a sub-committee consisting of less than a quorum of the board to review applications for eligibility and announce the names of the eligible candidates. The board selected

trustees Oscar Caralampio and Paul Christensen.

The superintendent noted that confirming eligibility does not mean that the sub-committee will vet the qualifications of candidates. Reviewing qualifications will be reserved for the full board as part of its deliberations.

To serve on the board via appointment, a person must meet the eligibility requirements specified in the education code of being 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the district and Trustee Area 1, a registered voter, and not otherwise disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office.

In Area 2, Jones and Caralampio were previously selected for the sub-committee to review applicants for eligibility.\

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Handmade blankets presented to the VFW



Fallbrook Blanket Project co-vice president Cathy Wick, left, and FBP member Sheila Casteel, center, present handmade blankets for the Fallbrook VFW to VFW Post 1924 Past Commander Chris Ingram.

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Blanket Project recently donated handmade blankets to the Fallbrook VFW Post 1924. The nonprofit VFW assists vets, active duty military and their families; the blankets will be distributed to any military members in need. Additional blankets were also given to be used in fundraising for the local VFW which serves hamburgers on Monday nights, steak dinners every other Friday night and breakfast on certain Sunday mornings, all open to the public. Other services and events are also available. Check the post calendar at <https://fallbrookvfw.org/>.

The free nonprofit Fallbrook Blanket Project also is open to the public and knitting and crocheting takes place every Monday, 10 a.m. to noon in the vestibule of Living Waters Church on Reche Road. More information can be found at <https://fallbrookblanketproject.org/>. Most of their creations are donated to North County charities. Donations of yarn and gently used gift bags are always needed and welcomed. Contact fallbrookblanketproject@gmail.com for more information. Submitted by the Fallbrook Blanket Project.

Fusco joins the Senior Volunteer Patrol



Lt. Aldo Hernandez, left, and Senior Volunteer Patrol Administrator Frank Brock, right, welcome new volunteer Guido Fusco on board. Fusco graduated from the Senior Volunteer Patrol academy on Jan. 20. Anyone interested in volunteering with the senior patrol can call the SVP office, 760-451-3145.

Sandia Creek Drive bridge construction has started

Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D
California Trout Director
South Coast and Sierra Regions

The Sandia Creek Drive bridge replacement project two miles north of Fallbrook started construction the week of Jan. 30. What started as a fish passage project for endangered steelhead trout in the Santa Margarita River, led by CalTrout and funded by state and federal agencies, is now a full-on community project. If you’re a resident, commuter or visitor to the Santa Margarita Trail Preserve, you’ve seen increased activity on the southwest side of the river crossing for many months

in preparation for crews arriving. But now, the survey team is there with monitors and crews laying out the fence enclosure. This will be followed by grading, with fences in place to protect the sensitive resources. The existing road will stay operational until the new bridge is completed in early May 2024. The equestrian trail crossing has moved further south to link to the new trail that averts the construction site, and winds around the parking area to connect to the east-side trail system. Watch for the new crossing light and equestrians crossing the road. The project was developed in


close review by the County San Diego, who will own and maintain the structure. The project has been approved by many regulatory agencies through an extensive permitting process, and approved by the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. Please drive slowly! Give the crews and trail users a break and enjoy watching a 574 ft. steel bridge being constructed in real time by Granite Construction Company. For more information on CalTrout projects here and throughout the state, visit www.caltrout.org. Submitted by California Trout.


Local residents now have alternative to SDG&E

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

Local residents will soon have an alternative to San Diego Gas & Electric. San Diego Community Power, a not-for-profit public agency that has been operating for three years in parts of the county, is expanding its service area to unincorporated areas. Homeowners and commercial properties interested can sign up not for it to begin in April. “Think of it like a grocery store that might offer only Safeway Select cheese,” explained Jen Lebron, director of public affairs for SDCP. “Now you will be able to get Kraft or Velveeta. That’s us.” She shared figures showing a slight monthly savings on basic electricity charges from SDG&E. The savings would be greater, she said, but in January directors authorized a rate increase to achieve a better credit rating through additional reserves. The focus of SDCP, she said, is to focus on what families need and want most when it comes to their energy. The new provider of electricity intends to bring cleaner energy at competitive rates. “We put our communities first, helping you take a giant step toward a more sustainable energy future,” she added. The company has provided an alternative in the cities of Encinitas, Chula Vista, La Mesa and San Diego. The city of National City and the unincorporated areas have been added effective in April. SDCP also offers a Power 100 option – at a slightly higher rate than SDG&E – that offers electricity produced carbon-free. Residential or commercial accounts of SDG&E that switch to SDCP will still receive their bills from SDG&E with the SDCP charges identified. SDCP has a million customers and is the second largest Community Choice Aggregation in the state. Peninsula Clean Energy in Los Angeles is larger. There are currently 25 CCAs operating in over 200 communities around California. CCAs were created to advocate for ratepayers by providing choice for the first time and shifting control of local energy decisions from profit-driven, investor-owned

utilities into the hands of residents and businesses. Competition supports increased transparency, more customer programs, and a better overall customer experience, SDCP states. The agency offers tiered programs that provide cleaner energy at competitive rates, helping us reach climate action goals and supporting healthier communities today and for the future. As a locally run not-for-profit energy provider, SDCP will never be taxpayer funded and will support economic vitality by providing cleaner energy at competitive rates and funding local renewable energy projects. SDCP gets its electricity from suppliers that have gone through a rigorous qualification and selection process. These suppliers, much like SDG&E, get their electricity from a variety of generation sources. At a minimum, SDCP’s default PowerOn option includes 50% renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and hydroelectricity. The optional Power100 provides electricity from 100% renewable sources such as wind and solar. All CCAs are required to meet the same reliability standards as investor-owned utilities such as SDG&E. State law prevents investor-owned utilities like SDG&E from profiting on retail electric generation, so the benefits of cleaner and competitively priced power from SDCP comes at no cost to SDG&E or local jobs. In fact, SDG&E will continue to maintain the grid, repair power lines, and provide its shared customers with one consolidated utility bill with SDCP electric generation charges and SDG&E electric delivery charges. The only change customers will see is new options for cleaner energy at competitive rates. All SDCP customers remain SDG&E customers. SDG&E provides electric delivery, meter reading and billing services for SDCP customers. SDG&E will continue to send you just one electric bill, which will now include SDCP charges for electric generation service. For more information, visit <https://sdcommunitypower.org/>.





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Warriors take control of the Jaguars



Warrior Samuel Carmona battles for the ball against a Valley Center Jaguar during the varsity boys basketball game, Jan. 25. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



Warrior Kaleb Collings attempts to get the rebound against Jaguar defenders.



Warrior Ashton Hanna battles for a rebound in the game against Valley Center.



The Warriors battle for the ball against a Jaguar opponent. Fallbrook won the varsity boys basketball game, 68-55.



Fallbrook's Malakai Brotherton shoots a layup against Valley Center. Fallbrook won the game, 68-55.



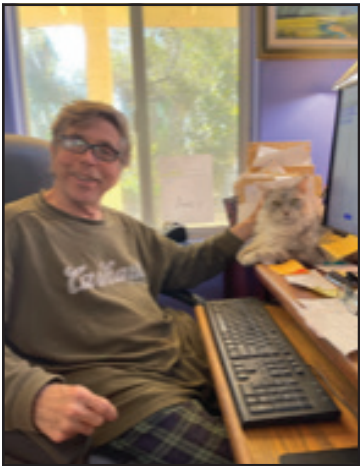
Fallbrook's Reese Holmes makes a drive to the net against Valley Center.



Fallbrook's Xavier Charland takes a jump shot against Valley Center.

HEALTH

Writer revisits a health adventure



Tim O'Leary
Special to the Village News

Thank you, sweet reader, for walking with me now amid a sun-splashed woods filled with words and wonder. This outing pertains to a recent health adventure that took me down a path rarely hiked by an aging, brain-addled male like me.

Breast cancer in a man? The statistics say the odds are only 1 in 100. But there it was, an obvious lump that was sensitive to the touch. Hmmm...

But before I stray too far afield, my journalism training dictates that I must set the stage by giving the all-important context. This context being, of course, my general mental and physical health.

I should first state, contrary to the dictates of AA, that I am an alcoholic. That demon pressed and pushed me in a myriad of directions until God enabled me to quit cold turkey twice for a total of 30-years of ongoing sobriety.

Other than that, until recently the only health challenge I faced throughout my life was asthma. But that pulmonary disease didn't derail me. I avidly played neighborhood baseball, Pop Warner football, wrestled in high school, learned karate and now play Pickleball for fun.

It is my breathing that has taken a beating during my nearly 70 years on God's green Earth. Both my parents were heavy smokers up until the time I left home at the age of 18. I smoked my share of pot in the '70s and early '80s. My mother died of cancer at age 62 after what started as a breast lump ultimately ate her alive.

My 42 years as a police reporter have filled my vulnerable lungs with tons of smoke from scores of structure and wildfires. My Fallbrook home burned down in 2002, and I breathed the charred remains of that fire's aftermath.

I once foolishly boasted that I had never spent a night in a hospital. All that changed last



A Maddy the Mobile Mammography coach promotes early detection of breast cancer.

August. That is when my health cratered after I reached the end of my rope in caring for my beautiful, whip-smart wife who is sadly afflicted by, and suffering deeply from, dementia.

Not long after her first placement, I suffered a total health collapse that landed me in an Oceanside ICU for eight days and its medical/surgical floor for another two. I was diagnosed with atrial flutter, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, dehydration, exhaustion and malnutrition.

My slow decline was a statistical likelihood. A 2020 AARP study found that 26% of those people who responded to researchers said caregiving worsened their own health. That was up from 22% just five years earlier.

My sudden hospitalization brought a quick, humbling end to my idle boasting. It also made me more aware of my own weaknesses. And, furthermore, it led to the discovery of that disconcerting lump in my left breast.

So, of course, I called the office of my amazing GP, Dr. Peter Strutz, a Fallbrook internist. Irma seemed a bit taken aback as to why I felt compelled to call

on a Friday.

Doctor saw me a few days later. He wasn't as worried as I was. "It doesn't feel like cancer," he said, explaining that an onerous lump would be hard and not soft. My aging body and the natural ebb and flow of female and male hormones were likely to blame, he said. But he wanted to be sure, and thus he referred me to a Temecula imaging center. There I would undergo a breast mammogram and ultrasound.

The next few days were filled with a lot of curiosity and a little bit of dread. I had learned from many women friends in the past that mammograms can be extremely painful. Most of the women whom I queried after my doctor's appointment seconded that opinion.

Only one female friend, Patricia Roybal, a retired head nurse of a ward at Los Angeles General Hospital, pooh poohed those prognostications. I still didn't know who to believe when my four-door Ford finally rolled into the parking lot of the imaging center not far from Temecula Valley Hospital.

I noted there was a big, pink banner in the lobby that told of the availability of 3D breast



A mammogram machine uses a plate-like device to squeeze one's breast to get a good image of the tissue and detect the presence of cancer.

images. That sounded pretty cool, so I asked for the procedure. I was told, however, that my Blue Shield of California supplemental insurance policy didn't cover that procedure for its male subscribers. "Discrimination," I squealed! But no one there seemed to listen to, or care much about one man's whining.

Inside, the ladies were very nice and exceptionally gentle and patient. Arlene, a delightful imaging technician, promised to hold my hand if I whimpered. Arlene needed to prod, pose and squeeze both of my breasts, she said. That way the doctor could compare my good breast against the bad one, she explained.

We laughed and joked with each other. I must admit to going weak in the knees when Arlene contemplated which of those clear, plastic, plate-like devices she was going to use to give me the squeeze. Getting the imaging done on my right breast was a breeze. Collapsing the bulge in my left breast, however, pushed me over the line into an eye-watering wince.

