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Laser light beam conversation? 20 years ago

Twenty years ago, amateur radio operators Bob Gonsett (W6VR) and Kerry Banke (N6IZW) shot a red laser beam to have a conversation over 12.7 miles during an Amateur Radio Field Day. Oddly enough, they didn't have much to say to each other.

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Virtual revitalization meeting held

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Fallbrook Revitalization Committee held a virtual meeting Aug. 18, and the virtual meeting allowed additional San Diego County staff members to participate without making the physical trip to Fallbrook.

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Students go back to school at Zion



Kindergarten teacher Genevieve Kim teaches her students as school begins at Zion Christian Preschool and Kindergarten in Fallbrook, Aug. 25.

Village News/Shane Gibson photo

FUESD board member retires

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Longtime Fallbrook Union Elementary School District governing board member Patty de Jong announced she is stepping down from her position after more than 24 years.

"I turned 65 this year, which is the age at which a lot of people retire, and I cannot retire from my regular job - I don't want to. But I can retire from this job," De Jong said. "My dad always told me, 'You'll know when you've had enough.' I've had enough. So effective tonight, I am resigning, or the word I prefer, retiring from this position."

De Jong runs a tax accounting business outside of her position as a school board member. She has served on the FUESD board since 1996.

She said it was "a pleasure to serve with" her fellow board members and that they had "always

put the interests of all of the children in this district first and foremost, without any outside interference or pressure."

De Jong served with four superintendents, including current FUESD superintendent, Candace Singh.

"I really, truly hope that this community knows the treasure they have in you, your knowledge, your foresight, your care and your empathy," she said.

De Jong said she had watched her daughters grow up during her time on the FUESD board.

"When I started this job, my

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Patty de Jong, who retired from the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District board recently, spends a moment with a FUESD student.

Village News/Courtesy photo



D'Vine Path students adjust to learning amid coronavirus pandemic

Christal Gaines-Emory
Intern

Students at D'Vine Path are adjusting to the COVID-19 pandemic through the vocational education they receive at the ranch. The pandemic has caused many businesses and programs to shut down, but D'Vine Path has remained open.

D'Vine Path, a program created by Lenila Batali, focuses on helping special needs adults. Special education ends when the student turns 22, but D'Vine Path continues to educate these students through vocational and life skills training after their graduation. This training provides the students with more opportunities. Along with their agriculture and viticulture training, D'Vine path provides training in hospitality and the arts, as well as workshops taught by guest speakers.

Batali started the program eight years ago, and her family has lived in Fallbrook for 20 years. Her



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D'Vine Path students install a butterfly garden with Wings of Change.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallbrook Newcomers Club to meet virtually for September Social

FALLBROOK – The September Social meeting of the Fallbrook Newcomers Club will be held on Zoom at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, with a presentation from Rachel Mason, chief executive officer of the Fallbrook County Health District. Several other club social activities will also be held online throughout the month.

The Fallbrook Newcomers Club has been busy over the summer electing a new board of directors, including Sausan Fahmy as president, Nancy Barton as vice president, Kathy Galindo as secretary, Misha Perdue as treasurer, Cheryl Simmen for programs, Mindy Conner for membership, Marcia Stuart for activities and Carolyn Stankaitis for events.

The Fallbrook Newcomers Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1620 Stage Coach Lane, in Fallbrook, due to current health orders the club is meeting virtually. For membership information, visit <http://www.fallbrooknewcomers.com>.

Submitted by Fallbrook Newcomers Club.

Veteran support group seeks sponsors for veteran golf tournament

DANA POINT – The Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group is seeking sponsors for some Marines and Wounded Warriors who would like to play in 11th annual Combat Golf Tournament. Sponsors would provide one of the Marines or Wounded Warriors a memorable day at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course Monday, Sept. 21, with a \$150 donation.

Send donations to <https://danapoint5thmarines.com/combat-golf/>.

The sponsorship includes golf, box lunches loaded on their cart by gloved and masked golf course personnel, range balls and a player swag bag for each golfer.

After the tournament, there will be a no-host cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres on an outside patio, an awards ceremony and an up-close view of the chopper ball drop.

Additional ways to get involved include the tee sponsor at \$100, the hole-in-one sponsor at \$250 and the mask sponsor at \$1,000.

Submitted by Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group.

Join free virtual workshops at 68th annual Latino Book and Family Festival

FALLBROOK – Sponsored by the nonprofit Empowering Latino Futures, the 68th North San Diego County Latino Book and Family Festival offers free workshops and entertainment to enrich the community with information, education and activities every Saturday at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at <http://www.LBFF.us> or on Facebook @LBFFs.

Submitted by Empowering Latino Futures.

Brother Benno’s begins ‘pay it forward’ golf fundraiser

OCEANSIDE – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Brother Benno’s Auxiliary annual golf tournament has been changed to a “Pay it Forward” golf fundraiser.

Instead of offering “community play,” it will now be a “pay it forward” event. There are sponsorship options for everyone, and 100% of all proceeds are tax deductible. Sponsorships will fund a round of golf for local active duty service members at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton’s Marine Memorial Golf Course, as well as help the homeless and community members that Brother Benno’s serves.

Sponsored play begins Oct. 2 and will continue until all military member sponsorship rounds have been awarded. To view the sponsorship options or to make a donation, visit <http://www.brotherbenno.org/golf-2020>. Send questions to Nita Rodriguez at auxiliary@brotherbenno.org.

Submitted by Brother Benno’s Auxiliary.

Rally For Children accepts funding requests

FALLBROOK – Rally For Children, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of programs and projects for the benefit of children in the Fallbrook/Bonsall area, is now accepting requests for funding. The deadline for applications is Sept. 30.

Rally For Children makes annual philanthropic donations. In 2019, 16 organizations received funding, including American Association of University Women, Bonsall Sprouts, Boys & Girls Club, Fallbrook A Leer/Reading Family Literacy Day, Fallbrook Child Development Center Inc., Fallbrook Cheer Booster Association, Fallbrook Food Pantry, Fallbrook High School Marching Warriors Band, Fallbrook Land Conservancy, Fallbrook Union High School PTSA, Fallbrook Music Society, Fallbrook School of the Arts, Fallbrook Youth Baseball, Friends of Fallbrook Community Center, REINS and Zion Lutheran Church and School Preschool.

All nonprofit organizations serving children in the area may request funding for local projects and programs. Requests must be written and provide specific details of how the funds received will benefit children in the communities of Fallbrook and Bonsall. Mail requests to: Rally For Children, P.O. Box 2575, Fallbrook, CA 92088-2575, Attention: Philanthropy.

Submitted by Rally For Children.

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REINS to host virtual fundraiser

FALLBROOK – The REINS Country Hoedown fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, as a virtual livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live. Attendees can host their own in-home “watch party with a purpose,” bid on the online silent auction, listen to live music by Clay Colton and watch the new REINS video premiere. Donations for the silent auction will be accepted until Monday, Sept. 21.

Anyone who needs assistance to set up their TV or computer for YouTube or Facebook Live, call REINS at 760-731-9168 before Oct. 8.

For more information, visit <http://reinsprogram.org> about the event and how to donate and participate.

Submitted by REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program.

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OPINION

The \$177 billion project

Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

In 2004, San Diegans voted to extend a half-cent sales tax for 40 years starting in 2008. In exchange SANDAG promised to build mass transit projects and also relieve traffic congestion by making critical highway improvements to Routes 78, 67, 94, 125, 805 and 52 and many other major San Diego highways. Those promised projects have not come to fruition.

After spending over two-thirds of the transportation dollars in the last decade on mass transit, public transit ridership has actually declined. And we can all see it: trolleys and buses run empty on a daily basis, with just over 3% of our population using public transit. That was all before COVID-19. Now, because of the pandemic, there’s even more of a decline in public transit with no end in sight.

Over the past couple of years, SANDAG has talked about creating a “big bold vision” which would rely heavily on public transportation. The cost of that plan was announced recently at an astronomical \$177 billion.

To put that in perspective, the Three Gorges Dam, which is the largest in the world, cost \$32 billion, the International Space Station cost \$150 billion and even the proposed California bullet train, which is a boondoggle, is an estimated \$80.3 billion.

SANDAG’s transportation “vision” has SR-78 losing a general-purpose lane. That means that if you can’t carpool, you will have only two lanes to use. Now imagine trying to drive from Oceanside to Escondido on a Friday afternoon. But I guess the city of San Diego will have a Grand Central station.

How many times will San Diegans be taxed for new promises on top of broken promises and still sit in traffic? A functioning road network is an essential element of our economy.

August marks 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote

Assemblymember Marie Waldron

Special to Village News

August marks a huge milestone. In 1920, women were granted the right to vote nationwide when Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment. According to the amendment, “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

Just to be clear, millions of women had already been voting. Fifteen states had granted women full suffrage, and limited voting rights had been granted in another 12. In some states like Colorado and Oklahoma, women’s suffrage passed by elections that were only open to male voters.

In California, women received the right to vote in 1911, and in 1918, four women were elected to the State Assembly. Nationally, the first woman elected to Congress was Jeannette Rankin of Montana in 1916. A strong supporter of women’s suffrage, she voted for the 19th Amendment in 1918.

Even after passage of the 19th Amendment, voting rights did not include all women. Women of color were not allowed to

vote in some parts of the country until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Today, women serve at all levels of leadership in our state and nation, including governors, congressional representatives and senators. In the California Legislature, I serve as Assembly Minority Leader, along with Toni Atkins, Pro Tem and Shannon Grove, Minority Leader, both in the Senate.

The 19th Amendment passed Congress in 1919 with bipartisan support – over 80% of Republicans and 50% of Democrats supported the measure in both houses. In the 1920 election, 36% of women, compared to 68% of men, actually voted, but since 1980, turnout among women has slightly surpassed male turnout.

We’ve come a long way in 100 years and we continue to work for equality.

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

CHRB delays fire sprinkler installations

Few can forget the terrible images of the Lilac fire in 2017. Among the worst were scenes of people trying to rescue horses at San Luis Rey Training Center in Bonsall, where rescuers were burned and 45 horses ultimately perished.

It was therefore terribly disturbing when the California Horse Racing Board, during its Aug. 20 meeting, granted an exemption to its own Fire Safety Rule to the San Luis Rey Training Center - where the center’s representative admitted that about half of the barns have no sprinklers and asked for another full year in

which to get them installed.

With fires currently raging across California, the board also granted an exemption to the Los Alamitos racetrack.

Given the wealth of the horse racing industry, it is hard to comprehend the failure of San Luis Rey Training Center to install sprinklers after the tragedy of the Lilac Fire and impossible to understand the unanimous decision of the CHRB to waive their own requirements regarding fire safety. It is one more example of what is wrong with horse racing.

Jane Cartmill

Applaud the USPS

A tip of the hat and a round of applause for the U.S. Postal Service in Fallbrook. Despite the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a visit to

the post office lobby is always met with a smile and a helpful attitude. And the delivery folks deliver our mail every day no matter the weather. This has

been our experience here for 29 years, and we look forward to the continuation of the outstanding service. Bravo USPS!

Robert Haney

Dear Editor,

I can’t wait for the Republican National Convention to hear all of our president’s accomplishments. Clearly, the media won’t tell us what is happening at home or around the world.

Before President Donald J. Trump:

If anyone recalls, when this president took office unemployment was the highest it had been in a decade, because former President Barack Obama gave away our manufacturing jobs which supported minorities when he signed NAFTA.

Obama gave China all of our prescription medication formulas closing down more plants.

Don’t you recall that Hillary Clinton allowed our embassy and its staff to be murdered on camera in Bangladesh?

That was a first unanswered act of terror against Americans in the history of our country.

Instead, Obama secretly sent millions of dollars in an airplane to Iran telling his news corps that he’d reached a nuclear deal with Iran when truth is – he funded it.

Isis was terrorizing the Middle East and parts of Europe with random car bombings and drive-thru attacks on a daily basis.

Illegal immigrants were caravanning across our Southern borders parading into Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California by the millions.

MS-13 hoodlums were terrorizing inner cities raping young women and killing young men.

Central American cartel lords were shipping millions of kilos of illegal drugs smuggled into our country to poison our children and devastating their families.

And still illegal immigrants in Democratic-controlled cities and states harbor killers instead of allowing Immigration and Customs Enforcement to deport them.

The rumor on the internet is Obama and Bill Gates funded the Wuhan laboratory which unleashed this worldwide pandemic.

The Obama administration along with Hillary Clinton devised illegal wire taping and misuse of justice against this president. We’re waiting for justice to be served.

Democratic cities are not protecting tax paying, law-abiding citizens in big cities like New York, Portland, Seattle, Chicago and Atlanta.

San Francisco is no longer the jewel of California. It is a toilet.

North Korea threatened the West Coast with his missiles.

Democrats support Planned Parenthood abortions which are primarily minority babies. This is a sin against God.

Doesn’t anyone wonder how the redneck Clintons and the Obamas went from average to millionaires in just eight years?

How the Obamas can build a multimillion-dollar home on Martha’s Vineyard on an annual retirement of \$210,700?

No one questions how the Clintons married their daughter to the son of the biggest Ponzi scammer of all times?

No one questions why Hillary Clinton buddy-buddied around with Harvey Weinstein or Bill Clinton flew off to Jeffery Epstein’s private island? These mutants were inside our White House.

No one has charged former Vice President Joe Biden with quid-pro quo and swindling Ukraine out of millions and more from China?

I have to ask why?

Even in the midst of chaos of that bogus ongoing political investigation, ongoing intrigue and internal sabotage by entrenched employees this president has withstood the onslaught.

He squelched North Korea when

he declared the U.S. had a bigger button than Kim Jong-un. All has been quiet for over a year.

Trump made the other members in the United Nations’ countries pay their share.

Trump imposed sanctions on countries that didn’t pay up or honor fair trade deals.

When European countries are mad at us, it means our president is doing his job. He puts America first.

He believes in the Constitution. He believes in God.

Trump believes all lives matters by defunding the ongoing killing of unborn babies by Planned Parenthood.

Christians cannot support Planned Parenthood and abortions. If killing babies isn’t enough, they sell baby parts from those same abortions.

Trump was a millionaire when he took office, the last two Democratic presidents were millionaires when they left office.

Trump donates his annual salary to American war heroes.

His biggest fault is his love for this country and what it stands for. Ah, but that is why men before him suffered the consequence of signing the Declaration of Independence. They too were prosecuted by liberals, most lost their wealth in the end.

But, like Trump, they inspired a nation.

He doesn’t drink alcohol nor does anyone in his family. He doesn’t use drugs. Nor does anyone in his family.

When citizens across this country are buying personal protection equipment at an all-time high, there is no other person to lead this country into the next four years.

If you don’t vote in person, you’d better buy a gun for after this election.

Ann Glass
Fallbrook

School Choice - More than a political platform position

Julie Reeder

Publisher

What to some people is nothing more than part of a political platform, or a political narrative, to others is the opportunity for freedom and life changing opportunity. School Choice was painted for years with ignorance and fear that uneducated or “bad” parents would take their children to “witch schools” or some other inappropriate school setting. These fear-based oppositions were ignorant in my opinion.

I appreciated the ability to follow four different paths for my four children that were all unique with unique needs. We had some learning disabilities and different learning styles. While it’s not always the case, by far and large, parents are the ones who know their children the best and love them and have their best interests first and foremost. For the most part, we would do anything for our children.

When parents’ hands are tied and they are stuck with only one choice, and it’s a failing or dangerous school, or it’s not meeting the needs of their student, it’s one of the most detrimental things for that family and the student’s future.

How much more advantageous for that family, the community and society if our tax dollars followed that student so that the parent could find the best school to fit the needs of their individual student? That is what school choice is all about. As a parent who has taken advantage of our local public schools, a private school, two charter schools and even home schooling for a time, I can testify that all children are not round pegs that fit into round holes. We overcame issues that the schools just weren’t set up to handle. No one knew our students better than their father and me.

Every child in every neighborhood should have the opportunity, not just families in “good” neighborhoods.

School choice is scary for those in education because it removes their absolute control over our children. They see themselves as the “experts,” and maybe they are, but I believe this is less about the children and more about job security. If it wasn’t, then the recent demands by the United Teachers Los Angeles, a union consisting of 35,000 members, wouldn’t have outlined a series of demands before reopening that included defunding the police and charter schools.

This was part of their statement: “Police violence is a leading cause of death and trauma for Black people, and is a serious public health and moral issue We must shift the astronomical amount of money devoted to policing, to education and other essential needs such as housing and public health.”

I wonder if they knew that

shootings by Los Angeles police officers reached a 30-year low in 2019, with fatal shootings declining for the fourth year in a row, according to a new report on police use of force.

I wonder how defunding the police will benefit students.

The paper ended with a section titled, “In Conclusion: Normal Wasn’t Working For Us Before. We Can’t Go Back.”

Then this week I saw a video of a parent in East Los Angeles showing that his student was learning BLM curriculum. It looked more like indoctrination rather than education. I doubt defunding the police and charter schools will make things better. Maybe defunding the Los Angeles School District and starting over would be more beneficial.

This has become a hot national topic as well.

Democrats are supported by teachers’ unions to the tune of more than \$32 million, according to <http://www.opensecrets.org>, so they are against school choice. “Even more than most labor unions, they have little use for Republicans, giving Democrats at least 94% of the funds they contributed to candidates”

Republicans don’t have the support of the teachers’ unions, so they are free to support school choice.

“A child’s ZIP code in America should never determine their future, and that’s what was happening. So we’re very, very strong on school choice,” President Trump said.

School choice” is the term for giving students and families options in K-12 education, usually referring to charter schools and/or vouchers for private schools. President Trump has publicly supported “the money following the student.”

Just as we were able to choose the best educational path for our children, I believe the best way to support inner city children or children at risk is to provide their parents with school choice. We can’t keep talking about hope and change without action.

School choice was on the ballot years ago in California. Dr. Stephen Guffanti, the brilliant doctor who backed the ballot measure told me about a group of at risk boys who were lured to school by the opportunity to do something they cared about, learning to fight. A martial arts teacher taught them for an hour and then they ran for quite a way to school (if I remember correctly). By the time they got to school, they were ready to concentrate. They all graduated and went on to college.

That’s what they needed, and it worked for them. What other students need will be different. We need the competition, competence and innovation. Our children are too precious and too important.

All of our futures depend on it. Julie Reeder can be reached by email at jreeder@reedermedia.com.

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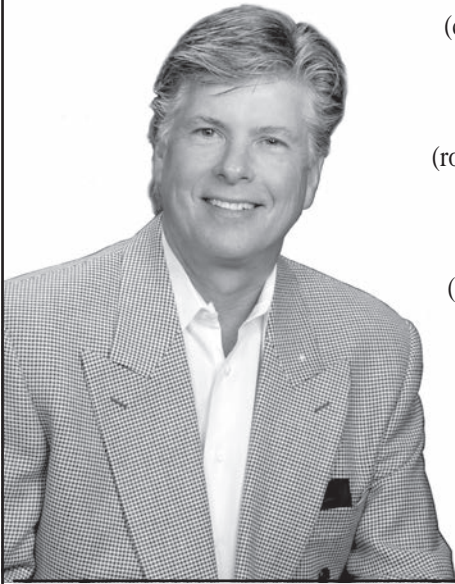
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26 new coronavirus cases in Fallbrook since last week

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook is reporting an increase of a few dozen more coronavirus cases recently, according to County data, while San Diego County was taken off the state of California's coronavirus watchlist, Aug. 18.

A week after San Diego County was removed from the state of California's coronavirus watchlist, Fallbrook reported an increase of about two dozen coronavirus cases or 26 more, 415, 846.8 per 100,000.

The 92028 ZIP code, which also includes the communities of De Luz and Rainbow, now has 415 total coronavirus cases as of Monday, Aug. 17, and 0.8% of the area's population has tested positive for the virus.

That's an increase of 26 new cases since the previous week, when ZIP code 92028 recorded 389 coronavirus cases.

The area, previously one of the least affected by the virus, began

recording an uptick in infections in June, and has been roughly in the middle of the county's distribution of coronavirus infection rates since then.

Last week, the 92028 ZIP code had the 36th highest coronavirus infection rate in San Diego County, and the 44th lowest. Since then, it has gone up by one slot – 92028 now has the 35th highest coronavirus infection rate in the county and the 43rd lowest.

Nearby Bonsall's 92003 ZIP code reported only one more coronavirus case Aug. 24 than a week before, for a new total of 37 cases. As has been the case since the start of the pandemic, San Diego County cannot estimate an infection rate for Bonsall because of the low number of cases and low population.

Even as the COVID-19 numbers continue to improve in San Diego County, with 187 new infections and no deaths reported Aug. 24, local officials said there remains no guidance from the state as far



Health care workers prepare to conduct testing for COVID-19 in Fallbrook. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

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as a framework toward reopening the county – leaving many people in limbo.

“We still have not yet received clarity,” county supervisor Greg Cox said. “We do not yet know when we will get these guidelines.”

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher said the county was hoping to hear from the state this week.

The cases reported Aug. 24 raised the region's cumulative total caseload to 36,727. The number of deaths remains unchanged at 660. The 187 positive cases is the fewest reported in the county since Aug. 10, and the second fewest in the past month.

Of the 7,351 tests reported Aug. 24, 3% returned positive, lowering the 14-day rolling average of positive tests to 3.5%, well below the state's 8% guideline. The seven-day average number of tests performed in the county is 7,394.

Of the total positive cases in the county, 2,989 – or 8.1% – have required hospitalization since the pandemic began, and 733 – or 2% – were admitted to an intensive care unit. Currently, 275 people are in regional hospitals with COVID-19, 103 of whom are in intensive care.

County health officials reported five new community outbreaks Aug. 24, bringing the number of outbreaks in the past week to 20, tied to 73 cases. Two outbreaks were at businesses, one was at a restaurant/bar, one in a grocery store and one in a hotel/resort/spa setting.

The number of community

outbreaks remains well above the county's goal of fewer than seven in a seven-day span. A community setting outbreak is defined as three or more COVID-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households in the past 14 days.

The county reported a case rate of 80.3 positive COVID-19 tests per 100,000 people Aug. 24, below the state's 100 per 100,000 guideline.

The county will be placed back on the state's monitoring list should it be flagged for exceeding any one of six different metrics for three consecutive days. Those metrics are the case rate, the percentage of positive tests, the average number of tests a county is able to perform daily, changes in the number of hospitalized patients and the percentage of ventilators and intensive care beds available.

County-compiled data related to race and ethnicity on testing, staffing and geographic location will be made available Aug. 24 for the first time since the pandemic began. Previously, data on race had been broken down by deaths, hospitalizations and case numbers only.

Latinos are still disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, with that ethnic group representing 61.7% of all hospitalizations and 46% of all deaths due to the illness. Latinos make up about 35% of San Diego County's population.

On Aug. 24, gyms, fitness businesses and places of worship were officially allowed to operate

in San Diego city parks.

San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer announced the executive order Tuesday, Aug. 25. City Councilmember Chris Cate proposed the idea in mid-July, and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a similar ordinance for county parks, Aug. 5.

The directive defers park permit fees for 60 days. Faulconer will bring an ordinance to the council once it is back in session in September that would make the waiving of fees permanent. The county was officially removed from the state's monitoring list Tuesday, setting in motion a 14-day countdown that could see K-12 students back in the classroom as soon as Sept. 1, depending on the decisions of individual school districts.

Currently, 27 schools – mostly private religious schools – have been approved for in-person learning by the county.

The schools include Calvary Christian Academy, Francis Parker School, Chabad Hebrew Academy, San Diego French American School, La Jolla Country Day School and others. They were among nearly 50 schools that applied for a waiver to the county's public health guideline regarding in-person teaching.

City News Service contributed to this report.
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Suspected DUI driver arrested after head-on crash kills man in Fallbrook

City News Service
Special to Village News

A 47-year-old Fallbrook woman was arrested on suspicion of DUI after allegedly crashing head-on into a pickup in Fallbrook, killing the truck's driver, authorities said.

The crash happened around 1:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, on East Mission Road west of Red Mountain Dam Drive, Officer Mark Latulippe of the California Highway Patrol said.

A 47-year-old woman was driving a Ford Mustang westbound

when the vehicle began to veer left into the opposite lane of traffic, where it collided head-on with a Toyota Tacoma driven by a 55-year-old Fallbrook man, Latulippe said. Both drivers were trapped in their vehicles following the collision.

The Toyota driver was taken to Palomar Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, the officer said. The victim's name was withheld pending family notification.

The Mustang driver was taken to Palomar Medical Center for treatment of serious injuries, Latulippe said. She was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and was expected to be booked into jail once medically cleared.

Her name was not immediately available.

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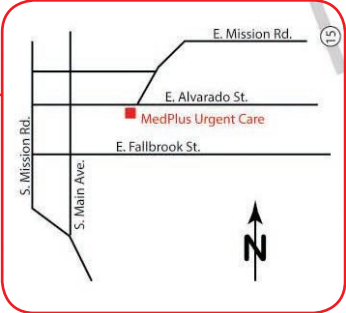
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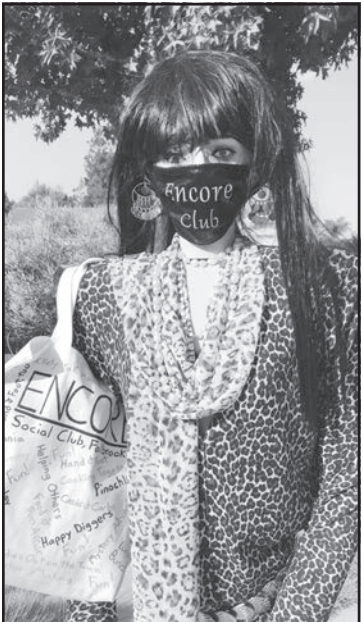
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Fallbrook Encore Club prepares for new season

FALLBROOK – The newly installed Fallbrook Encore Club’s executive board is preparing for a new season, consistent with the current health orders due to the coronavirus pandemic. Board members and activity chairs are planning creative ways to have fun



Fallbrook Village News/Courtesy photos
Encore Club’s COVID-19 compliant “Carey” prepares to join this season’s Scarecrow Days display in Fallbrook soon.

together and still be safe. Fallbrook Encore Club is a social club enjoying a wide variety of activities and special events throughout the year. Members are drawn from the communities of Fallbrook, De Luz, Rainbow and Bonsall. New members are welcomed at any time, and inquiries may be directed to co-membership chairs Patty Lucas at patty@pattylucas.com or Sherry Drzewicki at 949-751-9748 or visit <http://www.fallbrookencoreclub.com>.

The regular monthly meetings of the 2020-2021 season will resume Sept. 1, at 9:30 a.m., on Zoom, rather than gathering in person. The club will hear from Diane Kennedy of Finch Frolic Garden who will speak on the art of permaculture. Instruction is available for everyone to become familiar with Zoom. When permitted, meetings will again be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Fallbrook, on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. It is not yet known when the church will be able to host community events that normally meet there.

Meanwhile, the club has planned a few activities for September. An “Art Walk” will be hosted by Terry Derry for family groups from Sept. 3-18. Maps of the art displayed in Fallbrook public places will be provided, and participants will tour on their own and send “selfies” with the art back to the event host. The book club will meet by Zoom, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. with Gay Smith as host.



The Fallbrook Encore Club’s newly installed executive board includes in the back row from left, Ardell Teare as co-second vice president of special events, Ardis Duhachek as co-president, Cheryl Hurley as co-first vice president of activities, Patty Lucas as co-third vice president of membership, Terry Derry as co-first vice president of activities, Dale Kinnamon a co-second vice president of special events, Carol Kidd as co-president, Judi Buffone as treasurer and in the front row from left, Linda Johnson as recording secretary, Sherry Drzewicki as co-third vice president of membership and Carol Shrider as publicity. Not shown is Carole Parker as newsletter editor and Nancy Downs as parliamentarian and corresponding secretary.

“GO” bunco will be played over Zoom, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. with Eileen Hctor as host. Bingo will be enjoyed Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. over Zoom. “Walkabout” participants will take a virtual tour of San Dieguito County Park in Del Mar, followed by a trip to the park with their family with Pat Bodi as host. Those wishing to participate in an event should contact the host

for each activity. The special event chairs are also planning the traditional holiday luncheon Dec. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Pala Mesa Resort. Guests of the popular and festive annual event will be offered a plated luncheon in the sunroom, with the “social distancing” currently required. Members are encouraged to save the date, with more details to come.

Encore Club also joins with Newcomers Club for some combined “Newcore” activities throughout the year. The Newcore RV group trip to Flying Flags Resort in Buellton in Santa Barbara Country, Sept. 27 to Oct. 2, is still on, with more trips to come in the future. Submitted by Fallbrook Encore Club.

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Fallbrook Woman’s Club ‘Zooms’ along with virtual meetings and creative fundraisers

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Woman’s Club is complying with the governor’s mandate, as well as the California Federation of Women’s Clubs, by not holding regular in-person monthly meetings. The club’s board members are meeting regularly online via Zoom.

The board members continue to make plans for the upcoming year. Monthly newsletters are sent to members to keep them informed of upcoming plans. The entire membership of FWC will be invited to join in a Zoom “Meet and Greet” in the coming week. Members will be contacted by a board member to inform them on the use of Zoom, as needed.

While the club’s fundraising efforts for local charities are currently on hold, the FWC continues to be creative and host virtual or stay-at-home fundraisers to support our philanthropic causes. For anyone interested in more information or wanting to join the FWC, contact the club at fallbrookwomensclub@gmail.com.



Members of the Fallbrook Woman’s Club continue to raise funds for projects despite the coronavirus pandemic, including from left, Karen Kreutz, Alice LaBonte-Hsu, Teri Katz, Pam Hermansader, Roxann Clouse, Mary Vitran, Diane Jensen, Marianne Nolte, Kathy Simmons, Sharon Drucker and Linda Lovett and not pictured, BJ Maus, Lee Johnson, Vicky O’Kelly, Phyllis Audiss, Shirlee Fagan and Sharon Sika.

The Fallbrook Woman’s Club is a member of Women’s Clubs International. Its goal is to

encourage women to improve the community, state and the nation through volunteering time, talent

and interests. Submitted by the Fallbrook Woman’s Club.

U.S. EPA issues emergency order to out-of-compliance Lee Bar Ranch mobile home park drinking water system in Pala

PALA – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered the Lee Bar Ranch mobile home park on the Pala Band of Mission Indians Reservation to comply with federal drinking water requirements and to identify and correct problems at its sewer and drinking water systems that present a danger to the residents of the park. The sewer and water systems serve approximately 90 residents and are privately owned. A boil water notice has been issued to all customers.

During several inspections between January and May 2020, the Pala Environmental Department learned that untreated human sewage was regularly discharged onto the soil throughout the property as a result of septic system failures. Additionally, PED observed a broken drinking water line, which may lead to a loss of

pressure and a reversal in the water flow. Both the potential exposure of an underground source of drinking water to human waste and reversal in the water flow may lead to fecal contamination of the drinking water or contamination by other disease-causing organisms. Lastly, the drinking water system on Lee Bar Ranch was not registered with the EPA and has failed to comply with all applicable monitoring and reporting regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

“Through this order, EPA is ensuring that the water system is properly operated to provide the mobile home park residence safe drinking water,” John Busterud, administrator of the EPA Pacific Southwest Regional, said. “We will be actively engaged with the system, community and Pala Band of Mission Indians until the system returns to compliance.”

Under the terms of the agency’s administrative order, the owners of the water system are required to issue a boil water notice to all customers and take drinking water samples from different points in the drinking water system for the presence of total coliform bacteria.

If any of the water samples have a positive E. coli result, owners must provide at least 1 gallon of water per person per day for every individual served by the system.

They must conduct a technical review of the drinking water and wastewater infrastructures to identify problems, and draft and follow a plan to correct those problems; provide verification that the system has a qualified water operator and properly monitor the system’s drinking water and report findings to the EPA.

EPA will continue to oversee the system operator’s efforts

to comply with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and may levy civil penalties if it fails to meet the compliance provisions in the administrative order. The Pala Band of Mission Indians has no direct control or ownership of the water system. EPA has worked closely with the Pala Band of Mission Indians and has consulted their leadership about the violations.

For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa>.