"You have very photogenic breasts," Arlene cooed. Yeah, I responded, "I bet you tell that to all the boys." As she was about to

vanish back into the bowels of the clinic, she sharply warned me to "Behave!"

Arlene finally finished and I was moved into a secondary waiting room. There I received a hard dose of reality when I overheard a young woman receiving instructions as to what would occur moments later during her brain scan.

Then, in another flash, I was zipped off to see Victoria, the ultrasound technician, for a different test. Afterward, she disappeared and a female doctor appeared in her place, only to repeat the expert analysis that Dr. Strutz gave me a week or two earlier.

Over all, the experience was an interesting health adventure that few men have had the opportunity to stumble into. At first I was reluctant to share this tale with you, kind reader, lest the possibility exist that this piece could poke fun at what is a serious disease that has cruelly claimed countless lives.

But my friend Patricia prevailed. She said that writing this missive might help other men, and possibly women, know there are compassionate, healing and loving arms waiting out there for us all. So be it. All glory to God.

Volunteers needed to advocate for youth living in foster care

Voices for Children launches inaugural 'Your Voice, Their Future'

SAN DIEGO – Community members can make a life-changing impact on a child by participating in Voices for Children's inaugural "Your Voice, Their Future" volunteer recruitment campaign. The campaign, taking place now through May 1 for National Foster Care Awareness Month, aims to recruit new CASAs to serve 100 local youth in foster care currently on Voices for Children's waitlist who are in immediate need of a

CASA volunteer.

This year, an estimated 3,500 children will spend time in foster care in San Diego County after experiencing abuse or neglect. They are among the most vulnerable members of our community. Once they enter the dependency system, their world suddenly includes court hearings, social workers, attorneys and often new homes and schools. They need someone to step up and

speak up for them during what can be a scary and challenging time.

Founded in 1980, Voices for Children transforms the lives of children in foster care by providing them with Court Appointed Special Advocates. These community volunteers – trained and supported by Voices for Children – advocate for youth in court, school, medical settings, and more to ensure their needs are met. The organization,

which serves both San Diego and Riverside counties, is issuing a call for these special volunteers who often become the most consistent adult in the life of a child in foster care.

Members of the public are encouraged to learn more and take action for local children in foster care volunteering. Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers are critically needed to speak for children in court. Learn

more about the requirements to become a CASA volunteer by signing up for an info session at <https://www.speakupnow.org/volunteer/volunteer-information-session/>.

Recommend a friend to become a CASA by filling out the short form at <http://speakupnow.org/recommend>.

Submitted by Voice for Children.

Harm reduction kits now available

Preventing overdoses with more access to medicine



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

There is now more access to lifesaving medication in case of an overdose emergency.

San Diego County Sheriff's deputies are handing out free harm reduction kits when they respond to calls for service. People can also get them for free at any sheriff's department station and substation

with no questions asked.

The harm reduction kits consist of a box of Naloxone containing two doses of the nasal spray. Brochures in English and Spanish provide instructions on how to use Naloxone.

You can also scan a QR Code in the brochure with your cellphone to watch an instructional video.

The distribution program started in December 2022. Deputies have distributed 161 harm reduction kits while responding to various emergency and non-emergency calls.

"This is a compassionate approach to the opioid epidemic impacting our communities," Sheriff Kelly Martinez said. "This is about real people with families who love and care for them."

The kits increase access to lifesaving medication in partnership with county Health and Human Services, San Diego

County, Chula Vista Police Department, National City Police Department, County Probation Department, as well as county Parks and Recreation.

Save a life.

Overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in our county. You can help reverse this trend.

By watching our short video and obtaining Naloxone for free, you're prepared in case you encounter someone who is experiencing an opioid overdose. Naloxone is safe, effective and easy to use.

Infants and toddlers are also at risk from fentanyl exposure and poisoning. Young children explore their world by licking, eating and touching everything. First responders and social workers responding to calls involving fentanyl should be aware that children might look fine on the outside, but they could be in need

of immediate medical attention.

Dr. Natalie Laub, a board certified doctor who specializes in both pediatrics and child abuse pediatrics at Rady Children's Hospital, recommends first responders and family members use Naloxone on a child, even infants and toddlers, when there is concern of opioid ingestion.

Everyone deserves a second chance to live and be on the road to recovery. With this distribution program, anyone can carry Naloxone. Anyone can intervene promptly. Together, we can save lives.

For those struggling with substance abuse, you are not alone. We understand that quitting is not easy or straightforward. Help is available by calling 988. You can also contact the county crisis hotline for confidential treatment programs and resources at 888-724-7240.

Baby supplies available to moms on second Tuesday of each month



Jessica Landin, left, and Erika Luis from Hope Clinic for Women stand at the Dec. 13, 2022 drive through distribution providing baby supplies including diapers and clothing to local mothers.



Samuel, Michael, and Ryan of We Luv San Diego are ready to hand out baby wipes at December's drive through distribution of baby supplies. Village News/Jenna Ortiz photos

FALLBROOK – Hope Clinic for Women and We Luv San Diego are providing a monthly drive through giveaway of baby supplies to families who need them, the second Tuesday of each month from 12-2 p.m. The next one is Feb. 7.

We Luv San Diego provides thousands of diapers (sizes 0-6) and hundreds of pounds of free food to the community. HCW partners with them and LifePointe Church at 221 N. Pico Avenue which provides the distribution parking lot. The resources are free to all with no need to register. It is a drive through event.

Families can receive free diapers, wipes, baby clothes, plus other various items as they become available. Both nonprofit organizations have been started by Fallbrook residents. We Luv San Diego started in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic due to the rising need for diapers and wipes. In last year alone, they were able to provide over 250,000 diapers for families in need across North County San Diego.

Either agency welcomes and appreciates donations from the community. Both have been able to keep their doors open and thrive due to the generous donations from local residents and others who continue to help make these options available.

For more information on this event, contact Carolyn at 760-728-4105 ext 10 or visit <https://www.hopefallbrook.com/> and go to Resources, or <https://www.weluvsandiego.org>.

Submitted by Hope Clinic for Women.

Stay sober post festive season and into Valentine’s Day



To stay sober around the holidays, it helps to lean on support when you need it. Village News/Metro photo

Marie Garceau
Special to the Village News

Some may consider Valentine's Day the most romantic day of the year, while others not so much. However, for someone new to sobriety and in recovery from addiction, it can be a day that triggers bad memories and cravings.

Valentine's Day can also be tiresome, whether you are bitter about love and romance or not. The fuss over the day can become quite intense. Unfortunately, the general message of the day places importance on the shallower side of what it means to love and adore someone.

Someone in recovery from addiction who is not in a romantic relationship may feel left out or is dealing with past experiences that could trigger a relapse. Fortunately, there are practical ways to maintain sobriety during this heavily marketed, love-fueled day.

Initially, someone can start by countering the culture and making the day their own. If you place significance on the day, create your own traditions with your kids, parents, friends, or family members. Use the day as an opportunity to celebrate other forms of love.

If you do not place any significance on the day but are worried about triggers, have a safety net in place and effective ways to manage stress.

Suppose there are particular situations or a group of people that really put you on edge. In that case,

you have every right to avoid it or them. It is ok to set boundaries, especially during times of the year that can be particularly triggering for relapse.

"It can often be individuals or memories of individuals that trigger relapse on Valentine's Day," said Michael Leach of Addicted.org (<https://www.addicted.org>). "Many former addicts have experienced painful and destructive relationships while using drugs; managing these triggers and stress healthily is important."

Secondly, avoiding alcohol cravings is critical, even if alcohol was not your drug of choice. Days like Valentine's Day are often filled with excuses to drink alcohol, and often in excess. Attend some meetings if that is your thing but avoid alcohol cravings by staying active and busy.

In addition, if you are spending the day with someone or other people, plan sober activities. There are plenty of activities that do not involve alcohol. This would even be an excellent time to contact a sober friend.

Finally, avoid social media and unplug. If seeing endless photos of couples on your feed drives you up the wall, take the time to unplug and stay distracted. It is too easy to become consumed by what we see on social media and convince ourselves this is real life.

Focus on more productive tasks and lean on support when you need it. Having a good support system is essential. Spend time with other sober and single friends. Being around others in the same situation as you will help you see that this day does not need to be that bad.

Marie Garceau has been working in the field of substance use and addiction recovery for over a decade. Her primary focus is to reach out to the community and spread awareness. She does this to educate others about the dangers of drug use and to help prevent individuals from using drugs.



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Encore has a great start to a busy new year



Celebrating the arrival of 2023 at Mission Theater are Encore Club members, from left, Bertha Duncan, John Duncan, Caryn Linn and Rob Rice.



Encore friends, from left, Jeff Johnson, Linda Johnson, Billie Jo Poteete, Everett Poteete, Nancy Korchick and John Korchick ring in the New Year together.



Carol Kidd, left, and Nancy Barton arrange the charcuterie boards for Encore's Wine & Dine evening.



Having a good time at Wine & Dine are, from left, Betty Nelson, Cheryl Hurley, Judie Erickson and Susan Stratton.



Ring in the New Year at Fallbrook Mission Theater are Encore club members, from left, Jeff Johnson, Linda Johnson, Carmen Willard and Tim Willard.

Fallbrook, Bonsall, De Luz and Rainbow.

It meets on the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August). Socializing and activity sign up begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. The club meets at Christ the King Church, 1620 S. Stage Coach Lane, in Fallbrook.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 7. The speaker will be Patty Sargent, executive director of the Foundation for Senior Care, who will speak about heart health. In addition, the North County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will do a CPR and AED demonstration.

The January "Go" activity had members celebrating the New Year at the Fallbrook Mission Theater mingling with friends and being merry. Additional evening gatherings hosted at the home of a member included a charcuterie board-themed Wine & Dine evening, and the Food & Fun activity with a "Flat Food" themed potluck dinner and group game. A new activity favorite is a card game called "Hand, Knee and Foot." It is being taught to all members interested in participating.

Those interested in learning more about the club and activities are encouraged to attend a club meeting. Information is also available at www.Fallbrookencoreclub.com.

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Theatre Talk goes down memory lane



The Marvelous Wonderettes perform at their 1958 Senior Prom; singing their hearts out, from left, Betty Jean Reynolds (Chelsea Emma Franko), Missy Miller (Alessa Neeck), Cindy Lou Huffington (Ariella Kvashny) and Suzy Simpson (Megan Carmitchel), trying to influence the votes for the Prom Queen.



Asked to repeat their Senior Prom performance for their 10th reunion, Cindy Lou Huffington (Ariella Kvashny), Betty Jean (Chelsea Emma Franko), Missy (Alessa Neeck), and Suzy (Megan Carmitchel) are thrilled to relive their prom performance at Springfield High School.

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to The Village News

Dear Fellas,

The Welk Theatre has the perfect Valentine’s Day gift waiting for you and it is calorie free. Grab your best girl and take her to the Springfield High Senior Prom. It’s 1958 and you won’t even have to dance.

“The Marvelous Wonderettes” is a fun filled musical medley covering two decades.

Known locally, simply as ‘The Welk,’ this family friendly theatre is recognized across the county for its good taste, good shows, and good performances.

“The Marvelous Wonderettes” is no exception. It’s about four best friends who sing at their 1958 Springfield High School Senior Prom. We’ll meet Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy, four girls with hopes and dreams as big

as their crinoline skirts!

As we learn about their lives and loves, through song, the girls serenade us with classic 1950’s classic hits including “Lollipop,” “Dream Lover,” “Stupid Cupid,” and “Lipstick on Your Collar,” and 1960’s classics “Heatwave,” “You Don’t Own me,” “Son Of A Preacher Man,” “Rescue Me,” “Respect” and so many more!

Bets Malone directed this production with her heart as did Elan McMahon as musical director. Loryn Cook designed a striking set; Jennifer Edwards Northover kept the lights on; Jordan Gray provided clear and perfect sound throughout.

The Marvelous Wonderettes will keep you smiling in this musical trip down memory lane, through March 26. For tickets, call the Box Office at 760-749-3448/toll 888-802-7469 or go to <https://tickets.thewelksandiego.com>. The Welk Theatre is back with a new season.

Up next is “The Bodyguard.” This show is rated a fun-filled 9 out of 10.

Note: Cast details were not available by press time.

Lamb’s Playhouse announced the West Coast premiere of R*E*S*P*E*C*T. I’ll see it opening night, Feb. 4 at 1142 Orange Ave. in Coronado. For tickets, call 619-437-6000 or visit <https://www.lambsplayers.org>.

Two days only, Broadway San Diego is playing “Bluey’s Big Play,” Feb. 24 and 25. For tickets call 619-564-3000, or visit <https://www.broadwaysd.com/>.

The Cygnet Theatre in Old Town is playing “El Huracán” until Feb. 19. Author Charise Castro Smith is recognized for writing “Disney’s Encanto”. The theatre is at 4040 Twigg St. For tickets, call 619-337-1525 or visit <https://www.cygnettheatre.com>.

Diversionary Theatre continues with their Cabaret nights this

month, LGBTQ+. Check it out at 4545 Park Blvd., 619-220-0097 or <https://www.diversionary.org>.

The Old Globe Theater in Balboa Park is reviving an important work by Tony Award winning playwright Mary Zimmerman. “The Notebooks of Leonardo Da Vinci” will be performed at the Prebys Theatre until Feb. 26. Opening Feb. 11 is “Under a Baseball Sky” based on Logan Heights in San Diego. For more information, call 619-234-5623 or visit <https://www.theoldglobe.org>. Make it easy on yourself and buy parking. It’s worth it.

New Village Arts in Carlsbad opened the West Coast Premier of “The Ferryman.” Set in Ireland and performing through March 5 at 2787 State St., Carlsbad. For tickets, call 760-433-3245 or visit <https://newvillagearts.org/>. I’ll see it this coming Sunday afternoon.

Scripps Ranch Theatre’s new musical “Lucky Stiff” runs through

Feb. 19. When a shoe maker wins a trip to Monte Carlo, things can happen. For tickets, call 858-395-0573 or visit <https://scrippsranctheatre.org/>.

San Diego Musical Theatre is bringing back Cole Porter’s “Anything Goes,” Feb. 10 to March 12. Just be prepared for lots of tapping. Free parking, at 4650 Mercury St. For tickets, call 858-560-5740 or visit www.sdmtd.org.

Coming next month to La Jolla Playhouse is the world premiere of “The Outsiders” based on the novel by S.E. Hinton. This new musical will have its out-of-town opening just down the road. Previews start on Feb. 19; preview tickets often cost less. To get yours, visit <https://lajollaplayhouse.org/> or call 858-550-1010.

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OPINION

We have some problems

Julie Reeder
Publisher

We have some problems affecting our little hamlet. Those of us who aren’t involved every day in county business or going through the court system may not realize it. We’re too busy with our jobs and our lives, but we have problems.

First one is that with SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) we are being taxed without representation. This group gets together and decides which projects will be funded. Well, San Diego and Chula Vista, since they have 50% of the county’s population, pretty much get whatever they want when they use a weighted voting system. Apparently Jim Desmond doesn’t sit on the SANDAG board

anymore because they didn’t like how he voted. So, who represents us? County Supervisor Joel Anderson, representative for East County.

Now, I really like Anderson. I’ve known him for over 30 years. He’s a brilliant statesman in my opinion, but I don’t vote for him and he doesn’t represent Fallbrook, Bonsall, DeLuz, Rainbow, Pala and Pauma. So it looks to me like taxation without representation and it’s a problem. Our Planning Group, which we do vote for, has sent a letter voicing their dismay. Not sure what that will accomplish, but it’s a start and something needs to happen. Stay tuned.

Secondly, we have a problem in the District Attorney’s office. I understand that they are very likely understaffed, underfunded and so

on, but when we hear that people are not being tried or prosecuted as they should, there’s a problem. The story we did last week about the suspected arsonist at the Sandia Creek Gate who was going to just be charged with a misdemeanor hit and run? That’s a problem.

The guy who tried to rob the gun store a few weeks ago had a prior that he spent little time in jail for, that’s a problem.

“Ghost” from the cc unit (creep catcher unit) that we’ve been following for years, complains that they have evidence of adults who admit to meeting up with what they think are children for sex and other counties arrest them and take them off the streets, but not San Diego. He says our DA, Summer Stephan, won’t prosecute them, so they get

away with it. Their work has led to over 320 arrests in Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange County, etc., up north and even into Arizona, but not San Diego. Now one of the worst human trafficking hubs in the nation. Why is that?

I hear from the people who want us to just cover the nice things in town and keep it “positive,” but we are a newspaper. It’s our duty. When our county or our state creates problems for us, we need to talk about it.

And then with the story we have on the front page this week regarding the DA’s office, I believe it may be a drop in the bucket. There’s certain to be more to come. Village News is going to continue to cover those stories. It’s why we exist. We need to shine that light in the darkness

so that things can get better. Hold on though, it may be a bumpy ride.

Maybe the DA’s office needs more resources, maybe we need more judges. Maybe the courts need some kind of Internal Affairs to protect the integrity of the courts. It’s above my paygrade, but it’s a problem that needs to be fixed with honest and courageous leadership.

PS. We are planning an invitation only event for our subscribers and advertisers to celebrate our 25 year anniversary. Watch for details in the next week or two. If you aren’t receiving daily news headlines and links, be sure to sign up on the website, www.villagenews.com. That way we can keep you in the know!

Bon Voyage, Bro! Re: Terrell’s letters

Quite frankly, "JT," I didn't want to engage in a rhetorical food fight with you because your letters are filled with redundancy, overflowing with inaccuracies and not compelling enough to spark my interest, much less warrant a reply from me. But with your constant haranguing and ad hominem attacks aimed at me, I've decided it's about time to take you to the wordsmith woodshed!

I fully understand why you have contempt for my letters considering your contrarian disposition, aversion to the truth, and inability to write one word of substantive content. But then, your Party has been feeding you spoonfuls of political pablum for so long you have lost the ability to decipher reality from fantasy or fact from fiction. To your credit, though, you are the consummate

defender of the indefensible policies of your Party. You've become a truth denier "extraordinaire!"

My wife thinks you have a man crush on me. I don't subscribe to her theory, but I understand why someone might believe that. After all, you toadies on the dark side of the political spectrum struggle with your gender dysphoria issues and are unquestionably at war with masculinity. By the way, most conservatives don't give a damn if you "Walk on the Wild Side" with Lou Reed; just leave our kids alone!

For the record, it was the toxic masculinity of the members of the 75th Ranger Regiment that scaled the 100-foot cliffs at Normandy to bring the fight to the Third Reich. And it was the toxic masculinity of the U.S. Marines that defeated

Hirohito's infantry on the island of Iwo Jima after five weeks of intense fighting before raising Ole Glory to signal to the world the end of Japanese militarism.

Now, back to business, my 15-year-old grandson read one of your recent letters last weekend and asked me if a fifth-grader penned it. I explained that Mr. Terrell writes with an adolescent flair in his gratuitous attempt to pretend to be relevant, even though his words betray his ambitions and sadly demonstrate how utterly irrelevant he has become.

I'm worried about you, Bro. Maybe, instead of hurling pejoratives at me, you should take a vacation to clear the cobwebs from your head. Were you aware of the new cruise line that offers trips to the Marxist

trifecta in Latin America? It leaves Managua on an electrically powered banana boat following a riveting lecture on the historical significance of the Sandinista Revolution by President Daniel Ortega.

While cruising in the pristine waters of the Caribbean en route to Havana, Harry Belafonte, the self-described communist and a distant cousin of "Calypso Louie," will sing his 50's hit "Day O-daylight comin', me wanna go home." Lecturer and Obama confidant, the aging American-hating Reverend Wright, will fill your days with his inciteful and spiteful dissertation hyping the asymmetrical axioms of Marxism. Bro, this is right up your alley!

Upon arriving in Havana, you will experience firsthand the long-term consequences of socialism. You will

see the surge of poverty that occurs when cronyism replaces free-market capitalism and feel the anguish that ensues when Marxism extinguishes the Jeffersonian flames of freedom.

After two sweltering days without air conditioning, you will arrive at your final destination, Venezuela. Explore this once-vibrant country and learn how Hugo Chavez destroyed a thriving middle class by stealing elections, corrupting the judicial system, and arresting his political rivals. Sound familiar?

One final thought: Maybe you and your Sandinista pals at the DNC should live in a socialist hellhole like Cuba or Venezuela before you dismantle our country and impose your Marxist will on the rest of us!

"Bon Voyage, Bro!"

Dave Maynard

Reps. Issa, Vargas re-introduce legislation to place sacred tribal land into trust

WASHINGTON – Rep. Darrell Issa, CA-48, and Rep. Juan Vargas, CA-52, re-introduced legislation to place 700 acres of sacred land into a Pala Band of Mission Indians tribal trust.

“This bipartisan legislation will preserve a 700-acre span of sacred tribal land and ensure the protection of timeless heritage, culture, tradition, and history,” Issa said. “I am proud to join my friend Rep. Vargas and provide the Pala Band of Mission Indians with

new stewardship and the ability to manage and preserve their historical land into the future.”

The property includes the remaining portion of San Diego County’s Gregory Mountain that is not on the existing Pala Reservation. In 2019, Pala Band Chair Robert Smith testified to Congress that the land was historically occupied by Native peoples and is a site of an ancestral village, rock art paintings and ancient artifacts.

“As home to nearly 1,000 enrolled members, the Pala Band of Mission Indians’ land in San Diego County is rich in sacred history,” Vargas said. “I’m proud to join my colleague, Rep. Darrell Issa, in introducing the Pala Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act, which will transfer approximately 700 acres to tribal trust. This land has sacred sites, including portions of Gregory Mountain, which are part of their historical and ancestral landscape.”

“The Pala Band of Mission Indians looks forward to working closely with Congressman Darrell Issa as we aim to protect Chokla, our sacred mountain,” Smith said. “This legislation would place culturally-significant ancestral lands into federal trust and ensure the people of Pala can continue to preserve our legacy and traditions for future generations. We are grateful for Congressman Issa’s long-standing commitment to support this important effort.”

Darrell Issa is the Representative of California’s 48th Congressional District. The District encompasses the central and eastern parts of San Diego County and a portion of Riverside County, including the communities of Fallbrook, Valley Center, Ramona, Escondido, Santee, Lakeside, Poway, Temecula, Murrieta and the mountain and desert areas of the San Diego-Imperial County line.

The 50 year plan

A Gallup survey from 2017 concluded there are 750 million people worldwide that, if given the opportunity, would permanently move to another country. The survey also concluded that for 21% of those, the country of choice is the United States; 158 million people would move to the United States if given the opportunity to do so. That is an astonishing number. It is unconscionable to

demonize any of these people who are simply seeking a better life for themselves and their families. (source: <https://news.gallup.com/poll/245255/750-million-worldwide-migrate.aspx>)

There is no real consensus on who were the first inhabitants of North America. Some say they were people from northeast Asia who 12,000 years ago walked across an Ice Age land bridge into

what is now Alaska.

The point is humans have desired to move to new places ever since there have been humans. The current influx at our southern border is not because there are all of a sudden more people that want to come to the United States. It is because our government has messaged the world that we are no longer enforcing immigration laws that require an orderly and legal

process to be followed.

People are taking advantage of this opportunity to come to the greatest country in the world. Can you blame them?

If we are patient the situation will resolve itself. A number bantered about recently is something like 250,000 border crossings per month. That’s three million per year under the border policy of the current administration. Who

knows what the real number is?

Keeping the current border policy in place for another 50 years will allow almost everybody who wants to immigrate to the United States to do so. Who says the President and Congress have no plan? What else can it be?