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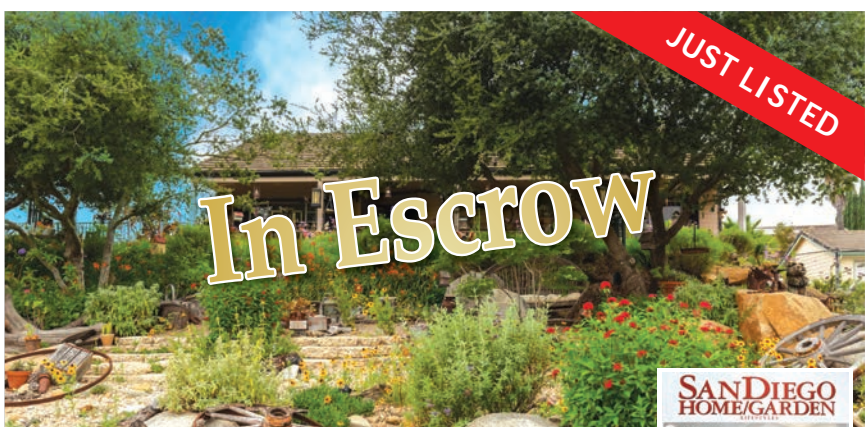
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Laser light beam conversation? 20 years ago, they did it



Fallbrook's Bob Gonsett and fellow ham radio operator Kerry Banke shoot a red laser beam over 12.7 miles to communicate with each other 20 years ago during Amateur Field Day, using two of these systems to do it.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

When amateur radio operators Bob Gonsett (W6VR) and Kerry Banke (N6IZW) shot a red laser beam to have a conversation over 12.7 miles just longer than 20 years ago during an Amateur Radio Field Day, oddly enough, they didn't have much to say to each other.

"Trivial matters, you know, just amateur radio talk," Gonsett said. "We probably talked to each other using our amateur radio call signs, even though we weren't legally obligated to do it because we were talking over a light beam that isn't regulated by the FCC. So, we pretended to have ham conversations and, different people, different ham operators, talked and listened to the responses from Kerry up on Palomar Mountain.

"They all just really had a lot of fun talking over the light beam. It just seemed amazing. You could put your hand in front of the receiver, for example, and block the incoming light being from Palomar mountain and sure enough, the audio went away," he said.

That evening, Gonsett and

Banke set an amateur laser-voice distance record for San Diego County.

Gonsett, who is from Fallbrook, has been a consulting radio engineer for the broadcast industry for about 50 years, as well as a ham radio operator. He said he has always been experimenting over the years, some of which he labeled as oddball.

"I did that as an adjunct to my interest in ham radio," he said. "Ham radio operators were just very interested in what is possible with extremely low-cost equipment to send your voice over a laser beam. My interest in it started some years ago when I sent a Morse code with a little red laser pointer gizmo, like you'd use for a lecture in a classroom. I used that and just interrupted the beam and sent Morse code over to Frasier Elementary School.

"So, that kind of piqued my interest," Gonsett said.

That's when they set out to test the Palomar Mountain experiment.

"(Kerry) made a two-way, a link so that you could communicate continuously and voice in two directions at once, much as we're talking now over a telephone," Gonsett said. "Again, using just red classroom-type pointer lasers,

we tied it into some amateur radio equipment and used that as the telephone, if you will. It was just a very successful demonstration of what can be accomplished with the equipment."

The equipment cost less than \$5 total. But don't let the low cost fool you, doing this kind of thing is science – a lot of science.

"What we do is we turn the power on and off very rapidly, and we frequency modulator the power FM modulator, just like an FM broadcast," Gonsett said. "That means the receiver at the other end, it sees not a continuous light beam, but one that's being turned on and off very rapidly now to the eye, it appears like it's just on continuously. It's the on-off is too fast for the eye to see, but electronic circuitry sees this rapid on-off, and the frequency modulation that's on it, just like your FM receiver in your car and detects the audio."

Gonsett chuckled when trying to explain the process to a very confused reporter.

"We'll make you a ham radio operator, yet," he laughed.

He also explained what Field Day is for ham radio operators and what it is, exactly, that they do.

"All across the nation ham radio operators get together in different sites, different locations, and they communicate with each other simulating emergency conditions," Gonsett said. "They communicate by radio and often have emergency power simulating. What would happen in the United States if there were ever a big catastrophe and the telephone system and the cell system and the internet went down? Radio is kind of the last resort, right? It gets through when other forms of communication fail."

Of course, Gonsett conceded, what they did 20 years ago pales in comparison to what technology has created for communication today.

"It's amazing the progress that has been made in the communications industry in general," he said. "I might mention the talking over light beams is nothing new. In

fact, the conversation we're having right now may be carried by fiber optics in part, and through the fiber are shot laser light beams that are shooting them through space. They just go through fiber optics. Our conversation right now may in part be overlapping, but confined to varied fiber optic cable."

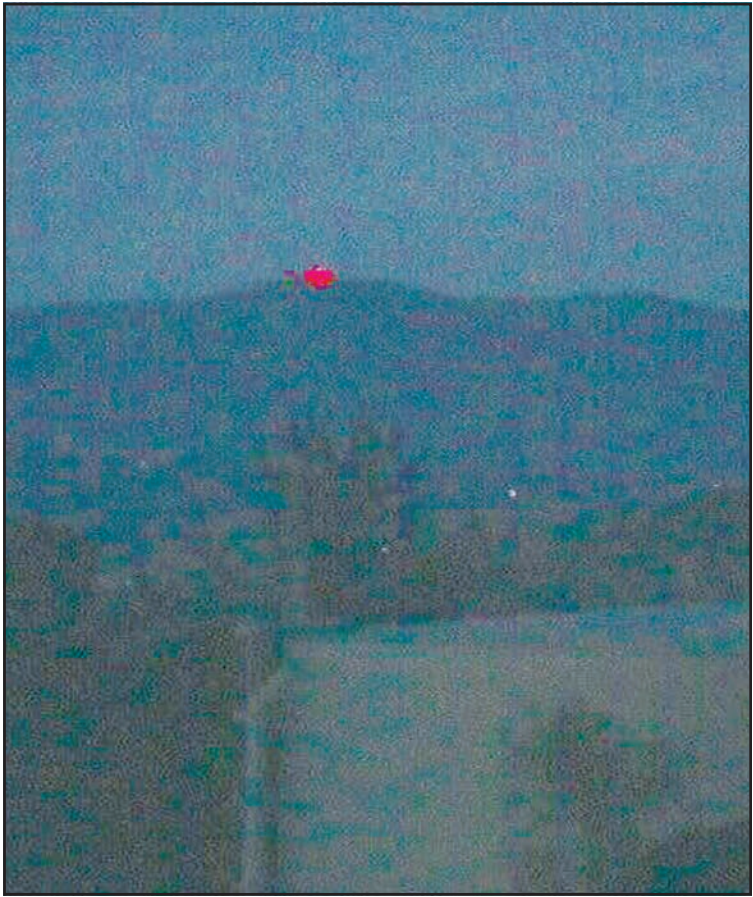
He went on to explain.

"It all stems from the discovery of electromagnetic waves and electromagnetic waves are not only light, they are radio waves. They are x-rays and gamma rays and television signals," Gonsett said. "We had communication on earth between people so they could work together. And we really had kind of a large time of peace on earth, if you will, where people weren't fighting each other all the time. A lot of technical, remarkable technical progress has been made. Some of which, unfortunately, has

come out of war efforts where the military was pressing for this and that from the technical guys and they delivered. And then after that combat was over, some of those technologies were applied to the civilian markets.

"That's one way progress was made – something good coming out of something bad – if you will. Another way is ham radio operators. A lot of the current technology that we see was spawned by people doing little experiments, like what we did with a laser beam. We said, 'Hey, this is pretty cool.' And then somebody else in the commercial industry comes in and says, 'Hey, yeah, let's, let's try to send it through space or these lasers. Let's send them through fiber optics.'"

Jeff Pack can be reached by email at jpack@reedermedia.com.



A half milliwatt red laser beam is seen coming from Boucher Hill, 12.7 miles away, during an experiment conducted 20 years ago by Fallbrook's Bob Gonsett and fellow ham radio operator Kerry Banke to have a conversation and to set a distance record at the time.

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There are many moving parts to getting a lot ready to build. These items are time consuming and can be mentally and financially exhausting. By the time we are ready to start construction on the house, we are often exhausted before we start from all of the items that have to be done. Once the house is completed, we typically start in on things like the fencing, pool, hardscape, landscape treatments and so on. So the grading is done finally, the house is being built and almost complete and so we start thinking about the third phase of the construction, which typically all gets done once the house has been completed. I decided to complete the most time consuming items in getting the lot ready to build and the most time consuming items once the construction of the house is complete. I am seeking a potential client who is willing to pay for those items upfront when they purchase the lot. The concept is to preserve the client's time and energy for building the house. In San Diego County, a person is just about worn out by the time they are able to start building the house. By getting the lot prepared as much as possible, I hope to eliminate that portion of the stress for the person that builds on this lot.

The next big stress item comes at the end of the job when a person has to start choosing trees, landscape materials, entry gate, fencing, landscape lighting and the list goes on. I plan to eliminate a lot of this stress with the development of this lot. Below are a list of items I am furnishing with the custom lot being developed now as probably the nicest lot anywhere in North County.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop Preliminary House Plan to Match Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Department Approval for Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Main Service to Lot | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Entry Walk Through Gate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survey costs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Water Meter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install 400 Amp Solar Ready Panel at Main Service to House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Package Drop Box |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grading Plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Water Meter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Electric Meter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Sub-Panel at Entry Gates |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree Removal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Underground Conduits for Phone and Possible Future Cable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase and Install Entry Lights |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architect for Major Grading Project | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade the Pad | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare Driveway Entrance to prevent Erosion (Installing a 1200 Square Foot Brick Entrance) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install very nice fencing around the entire 2.25 acres |
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D'VINE

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daughter, Tiana Batali, has autism spectrum disorder, which inspired her to start the program focusing on life skills for special needs students after graduation.

“They’re the ones that inspire me,” Batali said. “I didn’t find my art career rewarding, but now I get to see these students grow every day. That brings me satisfaction.”

Being able to see students achieve their goals and become successful brings her joy as well, she said.

Through this program, the students identify their goals and learn how to pursue them. Two students have gone on to pursue careers in viticulture after working with the vineyard at D’Vine Path.

Batali said, “Everything aligns because they learn what they’re looking for. They’re finally climbing the right mountain.”

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the students had to acclimate to new protocols, and they struggled with the lack of social interaction. At D’Vine Path, their curriculum is predominantly completed outside working in the garden and in the vineyard, so the students and advisers could remain socially distanced and wear face masks.

Batali said she is very thankful to be able to provide this service during the pandemic when social interaction is extremely important for special needs individuals.

As the program grows, Batali said she is happy to see the positive changes in these students. She said the parents have told her the students are coming home excited and enthusiastic, looking forward to telling their parents what they learned that day.

“We’re finding that our current students are so welcoming to new students,” Batali said. “They’ve found their tribe.”

She said many of the students consider the ranch their second home. Batali said that it brings her so much pride and joy, knowing that her program is truly making an impact in each of the students’ lives.

Batali explained that one Thanksgiving while she was on vacation with her family, a student emailed her and asked, “Can I go spend some time at the ranch? I need to relax and recharge.”

“This student was having a hard day, and their first thought was to go to the ranch to calm down because D’Vine Path brings comfort to each and every student,” Batali said.

To learn more about D’Vine Path, contact Lenila Batali at lenila@dvinepath.org.



Students pose with their adopted vines at the Ranch. Village News/Courtesy photo

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Redwoods survive wildfire at California’s oldest state park

Martha Mendoza
The Associated Press

When a massive wildfire swept through California’s oldest state park recently, it was feared many trees in a grove of old-growth redwoods, some of them 2,000 years old and among the tallest living things on Earth, may finally have succumbed.

But a reporter and photographer with The Associated Press hiked the renowned Redwood Trail at Big Basin Redwoods State Park Monday, Aug. 24, and confirmed most of the ancient redwoods had withstood the blaze. Among the survivors is one dubbed Mother of the Forest.

“That is such good news, I can’t tell you how much that gives me peace of mind,” Laura McLendon, conservation director for the Sempervirens Fund, an environmental group dedicated to the protection of redwoods and their habitats, said.

Redwood forests are meant to burn, she said, so reports earlier this week that the state park was “gone” were misleading.

The historic park headquarters is gone, as are many small buildings and campground infrastructure that went up in flames as fire swept through the park about 45



Fire burns in the hollow of an old-growth redwood tree in Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Monday, Aug. 24. The CZU Lightning Complex wildfire tore through the park but most of the redwoods, some as old as 2,000 years, were still standing. AP photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez photo

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WWII surrender ceremony in Hawaii limited to local veterans

Caleb Jones
The Associated Press

A Pearl Harbor ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II – possibly the last opportunity for many aging U.S. veterans to commemorate the day – will be limited to survivors of the war living in Hawaii because of coronavirus concerns.

The plan had been to allow about 200 people, mostly World War II veterans, their families and government officials, to gather on the battleship USS Missouri, which hosted the Japanese surrender Sept. 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay.

But an announcement made Friday, Aug. 21, said that those planning to fly into the state are no longer invited in an effort to protect the aging veterans – mostly in their 90s – from COVID-19.

Tony Vericella, the executive director of the 75th World War II Commemoration Committee, said in a phone interview Monday, Aug. 24, that the decision to limit attendance was a difficult one, but organizers are working on new ways to honor those left out in a virtual setting.



The USS Missouri Memorial is shown in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Aug. 11. A Pearl Harbor ceremony in Hawaii marking the 75th anniversary of World War II, scheduled for Sept. 2, will only feature veterans living in Hawaii after organizers limited those who can attend over coronavirus concerns. AP photo/Caleb Jones photo

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Republican convention showcases rising stars

Village News Staff

Arising generation of Republican stars offered an optimistic view of President Donald Trump’s leadership on the opening night of the Republican Party’s scaled-back convention Monday, Aug. 24.

As Trump faces pressure to expand his appeal beyond his loyal supporters, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the Senate’s sole Black Republican, and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, the daughter of Indian immigrants, sought to cast the Republican Party as welcoming to Americans of color, The Associated Press said.

“I was a brown girl in a black and white world,” Haley said Monday night, noting that she faced discrimination but rejecting the idea that “America is a racist country.” She also gave a nod to the Black Lives Matter movement, saying “of course we know that every single Black life is valuable.”

According to the AP, the prime-time convention proceedings, which featured a blend of taped

and live speeches, focused largely on dire talk about Joe Biden, Trump’s Democratic challenger in the November election. Speakers warned that electing Biden would lead to violence in American cities spilling into the suburbs. One speaker called Trump the “bodyguard of Western civilization.”

Trump’s team tried out multiple themes over the course of the night. They featured optimism from those who could represent the Republican Party’s future, attempts to characterize Biden as a vessel for socialists and far-left Democrats and humanizing stories about Trump.

The opening night of the four-day convention reflected the urgency fueling Trump’s push to reshape the presidential contest with Election Day just 10 weeks away, the AP said.

Biden and his running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, are keeping a relatively low profile



President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence give a thumbs-up after speaking during the first day of the Republican National Convention Monday, Aug. 24, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The New York Times via AP, Pool/Travis Dove photo

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EDUCATION

Palomar College’s drone program is among first in U.S. to earn new FAA designation



Palomar College’s drone program earns new Federal Aviation Administration designation for unmanned aircraft systems collegiate training initiative.

SAN MARCOS – Palomar College is among the first higher education institutions in the nation to be accepted into a new Federal

Aviation Administration training initiative called the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Collegiate Training Initiative.

“This national recognition is a well-deserved honor for the faculty, students, industry partners and alumni-entrepreneurs who have made Palomar’s Unmanned Aircraft Systems program one of the best in the country,” Jack Kahn, interim superintendent and president of Palomar College, said. “Clearly, Palomar is helping to lead the way in this fast-growing field.”

Wing Cheung, professor of Earth, Space and Environmental Sciences at Palomar College, created the college’s drone program in 2016 with Mark Bealo, associate professor of graphic communications.

“Being part of this FAA-led, nationwide program allows the schools with UAS programs to connect and learn from each other,”

Cheung said. “With this initiative, the FAA is recognizing schools that have well-rounded programs which not only prepare students for their commercial drone pilot exams, but also teach students to fly responsibly and safely.”

During a webinar April 30, the FAA unveiled its new Unmanned Aircraft Systems Collegiate Training Initiative that was established pursuant to congressional direction in Section 632 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. To qualify for the initiative, schools must be accredited two- or four-year institutions offering a degree in drone technology. In addition, the curriculum must include: Training on UAS platforms with multirotor and fixed-wing; flight systems, radio controllers, components and characteristics of UAS; maintenance, uses, applications, privacy concerns, safety and insurance; hands-on

flight practice using UAS and simulator training; use of UAS in various industry applications; federal policies concerning UAS and training related to flying with sensors and the processing data.

Palomar’s Drone Technology program, with support from the National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education program, was launched in the fall of 2017 with a certificate and expanded in 2018 to include an associate degree in drone applications and technologies.