Steven Smith

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NCFPD saves water by training with Pump Pod

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

North County Fire Protection District held a demonstration of its newest training tool to show the community how it is saving water while providing the training its firefighters need, at Station 1, Jan. 25.

NCFPD PIO John Choi said, “As part of our vision to be a trusted and respected public safety leader, committed to ensuring the safest community possible through service, collaboration and innovation, North County Fire Protection District has purchased a \$100K Direct Recirculating Apparatus Firefighting Training & Sustainability (DRAFTS) unit that was supported with a Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant through San Diego County District 5 Supervisor Jim Desmond’s office. This innovative training tool allows our firefighters to train, while conserving our communities’ water supply.”

Choi continued, “Formally called a Pump-Pod, the DRAFTS unit is a self-contained unit that recirculates water used during firefighter training and pump testing. These units allow fire departments to train with the use of full-flow water, without wasting the communities’ water supply. A DRAFT unit can pump 2,000 gallons of water continually.”

“This valuable training tool will allow our apparatus operators to learn and master the craft of fireground hydraulics while recirculating and saving thousands of gallons of precious water,” NCFPD Fire Chief Keith McReynolds. “Water is precious, so anything we can do to save water is something we want to do... Thank you to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (for the funding); we are incredibly appreciative.”

Because the unit is on wheels, it can be moved from station to station and even shared with neighboring city fire departments. Battalion Chief Pete August said NCFPD was able to borrow a stationary pump pod from Oceanside’s fire department a few years ago as it wasn’t being used during the covid pandemic. The experience with that unit led NCFPD to look into buying their own pump pod.

The Pump Pod allows firefighters to practice making pumping hydraulic calculations which are important when using a fire hydrant



North County firefighter Max Paur sends water from a firehose into the Pump Pod. The Pump Pod allows firefighters to train in pump control valve operation without wasting water. The water collected in the Pump Pod is recycled for future use. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

to fight fires around town where water pressure is affected, said McReynolds.

The new DRAFTS unit was purchased from Pump Pod USA. Walt Dorn, president of Pump Pod USA, was at the pump pod demonstration. A retired first responder in the private sector, he is also the developer of the apparatus, which he made at the request of his brother, a battalion chief in Ventura County, in 2016. The goal was to cut water use but also train the firefighters.

The first unit was built in 2017 and went on sale in 2018. The units are over 90% efficient in saving water, he said. They are now being used all over Southern California; the company is in Simi Valley.

According to Choi, “There are only two units in all of San Diego County; North County Fire Protection District and Valley Battalion (a shared unit with Valley Center Fire Protection District, San Pascual, Rincon, La Jolla, Pala, and Pauma).”



North County firefighter Doug de Brauwere operates pump control valves on a fire engine during a demonstration of NCFPD's new water saving Pump Pod, Jan. 25.



North County firefighter Kyle Krenz operates pump control valves on a fire engine during a demonstration of NCFPD's new water saving Pump Pod.



Water is shot from fire hoses affixed to one fire truck; the water is collected in the tank of the Pump Pod and then pumped into a second fire truck's tank which then pumps it back into the first fire engine's tank.



Members of the community listen to NCFPD Chief Keith McReynolds explain how the department's new water saving Pump Pod works.



North County firefighters begin a water saving Pump Pod demonstration for members of the community at NCFPD Station #1.



Firefighters can vary the amount of water pressure in the hoses as they spray up to 1250 gallons per minute into the 1800 gallon tank in the Pump Pod.

REAL ESTATE & HOME and GARDEN

Six strategies to get more organized

When the new year arrives, many people focus on changes that can be implemented in the months to come. This time of year is a popular one to make resolutions to clean and organize homes and offices.

There are plenty of things that can use a little organizational attention. There's no ideal way to get organized. Whatever works is a good approach, but the following are six strategies to help individuals clear the clutter.

1. Utilize to-do lists
People tend to be less productive when they're storing all of their tasks in their brains. The first step to getting organized is to remove those plans from the head and put them down on paper or in some other tracking tool. A digital to-do list manager, for example, enables you to see all of your tasks, deadlines and due dates in one place so you can get things done more efficiently. Carry around a notepad or use the digital notes app on a phone to jot down thoughts and needs as they come up.

2. Corral your "smalls"
Smalls are keys, phones, chargers, wallets, headphones, and other accessories. When these items

are grouped together, they're easier to find so you can stay on track. Invest in an attractive organizer and install it by the front door or another high-traffic area. You'll cut down on trying to find those smaller items when running errands.

3. Conquer clutter regularly
It's easy to be put off by cleaning and organizing when clutter has gotten out of control. Instead, by cleaning up items on a daily or weekly basis, it's much easier to keep ahead of clutter. Treat it like a daily job, including sorting mail and tossing unnecessary items; emptying waste pails; dusting the desk; deleting emails; and putting items back where they belong.

4. Categorize emails
Utilize the folder creation option from popular email providers to sort your messages. Drop messages that need attention into categories of your choosing, such as school, health and receipts. Then you'll know which folder to go into when searching for what you need, eliminating the time-consuming task of scrolling through a full inbox.

5. Give one; toss one
When bringing new items into



The first step to getting organized is to remove those plans from the head and put them down on paper or in some other tracking tool. Village News/Metro photo

the home, follow the procedure of giving away or throwing out one item for each new item that is received or purchased. This can help to tame clutter.

6. Mise en place your life
"Mise en place" is French for

"put in place." It is used in the kitchen to refer to preparing and setting out all ingredients needed in a recipe. The same concept can be used elsewhere. Lay out clothing on the dresser for the next day at work or school. Prep the foyer of a home with items you need, like

an umbrella, shoes and paperwork. Organize backpacks so they're ready for the school day. Establish a to-go bag at work for items that need to be brought home. Getting organized can be as simple as taking small steps that have lasting impact.

RMWD quitclaims Bonsall Oaks easements

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The redesign of the planned Bonsall Oaks development will involve the relocation of facilities for which easements must be granted and, on Jan. 24, the Rainbow Municipal Water District approved the quitclaim of easements previously granted to Rainbow.
Rainbow's board voted 5-0 to approve the quitclaim of the easements. The quitclaim excludes certain portions for which facilities will be constructed, and subsequent easement dedication is expected.
"We'll get new easements," said Rainbow acting district engineer Chad Williams.

The Bonsall Oaks project was called the Polo Club in September 1999 when the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a final map to subdivide the 449.54-acre parcel on the northside of Gopher Canyon Road at Vista Valley Road into up to 165 dwelling units with two open space lots. The final map included easements granted to Rainbow as well as to the County of San Diego, and additional easements were granted to Rainbow in January 2012.
The development was conditioned to obtain permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Fish and Wildlife Service, and the

Regional Water Quality Control Board before construction could begin. The ownership negotiated with the regulatory agencies, and the project has undergone multiple design changes so that the required permits could be obtained. The subdivision was renamed Bonsall Oaks when Bonsall Oaks, LLC, agreed to purchase the project from Vista Villas Development, L.P.
Bonsall Oaks will be constructed in phases. Phase 1 consists of a winery, a tasting room, and a bed and breakfast off of Oak Bridge Drive. The tasting room and bed and breakfast will be across Gopher Canyon Road from the entrance to the Vista Valley Country Club. Phase 2 will include

59 residential lots, Phase 3 will provide 57 residential lots, Phase 4 will build 41 residential lots, and Phase 5 will construct seven custom homes.
The design changes impacted the grading plans including the street alignments, and since Rainbow prefers to have water and sewer facilities within public right-of-way the water and sewer alignments have also been modified and many of the easements granted in 1999 and 2012 are no longer in alignment with the planned improvements. On January 11 the Board of Supervisors approved open space and drainage easement adjustments for Bonsall Oaks.
The easements Rainbow quitclaimed were for facilities

which were never constructed, so Rainbow does not have a need for those easements. Recorded easements are required prior to Rainbow's acceptance of water and sewer facilities, and new easements will be dedicated and accepted prior to the facilities becoming part of the Rainbow system. Rainbow's quitclaim of the easements eliminates unnecessary maintenance of those areas and allows resources to be redirected for other assets.
Rainbow retains the right to construct, operate, and maintain improvements on the portion of the easement which is associated with the planned Dentro De Lomas Pump Station.

BUSD to consider land exchange at Feb. 15 meeting

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Part of the land where the planned Citro development is located is in the K-12 Bonsall Unified School District while part of the land is within the boundaries of the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District and

the Fallbrook Union High School District. The three districts are working together to modify the boundaries, which would place various neighborhoods in the same district, and the Feb. 15 BUSD meeting is expected to include BUSD board approval of the territory exchange.
The Jan. 18 BUSD board

meeting included three agenda items pertaining to the transfer: a voting item passed on a 4-0 vote with Pascal Lapoirie absent and two informational items. The voting item involves a contract time extension and additional payment for the reimbursement to the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District for the study to assess the impact on the three districts. The presentation of the report was one of the informational items.

The other informational item was a first reading of the resolution consenting to a territory transfer and a resolution authorizing BUSD superintendent Joseph Clevenger to submit a petition for a reorganization to the County Office of Education, and the second reading and approval is a planned action item for the Feb. 15 board meeting.
"The goal of all this is to make sure there are lines drawn that are good for families and good for kids," Clevenger said.
Tri Pointe Homes is the parent company of Pardee Homes and Citro was the Meadowood project in January 2012 when the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the 384-acre Meadowood development.

The residential component is now expected to consist of 473 single-family and 352 multi-family homes.
The map also includes 13 acres for an elementary school which will be built by the Bonsall Unified School District; the school district and Tri Pointe Homes are in negotiations for the acquisition of that land, and the specific location is still a closed session matter for the school board.
"School district boundary lines were drawn a long time ago and that region had nothing but open space when it was drawn," Clevenger said.
The three school districts expect Citro's final phase units to be built and occupied by December 2030. The current district boundaries create streets, lots, housing types, and cul-de-sacs where students and families living next door to or across the street from each other would be in different school districts.
"It's basically impacting all three of the districts," Clevenger said.
In April 2022, the three districts commenced a study to address the boundaries, and that study also assessed the feasibility of changing the district boundaries

to allow for a more logical divide of the community. The study also considered the fiscal impact of the new boundaries so that the exchange of parcels would be revenue-neutral for each district.
The three districts commissioned Zonda Advisory, which is based in Newport Beach, to perform the study. Zonda Advisory evaluated enrollment projections and provided the districts with various scenarios to equalize the fiscal impacts and allow for efficient transportation routes. The initial contract was for \$15,000 with the Bonsall district funding half.
The complexity of the analysis, the number of required meetings, the request for additional scenarios, and the additional time required to prepare the scenarios resulted in additional time and expense incurred by Zonda Advisory. The cost overrun was \$9,600. Zonda Advisory agreed to split the overrun amount equally with the school districts, and the Jan. 18 BUSD action approved the additional \$2,400 for Bonsall's share of the \$4,800 to bring the total Bonsall funding to \$9,900. The contract expiration date was changed from July 29, 2022, to June 30, 2023.
The three districts chose an option in which all public school students living in the Zutano neighborhoods will attend Fallbrook Union Elementary School District or Fallbrook Union High School District schools and all students living in the Meyer neighborhoods will attend a Bonsall district school. The boundary lines will also be adjusted so that students living on the same street within the Citro development will go to the same district.
The January informational item status on the territorial transfer allowed all three school district boards to ask questions. The input will be incorporated into the action item votes expected in February.