Cheung said it remains one of the leading comprehensive programs in the country, providing not only instruction in drone operation, but also training in drone data analytics that have been vetted by a number of professionals in the field.

Submitted by Palomar College.

Vallecitos School District to replace vandalized van

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Vallecitos School District board meeting, Aug. 11, included a 5-0 vote to approve the replacement of a school van which was vandalized March 8, and a non-voting discussion item addressed future security measures for the bus barn.

District staff members have begun the process of identifying potential new or used vans to replace the vandalized one, and the board authorized the expenditure of between \$20,000 and \$55,000 for the replacement van.

“We just want to make sure

that we have enough range,” Linda Miller, business manager of Vallecitos School District, said. “We can basically move forward with the purchase.”

One or more trespassers entered the bus barn March 8, and vandalized the van beyond repair. The school district’s insurance provider declared the cost to repair the damage to be more than the worth of the 2008 Ford Econoline Wagon XL with 138,515 miles, and the settlement gave the school district \$7,709. During the school board meeting staff provided samples of new and used vans in the Fallbrook area, which were used to determine the requested

price range the board accepted.

The higher price range allows for the purchase of a new van if no used vans have suitable mileage to avoid major maintenance issues, but if a used van is determined to be the better long-term economic option a preowned van will be purchased.

“We’ll be as fiscally responsible as we possibly can,” Miller said.

The authorization of a price range rather than of a specific van allows district staff to obtain a replacement van while it would still be available.

Replacement of the van will not eliminate vulnerability to future damage to the bus barn.

“We want to start getting some security systems in place which will discourage attempts to break in,” Miller said.

The district will be reviewing shatterproof windows.

“The windows are an issue right now,” Miller said.

“I think those windows are just a liability,” Michael Darnley, president of Vallecitos School District board, said.

Darnley initially suggested eliminating windows altogether for what functions as a shed.

“I don’t think we need an opening,” he said.

Miller noted that if the windows were boarded, up the wood could

be removed with a crowbar.

“We don’t want to be vulnerable,” she said.

Other potential security improvements involve notification.

“We can look into some alarm systems,” Miller said.

Darnley said that if two cameras were mounted on the roof of the bus barn, one could monitor the parking lot and the other could monitor the playground.

“Maybe we can kind of kill two with one stone,” he said.

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Vallecitos School District to upgrade phone system

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Vallecitos School District will be upgrading its telephone system.

A 5-0 Vallecitos board vote, Aug. 11, approved a proposal from AT&T for a new phone system for the district. The school district will pay, including what will be subsidized by the San Diego County Office of Education, \$10,013.28 in one-time fees and \$277.85 each month. The San Diego County Office of Education’s Information Technology staff will support part of the system installation to reduce the cost to the school district.

“It’s long overdue,” Michael Darnley, board president of Vallecitos School District, said.

The school district’s existing

phone system is outdated and no longer able to be reasonably maintained. The system will be replaced with a hosted VOIP service network. VOIP stands for voice over internet protocol, which allows internet use for telephone and videophone communication. The hosted VOIP service has telephony features, local and domestic long-distance calling, unified messaging which integrates voicemail with electronic mail notification of voice messages and administrative web-based interfaces.

AT&T will also provide on-site and remote installation of the system and will provide maintenance and monitoring of the equipment. The charges are based on a per-user basis, and the contract allows for additional sites or templates

with the appropriate payments. AT&T will also perform firmware upgrades on end points and will do so after normal school district business hours so that normal district operations will not be interrupted. AT&T will give the school district a week’s notice about new releases and firmware upgrades.

The HVS system is available only for certain makes and models of telephone sets, so all of the phones in the school district’s offices and classrooms will be replaced. Vallecitos will also receive two conference phone units.

“We’re getting conference phones for the conference rooms,” Maritza Koppen, superintendent of Vallecitos School District and principal of Vallecitos Elementary School, said.

AT&T will assign a project manager to be the single point of contact. The project manager will have overall responsibility for the implementation and will schedule a kickoff meeting to initiate the engagement. The project manager will also coordinate scheduling for the user database collection workshop. Vallecitos will also have a single point of contact who will work with the project manager to establish an implementation schedule. The user database includes specific information for each Vallecitos user, and before the installation, AT&T will build and set up that database.

Vallecitos will be responsible for the user database after completion of the implementation but will have access to the OpEasy Tool application which can update the database.

AT&T will also provide web-based training and telephone user guides. AT&T is willing to provide on-site training for an additional charge to assist Vallecitos staff members with functionality, feature usage, voicemail and assistant overview.

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FALLBROOK – Vallecitos School District announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Afterschool Snack Program. Effective Aug. 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant or runaway, and children enrolled in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the free and reduced-price meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the nutrition office at 5211 Fifth Street, in Fallbrook. Contact Kursten Orr at 760-728-7092 for help filling out the application. The school will let you know if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income

goes down, household size goes up or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs or FDPIR, you may turn in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children benefits may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, it does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with school officials. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official, Dr. Maritza Koeppen, at 5211 Fifth Street, in Fallbrook or call 760-728-7092.

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REGIONAL

California fires claim 7 lives, threaten thousands of homes

Janie Har and Martha Mendoza
The Associated Press

Sky-darkening wildfires that took at least seven lives and forced tens of thousands of people from their homes blazed throughout California Friday, Aug. 21, as firefighting resources strained under the vastness of the infernos authorities were trying to control.

Three major complexes encompassing dozens of fires chewed through a combined 780 square miles (2,020 square kilometers) of forests, canyons and rural areas flanking San Francisco on three sides.

Statewide, nearly 12,000 firefighters are battling blazes that have scorched more than 1,200 square miles (3,120 square kilometers) in California, Daniel Berlant, assistant deputy director for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, known as Cal Fire, said.

Crews from Oregon, Idaho and Arizona have arrived to relieve local firefighters, he said, with engines on their way from as far away as Maryland and New Jersey.

Tens of thousands of homes were threatened by flames that drove through dense and bone-dry trees and brush. Many of the fires were sparked by lightning strikes from brief thunderstorms – nearly 12,000 since last weekend – as a high-pressure area over the West brought a dangerous mix of triple-digit weather and monsoonal moisture pulled from the south.

Some fires doubled in size within 24 hours, fire officials said.

And while some evacuations were lifted in the small city of Vacaville, between San Francisco and Sacramento, other areas expanded their evacuation areas. The University of California, Santa Cruz, was evacuated, and a new fire burning near Yosemite National Park also prompted

evacuations.

Santa Cruz itself, a coastal city of 65,000, wasn't affected. But Mayor Justin Cummings urged residents Thursday evening to be prepared to evacuate by gassing up their vehicles and packing important documents, medicines and other belongings.

"Prepare early so that you are ready to go at a moment's notice," Cummings said.

More than 64,000 people have been ordered to evacuate in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, which make up part of Silicon Valley and hug the coast south of San Francisco.

With firefighting resources tight, homes in remote, hard-to-get-to places burned unattended. Cal Fire Chief Mark Brunton pleaded with evacuees to quit battling fires on their own, saying that just causes more problems for professionals.

"We had last night three separate rescues that pulled our vital, very few resources away," he said.

An anxious Rachel Stratman, 35, and her husband, Quentin Lareau, 40, waited for word Friday about their home in the Forest Springs community of Boulder Creek after evacuating earlier this week. She knows one house has burned but has received conflicting information about the rest of the neighborhood.

"It's so hard to wait and not know," she said. "I'm still torn if I want people to be going back to the area and videotaping. I know they cause the firefighters distraction, but that's the only way we know."

The couple are in a San Jose hotel with medication she needs after undergoing a transplant surgery last month. She collected her mother's ashes and some clothes while her husband closed windows and readied the home before they evacuated Tuesday, Aug. 18.

"I kept looking at things and kept thinking I should grab this

or that, but I just told myself I needed to leave. I didn't bring any official documents and I didn't bring my house deed or car title. No passport," she said.

The ferocity of the fires was astonishing so early in the fire season, which historically has seen the largest and deadliest blazes when gusty, dry winds blow in the fall.

But the death toll already had reached at least six since the majority of blazes started less than a week ago, with four deaths claimed by fires burning in wine country north of San Francisco.

The bodies of three people were found in a home that burned in Napa, Henry Wofford, representative for the Napa County Sheriff's Office, told the San Francisco Chronicle. In Solano County, Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara reported the death of a male resident there.

Separately, a Pacific Gas & Electric utility worker was found dead Wednesday, Aug. 19, in a vehicle in the Vacaville area. In central California, a pilot on a water-dropping mission in western Fresno County died Wednesday morning when his helicopter crashed.

At least two other people were missing and more than 30 civilians and firefighters have been injured, authorities said.

Smoke and ash billowing from the fires also fouled the air throughout California's scenic central coast and in San Francisco. The fires have destroyed at least 175 buildings.

Tim and Anne Roberts had gone to the beach with their two children Monday to avoid the smoke at their home in Boulder Creek in Santa Cruz County. They packed a change of clothes, their children's school supplies and their passports – just in case.

They learned Wednesday that their house had burned. Birth



Civilian volunteers Brian Alvarez, left, and Nate Bramwell fight the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire Thursday, Aug. 20, in Bonny Doon. AP photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez photo

certificates, legal documents and family heirlooms are gone. But in photos of the ruins, they were surprised by how many redwoods, oaks and fruit trees were still standing.

"It's a strange sort of comfort," Tim Roberts said.

The good news for Brookdale resident Larissa Eisenstein Thursday afternoon was that her five chickens, Kelly and The Nuggets, had been safely relocated into a stranger's yard in a safer, neighboring community.

The chicken evacuation came a day after Eisenstein, a Silicon Valley tech worker, had been forced to leave them behind during an overnight evacuation. She fled with her cats Mochi and Mini, driving from one hotel to the next only to find they were full before landing in a safe place where they could get some rest.

The bad news Thursday was that the fire was burning down her wooded street as she adjusted to the idea that her worldly possessions may now be limited to photos of her parents, some jewelry she had grabbed and fresh tomatoes from her garden.

"After I got the cats, I realized there was very little important to me, and the priority is to try to remember how lovely things can be," she said. "I've had a wonderful garden this year."

Although temperatures were predicted to ease slightly Friday, they were also expected to be hot enough so that firefighters will not be able to count on cool evening weather aiding them. Erratic winds also could drive the fires unpredictably in multiple directions, state fire officials said.

Winds gusting to 20 mph (32 kph) over ridge tops could challenge overnight firefighting efforts in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties, said the incident commander, Cal Fire Assistant Chief Billy See. More firefighters were sent to battle the complex of fires, but "it's still not enough," See said.

"We're still drastically short for a fire of this size," he said.

Har reported from San Francisco. AP writers Olga R. Rodriguez and Juliet Williams in San Francisco, Camille Fassett in Redwood City and John Antczak in Los Angeles contributed to this

Golden State Killer sentenced to life for 26 rapes, slayings

Don Thompson
The Associated Press

A former California police officer, dubbed the Golden State Killer, told victims Friday, Aug. 21, he was "truly sorry" before he was sentenced to multiple life prison sentences for a decadeslong string of rapes and murders that terrorized a wide swath of the state.

Joseph James DeAngelo, 74, pleaded guilty in June to 13 murders and 13 rape-related charges under a plea deal that avoided a possible death sentence.

The punishment imposed by Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Michael Bowman means DeAngelo will die in prison for the crimes committed between 1975 and 1986.

"When a person commits monstrous acts, they need to be locked away so they can never harm an innocent person," the judge said.

DeAngelo also publicly admitted dozens more sexual assaults for which the statute of limitations had expired. Prosecutors called

the scale of the violence "simply staggering," encompassing 87 victims at 53 crime scenes spanning 11 California counties.

Before sentencing, DeAngelo rose from a wheelchair, took off his mask and said to the court: "I listened to all your statements, each one of them, and I'm truly sorry for everyone I've hurt."

Applause erupted when DeAngelo was remanded to the custody of sheriff's officials for transfer to the state prison system.

"The defendant deserves no mercy," the judge said.

Bowman sentenced DeAngelo in a university ballroom large enough to hold all the survivors and family members of victims. The sentencing followed three days of hearings in which they told in excruciating detail how he had upended their lives.

DeAngelo sat silently through those hearings, expressionless in a wheelchair that prosecutors contended is a prop to hide his still vigorous health.

He eluded capture for four decades until investigators used

a new form of DNA tracking to unmask and arrest him in 2018.

One of six prosecutors who spoke before the sentencing, Tim Ward, district attorney of Tulare County, said the outcome of the case offered hope to victims of long unsolved crimes.

"As science and technology evolve, the space for evil like this to operate within gets smaller and smaller. Simply put, the DNA will never forget," Ward said.

Prosecutors initially sought the death penalty but settled for a life term given California's moratorium on executions, the coronavirus pandemic and the advancing age of DeAngelo, his victims and witnesses they needed to make their case.

Bowman sentenced DeAngelo under a plea deal that called for 11 consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole, plus 15 life terms with the possibility of parole and eight years for other enhancements.

AP reporter John Antczak contributed to this report from Los Angeles.



Joseph James DeAngelo San Francisco Chronicle via AP/Santiago Mejia photo apologizes to his victims and the families of the victims he killed more than four decades ago, Friday, Aug. 21, in Sacramento. DeAngelo, 74, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, under a plea agreement that allowed him to avoid the death sentence.

Margaret Hunter gets eight months home confinement for misusing campaign funds

Jason Kurosu
City News Service

Margaret Hunter, who pleaded guilty along with her husband – former Rep. Duncan Hunter – to illegally spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds for personal purposes, was sentenced Monday, Aug. 24, to eight months of home confinement, slated to begin immediately, and three years of probation.

The former congressman's wife, who also acted as his campaign manager during much of the time the pair improperly spent campaign funds on personal expenditures, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge more than a year ago.

Duncan Hunter pleaded guilty about six months later, then resigned from Congress the following month. He was sentenced in March to 11 months in federal prison but has yet to serve

any of his term as the COVID-19 pandemic led to a postponement of his self-surrender date. He's not expected to report to prison until possibly as late as January.

Margaret Hunter's attorneys argued for an out-of-custody sentence involving home confinement and prosecutors agreed, citing her agreement to cooperate with investigators and the manner in which prosecutors said her husband directed blame at her when the allegations became public.

Prosecutors did seek to have her home confinement delayed until January, as they stated it would be more punitive at that time, with the COVID-19 pandemic currently keeping the majority of the general public confined to their homes.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Whelan opted to begin her term immediately however.

Margaret Hunter made a brief, tearful statement to the court

before sentencing, saying "I continue to take full responsibility. I'm deeply sorry."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Emily Allen said the defendant spent most of the funds, but her role was "far less egregious" than that of her husband, who the prosecutor said was "the driving force" behind the crime.

"He was the elected official. He was the person in charge of the campaign and he was the decision maker who chose to allow this to go on," Allen said.

Before his plea, Duncan Hunter repeatedly and publicly denied wrongdoing. He attributed more than \$1,000 in video game purchases to his son, while later suggesting his wife may have been responsible for the misspending, as she was the campaign manager and in charge of those finances.

He later accused the U.S. Attorney's Office of a politically motivated prosecution, saying

some of the lead prosecutors in his case attended a fundraiser for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. He alleged the prosecution targeted him because he was one of the earliest supporters of Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

"Today we're reminded that no one is above the law," Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Conover said following the hearing.

The prosecutor said the sentence handed down was appropriate because "not only did she have to withstand being thrown under the proverbial bus by her husband, but she took responsibility."

Conover also credited Margaret Hunter's cooperation, saying that without it, prosecutors would have likely had to go to trial in order to secure a conviction against Duncan Hunter. Her cooperation "led Congressman Hunter to understand that he would not escape responsibility for his

crime," according to Conover.

The couple were indicted in 2018, charged with unlawfully spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on family vacations, restaurant and bar tabs, clothes and other expenses over the course of several years, while falsely stating to staff that the purchases were campaign-related.

Prosecutors said that despite their lavish spending, the couple were in dire financial straits, overdrawing their bank account more than 1,100 times over a seven-year period.

Amid the charges and public allegations, Hunter was reelected in November 2018 with 51.7% of the vote in the 50th Congressional District, despite being indicted three months before. He was first elected in 2008, succeeding his father, who held the congressional seat for 28 years.



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Fallbrook Sporting Goods offers a variety of custom designed sporting items.

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Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

Richard Martinez and his family decided to open up a sporting goods store in Fallbrook.