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Review of all things Real Estate

Bob Hillery
CR Properties

I read the article below and I'm not surprised given the level of "craziness" in the real estate market the last 2 ½ years. Buyers were in a frenzy to purchase homes

and were willing to remove their contingencies (protections) with the submission of their offers. Once the offers were accepted (always above list price and in competition with multiple other offers) buyers were happy that they "won." Buyers made their purchase

decisions based on their own assumptions/motivations and now 75% are unhappy (which is not surprising considering buyers had to make real estate purchase decisions in less time than most of us take to buy a pair of shoes). But here's another point of view,

buyers who bought at the height of the market purchased with mortgage interest rates of 3% which will save them a lot of money over buyers who purchased in October 2022 when prices were "softer" but interest rates were up to 7.3%. The good news is the market is

steadying, interest rates are sliding down (currently around 6.3%) and prices have leveled off, so unless people purchased in the last half of 2022 they will be okay (unless there is a full blown recession then all bets are off).

Buyer's remorse is rampant among pandemic purchasers

Melissa Dittman Tracey
Contributing editor for Realtor Magazine

A large crop of unhappy homeowners is emerging after having time to settle in with their hasty pandemic purchase in the last couple of years. Buyers at the time were bidding up home prices to beat out fierce competition, and many waived the home inspection or appraisal to get the house they wanted. But now they may regret the extremes they went to for a home: More than three-fourths of U.S. homeowners who purchased in the prior year expressed regret about their decision.

The top reasons for their regret: feeling like they overspent (30%) or rushed the homebuying process (26%), according to a separate survey from Hippo. About half of recent home buyers surveyed said that homeownership is more expensive than anticipated; too much maintenance and upkeep, and they compromised too much for their home.

The ultra wealthy are having regrets too. About a quarter of luxury buyers who purchased a home in the last two years say they are not satisfied with their property because of lifestyle changes, property size, remote location,

lack of neighborhood amenities or a return to full-time office work.

Many homeowners surveyed said that knowing what they know today, they would've bought a different home (64%) or waited longer to buy (63%). Further, more than a quarter of homeowners said that selling their current home has become a bigger priority for them.

"With the insatiable buying frenzy and quick decisions being made, there were bound to be stories of regretful buyers who leaped too quickly into unknown environs," Diane Hartley, president of the Institute for Luxury Home Marketing. "These buyers may end up staying in place and renovating, or they may be encouraged by rising inventory levels in their local marketplace this year and relist their current home for a profit. Others, if they have the financial means, may simply choose to keep the home as part of their investment portfolio, convert it to a rental and make a lateral move to a different, more affordable market."

But others may try to stick it out and remake the home into something they can be happier with. Fifty-five percent of homeowners said they plan to make upgrades or home improvements to their home in 2023, according to the

Hippo survey. They've budgeted an average of \$11,173 for home improvements and upgrades this year.

Some of those home improvements may be needed: Homeowners say some of their home purchase regrets stem from unexpected repairs. They may have waived their home inspection and weren't fully aware of what they bought into. More than half of homeowners said they have had something unexpectedly go wrong since they purchased.

The regret and the repairs are also affecting their happiness, the study finds. More than 60% said their mental health or their relationship with their partner has been affected, the Hippo survey found.

"Often, homeowner regrets begin to surface when unexpected issues and financial strain piles up," said Courtney Klosterman, home insights expert at Hippo. "The bottom line is homeowners need help. The past year of growing economic and financial instability has taken a toll on homeowners and their well-being. With rising costs of labor and materials, when one thing goes wrong, it brings a wave of anxiety and dread about what could go wrong next."

But those who do fix up their

home may find it will lessen their buyer's remorse. The survey notes that 77% of respondents said completing home maintenance

and repair tasks increased their sense of pride in homeownership and proved a motivation for them to stay.



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- Pros of a small home
- Lower monthly bills

Smaller square footage also means being more energy efficient, with fewer property taxes and maintenance costs – allowing more budget for everything else.
- Less maintenance

Fewer rooms mean less home upkeep, thus more time for what matters.

Simpler lifestyle

Having just the right space means rooms are more accessible, a good option for post-retirement. You are also less likely to hoard or overbuy given the limited space.

- Cons of a small home
- Can be limiting

A smaller home may not keep up with the needs of a growing family. There’s little to no room for improvement given the limited space available so consider your future plans before closing the deal. Storage may be a problem as well, so you will need to come up with creative ways to hide clutter or put away things at home.
- Fewer returns

Although in general, homes do appreciate in value over time, a cheaper, smaller home will have a lesser resale value versus a larger home – that’s much less money for your retirement.

- Pros of a big home
- More space

Adequate storage is one of the top must-haves for home buyers. If you can afford it, it is an undeniable advantage over smaller homes. A bigger home fits for those who like hosting dinner nights and having guests over. Or if you simply have lots of things to store or hoard, a bigger home is sure to fill your needs.
- Potentially profitable

Big homes can mean big bucks if you plan to sell someday. You can also have the opportunity to rent out a spare room or create an accessory dwelling unit in the backyard.
- Adaptable space

Another advantage is you can always convert a little corner of your home for your family’s growing needs.

- Cons of a big home
- Bigger square footage, bigger expense

We’re not only talking about the price tag of the home itself, but also the other costs that come with it such as:
 - Higher closing costs
 - Higher furnishing costs
 - Higher property taxes
 - Higher homeowners insurance costs
 - Higher utility costs
 - Higher repair and maintenance costs
 - Higher energy costs
 - Higher renovation costs
- Waste of space

Another drawback of a bigger home is there could be a waste of usable space. Do you really need to have three bedrooms only to leave a couple of them empty? Maybe having two living rooms is a bit much? Or does the layout plan leave so much unused space?

If you want to be efficient and practical, never buy more space than you can actually use.

More effort in maintaining

Unless you hire someone to do it, doing the cleaning, fixing, lawn mowing and other home upkeep requires more energy and time.

While we’re on the topic of buying a home, we have a blog about how to know if you can really afford to buy a home that might interest you.

So, what do you think – do you prefer a bigger home or a smaller home? Whatever size of home you prefer to buy, our agents at Broadpoint Properties can help.

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Supervisors vacate Pala Mesa Drive sewer and drainage easements

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

The County of San Diego has vacated sewer and drainage easements in Pala Mesa.

A 5-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote Jan. 25 adopted the resolution to vacate the easements. The easements had affected the North County Fire Protection District’s Station 4,

and the fire district now has more flexibility with the property.

“That’s great news,” said NCFPD Fire Chief Keith McReynolds.

Station 4 is on the south side of Pala Mesa Drive at the intersection with Old Highway 395. In August 1947, slope, drainage, and maintenance rights for Old Highway 395 were granted to the State of California. The slope,

drainage, and maintenance rights for Pala Mesa Drive were granted to the County of San Diego in August 1969 and May 1970. In 1998, an old alignment of Pala Mesa Drive was vacated although the sewer and drainage easements were reserved.

The vacated easement area comprises approximately 0.35 acres. County staff determined that the sewer and drainage facility

easements could be considered excess because there are no sewer or storm drainage facilities within the utility easement reservation areas and there is no future need for those easements.

The slope, drainage, and maintenance easement rights granted beyond the existing right-of-way for Pala Mesa Drive and Old Highway 395 have not been used for their intended purpose

for more than 50 years and were granted based on the old alignment of Pala Mesa Drive near Old Highway 395.

After development and improvement plans realigned Pala Mesa Drive, the relocated intersection of Pala Mesa Drive and Old Highway 395 precludes the need for the easements or construction of roadway facilities within the area of the vacation. The county’s Department of Public Works determined that the easements were not needed for the existing roadway or for future widening of the roadway.

The existing nearby road system will continue to provide adequate access for the area and will not preclude future development. The vacation will not affect any public utility facilities since there are none within the area of the vacated easements, and the easement area is not authorized for non-motorized transportation uses so it would not be useful for a non-motorized trail.

The August 2022 meeting of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group included a 12-0 vote, with one member absent and two members recusing themselves, to recommend the vacation of the easements.

The vacation removes the encumbrances for the NCFPD property. “We’re working on the current Station 4 site,” McReynolds said. “We’re moving forward on the current site with some civil engineering.”

The Jan. 25 Board of Supervisors action found that the easement vacation itself was categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review. If any structures are built on the property, the appropriate CEQA documentation must be prepared and approved.

In June 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of an 18.49-acre property near the intersection of State Route 76 and Interstate 15 which had been owned by the California Department of Transportation. The property will be developed as a public safety facility.

The county’s Capital Improvement Needs Assessment estimates that the Sheriff’s station would have approximately 25,000 square feet of space, so the Sheriff’s Department will not need the entire 18.49 acres. The North County Fire Protection District has expressed a desire to share that land and have its new Station 4 building on that property, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is reviewing the possibility of including a CalFire station on the parcel, and the Rainbow Municipal Water District may use some of the land for the new district headquarters.

If the fire district utilizes the county site the property where Station 4 is currently located will be declared surplus and sold, and the removal of the easement encumbrance increases the value of the land. Even if Station 4 remains on the current site, the NCFPD long-term plan calls for replacing the portable buildings with more modern facilities.

“Either way, it clears the property up to have those easements lifted,” McReynolds said. “It’s just clearing the property up and making it more buildable in the future.”

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Joplin Ortiz works at Albertsons as a grocery clerk but is helping out in the bakery department in this photo. She has worked for Albertsons for a total of almost 26 years. She held the position as a bakery manager for 21 years in Arizona and then moved to Fallbrook, where she has worked for the last five years at 1133 South Mission Road.

BUSD reaches agreement with classified employees

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Bonsall Unified School District approved two agreements with the district's classified employees during the Jan. 18 BUSD board meeting.

One action approved the collective bargaining agreement between the school district and the California School Employees Association chapter for Bonsall. The other action approved a salary schedule for the district's classified employees. Both actions passed on 4-0 votes with Pascal Lapoirie absent.

"It's a long time coming," said Bonsall High School Office Manager Cara Starkweather, who is the president of Bonsall's CSEA chapter.

"We're looking to take care of our employees," said BUSD Superintendent Joseph Clevenger.

The school district negotiating team included executive director of human resources Allen Williams and executive director for business and human resources Laura Castro, although the school board needed to ratify the agreement and the Bonsall classified employees needed to ratify the agreement negotiated by the CSEA bargaining representatives.

"I appreciate the work that was put in by Laura Castro and Allen Williams," Starkweather said.

"They provide such a critical part of the school education experience. It's a great thing to be able to get it done with them," Clevenger said. "We are really excited about the work they are doing, and they are valued."

The changes include

restructuring the classified employee salary schedule. The new schedule has 30 levels, although currently the highest level is Range 29 for a system analyst. The 30 steps in the schedule are based on advancing one step each July 1 after the completion of the employee's initial probationary period.

For each level, the salary increases by 5% for each step through the fifth step and by 1.5% for each step after the fifth. The hourly rate for Step 1 ranges from \$15.38 for Range 1 to \$31.47 to Range 30 while the hourly pay for Step 30 ranges from \$27.15 to \$55.54.

The school district pays for classified employees' health maintenance organization coverage while also contributing for an employee and an additional family beneficiary for family medical, dental, or vision costs. The annual district contribution for an additional family member was increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

If a classified employee is on jury duty, the school district pays the classified employee his or her BUSD compensation minus juror pay (not including mileage or parking allowance). The previous collective bargaining agreement limited jury duty leave with pay to 2% of the district staff at one time, and that limitation has been removed.

The new agreement also establishes a bilingual stipend for bilingual, including biliterate, staff members if that skill is required for their position. CSEA members will be given the opportunity to express interest in receiving a bilingual stipend. The initial annual bilingual stipend is \$750.

The previous agreement allowed for a "leave bank" in which classified employees may donate leave time for a unit member who needs additional sick leave due to a catastrophic illness or event. Only members who donate during the designated period are eligible to be recipients of leave bank time. Members can donate up to half of their annual sick leave.

The previous agreement required members to donate at least one day per year, and members can now donate at least one day every three years. The changes also call for requests for such leave to be reviewed by a leave bank committee consisting of two CSEA members chosen by the chapter and three district representatives with one of those being the superintendent.

A 6.5% salary increase for classified employees will be retroactive to July 1, 2022, and will apply to 2021-22 salaries. The classified employees will also receive an additional 1% off-schedule salary increase retroactive to July 1 and based on the 2022-23 salary schedule.

"That salary schedule is going to make a difference," Starkweather said. "It will help with groceries and everything else they're buying."

Language rather than substance kept the collective bargaining agreement from being ratified earlier, although both Clevenger and Starkweather would like to avoid that in the future. "We felt and they felt that we'd like to get this done earlier in the year," Clevenger said. "Our plan is to continue to work collaboratively."

Board paves way for taxation of cannabis businesses in the unincorporated area



The Board of Supervisors set taxation rates for existing cannabis businesses in the unincorporated area.

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The County Board of Supervisors voted Jan. 24 to set taxation rates for existing cannabis businesses in the unincorporated area.

This action only applies to the unincorporated area of the county, where five licensed cannabis businesses currently exist.

The new tax will apply to both medical and recreational operations and will be assessed based on the type of cannabis business. Cultivation businesses will be taxed based on square footage of growing area and lighting method, and all other types of cannabis businesses will be taxed based on a percentage of gross income.

Supervisors voted in favor of

imposing a 2% tax on all retail sales of cannabis products in the unincorporated area.

The Jan. 24 board vote is one of the initial steps the county is taking to implement Measure A, which San Diegans approved during the Nov. 8, 2022, election.

The next step is for the board to finalize approval of the rates during a second hearing scheduled for the end of February. Pending the second hearing, cannabis businesses would implement the new tax at the beginning of April and begin paying the county in July.

The board is expected to take further action later this summer when Planning and Development Services and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice will introduce additional policy measures and proposed licensing requirements.

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Neal awarded degree from UA



Ashlynn Neal of Fallbrook is now a graduate of The University of Alabama. Village News/Courtesy photo

TUSCALOOSA, Alabama – Ashlynn Neal of Fallbrook received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Alabama when UA awarded over 1,650 degrees during its fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 10, 2022.

Neal was also named to UA's presidents list for fall semester 2022.

A total of 12,791 students

enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

Submitted by The University of Alabama.

Don Diego Scholarship Foundation opens 2023 College Scholarship applications

DEL MAR – Don Diego Scholarship Foundation offers \$65,500 in 2023 college scholarships to exceptional students who reside in the San Diego area and have participated in the San Diego County Fair and/or other activities associated with the Del Mar Fairgrounds in previous years.

The deadline to apply is midnight Wednesday, March 15. Eligibility details and applications are at <https://dondiegoscholarship.org/scholarships/>.

Scholarships are offered in six categories. Individual awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Scholarships of \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 will be awarded in each of four categories: Zable Foundation 4-H; FFA; Employee and Exhibitor/Participant.

A \$5,000 Spanjan Family Scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding \$5,000 recipient from one of the above categories for a total \$10,000 award.

One \$3,500, one \$3,000 and nine \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 4-H Club or National FFA Organization students who have participated in the Fair's Junior Livestock Auction.

Two \$2,500 Vocational Education scholarships will be awarded to qualifying students who

intend to earn an AA/AS degree or certificate at a community college or accredited trade school.

"Several 2023 scholarships represent legacy gifts in the form of Endowed Named Scholarships established by Board members and friends of Don Diego as well as perennial donors such as the Zable Foundation and Charity Fair Horse Show," Stephen Shewmaker, chair of Don Diego Scholarship Foundation, said. "Together, all of the scholarships will help fuel the winners of our highly competitive selection process as they achieve success in college, pursue worthwhile careers and give back to their community, and the world. We eagerly look forward to receiving applications."

The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation was named for Don Diego, AKA Tom Hernandez, who served as the fair's welcoming goodwill ambassador from 1947-1984. Since its inception in 1986, the foundation has awarded \$1,276,844 in scholarships to 362 students and in agriculture education grants. More information is at <http://www.dondiegoscholarship.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/DonDiegoScholarship/>.

Submitted by Do Diego Scholarship Foundation.

University of Maryland Global Campus announces fall 2022 graduates

ADELPHI, Md. – University of Maryland Global Campus graduated more than 7,600 students worldwide in fall 2022. Students from all 50 states, five U.S. territories, and 18 countries earned UMGC degrees.

Graduating students include these Fallbrook residents: Gabriel Reyes, associate degree in general studies; Julio Maldonado Martinez, associate degree in general studies; Brian Allen Harris, bachelor's degree in east Asian studies; Betsy Joelle Davis, bachelor's degree in general studies; Marcelina R. Swan, bachelor's degree in computer networks and cybersecurity, and Amber Nicole Munoz, bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

More than 2,200 graduates attended "Grad Walk" in Adelphi,

Maryland, an in-person experience designed to place the spotlight directly on graduates and their achievements while helping protect the health and safety of their guests and the university community.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, University of Maryland Global Campus was established in 1947 to serve adults in the workforce. UMGC now offers classes to military service personnel and their families at more than 180 locations in more than 20 countries. More than half of the university's students are active-duty military personnel, their families, members of the National Guard and veterans.

Submitted by University of Maryland Global Campus.

School districts submit accountability report cards

Rick Monroe
Special to the Village News

Anyone who wants to learn about local public schools will find that the information is readily available on the district web pages for each public school in the area. Trustees of the elementary and high school districts in Fallbrook have approved the annual School Accountability Report Cards to be published on their respective web pages.

The reports, required of all public schools in the state that receive public funds, are aligned to each school's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how the school intends to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities.

The Fallbrook Union Elementary School District approved its report card at its Jan. 17 board meeting. Dr. Kimberly Huesing, assistant superintendent of educational services for the elementary district, gave a report to the board, noting that the accountability report cards have been around since 1988.

"Every year, schools need to report on their progress," she said. "It's a law that if we receive state and federal money, we need to share our progress. The purpose of the School Accountability Report Card is to share with parents and the community."

"The school accountability report card is like an end to closure to one year," Huesing said. "It's really about the last school year. There's a lot of information but it highlights demographic data, school safety and climate data, academic progress, class sizes, teacher and staff information, curriculum adoptions, and then fiscal and expenditure data."

The report shows there were 4,927 students in the elementary district last year and 31% came with a language other than English as their primary language at home.

"In addition to learning all of the subjects and being students in our schools, they're also learning English," she noted. "We have 75% of our students socioeconomically disadvantaged and 15% of our students last year were students with special needs."

These statistics are districtwide, but the individual schools each have their own figures. Those district schools are Fallbrook STEM Academy, Fallbrook Homeschool Academy, La Paloma Elementary School, Live Oak Elementary School, Maie Ellis Elementary School, Mary Fay Pendleton School, San Onofre School, Santa Margarita Academy, William H. Frazier Elementary School and Potter Junior High School.

Huesing said other information in the report is about safety and climate, the cleanliness of the schools, what the restrooms and sinks look like, structural integrity, fire safety reports, play structures and the school grounds, as well as the opportunities for parents to engage at the school and how events and celebrations are shared.

She noted that academic data comparison was difficult because of the interference of Covid in the school classes. There are additional academic reports in the SARC document as well as data on per pupil expenditures, average teacher salary and the types of services funded.

As an example, she showed a slide of the report card for Frazier Elementary School.

"They all look very similar to this," she said. "I love the consistency that all of our data will look the same and present the same in this district so there's the school's name, logo and then it begins the explanation about what SARC is. The reports are available on our website and at the school websites." (<https://www.fuesd.org/lcap/>)

The Fallbrook Union High School District also approved its SARC report at the board's Jan. 24 meeting. There was no discussion, and it was adopted

unanimously.

Looking closer at the 27-page report for Fallbrook High School gives an example of the information in the SARC for the two other schools in the district, Ivy and Oasis, as well as other schools in the area. Ivy is the district's continuation school and Oasis provides an independent study program.

The FHS report begins with area demographics, then gives a description of the district:

"Fallbrook High School has long been a focal point in the area as it offers a variety of programs for students to explore: AVID, Dual Language Immersion, visual and performing arts, athletics, MJROTC, honors and advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, Career Technical Education pathways, and dual enrollment courses. FHS employs 95 faculty members and has an enrollment of approximately 1,950 students. FHS serves a diverse population, predominantly White and Hispanic/Latino students. A significant number of our students are considered highly transient due to parent/guardian active duty military service. Another 10% of students are considered to live within a migrant or a traveling family for employment purposes."

It also stated the school's mission: "Fallbrook High School staff recognizes that education requires the collaboration of students, educators, family networks, and community members. Together we share the responsibility to pursue academic and vocational rigor and excellence through standards-based instruction, curriculum and assessment in a safe learning environment that will increase achievement for all students."

The report added, "Staff emphasizes respect among our culturally and linguistically diverse population through opportunities to pursue academic excellence through a comprehensive, standards-based curriculum in a safe learning environment."

The report identified the number of students in each class in the 2021-2022 school year: 516 in grade 9, 574 in grade 10, 436 in grade 11 and 434 in grade 12. It noted there are more males, 52.3%, and the majority is Hispanic/Latin with 69%. White students are next at

23.7%. English learners account for 18.3% and migrant students represent 12.3%.

The report states 72.2% of students are socioeconomically disadvantaged and 14.4% are with disabilities.

Textbooks for all the classes are specified in the report, as well as science laboratory equipment. It noted school facility conditions and planned improvements were given a 98.18% score (good).

Other interesting facts:

- The average teacher salary was \$76,887.31 in 2020-212.
- The superintendent's salary of \$185,400 was less than the state average of \$193,259.
- The total expenditures per pupil was \$10,399.04.
- 20.4% of students took AP courses at the school.
- The average class size was 31 in English language arts, 30 in mathematics, 31 in science and 29 in social science.
- The dropout rate was 9.9% in 2020-2021, with graduation rate of 83.6%

There is also a lengthy review of the school safety plan

Test results of English Language Learners, in addition to all students in math and other courses were reported.

The report also addresses parental involvement, chronic absenteeism by student groups, suspensions and expulsions. See the report at <https://www.fallbrookhs.org/fallbrook/sarc-report>.

Districts are required to update the information annually and three times a year to compare the content of its SARC to a model format adopted by the state board. Variances among school districts are permitted where necessary to account for local needs.

The information for all schools in the state is available on the California School Dashboard, <https://caschooldashboard.org>.

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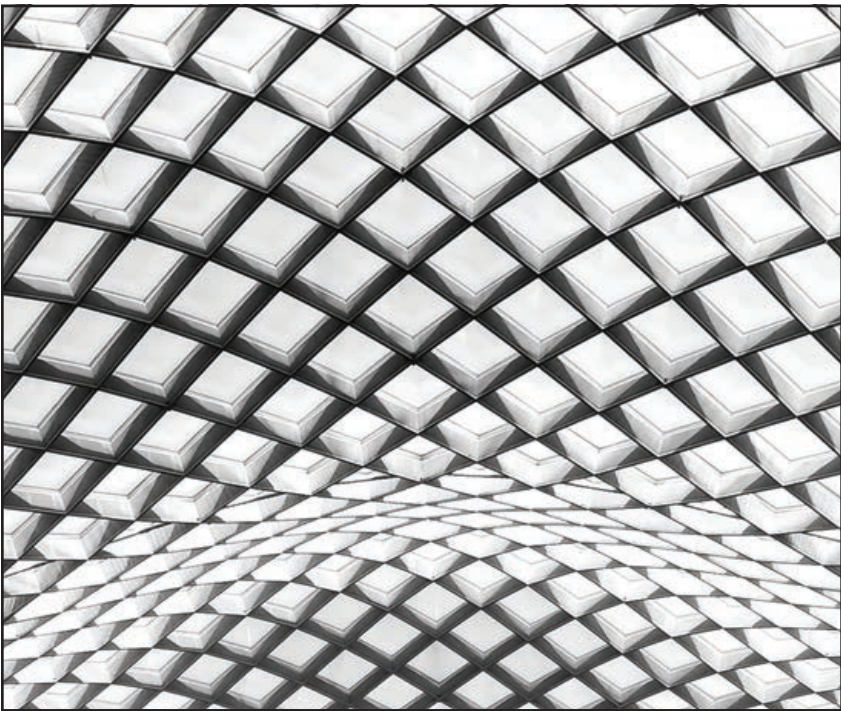
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Fallbrook Camera Club honors members' work



"Portrait of Pears," the first place winner for Color, is by Heidi Gauthreaux. It also won Image of the Year.