Fallbrook Sporting Goods came by its name after Martinez discovered how much the community loved their village's name.

"It's the friendliest town out here," Martinez said. "We could have named it tons of different things, but we went with the basic Fallbrook Sporting Goods – our biggest focus was to have the name in our business."

During their grand opening Saturday, Aug. 22, Fallbrook residents, friends and family stopped by to see the new shop

and what it has to offer.

"It was about two months of planning everything," Martinez said. "I come from a sports background so I just went to her (his wife), my boss, and just asked her what she thought with our kids and sports, and thought let's do it."

The community has been really supportive, according to Martinez, and they've been posting to

Facebook and other social media platforms.

"We're trying to build a store for the community," Martinez said. "If you want pickleball, we'll bring in pickleball. We had a gentleman talk to us about fishing today; we're trying to bring in fishing."

"It definitely seems like they want it, and hopefully we can bring them what they need," he said.

They also do custom and special orders.

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“Eventually we’ll hold signups in here, and then custom fit everybody,” he said.

People first thought Martinez was crazy when he decided to open up a shop during COVID-19, he said.

“I think we’ve got to that point where we’re tired of being cooped up,” Martinez said. “We wanted to open up now and take advantage of when we’re allowed to return 100%; we want to be ready.”

He said they wanted to hurry and open their doors so that they could get their name out there. Martinez hopes to network with the community.

“Meet with athletic directors, hopefully the community. We offer P.E. equipment; we offer anything for the uniforms, to booster gear to fan gear,” he said.

Martinez played sports as a child and spent 10 years coaching.

“My kids play different kinds of sports, between volleyball, basketball, softball,” he said.

He and his wife have 10 children.

“We really want to try and get involved in every sport. We’re sports nuts,” Martinez said. “So we’re trying to bring that love of sports into the community, and hopefully it works out.”

The shop’s current hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, although they may adjust hours as need be, he said.

For more information on Fallbrook Sporting Goods, visit <https://fallbrooksportinggoods.com>.

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[top right] Richard Martinez and his family have a grand opening for Fallbrook Sporting Goods, Saturday, Aug. 22, in Fallbrook.

[bottom right] Richard Martinez and his wife spend two months planning before opening the store in Fallbrook and hope to bring the community their sporting needs.



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Zoom glitches briefly grind US schools to a halt



Photo: A computer screen capture from The Associated Press shows the Kansas State Board of Education meeting by Zoom with staff members and other state officials watching, Wednesday, July 22, in Topeka, Kansas. Zoom meeting software was experiencing a partial outage Monday, Aug. 24, as many students started online classes.

Mae Anderson
AP Technology Writer

Teachers and parents got a brief glimpse of a new kind of pandemic-era nightmare Monday, Aug 24, when Zoom – the video-conferencing service that powers everything from distance learning to business meetings to casual, socially distant get-togethers – abruptly went dead.

For roughly two-and-a-half hours Monday morning, many

users were unable to load the Zoom website; others could neither host nor join scheduled meetings. Zoom fixed the problem by 11:30 a.m. ET, the company said on its status page.

The timing was less than ideal, since many schools across the U.S. were just starting online instruction after a summer surge in the coronavirus pandemic scotched many plans to reopen classes with students present in the flesh.

“Today was horrible,”

Jacqueline Donovan, a professor at Broward College in Broward County, Florida, said.

Her 12-year-old daughter Michaela and 14-year-old son Jayden were trying to log on to Zoom classes but were unable to.

“They were both panic stricken and anxious,” she said.

Meanwhile, Donovan herself was trying to hold her first class, an introduction to business, and getting frantic emails from her own students. Her class was eventually canceled.

“You become so accustomed to the software working, then (when it doesn’t) you realize how dependent you are on the software and it’s a little scary,” she said.

Zoom did not disclose the cause of the problem, which appeared to hit both coasts of the U.S. especially hard. Its shares fell less than 3% during regular trading.

Grade schools, high schools and universities are relying on Zoom and competing technologies like Microsoft Teams to teach remotely and reduce the chance of infection during the pandemic.

Schools began opening over the past month with a wide array of in-person, hybrid and online schooling plans. In 2019, during a normal school year, about 80% of elementary and secondary schools had opened by the last week of August, according to Pew Research.

Internet services from Facebook to Amazon go down all the time, but few have become so crucial to companies, government and schools that their absence can spur brief moments of panic. These days, when Zoom goes down, it’s more like a power outage or phones going dead, making it a modern sort of utility for a nation still enduring the ravages of COVID-19.

Zoom and similar services “have been elevated to what we call ‘mission critical applications,’” Tim Bajarin, technology analyst and president of consultancy Creative Strategies, said. “They’re no longer nice to have, they’re now must have.”

While Zoom has built up server farms and spent millions investing in its software, it was

still a relatively nascent company when the coronavirus pandemic hit in March.

Bajarin said. “The bottom line is, software glitches happen.”

Bryan Grant in Crystal Lake, Illinois, had just corralled his 3 1/2-year old twins and 5-year-old son in front of computers to start their first days at preschool and kindergarten. Then came an urgent message from their school, 30 minutes ahead of classes, to use Google instead.

He rushed to install the software and sign in, but the classes descended into semi chaos as the children in the kindergarten class unmuted themselves, something they can’t do on Zoom. His 5-year-old was nearly in tears as he tried to follow the rules and raise his hand for a question but was talked over by other children who unmuted themselves.

“It was very difficult to change on the fly like this, to something we’re very familiar with on Zoom, to the other Google product,” he said. “We were prepared for one thing, and this completely did a 180 on all of us. It was pretty difficult today.”

Grant, who also uses Zoom for his job as a financial aid specialist, thinks the country may be almost too dependent on one product.

“It actually does really show you how much we are all depending on Zoom,” he said. “It should be considered essential. Every effort needs to be made to make sure this is available for everyone.”

Darlene DiFrischia in Greeley, Colorado, figured her daughter’s first day of kindergarten on a laptop was going to be challenging no matter what. But the Zoom outage made it worse. Their first meeting of the day was canceled, but eventually they made it online.

“The teacher was great, she found a way to make it work,” she said.

DiFrischia said she fought to keep her spirits up for her daughter, as she expects she’ll have to for quite some time.

“It’s their kindergarten year – I can’t be grumpy about it because it has to be magical, so we have to fake it,” DiFrischia said. “This whole year to me is just going to be hilarious. It has to be, or I’ll cry every day.”

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Kim Jong Un delegates powers to sister, close aides: SK Intelligence

Isabel Van Brugen
The Epoch Times

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has reportedly handed part of his authority to his younger sister, Kim Yo Jong, and some close aides, South Korea’s spy agency said Thursday, Aug. 20.

The National Intelligence Service said during a closed-door briefing to South Korean lawmakers Thursday that the dictator is delegating responsibilities to officials including his sister, who is now involved in leading dealings with Washington and Seoul.

“Currently, Kim Yo Jong, the first vice department director of the

Workers’ Party Central Committee, is steering overall state affairs based on the delegation,” South Korea’s intelligence agency was quoted as saying in the briefing to the National Assembly’s Intelligence Committee.

“Chairman Kim Jong Un is still maintaining his absolute authority, but some of it has been handed over little by little,” the agency said. “Yo Jong is the de-facto No. 2 leader, but (the North Korean leader) has not selected a successor.”

Other changes made include the handing over of power in the economic sector to Pak Pong Ju, vice chairman of the State Affairs

Commission, and the new premier Kim Tok Hun, the NIS said.

Choe Pu Il, the party’s department director for military affairs, and Ri Pyong Chol, vice chairman of the party’s Central Military Commission have been given partial authority over the military, according to the agency.

The NIS said the power-sharing arrangement appears to be aimed at “alleviating leadership strain and dividing responsibility for failed policies.”

Lawmaker Ha Tae-keung paraphrased NIS officials as saying there are “no problems” with Kim Jong Un’s health. Earlier this year, there was frequent speculation

about Kim’s health after he missed the April 15 commemorative event for his grandfather, North Korea’s founder Kim Il Sung. Kim had attended every one of those annual celebrations since he took power in 2011.

When rumors and speculation arose in April about the North Korean leader’s health, his sister was seen as a possible placeholder to take over the family dynasty until one of Kim’s children is old enough.

Kim Yo Jong, believed to be in her early 30s, has been absent, however, from several recent high-level meetings, such as a plenary gathering of the ruling Workers’

Party Wednesday, NK News, a Seoul-based website that tracks North Korea, said.

The NIS said Thursday that the North Korean leader has, as of Aug. 20, made 132 public appearances this year – down 65% from the same timeframe in 2019. The agency said Kim is prioritizing party sessions over public on-site visits.

Reuters contributed to this report.

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FIRE

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miles (72 kilometers) south of San Francisco.

“But the forest is not gone,” McLendon said. “It will regrow. Every old growth redwood I’ve ever seen, in Big Basin and other parks, has fire scars on them. They’ve been through multiple fires, possibly worse than this.”

When forest fires, windstorms

and lightning hit redwood trees, those that don’t topple can resprout. Mother of the Forest, for example, used to be 329 feet tall (100 meters), the tallest tree in the park. After the top broke off in a storm, a new trunk sprouted where the old growth had been.

Trees that fall feed the forest floor and become nurse trees from which new redwoods grow. Forest critters, from banana slugs to insects, thrive under logs.

On Monday, Steller’s jays

searched for insects around the park’s partially burned outdoor amphitheater and woodpeckers could be heard hammering on trees. Occasionally a thundering crash echoed through the valley as large branches or burning trees fell.

When Big Basin opened in 1902, it marked the genesis of redwood conservation. The park now receives about 250,000 visitors a year from around the world, and millions have walked

the Redwood Trail.

The park only recently reopened after COVID-19 related closures and now is closed because of the fire. The road in is blocked by several large trees that fell across it, some waist-high, some still on fire.

While there is a great deal of work to be done rebuilding campgrounds, clearing trails and managing damaged madrones, oaks and firs, Big Basin will recover, McLendon said.

“The forest, in some ways, is resetting,” she said.

Chris Spohrer, superintendent of the State Parks District, said he was pleased to know the redwoods had survived. He said an assessment team had only been able to check buildings so far and that he hoped they can inspect the trees in the coming days.

“The reason those trees are so old is because they are really resilient,” he said.

CEREMONY

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“We are going to do as many things as possible to integrate and name all of those folks who had hoped to be here,” Vericella said. “Everybody felt that the best and safest thing to do with respect to the World War II veterans coming into Hawaii from outside was really just to engage them in the best possible way virtually.”

Vericella said they were confident in local safety measures put in place for the mainland veterans once they arrived for a special flight from Oakland to Honolulu and thereafter, but the

risks for those traveling from their hometowns to California was too great.

He said federal and local officials “didn’t want to take that particular chance.”

In a story published early Friday, World War II veteran Jerry Pedersen, who was aboard the USS Missouri and watched the Japanese surrender, told The Associated Press he had been looking forward to attending the event for years, but he understood the risks.

“I’ve been told what I need to do in order to be responsible for myself but also toward others,” Pedersen, who turned 95 recently, said. “I want to go back because

that day, as much as I remember it, what happened, why we were there, the fact that it was the end of the realities of war and killing and all, it was the first day that I had to start answering, ‘What am I going to do with the rest of my life?’”

He received the news Sunday and later told the AP that he was disappointed but understood why the decision was made.

“Well, I was very disappointed, yes. I was hoping to maybe see a friend or two,” he said. “I think we’re going to go ahead and have a little thing for ourselves here, and I just want to share with at least my family and a couple of other folks some of the feelings that I was going to express when I got there.”

Those feelings are complicated, Pedersen said, as he dedicated his life to peace after the war was over.

“War must not happen again,” Pedersen said in remembering the words uttered by Gen. Douglas McArthur on the day the Japanese surrendered aboard the USS Missouri. But “we’re still oscillating on many of the things that are necessary to bring us peace.”

Organizers said fewer than 50 people, mostly veterans and their families, will attend the Sept. 2 ceremony aboard the USS Missouri. The same health screenings and safety measures previously planned will be in place.

“We look forward to honoring our World War II veterans whose service demonstrated the selfless actions of the Greatest Generation,” Adm. Phil Davidson, commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, said in a statement. “These heroes not only served to protect and defend our nation, but liberated hundreds of millions of freedom-loving people, laying the foundation for the rules-based international order that exists to this day.”

With the exception of the actual anniversary ceremony, most events surrounding the commemoration have been canceled.

STARS

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this week. In a tweet Monday night, Biden told supporters to “stay focused.”

One of several African Americans on Monday night’s schedule, former football star Herschel Walker, defended the president against those who call him a racist.

“It hurts my soul to hear the terrible names that people call Donald,” Walker said. “The worst one is ‘racist.’ I take it as a personal insult that people would think I would have a 37-year friendship with a racist.”

The opening night of the convention featured Mark and Patricia McCloskey, the St. Louis couple charged with felonies for pointing guns at what prosecutors deemed non-violent Black Lives Matter protesters marching past their home.

“What you saw happen to us could just as easily happen to any of you who are watching from quiet neighborhoods around our country,” Patricia McCloskey said, sitting on a couch in a wood-paneled room.

“They’ve actually charged us with felonies for daring to defend our home,” her husband said.

None of the protestors who broke down their gate and trespassed on their property have been charged.

Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida said Democrats will “disarm you, empty the prisons, lock you in

your home and invite MS-13 to live next door.”

Trump and his supporters touted his response to the pandemic while standing alongside front-line workers in the White House.

Those cheering Trump’s leadership on the pandemic included a coronavirus patient, a small-business owner from Montana and a nurse practitioner from Virginia.

“As a health care professional, I can tell you without hesitation, Donald Trump’s quick action and leadership saved thousands of lives during COVID-19,” Amy Ford, a registered nurse who was deployed to New York and Texas to fight the coronavirus, said.

The first day of the 2020 Republican convention began early in the day as Trump and Vice President Mike Pence were renominated by delegates who gathered in Charlotte, the city originally selected to host the convention before the pandemic struck.

According to the AP, the Republicans spoke from the ballroom in Charlotte before the proceedings moved to Washington for prime-time.


The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012304
Name of Business
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2326 Green Valley Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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This business is conducted by an Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012138
Name of Business
PICKLEBALL FIRST
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County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012177
Name of Business
a. TACOS LAS KORITAS
b. KORITAS TACOS
209 Via Bandita, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 1/10/2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012540
Name of Business
RINJANIE BATIK & ACCESSORIES
4015 Via Aldea, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
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This business is conducted by an Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012550
Name of Business
SOUNDWAVE SPEECH THERAPY
1066 Turquoise St Apt 3, San Diego, CA 92109
Mailing address: 5580 La Jolla Blvd Suite 369, La Jolla, CA 92037
County: San Diego
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This business is conducted by an Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012595
Name of Business
KENT N. TIBBY DBA TRANCE4U
1902 Wright Place #200, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Mailing address: 4425 Old River Street, Oceanside, CA 92057
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9012543
Name of Business
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706 Convertible Ln, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 7/16/2020
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Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2020-00026734-CU-PT-CTL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
NOREEN OLAGUER
Present Name:
NADINE ANN OLAGUER ALICDAN
Proposed Name:
NADINE ANN CADELINA OLAGUER
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: 9-16-2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 61
The address of the court is Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101
*No hearing will occur on the date specified. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
Date: JUL 31 2020 Signed: Lorna Alksne, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5296
PUBLISHED: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9013128
Name of Business
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1361 De Luz Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1161, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
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File Number: 2020-9013273
Name of Business
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County: San Diego
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Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/01/2000
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SBA veterans small business advisory committees to host virtual public meetings Sept. 2-3

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration’s Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development and Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs will hold virtual public meetings Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 2-3, via Microsoft Teams.
“Now more than ever, it is critical for our veteran small business advisory committees to discuss challenges faced by the veteran small business community and how we can expand the resources available to them,” Larry Stubblefield, associate administrator for the Office of Veterans Business Development, said. “We look forward to hosting our committee meetings virtually, supporting and advocating for this important and underserved population.”
The IATF will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 1-3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time via Microsoft Teams.
The ACVBA will meet Thursday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting will be two separate sessions with a lunch break in between. Part 1, the morning session, will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and Part 2, the afternoon session, will meet from 1-3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
Find all the meeting links at <https://www.sba.gov/article/2020/aug/18/sba-veterans-small-business-advisory-committees-host-virtual-public-meetings-sept-2-3>.
Public comments and questions are strongly encouraged to be submitted in advance by Aug. 28 to veteransbusiness@sba.gov or 202-205-6773. During the live event,

attendees will be in listen-only mode and may submit additional written questions via the Q&A chat feature in Microsoft Teams. For technical support, visit the Microsoft Teams support page. Transcripts will be available after both meetings at <http://www.sba.gov/ovbd>, under the “Federal Advisory Committees” section.
The IATF meeting will include committee member updates from the Departments of Defense, Labor, Treasury and Veterans Affairs, General Services Administration, Office of Management and Budget, North Carolina Military Business Center and Student Veterans of America.
Committee members will also receive updates from the Vocational Readiness and Employment program and the Department of Labor’s Office of Federal Contract Compliance programs.
The ACVBA meeting will include remarks from ACVBA chairwoman Fran Perez-Wilhite as well as updates on the Veteran Business Project. Topics discussed during the meeting will include SBA’s veterans’ programs, women-owned, small-business federal contracting program, the 8(a) Business Development program, Veterans Affairs’s Center for Verification and Evaluation’s verification process, the VR&E program and General Services Administration’s sam.beta.gov changes.
Committee members will also hear about lessons learned from the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.
Submitted by Small Business Administration.

How to shop sales and save

BERGEN COUNTY, N.J. – With end-of-summer sales nearing and back-to-school deals in full-swing, the savings and shopping opportunities can seem endless.
And according to a recent survey from TopCashback.com, 45% of Americans spend the most money during the summertime.
To help navigate sales, save money and score the best deals this week, here are four tips from Rebecca Gramuglia, consumer expert at TopCashback.com.
Pile on the savings.
With enticing sales and promotions, it can be easy to stop saving right then and there. But, be sure to compare prices and take the time to look for other ways to save by shopping sale sections, stacking coupons and shopping through a cashback site like TopCashback.com to earn a percentage of your purchase back in cashback on qualifying purchases.
Make the savings even sweeter by shopping TopCashback.com’s exclusive Top Week event starting Monday, Aug. 17, through Friday, Aug. 21. The cashback site is featuring increased cashback rates every day from retailers, including Macy’s, Adidas, Carter’s and more.
In addition to higher cashback rates, the site is increasing its “Tell-A-Friend” referral program to \$30 as well as a “bonus” cashback amount of \$3 on top of a single purchase of \$10 or more. Plus, the money-saving site is offering a cashback bonus when you cash out with a gift card from stores like Target, Nike, GrubHub, Gap and Sephora. And don’t rule out entering sweepstakes;

TopCashback.com is hosting a \$500 giveaway, too.
Plan your shopping trips.
It can be hard to decide whether or not a sale is “worth it” – meaning “will there be another sale that’s better? Or should I splurge now?” Whether or not you’re shopping online or in the store, consider what you are buying. Seasonal items like swimwear, pool toys and outdoor furniture can get marked down during the summer, but the real savings hit once we get that first taste of September. If you see a great markdown on fall clothing, consider purchasing it if it fits into your budget.
Don’t forget about the holidays.
Maybe you, specifically, don’t need trendy stationery or a chunky knit fall sweater, but think about others on your shopping list. While you’re browsing deals and stacking the savings, consider purchasing upcoming holiday gifts now instead of later. If the deal is impressive and you’re able to incorporate the tips above, getting a few gifts now will save you the holiday stress later.
Prepare to shop with money-saving tools.
Coupons are extremely important when saving money, but if you want to make sure you’re saving as much as possible, use credit card rewards and loyalty points, and be sure to have a money-saving browser extension installed, too. Install ones like TopCashback.com’s Browser Extension to apply coupon codes, search cashback rates and shop deals all in one click.
Submitted by TopCashBack.com.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 131145-11 Loan No. 39687 Title Order No. 1524296CAD APN 183-170-80-00 TRA No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/31/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): ALAN REES AND MARIA C. BRETON-REES Deed of Trust: recorded on 02/03/2020 as Document No. 2020-0054290 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 09/14/2020 at 10:00AM Trustee's Sale Location: At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue, 250 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Real property in the City of Vista, County of San Diego, State of California, described as follows: Parcel A of Parcel Map No. 20596, in the City of Vista, County of San Diego, State of California filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, November 26, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008 0610513 of Official Records. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1010 MIRAMAR DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92081. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$143,505.19 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 131145-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 08/10/2020 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Tara Campbell, Assistant Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0371147 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 08/20/2020, 08/27/2020, 09/03/2020

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‘Summer Spruce Up’ kicks off new project at Wildlife Sculpture Garden



“Tukwut,” a bronze sculpture of a mountain lion, crouches on a boulder. In the background is “Winged Companions,” an oak driftwood carving of two bald eagles by artist Terry Woodall.

FALLBROOK — A bronze sculpture of a mountain lion named, “Tukwut,” crouches on a boulder so lifelike it looks ready to pounce on unwary prey amid the natural groupings of sage, manzanita and other native plants. Emerging from the undergrowth is another sculpture of a family of quail entitled, “The Gathering.” Further along a path is yet another art piece, “Winged Companions,” which aptly describes a pair of bald eagles carved from oak driftwood.

The native wildlife-themed sculptures make for a unique garden, perhaps the only one of its kind in Southern California.

“It’s one of Fallbrook’s hidden gems,” Beverly Tucker said, as she pointed out seven sculptures artfully displayed along the winding pathways of the Wildlife Sculpture Garden.

The garden is located on a 1.5-acre parcel on Stage Coach Lane, which was donated to the Fallbrook Land Conservancy in the early 90s and is also home to the FLC’s headquarters, the Palomares House, a former ranch house built over a century ago and noted among Fallbrook’s historic buildings.

Tucker, a longtime FLC member and volunteer, has been busy helping to coordinate a new revitalization project at the garden, where she said much of the foliage needs “refreshing.” Her Summer Spruce Up event on a recent Saturday morning drew several volunteers who helped weed, rake and haul away trash cans and wheelbarrows piled high with debris from overgrown trees and shrubs. The work kick-starts a more comprehensive plan for the garden, she said, with the goal of making it more inviting to the public, family friendly and safer to walk for small children and those with ailments or physical limitations.

Fundraising has already begun for improvements to the sculpture garden, which is the focus of this year’s Stagecoach Sunday, the FLC’s annual fall benefit. Departing from its longtime family-fun tradition of live music, a barbecue and authentic stagecoach rides, it will instead be held as a virtual event on the FLC’s website from Sept. 27 through Oct. 4.

Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded, as it is called, will feature virtual wildlife encounters and virtual tours of the FLC’s preserves, as well as an online giving event.

“Considering the COVID-19 crisis and quarantine, public access to our preserves and open space has been more important than ever,” the FLC acknowledged in a recent appeal to members. “Proceeds will support our mission of preserving the natural beauty of our area and the revitalization of the historic Palomares House and Sculpture Garden.”

In addition, the FLC has also received two grants from the Fallbrook Regional Health District’s Community Health Contract Grants program. The monies helped sponsor the Summer Spruce Up volunteer day, as well pay for a new trail counter to monitor use of the Sculpture Garden.

According to Karla Standridge,

executive director of FLC, specific plans for improvement of the Wildlife Sculpture Garden include completing the paving of a 370-foot pathway, formerly known as the Palomares Park Walkway. The brick-lined path is paved with tiles engraved with dedications as part of a fundraising program that honors and memorializes loved ones and friends. Through private donations, about 30% of the walkway has been completed and about one-quarter of the paving is in place.

The FLC hopes to add another 150 feet of paving to allow access to an area with a picnic table and to construct flood control berms to prevent the parking area and paths from erosion that might create walking hazards. A new irrigation plan is also in the works.

“Once improvements are made, we are hopeful additional wildlife sculptures will be added,” Standridge said.

All of the garden’s current sculptures were gifted over the years by donors, which include Vince Ross, co-founder of the FLC with Wallace Tucker. Winged Companions by artist Terry Woodall, is the most recent installation. A gift from Ross and Cheryl Pizzo, it was installed two years ago at a special reception at the Palomares House. According to Ross, the sculpture garden concept was inspired in the early 90s by the first Reflections of Nature art show, which was held as part of an Earth Day celebration at the Palomares House and is now one of the Fallbrook Art Center’s most popular annual shows.

While the garden’s value as a community asset has not yet reached its full potential, Ross remains optimistic. To its credit, the garden was recently featured on the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Art Walk, a walking tour of “Art in Public Places” and is also highlighted on the Fallbrook Art in Public Places website. The FLC hoped that one day the garden may also be a field-trip destination for children or for groups interested in sculptures and drought-tolerant gardening.

Ross and Wallace Tucker were among the volunteers at Summer Spruce Up. They were joined by Jennifer Anderson, Jean Dooley, new member Larry Flynn, Sue Jackson, Susan Liebes with her sons, Jackson and Jacob; Bill O’Connor, Cheryl Pizzo, Robin Stanger and Heather Welch with her daughter Emily and son Grayson.

“We had a great turnout and we got a new member,” Tucker said about the successful event.

FLC annual memberships start at \$35 and support the FLC’s mission.

When asked to comment as the FLC’s newest member, Flynn said, “I’ve lived in town a long time, and they do good things for good people.”

“And we have very dedicated volunteers,” Tucker said.

For more information about the FLC, or to become a member, visit the FLC at <http://www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org> or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

Submitted by Fallbrook Land Conservancy.



Fallbrook Land Conservancy’s “Summer Spruce Up” cleanup day helps kick-start a more comprehensive plan for the Wildlife Sculpture Garden.



Longtime volunteer Jean Dooley helps haul away debris.



Heather Welch, administrator of Fallbrook Land Conservancy, trims overgrown plants with her son Grayson.



The Fallbrook Land Conservancy receives two grants through the Fallbrook Regional Health District to promote volunteerism and outdoor activities for physical and mental health.



Jackson Liebes, 13, helps weed overgrown areas.



At right, Wallace Tucker, co-founder of Fallbrook Land Conservancy, discusses a new irrigation plan with John Dahl of Dahl Construction. The brick-lined walkway is paved with tiles that honor and memorialize special memories, loved ones and friends while supporting the goals of the FLC.

Village News/Courtesy photos

HOME & GARDEN and REAL ESTATE

The latest apps for home layouts, inside and out

Katherine Roth
The Associated Press

Planning out how to arrange furniture in your home – or plants in your garden – used to involve a pencil, graph paper, a measuring tape and a lot of imagination.

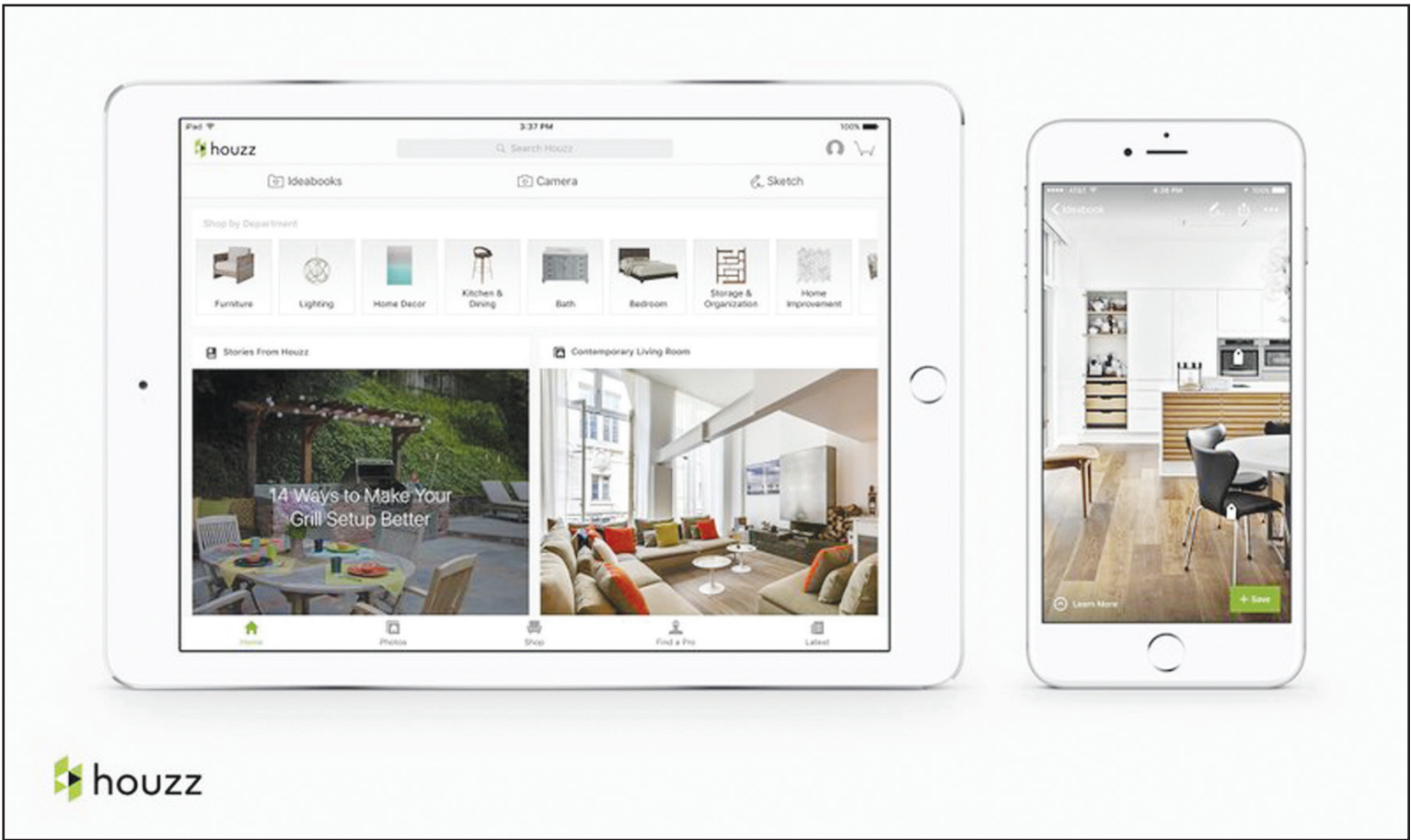
The process has gotten easier – and way more streamlined – thanks to a burgeoning selection of home and garden apps.

Furniture companies, interior design firms and even landscapers have been rolling out a new generation of apps and online programs to make the process more foolproof for novices and pros alike, often using virtual and augmented reality technology.

“Design apps are really great for generating ideas, and deciding on materials and sources for do-it-yourself projects,” Margaret Mayfield, an architect in Los Osos, said. “And they’re also very helpful for communicating design ideas to contractors and architects.”

The technology allows you to see what furniture would look like in your home before you buy it, using just the camera on your phone, for example, instead of dealing with the hassle – and back pain – involved in returning an ill-chosen sofa perhaps.

And the design apps do not stop



This March 2018 photo provided by Houzz shows different devices displaying the Houzz app. Houzz has more than 16 million photos of professionally designed interiors and exteriors to provide inspiration. AP photo/Houzz photo

at the door. With spring around the corner, there are landscaping apps to help take the guesswork out of

deciding what to plant and where and when.

Among the most popular home apps is Houzz, a free app with 40 million users around the world each month, according to

Liza Hausman, vice president of industry marketing for Houzz. Features include a huge database of design photos – searchable by style, country or color, for example – to create a personalized

“idea book.”

The site’s “Visual Match” feature allows visitors to order furniture and other products that are the same or similar to those seen in the magazine-type photos. You can work with a friend by using the “Invite a Collaborator” feature, or, through “Directory,” contact local designers, architects or landscapers.

One of the newest features is “View in My Room 3D,” which invites you look at your room through your phone and then – using augmented reality technology – place a selected piece of furniture there to see what it would look like.

Other indoor design apps include Hutch, Home Design 3D, and Home Design 3D, Rooms and interior design apps from stores like IKEA and Overstock.

For outdoors, Houzz features articles and advice from gardening pros, and a forum where home gardeners can share ideas and suggestions.

Another popular landscaping app is iScape, which helps you visualize your garden, save and share ideas and buy gardening products.

As with all technology, though, the apps have a learning curve that in some cases is far greater than the old graph paper and pencil method of laying things out. And professionals warn that for major jobs, it’s still best to seek out a pro.

Just don’t be surprised when your landscaper or designer pulls out their phone to consult an app.

“My designs are very focused on drawing nature into the garden,” Matt McMillan, a landscape designer in Pound Ridge, New York, said. “So I frequently consult the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Merlin app. I also have apps for dragonflies, butterflies and mushrooms. I can’t live without the ‘Toolbox’ app in general, and specifically its compass.”