"Floating Blocks" by Dennis Brown is the first place winner in the Monochrome division.



"Thor's Well" by Heidi Gauthreaux is the first place winner in the Nature Open division.



Winner of the Kovach Award for Best Composition award is "Majestic" by Rick Gauthreaux.



Bill Carnahan's "Neon Nights" is the first place winner in the People category.



Lin Craft's "Filter-feeding Porcelain Crab on Host Anemone" is the first place winner in the Nature Wildlife division.



Approaching Storm at Gasadalur, Faroe Islands" by Lin Craft is the first place winner for Travel.



Winner of the Lakata Award for Best Landscape is "Country Roads" by Rick Gauthreaux.



Fallbrook Camera Club members display some of their awards, from left, front row, Rick Gauthreaux, Heidi Gauthreaux and Lin Craft; back row, Adrienne Myers, Kathy McGaffigan, Patrick Christman, Bill Carnahan and Mike Reardon.
Village News/Courtesy photo

SPORTS

Youth wrestlers take to the mat



Fallbrook youth 10U wrestlers Benjamin Kocab, left, and Marcus Sorden battle on the mat during a youth wrestling tournament at Fallbrook High, Jan. 29.



Despite losing a match, Fallbrook youth wrestler Benjamin Kocab smiles and hugs his father Dan during a youth wrestling tournament.



Fallbrook youth 8U wrestler Max Tett wrestles his opponent from Temecula during a youth wrestling tournament at Fallbrook High.



Fallbrook youth 10U wrestler Ace Dimock battles against his Rancho Bernardo opponent. Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Fallbrook youth 10U wrestler Tucker Johnson attempts to pin his Rancho Bernardo opponent.



Fallbrook youth 10U wrestler Jackson Berger battles against getting pinned by his opponent during a youth wrestling tournament in Fallbrook.



Fallbrook youth 6U wrestler Mattis Wilson battles against his SoCal Wrestling Club opponent.



Fallbrook youth 8U wrestler Cason Berger battles against his Temecula opponent.

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A cartoon illustration of a young boy swimming in the water. He is wearing a black swim cap and a black swimsuit. He is smiling and looking towards the viewer. The water is depicted with blue and green waves.



Fallbrook youth 10U wrestler Zachary Dudley faces off against his opponent from Temecula.

Women golf for good causes

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Food Pantry, which distributes over one million pounds of food annually to the community, was adopted by the Golf Club of California Women’s Golf Club (GCCWGC) several years ago as another holiday project. The food pantry provides healthy, nutritious foods to the local needy and also offers resources for shelter, clothing, and medical care.

GCCWGC has pledged to be more than a club of women golfers and to make a difference in their community. Over the past 10 plus years, fund-raising for REINS, The Boys and Girls Club and Fallbrook Food Pantry has been the focus of GCCWGC’s efforts. The 2023 New Year’s contribution is \$1,430 for the Fallbrook Food Pantry – exceeding the ladies’ goal of \$1,000.

The women play at the Golf Club of California every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., which is located on Flowerwood Lane near the intersection of Hwy 76 and Gird Road. Their membership is diverse in both age and skill, ranging from single digit handicaps to beginners. They are always looking for more members who love golf, camaraderie and helping out their fellow Fallbrookians.

For more information, contact The Golf Club of California at 760-451-3737 or check them out at www.thegolfclubofcalifornia.com/clubs/women.

For more information, assistance and ways to contribute or volunteer at the Fallbrook Food Pantry, check out www.fallbrookfoodpantry.org or call 760-728-7608. Or visit them at 140 N. Brandon Road and be impressed with the efficiency and kindness this award-winning nonprofit embodies.

Submitted by the Golf Club of California Women’s Golf Club.



Fallbrook Food Pantry Executive Director Shae Gawlak greets Golf Club of California Women’s Club representative Diane O’Hara who delivered a \$1,430 donation from the club. Village News/Courtesy photo

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REGIONAL

Annual Point in Time Count draws hundreds of volunteers



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Point in Time Count gets an idea of the unsheltered population in this region in order to connect them with resources. They seek those sleeping in cars as well as on the street.

Fernanda Lopez Halvorson
County of San Diego
Communications Office

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homelessness."

One of the men told them that a medical condition had impacted his ability to work. The other man said he was experiencing homelessness for the first time. Dahiana gave him a McDonald's gift card before he rushed off saying he was heading to work.

The third man was sleeping, so his location was noted so that outreach workers would know where to find him when they make contact with him at later time.

Next, the team found three more people. Two men and a woman were set up to sleep outside a tire shop. They had sought shelter behind a large tire. One of the men who agreed to take the survey said he had been experiencing homelessness for the past seven years.

Around 7 a.m., Beatrice, Dahiana and Maria met two more people who were picking up their blankets after waking up at a small business center. Nearly 1,500 volunteers walked the streets of San Diego County early the morning of Jan. 26 looking to engage with people experiencing homelessness as



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Volunteers began the day at 4 a.m. in one of 36 different sites throughout the county where they split into teams to walk or drive around their designated areas looking for people living outside.

Taking part in the Point in Time Count this year were 254 volunteer county employees. This included Beatrice Maleno and Dahiana Jimenez who work in the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities and Maria Lischin, a social worker III with Aging and Independence Services.

"Participating in the Point in Time Count for over five years has afforded me the opportunity to advocate for resources," said Beatrice, Program Specialist II

in the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities. "It's important that we as a community can build and create permanent housing solutions that allow our most vulnerable to thrive and live their best lives."

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While the woman answered the survey, her dog vied for attention from volunteers. When Dahiana gave the woman the McDonald's gift card, she turned to her dog and promised her a special treat.

"Being a social worker for the unsheltered community means that I am walking alongside my clients and assisting them to the next stage in their life journey," Dahiana explained.

The information from the completed surveys is used to apply for federal and state funding to help people experiencing homelessness and find solutions on how to best serve them.

The County has multiple programs in place that could connect homeless people to the services they need and help them find a stable place to live. You can find more information here or by calling 2-1-1.

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NCTD offers free rides to commemorate Rosa Parks' birthday

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OCEANSIDE – In 1955, Rosa Parks was riding home from a long day at work by bus when she refused to give up her seat to white riders so they could sit down. The actions of the 42-year-old activist invigorated the struggle for racial equality. To commemorate Rosa Parks' birthday, and all she stood for, North County Transit District (NCTD) is joining other public transportation agencies around the country in recognizing Feb. 4, as "Transit Equity Day" and offering free rides on all NCTD modes – Coaster, Breeze, Sprinter, Flex and Lift – for the entire day.

"Commemorating Ms. Parks' birthday by offering free rides highlights the need to ensure equitable access to public transportation," said Matthew O. Tucker, NCTD Executive Director. "Decades after Ms. Parks' bold decision, we must continue to advocate for accessible, reliable, and affordable public transportation for all."

Transit Equity Day was first celebrated in select areas of the nation in 2018. This year will be the first year that NCTD will participate in Transit Equity Day by offering free rides.

Free rides on Feb. 4 apply to NCTD modes of transportation only and does not include transfers to Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), or Amtrak Rail 2 Rail services.

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Jan. 22	
3700 block Larkspur Ln.	Violation of domestic violence court order

Jan. 23	
600 block E. Elder St.	Simple Battery
1400 block S. Mission Rd.	Person down - Arrest made for possession of controlled substance and controlled substance paraphernalia
41000 block De Luz Murrieta Rd.	Arrest made for violating domestic court order
1400 block Alturas Rd.	Burglary - Vehicle
1600 block Willow Glen Rd.	Fraud - Get credit/etc others ID
300 block E. Alvarado St.	Child abuse incident
1700 block Bellington Ln.	Fraud - Forgery:False checks/records/certificates, get others credit/etc other's ID

Jan. 24	
3000 block E. Mission Rd.	Robbery - Strong arm
1800 block S. Stage Coach Ln.	Robbery - Strong arm
100 block E. Mission Rd.	Simply battery
300 block E. Alvarado St.	Found narcotics
300 block E. Ivy St.	Assault with a deadly weapon - Arrest made for arrest with a deadly weapon other than firearm
1500 block S. Mission Rd.	Burglary - Commercial
700 block Old Stage Rd.	Medical examiners case - Death
800 block Del Valle Dr.	Fraud - Get credit/etc other’s ID

Jan. 25	
300 block E. Alvarado St.	Found property
1300 block S. Mission Rd.	Subject stop - Arrest made for possession of controlled substance and PRCS violation
300 block E. Alvarado St.	Mental health evaluation - Mental disorder - 5150 - 72 hr. Observation
1300 block Via Del Oro	Traffic stop - 2 arrests made - Possession/purchase for sale narcotic/controlled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, felony bench warrant and possession of controlled substance and controlled substance paraphernalia

Jan. 26	
900 block S. Main Ave.	Under the influence of drugs/alcohol - Arrest made for disorderly conduct

Jan. 27	
1400 block S. Mission Rd.	Under the influence of drugs/alcohol - Arrest made for disorderly conduct and obstruction/resisting of peace officer/medical technician
500 block Alturas Rd.	Arrest made for assault with a deadly weapon not a firearm - Juvenile court
900 block Alturas Rd.	Spousal/cohabitant abuse with serious injury
300 block N. Hill Ave.	Burglary - Vehicle

Jan. 28	
3900 block Reche Rd.	Suicide - Actual or attempt - 5150 - Mental disorder - 72 hr. Observation
W. Clemmens @ S. Mission Rd.	Take vehicle without owner’s consent/vehicle theft
4000 block Gird Rd.	Burglary - Commercial
1200 block E. Mission Rd.	Medical examiners case - Death
1400 block Via Monserate	Battery - Arrest made for domestic violence - Battery: spouse/ex spouse/date/etc
300 block E. Fallbrook St.	Domestic violence - Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor injury

Jan. 29	
900 block Dolstra Ln.	Citizens arrest - Simple battery
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OBITUARIES

The family of **Gary Steven Colvin** is sad to announce his passing on Jan. 13, 2023. Gary was 88 years old.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Colvin.

He is survived by his brother, Richard Colvin; daughters Kimberly Kinsman, Caryn Sutherland, Kristina White, and his son Patrick Dickson. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Robert Dickie and Erin Price. Gary was proud of his 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The son of Orville and Dorothy Colvin, Gary was born Jan. 12, 1935, in Long Beach, California. He attended Long Beach City College and proudly retired as a

Long Beach police officer.

After retirement, Gary and Carolyn spent time between Fallbrook and Palm Springs. Gary enjoyed many hobbies and sports. He loved travel, entertaining family and friends and designed several homes, complete with gardens. He also enjoyed fishing in the mountains and at the beach, passing his enthusiasm to many family members. Gary played football in his youth and enjoyed golfing in his later years.

A graveside service will be held on Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery located at 1177 Santa Margarita Dr., Fallbrook, CA, 92028.

Thomas Paulson, age 97, passed away on Jan. 2, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Alma Paulson, sister Mildred Gagnon and grandson Matthew Paulson, Survived by wife, Joyce Paulson; sons, Roy and his wife Suzanne, Dan and wife Terri, three grandchildren, April, Megan, (Jason), Jessica, (Stephen) and one great-grandchild, Matthew.

Tom was born in Hancock,

Michigan on July 13, 1925, and moved to Racine, Wisconsin with his parents at the age of one year. He graduated from Washington High School in 1943 and was drafted into the U.S. Army.