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RWQCB rescinds waste discharge orders for Color Spot, Oak Crest and Rancho Corrido

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Village News Reporter

The Regional Water Quality Control Board rescinded waste discharge orders for Color Spot Foliage Inc., the Oak Crest Treatment Plant and the Rancho Corrido Recreational Vehicle Park.

The RWQCB actions, Aug. 12, do not eliminate the waste discharge restrictions but rather incorporate those facilities into a general order so that reporting for individual facilities can be consolidated.

The lease for 116.45 acres of land in the 2500 block of Olive Hill Road was transferred from Color Spot Nurseries to Altman Specialty Plants in October 2018. The nursery leases the land from San Diego County, which owns Fallbrook Community Airpark. The rescission of the individual waste discharge order also eliminates the need to recognize the ownership change on the waste discharge permit.

In November 2016, the RWQCB adopted a general order which regulates discharges from commercial agriculture operations including irrigation runoff, non-stormwater runoff and stormwater runoff to waters of the state within the San Diego Region. Discharges from the nursery will continue to be subject to requirements which prohibit the discharge of wastes and wastewater from the nursery's boundaries, but the elimination of individual discharge orders allows the RWQCB to utilize its resources for higher-priority projects which are more of a threat to water quality. The rescission of the Color Spot waste discharge order also eliminates the need for the nursery to submit monitoring reports and pay annual fees.

Color Spot was cited for eight violations between 1994 and 2006 for discharging to and illegally taking water from an unnamed tributary to Bonsall Creek. A cease and desist order was issued April 8, 1998, for failure to prohibit the

discharge of wastewater beyond the limits of lands owned and controlled by the nursery. After the nursery came into compliance the cease and desist order was rescinded in February 2003. Although Color Spot was cited for the violations, none have occurred since 2006.

The Oak Crest Treatment Plant is part of the Oak Crest Estates mobile home park in the 4700 block of Oak Crest Road. The treatment facility, which serves 112 units within the mobile home park, is an extended aeration package treatment plant whose secondary effluent is not chlorinated before being discharged to the spray area. The treatment plant, which for safety and security reasons is fenced off to prevent public access, includes two concrete-lined storage ponds with a total capacity of 1.2 million gallons. In 1993 the RWQCB adopted requirements for the discharge of domestic waste by the mobile home park which allows for the disposal of up to 12,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater which is disposed of by spray irrigation on approximately 5 acres. The Rainbow Municipal Water District had operated the treatment plant, and Rainbow was included as a co-permittee on that waste discharge order.

The RWQCB has cited the Oak Crest Treatment Plant for 37 violations of the waste discharge order including deficient monitoring, excessive effluent for total dissolved solids and the discharge of waste from a sludge drying bed to Rainbow Creek. RWQCB staff issued six staff enforcement letters for the deficient monitoring and excessive effluent and also issued an investigative order and notice of violation for the discharge of sludge into Rainbow Creek. Oak Crest Estates Inc. cooperated with all information requests and made changes to the treatment system to ensure that the discharge of sludge to Rainbow Creek will not recur.

Because the Rainbow Municipal Water District does not have its own treatment facility, Rainbow employees do not have certain treatment plant operator certifications common for operations staff of agency-owned treatment plants. The Oak Crest Treatment Plant was allowed to be operated by Rainbow because of its small size, and no operational failures have occurred. State law has revised operator certification requirements, and in September 2016, Rainbow received a notice from the RWQCB that the plant was classified as a Grade III wastewater treatment plant which requires an operator to have a Wastewater III certification or higher. State law requires full-time employment at a significantly larger plant for the issuance of a Grade III certification. Rainbow and Oak Crest staff worked together to find a suitable contractor, and in January 2017 Rainbow's board approved a treatment contract with Water Quality Specialists. RWQCB staff inspected the Oak Crest Treatment Plant Feb. 14, 2019, and did not observe any violations of the waste discharge order.

In 2014, the State Water Quality Control Board approved a waste discharge requirement general order for small domestic wastewater treatment systems. Discharges from small domestic wastewater treatment systems have certain common characteristics such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques and flow ranges, and they require the same or similar treatment standards. The Oak Crest Treatment Plant is eligible for the statewide order, which will provide a more consistent and streamlined statewide approach to regulating small domestic wastewater treatment systems. The monitoring requirements of the general order are not as stringent as the requirements from the 1993 facility regulation, but the

monitoring and reporting program required by the general order is more consistent with facilities of similar size and discharge across the state.

The Rancho Corrido Recreational Vehicle Park in the 14700 block of Highway 76 will also be regulated under the statewide general order for small domestic wastewater treatment systems. The rescinded waste discharge order was issued in 1994, and all of the violations have been for monitoring or

report omissions rather than for discharges of excessive levels. The most recent of those was in 2016.

The RWQCB also rescinded the specific waste discharge order for the Tualota Springs Recreational Vehicle Park in Hemet and replaced that with the statewide general order for small domestic wastewater treatment systems.

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TurfMutt Foundation encourages children to get outside and explore nature at home and in the classroom. Village News/Courtesy photo

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – When it comes to our yards, school grounds, parks and other living landscapes, you don’t have to be big to make a big difference – even during a global pandemic. School is back in session soon at school or virtually for many, and the TurfMutt Foundation is offering tips to inspire students and their families to take care of the green spaces around them – and get outside and enjoy them.

Tip 1: Get outside. Fall is a great time to explore nature all around you. After spending a long day inside at school or at home

learning from school virtually, encourage your child to take time afterward to enjoy your yard or nearby parks.

Tip 2: Notice the different kinds of plants in your yard. Take your children around the outside of your home. Encourage them to take notes and sketch what is seen. What makes your yard unique? Draw the living plants, trees and grasses and the non-living patios and grills parts of your landscape. What might impact living plants? Does your yard need plants that do well in the wind, full sun, shade or occasional flooding?

Tip 3: Notice areas needing improvements. Do plants need mulch to help them save water? Do you have plants that attract pollinators like hummingbirds, bees and butterflies? Do you have a healthy mix of grass, shrubs, trees and flowering plants? Are some parts of your yard a little worn out? Do you need to designate areas of your yard for different activities?

Tip 4: Make a plan to take care of your yard. Have a family talk about how you can care for your lawn and landscape, and the improvements you want to make. Create a plan to take care of the yard and make improvements together.

Tip 5: Put the right plant in the right place. Check the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map to find out what plants are best for where you live. Use a mix of native and adaptive plants and place them where they will thrive.

Tip 6: Visit <http://TurfMutt.com> to play games, get free lesson plans for grades K-8, and read digital storybooks for free. Join Lucky the TurfMutt and his friends, the Outdoor Powers on their adventures to save the planet one yard at a time. The website offers home-based activities, digital storybooks, lesson plans for families and teachers and more.

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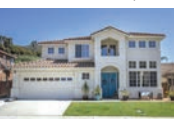
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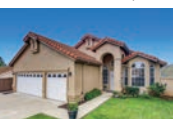
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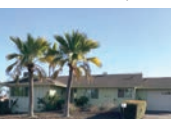
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There may be scarce resources for homes right now, but buyers are still likely to look for a bargain, overpaying a premium in this time of recession. So make sure the price is right.

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The future of real estate sales is now and is greatly relying on virtual tours. One key for a successful online tour is a staged home. Doing FaceTime tours, Facebook Live events or Q&As, and 3-D virtual tours are starting to become the new norm activities done to attract buyers during quarantine. Make sure the seller and their agent are up to par with

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California, U.S. Forest Service establish shared long-term strategy to manage forests and rangelands

SACRAMENTO – In a key step to improve stewardship of California’s forests, the Newsom administration and the U.S. Forest Service announced a new joint state-federal initiative to reduce wildfire risks, restore watersheds, protect habitat and biological diversity and help the state meet its climate objectives.

The Agreement for Shared Stewardship of California’s Forest and Rangelands includes a commitment by the federal government to match California’s goal of reducing wildfire risks on 500,000 acres of forest land per year. To protect public safety and ecology, experts agreed that at least 1 million acres of California forest and wildlands must be treated annually across jurisdictions.

A historical transition toward unnaturally dense forests, a century of fire suppression and climate change resulting in warmer, hotter and drier conditions have left the majority of California’s forestland highly vulnerable to catastrophic wildfire and in need of active, science-based management. Since the federal government owns nearly 58% of California’s 33 million acres of forestlands, while the state owns 3%, joint state-federal management is crucial to California’s overall forest health and wildfire resilience.

Improved coordination also is key since nearly half of the state dollars invested in fuels management in recent years was spent on federal land.

“Wildfires don’t stop at jurisdictional boundaries. As we respond to wildfires in real time this summer, improving coordination between the major stewards of California’s forested land will help us protect communities and restore forest health across California,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said. “We are grateful to secure the U.S. Forest Service’s commitment to

help us more effectively address the scale of California’s current wildfire crisis.”

“Collaboration between state and federal agencies on issues of forest health and resiliency is critical,” Vicki Christiansen, chief of U.S. Forest Service, said. “The Forest Service is fortunate to collaborate on restoration projects across the state and share science and research to address issues to help care for the land and serve people. We are excited to expand our partnership with California to enhance our collaboration though this Shared Stewardship agreement with California.”

The Shared Stewardship Agreement builds on existing coordination between state and federal agencies, and outlines six core principles and nine specific actions that will drive improved state-federal collaboration.

They are: prioritize public safety; use science to guide forest management; coordinate land management across jurisdictions; increase the scale and pace of forest management projects; remove barriers that slow project

approvals, and work closely with all stakeholders, including tribal communities, environmental groups, academia and timber companies.

Specifically, through this agreement California and the U.S. Forest Service commit to execute the following activities together.

Treat 1 million acres of forest and wildland annually to reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire, building on the state’s existing 500,000-acre annual commitment.

Develop a shared 20-year plan for forest health and vegetation treatment that establishes and coordinates priority projects.

Expand use of ecologically sustainable techniques for vegetation treatments such as prescribed fire.

Increase pace and scale of forest management by improving ecologically sustainable timber harvest in California and grow jobs by tackling structural obstacles, such as workforce and equipment shortfalls and lack of access to capital.

Prioritize co-benefits of forest health such as carbon sequestration, biodiversity, healthy watersheds and stable rural economies.

Recycle forest byproducts to avoid burning slash piles, improve sustainable recreation opportunities, enable resilient, fire-adapted communities and share data and continue to invest in science.

The Great American Outdoors Act, signed by President Donald Trump Aug. 4, will provide critical funding for the Forest Service’s work in California.

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San Diego County and I Love A Clean San Diego offer recycling tips and resources

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – Most people want to do the right thing when it comes to recycling, but confusing messages make it difficult to remember the basics. The recycling system throughout San Diego County works when everyone does their part, keeping the right materials in the blue bin and the wrong ones out. Residents make decisions to “Recycle Right” every day when faced with a greasy pizza box, a dirty takeout container or a used single-use coffee cup from a favorite coffee roaster.

Californians generate an average of 6 pounds of waste per person, per day. Therefore, recycling plays a vital role in helping the state reduce waste, conserve limited resources and support the production of the raw materials

is anything that doesn’t belong in the blue recycle bin such as plastic bags, batteries, clothing, cords, hoses, electronics, food, liquids, napkins and paper towels, straws, plastic utensils and more. Many of those items may be recyclable, but not in the blue bins.

Eric Wolff, program coordinator for the county’s solid waste planning and recycling, said, “There’s a big push to reduce contamination in the recycling bin since 20% or more of what some residents and businesses currently put in the recycle bin is actually not recyclable. Stopping contamination starts with consumers.

“Residents want to recycle. They put items they’re not sure about in the recycle bin, hoping it’s recyclable. That’s called

repair and hazardous waste disposal.

Looking forward, San Diego County diverts about 61% of its waste. California has set a goal to reduce landfill disposal by 75%. A study by CalRecycle found that the majority of material brought to

landfills could have been recycled or composted.

Submitted by San Diego County.



The recycling system throughout San Diego County works when everyone does their part, keeping the right materials in the blue bin and the wrong ones out.

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If all the waste generated in San Diego County was deposited in San Diego County Credit Union Stadium in Mission Valley, it would take less than three weeks to fill up and it would fill 18 more times each year; therefore, making the best decision now helps in the long run. By following these simple steps, recycling should become less confusing, more efficient and ensure valuable recyclables stay out of the landfill.

“Recycling Right” means accepted materials are empty with no or very little food residue remaining. They are dry with no liquids left. Liquids can ruin paper, cardboard and other materials in the recycle bin making them unrecyclable. They are loose. Do not bag recyclables. Doing so clogs the sorting equipment at the Material Recovery Facility where the contents of recycling bins go to be processed. Place accepted materials in the blue bin loose.

“Recycling Right” cuts down on contamination. Contamination

wishcycling and actually causes more harm than good. That’s why we’re going back to basics,” Wolff said.

“Back to Basics” means placing only accepted materials in the blue bin. Throughout the San Diego region, with a few minor exceptions, the four main groups of recyclable items are paper, cardboard and cartons; plastic bottles and containers; glass bottles and jars and metal and aluminum cans and foil.

Kick contaminants to the curb. Workers and sorting equipment at the Material Recovery Facility are not able to separate out all materials that don’t belong from recyclables. Residents throughout the county can help by cutting out wasteful single-use items and switching to durable, reusable materials instead. To learn more about how to “Recycling Right” visit San Diego County’s Recycle Right webpage and check out <http://WasteFreeSD.org>, a countywide resource for information on recycling, reuse,

Please note that the Fallbrook Food Pantry is taking the Coronavirus (COVID-19) very serious and here is how we are addressing/preventing the food insecurity concern. As of MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020, we made our food distributions a “NO TOUCH” service.

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- 2.) No one is allowed to open bags and remove items that are unwanted – we cannot risk contamination. All food in bags must leave with each family/individual.
- 3.) Asking clients to stand 6 feet apart while standing in line for food.
- 4.) Asking both volunteers and clients to wear gloves at all times while in the pantry.
- 5.) Any new clients will be treated as an “emergency” and will be able to receive food with just an ID (YOU MUST HAVE either a driver’s license, state ID, military, school, etc.).
- 6.) Our hours of operation will remain the same: Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30. If clients show up early to stand in line – we will begin serving them as soon as possible – even earlier than 9:30 to prevent “loitering” or too much contact with others.
- 7.) As long as staff/volunteers are willing and able to serve, we will not have to change days and/or hours of operation – but in the case of this situation changing due to a variety of possible obstacles, we will keep the public apprised of our decisions and make it known if and when we need EXTRA HELP from the community!

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1000 block E. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
Aug. 8	
5500 block Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of narcotics for sale, under influence of controlled substance
3000 block Red Mountain Heights Dr	Arrest: Violation of temporary restraining order
Aug. 9	
Ammunition Rd @ S. Main Ave	Petty theft
100 block S. Main Ave	Battery
100 block Ash St	Arrest: Public intoxication
900 block E. Mission Rd	Arrest: Public intoxication
1300 block Hillside Dr	Petty theft
Aug. 11	
600 block De Luz Rd	Petty theft
1300 block Old Stage Rd	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury
1400 block Alturas Rd	Arrest: Outstanding misdemeanor warrant
Aug. 12	
1300 block Old Stage Rd	Stolen vehicle
200 block E. Ivy St	Arrest: Discharging laser at occupied aircraft
Aug. 13	
1800 block E. Mission Rd	Arrest: Under influence of controlled substance
4400 block Ramona Dr	Arrest: Obstructing a peace officer
200 block Ash St	Battery
900 block E. Mission Rd	Violation of court order
2400 block Gird Rd	Battery
Huffstatler St	Recovered stolen vehicle
Aug. 14	
1600 block S. Mission Rd	Death
4700 block Pala Rd	Shoplifting
2300 block Huffstatler St	Arrest: Outstanding felony warrant
Aug. 15	
Alturas Rd @ W. Aviation Rd	Arrest: Outstanding misdemeanor warrant
1900 block Gopher Canyon Rd	Arrest: Willful cruelty to child, terroristic threats
100 block Palmas Norte	Petty theft
7900 block Camino del Rey	Grand theft
31900 block Del Cielo Este	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury
Aug. 16	
1000 block Rodeo Queen Dr	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury
3500 block Sarah Ann Dr	Grand theft
2400 block S. Stage Coach Ln	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury
Aug. 17	
2100 block S. Stage Coach Ln	Violation of court order
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OBITUARIES



Gary Dale East, 74, died March 30, 2020, after having a stroke. Gary was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Whittier. Gary spent his life loving his children, working hard, helping others and always being ready to make others smile with a good joke to tell.