He served in the Pacific Theater in the Anti-Aircraft division. He was stationed for various periods at Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Bougainville, Philippines, Japan and other islands.

After his discharge he and

his parents moved to Temecula, California in 1946. In 1947, Paulson Manufacturing Corporation was founded and became his lifetime enterprise.

In December 1956, he married Joyce Palosaari and they made their home in Temecula. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fallbrook, California.

A graveside service was held at Temecula Cemetery, Pastor Caleb Bassett officiating.

Amy Marie Buell was born May 21, 1970, in Santa Monica, California, to parents Bill and Mary Ellen Buell. She lived in Edmond, Oklahoma from 1973 to 1980, when her family moved to Fallbrook.

She attended Bonsall Elementary and Junior High and Fallbrook High School, graduating in 1988. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from California State University, San Marcos in 1997.

Amy loved animals and over the years had many cats, dogs, pet

birds, rabbits, and chickens. She enjoyed Fallbrook’s rural character and was passionate about the local wildlife. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She passed away on Jan. 17, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. She is survived by her brother, Michael Jonathan Buell, and her long-time boyfriend, Darren Casteel. Amy Marie was deeply loved by her friends and family. She will be sorely missed, but her spirit lives on in those who loved her.

Sheriff's deputies respond to burglary call

Two men are questioned by Sheriff's deputies who responded to a burglar alarm at St. Peter's Thrift Store at 500 S. Main Ave., Sunday morning, Jan. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9000072
Name of Business

HUSTLE SOFTBALL
1375 Rex Lane, El Cajon, CA 92021
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Alexis Ruiz, 1375 Rex Lane, El Cajon, CA 92021
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above as of
12/14/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
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DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 03, 2023

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February 2, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9000384
Name of Business

JARAMILLO'S GREEN FLOWERS
10090 Covey Ln, Escondido, CA 92026
Mailing address: 10090 Covey Ln, Escondido, CA 92026
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Josue Jaramillo Millan, 10090 Covey Ln, Escondido, CA 92026
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under
the fictitious name listed above as of 1/3/23
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
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DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 06, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9000375
Name of Business

AUTO APPRAISAL NETWORK SAN DIEGO
275 Tom McGuinness Jr Cir, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: SAME
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Mark W. Peterson, 275 Tom McGuinness Jr Cir, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above as of
11/06/2023
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN
DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 06, 2023

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PUBLISHED: January 12, 19, 26,
February 2, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2022-9027314
Name of Business

a. **STYLISH CULTURE APPAREL**
b. **STYLISH CULTURE NATIVE**
c. **STYLISH CULTURE FAMILY**
d. **STYLISH CULTURE KIDZ**
e. **STYLISH CULTURE SAVAGE**
f. **STYLISH CULTUREWOMENS**
g. **STYLISH CULTURE MX**
h. **STYLISH CULTURE PRODUCTIONS**
i. **STYLISH CULTURE MEN**
j. **FEATHER HEADS PRODUCTIONS**
k. **FEATHER HEADS**
l. **SAVAGE MOTO KIDZ**
m. **STYLISH CULTURE CLOTHING**
n. **NATIVE KIDZ**
o. **ROADRUNNER NATIVE**
p. **STYLISH CULTURE**
q. **SELF MADE SAVAGE**
r. **SELF MADE NATIVE**
s. **SELF MADE FAMILY**
t. **ROAD RUNNER CLOTHING**
u. **ROAD RUNNER APPAREL**

53004 Sycamore Ln, Pala, CA 92059
Mailing address: 53004 Sycamore Ln, Pala, CA 92059
County: San Diego

This business is registered by the following:
Anthony Luna Trujillo, 53004 Sycamore Ln, Pala, CA 92059
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under
the fictitious name listed above as of 11/23/2015
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN
DIEGO COUNTY ON Dec 15, 2022

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PUBLISHED: January 12, 19, 26,
February 2, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9000878
Name of Business

SACRED GROVE
742 Sleeping Indian Road, Oceanside, CA 92057
Mailing address: 742 Sleeping Indian Road, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Guadalupe Gonzalez, 742 Sleeping Indian Road, Oceanside, CA 92057
B. Louis Pierce III, 742 Sleeping Indian Road, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above as of
01/01/2023
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
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DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 13, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9001282
Name of Business

ROCK ATHLETIC CLUB
5029 Summerhill Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057
Mailing address: 4225 Oceanside Blvd H197, Oceanside, CA 92056
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Ziggy Rock, 5029 Summerhill Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under
the fictitious name listed above as of 10/24/2014
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN
DIEGO COUNTY ON Jan 19, 2023

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PUBLISHED: January 26,
February 2, 9, 16, 2023

Notice of Destruction of Records
Attention Special Education Students:
The Special Education Department of the Bonsall Unified School District intends to destroy all the special education student records in its possession for students who graduated or otherwise dis-enrolled from the District on or before June 30, 2019. Records will be destroyed February 1, 2023. Therefore, if you would like to have a copy of your records, please contact our office at 760-631-5200 Ext. 1017 Chelsie Smith.

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February 2, 2023

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9000863
Name of Business

GEODES
1116 Sea Larke Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: same as above
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Jean Palculich Bucher, 1116 Sea Larke Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above as of
01/13/2023
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
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COUNTY ON Jan 13, 2023

LEGAL: 6065
PUBLISHED: January 19, 26,
February 2, 9, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2022-9027856
Name of Business

a. **CLEARLY WRITTEN**
b. **THE BOOK EDITOR**
35450 Brown Galloway Ln, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 27475 Ynez Rd #429, Temecula, CA 92591
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Helen Gordon, 35450 Brown Galloway Ln, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under
the fictitious name listed above as of 06/24/2019
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
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COUNTY ON Dec 27, 2022

LEGAL: 6066
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February 2, 9, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9000288
Name of Business

a. **ALLEGRO APPRAISAL & VALUATION**
b. **PIANO APPRAISAL SHOP.COM**
2495 Via Rancheros, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: PO Box 1612, Fallbrook, CA 92088
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Allegro Musical Ventures, Inc., 2495 Via Rancheros, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above as of
07/20/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO
COUNTY ON Jan 06, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9001115
Name of Business

D&M WATER
805 E. Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069
Mailing address: 805 E. Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Blu Bulk Transport Inc, 805 E. Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first began to transact business under
the fictitious name listed above as of 12/27/2022
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9002076
Name of Business

YOUR GO-TO HOME IMPROVEMENT GUY
825 College Blvd Ste 102 #511, Oceanside, CA 92057
Mailing address: 825 College Blvd Ste 102 #511, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Pesamino Faletoi, 5294 Willow Walk Rd, Oceanside, CA 92057
B. Cori Faletoi, 5294 Willow Walk Rd, Oceanside, CA 92057
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO
COUNTY ON Jan 27, 2023

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PUBLISHED: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number: 2023-9001500
Name of Business

J.O. FABRICATIONS
1046 Marbo Terrace, Vista, CA 92084
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Jarrod Olinger, 1046 Marbo Terrace, Vista, CA 92084
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under
the fictitious name listed above as of 01/23/2023
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE
RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO
COUNTY ON Jan 23, 2023

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PUBLISHED: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023



Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2022-00050765-CU-PT-NC
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner:
STEPHANIE DANIELLE RIVERA
Present Name:
STEPHANIE DANIELLE RIVERA
Proposed Name:
MOAKEAH DANIELLE RIVERA

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: 2/7/2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: 25
The address of the court is 325 S. Melrose Dr, Vista, CA 92081 North County Regional Center

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
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.
Date: DEC 20 2022 Signed: James E. Simmons Jr., Judge of the Superior Court.

LEGAL: 6064
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February 2, 2023

Citation

CITATION FOR FREEDOM FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL IN THE MATTER OF ROY ALEXANDER ALVAREZ

Date of Birth 03/15/2009

RESPONDENT
ROOY GUADALUPE ALVAREZ

Case Number: 22AD000302C

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego
2851 Meadow Lark Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

To ROOY GUADALUPE ALVAREZ
You are ordered to appear in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego, in Department JC-02 at the court location indicated above on February 24, 2023 at 1:30 pm to show cause, why ROY ALEXANDER ALVAREZ should not be declared free from parental custody and control (for the purpose of placement for adoption) as requested in the petition.

This hearing will be conducted by video or telephone through the 2851 Meadow Lark Drive, San Diego, CA 92123 See attached instructions and call the court to have the video link emailed to you.

At the hearing, the will read the petition and, if requested, will explain the effect of the granting of the petition, any term or allegation contained therein and the nature of the proceeding, its procedures and possible consequences and may continue the matter for not more than 30 days for the appointment of counsel to give counsel time to prepare.

The court may appoint counsel to represent the minor whether or not the minor is able to afford counsel. If any parent appears and is unable to afford counsel, the court shall appoint counsel to represent each parent who appears unless such representation is knowingly and intelligently waived.

Someone over the age of 18 – not the petitioner – must serve the other party with all the forms and complete a proof of service form, such as Proof of Service of Citation (Adoptions) (SDSC Form #JUV-300), telling when and how the other party was served and file that with the court.

If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your pleading, if any, may be filed on time.

Date: 1/9/2023
Tilisha T. Martin, Judge of the Superior Court
Legal #: 6070
Published: January 26,
February 2, 9, 16, 2023

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code that Citrus Plaza Self Storage, at 202 West College Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028 will sell by competitive bidding, on or after February 16, 2023 at 12:00pm, property belonging to those listed below. Auction to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: Household, office & business goods, furniture, appliances, personal items, clothing, electronics, tools, duffle bags/suit cases, electronics, sporting and exercise equipment, miscellaneous boxes, containers & bags with unknown contents belonging to the following:

Whitney, Madeline
Crandall, Donald
Ponce, Vanessa
Danlag, Marco
Buchanan, Dianne
Booker, Charles

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February 02, 2023

APN: 129-292-36-00 & 185-041-13 ORDER: 05946759 FILE: TS-220902 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER AN NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (CIVIL CODE SECTION 5675), DATED 8/04/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that on 2/08/2023 at 10:00 a.m. C.N.A. FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the above referenced Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien which was caused to be recorded by Blackinton Airport Property Owners Association (Creditor Association) pursuant to the authority of Civil Code Section 5675 in order to secure obligations in favor of the Creditor Association, which Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded 8/10/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0323280 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default and Election to Sell recorded 10/11/2022 as instrument # 20220395713 of Official Office of said County will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St, El Cajon, CA 92020, all rights, title and interest in the property situated in San Diego County, State of California describing the land therein: As more fully described in Notice of Delinquent Assessment The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11146 Old Castle Road, Valley Center, CA The owner of record of the above described property is: VC Airport Properties, LLC, a California limited liability company The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$91,110.58 (estimated). In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid balance currently due and owing under the aforesaid Notice of Delinquent Assessment and/or late fees, cost of collections (including attorney fees), and interest, which said Owner is obligated to pay Creditor Association under Civil Code 5650 and fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee. 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If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call telephone number for information regarding the trustee's sale 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 220902. 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First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 220902 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding potential right to purchase." FOR SALES INFORMATION CALL: 916-939-0772 C/O C.N.A.FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as said Trustee. 2020 CAMINO DEL RIO N. #230, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92108 (619) 297-6740 DATE: 1/09/2023 KIMBERLY CURRAN, Trustee Sale Officer NPP0420065 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 01/19/2023, 01/26/2023, 02/02/2023

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2023-00001931-CU-PT-CTL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner:
MARIA KATHLEEN SIMMONS
Present Name:
MARIA KATHLEEN SIMMONS
Proposed Name:
MARIA DELILAH RAMSEY

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: 3/1/23 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: 61
The address of the court is 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101, Hall of Justice Courthouse

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

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.
Date: JAN 17 2023 Signed: Michael T. Smyth, Judge of the Superior Court.

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