Gary spent many of his young years in California. He lived in La Habra with his family in an avocado grove until sixth grade,

when he moved to Fallbrook. He remained there throughout high school. He worked several jobs until eventually starting East Bros. Grove Service with his brother. The two brothers enjoyed the business for many years. Gary moved away from Fallbrook years later, and after trying several locations, he finally ended up settling in Arizona. There he finished raising his boys.

Gary’s boys were his pride and joy. He was so proud of them and his nine grandchildren. One of the things Gary will forever be remembered for was how much he loved serving his church in the Awana program. He was also always willing to help others.

Those left to cherish his memories include his brother, Darwin East, his sons John East and Tim East, his daughters-in-law Becky and Marcy and his grandchildren, Chad, Jacob, Josiah, Noah, Caleb, Savannah, Zach, Jadon and Mallory.



Charles Albert Spellman III, 85, died Aug. 14, 2020, surrounded by his family.

Charles was also known as Charlie, Spike and most fondly, Grumpy, chosen by his first grandchild’s version of Grandpa. Somehow the name stuck. Charles was born in West Chester,

Pennsylvania. He flew the B-59 Mitchell in the Air Force where he met his wife and best friend, Betty.

In 1965, he moved to flying for commercial airlines Pan Am and later United. The family moved to Fallbrook in 1975 and raised their children there until 2004 when they moved to Sisters, Oregon, to try something new. After moving back to Fallbrook in 2015, Charles enjoyed revisiting his passion for orchids and had the most amazing green thumb and work ethic to create a beautiful oasis of flowers and foliage.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Betty, his sister Shirley Novak of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, children Chuck, Becky, Tracy and Julie, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He left a deep imprint in all of their lives and will be greatly missed.



Juan Martinez Flores was born in Ponzitlan, Jalisco Mexico, on March 9, 1945. Roughly two years later, his parents, Mariano Flores and Esperanza Martinez Flores moved to Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

As a youngster, Juan held the responsibility of working to help support his family, selling newspapers in downtown Tijuana and eventually becoming a mechanic’s apprentice, which ended up defining his career.

At around 13 years of age, Juan began to travel (with his father) across the border to the United States. They were braceros, part of the Mexican Farm Labor agreement between the U.S. and Mexico, working in places like Lemon Grove, Guajome Park in Vista, San Luis Rey Downs in Bonsall, and eventually settling in Fallbrook, California in the early 1960’s.

From an early age, Juan was known for his responsibility to his immediate family, caring for eight siblings and helping his parents in purchasing a home in the Via Monserate area in Fallbrook. While traveling back and forth from Tijuana to Fallbrook, Juan met the love of his life, Morayma Maldonado Rueda (born in Delicias, Chihuahua Mexico, July 3, 1948), and they married February 14, 1970.

After working at San Luis Rey Downs, Juan became an independent mechanic and gained a strong reputation as a good mechanic for the Mexican community in Fallbrook. Later he worked as a custodian at Fallbrook High School for 15 years, where he would eventually retire from in 2011.

Juan was friendly, affable and well known for his wisdom,

idioms, generosity and steady personality. Because of his genuine nature, Juan became godfather to numerous children from Tijuana to Fallbrook, gained trust from his community, and made friends that would last him a lifetime.

Juan and Morayma engendered four children, Ulysses Flores (1970), Omar and Homero Flores (twins 1973), and Morayma Ybeet Flores-Higinio (1983). Ever the supportive father, Juan encouraged his children to maintain their cultural identity, while pushing them towards a college education.

Ulysses, the eldest son, is now a renowned teacher in Lake Elsinore, California (master’s degree in education), earning a teacher of the year award in 2018. Omar and Homero, identical twins, earned doctoral degrees in educational philosophy in 2017 and currently reside in Chehalis, Washington. Morayma Flores-Higinio is currently in a doctoral program at the University California Riverside, working toward a degree in ethnic studies, and resides in Riverside.

One of Juan’s most significant attributes was his support for the Mexican community in Fallbrook. Juan encouraged his children and family members to carry forward their cultural dexterity, opening his doors to immigrant families, providing financial and emotional support to families in transition and rallied behind social/youth movements in Fallbrook.

Juan’s generosity, positive attitude and words of wisdom will continue to carry the Flores family for generations to come.

We thank our father for his unwavering love and support, for his teachings and for laying the foundation of knowledge for future generations.

“Gracias Jefito, te amamos por siempre, y cargaremos adelante tu sabiduría a través de los tiempos.”

Juan is survived by his wife Morayma, his children, his grandchildren Gabriela Xochitl, Juan Ulysses, Ricardo Huitzilopochtli, Maya Nicté-Ha, Maribella Itzel, Izabella Mixtli, Xavier Nezahualcoyotl, Enrique Nezahualpilli, Estevan Huitzilli, and siblings Antonio Flores, Jose Luis Flores, Manuel Flores, Maria Flores Guzman, Mario Flores, Victor Flores and Beatriz Flores Lopez. Raul Flores passed (cancer) in 2005.

Good Dog! Service Canines expands services to help other disabilities

FALLBROOK – In May, Good Dog! Autism Companions expanded services to help more children and families – they are now providing programs for autism and other related disabilities – and they are now doing business as Good Dog! Service Canines.

In an emotional and unique graduation ceremony, four families with special needs children received service dogs trained and placed by Good Dog! Service Canines Friday, Aug. 14. The graduates are the first to don the new name and logo on their service vests.

The celebration was restricted to graduating families and members of the Good Dog! staff due to the social distancing restrictions. Good Dog! was also able to share the event online with friends, families, donors and volunteers via Zoom.

The rebrand was the first step in the organization's plan to serve more of those in need. The plan is to one day have a facility in Fallbrook where team trainings can be held; but primarily be a location where persons with disabilities can help train dogs while learning about the canine/human bond.

The graduation was the culmination of a two-year process that starts with Good Dog! identifying pups that have the intelligence, compassion and energy for service work. The pups

are trained to respond to over 50 commands. After about 16 months, they are carefully matched with their forever families. In the final week leading up to graduation, a parent from each family is required to attend Good Dog! Team Training Week. The students learn approximately 10 commands per day of team training. The commands lists are taped to the wall after each lesson so they can be viewed by the students. In this graduate class, four mothers were taught everything they need to know to be the dog's leader and handler. Helping fund this year's Team Training Week for Good Dog! was the Elizabeth Wilson Endowment of the Legacy Endowment.

Good Dog! Service Canines is Fallbrook's leading family-run provider of service animals for parents looking to make powerful positive changes to their quality of life. Since its founding in 2011, the organization has placed 55 service dogs with families throughout the United States. Good Dog! Service Canines is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization and an Assistance Dog International member candidate. Learn more at <http://www.gooddogservicecanines.org>.

Submitted by Good Dog! Service Canines.



Good Dogs! most recent service dog graduates include Kristina Anderson with Good Dog! Shasta, Laura Donovan with Good Dog! Cassie, Pamela Schlenz with Good Dog! Luka and Jen Benito with Good Dog! Jelly.



Jen Benito of San Diego practices the "high-five" command with Good Dog! Jelly, while lead trainer Sam Quackenbush looks on.

Village News/Courtesy photos



Fallbrook residents Laura and Rick Sylvester, founders of Good Dog! Autism Companions, are pictured with the organization's new demo dog, Good Dog! Juniper.



The Good Dog! team includes from left trainer Brittney Micely, lead trainer Sam Quackenbush, executive director and founder Laura Sylvester, director of family education and support and founder Rick Sylvester, associate director Laura Douglas and trainer Courtney Goblirsch.



Good Dog! Cassie is all smiles as she graduates with her forever family, Laura, Eric and Oliver Donovan of Poway.



Good Dog! Shasta and family prepare to receive their certification of completion and official service dog vest.

HEALTH

Temecula Valley Hospital receives 2 American Heart/Stroke Association Awards

TEMECULA – Temecula Valley Hospital has received two awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, highlighting heart and stroke care.

The Lifeline Silver Plus Receiving Quality Achievement Award is for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST-elevation myocardial infarction, the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

Lifeline program's goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 911 call, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. The initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines.

"I am very proud of our staff and physicians for receiving these prestigious awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association," Darlene Wetton, CEO of Temecula Valley Hospital, said. "It is very important for us to provide to our community heart and stroke care that they can trust. These award guidelines reiterate our excellent standards at Temecula Valley Hospital."

Temecula Valley Hospital earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for quick and appropriate treatment through emergency procedures to reestablish blood flow to blocked arteries in heart attack patients coming into the hospital directly or by transfer from another facility.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

Temecula Valley Hospital earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions. Temecula Valley Hospital also received recognition from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for Stroke Elite Honor Roll and Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

Temecula Valley Hospital, with a 5 Star Medicare Hospital Compare rating, brings advanced technology, innovative programs, patient-centered and family sensitive care to area residents featuring 140 private patient rooms. Temecula Valley Hospital is the first Universal Health Services Hospital Emergency Department in the country to achieve accreditation from the American College of Emergency Physicians as a geriatric emergency department. Temecula Valley Hospital specializes in advanced cardiac services, stroke care, general and surgical specialties, and orthopedics as a recent Blue Distinction Center Designation for Quality in knee and hip replacement surgeries. Temecula Valley Hospital is nationally recognized for patient safety by the Leapfrog Group, with a 2017 Top Hospital Award and seven "A" grades for patient safety.

Submitted by Temecula Valley Hospital.



Temecula Valley Hospital's cardiac neuro clinical support team poses for a photo after receiving two awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

Temecula Valley Hospital welcomes new chief operating officer



Village News/Courtesy photo
Dave Lawson is the new chief operating officer for Temecula Valley Hospital.

TEMECULA – Temecula Valley Hospital welcomes Dave Lawson as the new chief operating officer. Lawson will oversee laboratory, pharmacy, cardiac services, radiology and surgical services at Temecula Valley Hospital.

Most recently, Lawson served as associate administrator of Summerlin Hospital Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he helped plan and complete multiple capital projects including a 36-bed medical/surgical and oncology unit expansion, labor and delivery, neonatal intensive care unit, postpartum renovation

and expansion and a 32-bed medical/surgical unit renovation. Additionally, he had administrative responsibility for plant operations, imaging, respiratory therapy, rehab services, laboratory, security, health care technology management, food and nutrition, outpatient pharmacy and staffing officer responsibilities.

Before Summerlin, Lawson spent four years with Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston, Texas, in various leadership roles, including performance excellence administrator, director of physician relations and medical affairs and administrative Fellow. Earlier in his career, he served as a project manager of operations and quality at HealthPartners in St. Paul, Minnesota; administrative resident of outpatient services and retail clinics at Salem Health in Salem, Oregon, and an administrative intern of operations at MultiCare Valley Hospital in Spokane Valley, Washington.

"We are very pleased to have Dave join our Temecula Valley Hospital leadership team," Darlene Wetton, CEO of Temecula Valley Hospital, said. "His extensive background and variety of experience within different hospital departments will be very valuable to support our staff."

Lawson received his master's degree in health care administration

from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a bachelor's degree in public administration from Brigham Young University Idaho in Rexburg, Idaho.

"I am so pleased to join Temecula Valley Hospital and look forward to being a part of this terrific community," Lawson said.

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UCSD scientists create visualization of protein linked to Parkinson's disease

City News Service
Special to Village News

University of California San Diego scientists have created the first visualizations of a protein that has been linked to genetic neurological disorder Parkinson's disease, which could pave the way for drug development to treat the disease.

Parkinson's progressively attacks motor functions, leading to lasting damage in movement and coordination. Researchers studying the primary causes of the disease have focused on mutations of the protein known as leucine-rich repeat kinase 2, or LRRK2.

Understanding how the protein disrupts normal functioning has been difficult due to a lack of information on its structure, according to a university statement. Efforts to decipher its architecture have included launching samples into space as a way of using microgravity conditions to help crystallize protein samples, but with no success.

The university's scientists produced the first visualizations of LRRK2 inside its natural cellular environment and the first high-

resolution blueprint of the protein. They used these depictions to describe how LRRK2 binds to cellular tracks called microtubules and acts as a roadblock for motors that move along these tracks.

The findings are described in two research papers published in the journals Cell and Nature.

"These two papers take giant steps toward developing more effective therapeutics for Parkinson's disease, which impacts so many lives," Kit Pogliano, dean of biological sciences and professor of molecular biology at University of California San Diego, said. "Combining cryo-electron microscopy with live cell imaging allows researchers to see proteins working inside cells and to more rapidly determine how potential drugs affect their function. This will accelerate drug discovery and provide new hope to those suffering from this debilitating disease."

Researchers led by Elizabeth Villa and her colleagues used cryo-electron tomography, a type of cryo-electron microscopy, to view LRRK2 in its natural environment within cells and describe its structure at a level

previously unseen.

In many cases, when researchers seek to determine a protein's structure, they begin by isolating the protein outside of cells. When using cryo-EM, scientists freeze the molecules in a thin layer of ice, preserving their structure, and determine their structure at high resolution. Villa's team images frozen cells that contain the molecules, taking pictures at different angles – somewhat like a CT scan.

In the Nature study, co-senior writers Samara Reck-Peterson and Andres Leschziner took a deeper look at LRRK2's structure and function and teamed up with Villa's group to determine how LRRK2 interacts with cellular tracks.

Using cryo-EM, Leschziner's team captured an atomic-level image of LRRK2's structure. The structure comprised the business end of the protein – which includes the part that tags other proteins with phosphates. The locations of all major Parkinson's disease-causing mutations are found in their structure.

Reck-Peterson's team discovered that LRRK2 creates roadblocks that stop the transport of cargo inside the cell. It also showed that some drugs that target LRRK2 enhance this effect, while others diminish it.

While Leschziner and Reck-Peterson are not sure yet if roadblocks play a role in Parkinson's disease, their findings already have implications for the design of therapeutic drugs that work by inhibiting LRRK2, researchers said.

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Near-drowning incidents increase in children during pandemic

José A. Álvarez
San Diego County Communications Office

An increasing number of San Diego County children have been rescued from private pools after nearly drowning, the county Health and Human Services Agency announced recently.

Local data shows that 49 rescues occurred in private pools, beaches and bays from March through July 2020 compared to 37 in the same time period of 2019 and 33 the year before that. Nearly all those rescued needed to be taken to local hospitals for treatment.

Of the 49 near-drowning incidents reported this year, 28 occurred in pools, most of them

private pools. Fourteen occurred in the ocean, lakes or bays and the rest in unknown bodies of water.

Twenty-four of the swimming incidents reported over the same period occurred in private pools and involved children 14 years and under. Some public pools have been closed due to COVID-19. In comparison, 18 occurred in 2019 and 21 in 2018.

From March through July over the past three years, nine children and babies drowned in San Diego County. All but two were 2 years of age or younger. In 2020, two died, one in a bathtub and one in a private pool. In 2019, five died in private pools. In 2018, two died, one in a bathtub and one in a private pool.

“Parents and guardians must take the necessary precautions to keep these incidents from happening,” Dr. Wilma Wooten, county public health officer, said. “Children who swim in pools at home are at higher risk of drowning, especially as parents struggle to supervise their children while continuing to work at home through the summer months because of the novel coronavirus.

“Parents should think safety first when children are near or in pools or other bodies of water to prevent injury and accidental drowning,” Wooten said.

Here are some tips to minimize children’s risk of drowning.

- Use general water safety.
- Teach children to swim. Never

- leave a child unsupervised in or near water.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- For residential swimming pools and spas: install a fence around the pool and hot tub. Many jurisdictions have detailed laws regarding how it should be done.
- Install alarms.
- Remove toys. On the deck, they can be a tripping hazard, or in the water, they can attract children.
- Beware of drains.
- Follow all swimming rules posted at swimming areas. Keep emergency equipment handy.
- For natural bodies of water: always swim with a buddy.

- Swim only in areas that have a lifeguard. Wear a life jacket.
- Enter water feet first for the initial descent.
- Never leave children unobserved, even for short periods of time.
- For toilets, bathtubs and buckets: keep the bathroom door closed.
- Supervise bath time. Shut toilet lids. Store buckets safely.

The California Paramedic Foundation will soon be launching a social media campaign to warn parents about the dangers of unsupervised swimming.

More information and prevention strategies can be found at Mayo Clinic and Safe Kids.

How San Diegans can help keep COVID-19 case rate down

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With the San Diego County’s COVID-19 case rate continuing to decline, local health officials are urging San Diegans to keep taking measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The county’s case rate is now at 85.2 and below the state watchlist threshold of 100 cases per every 100,000 residents. Because of that, the region is now in the second day of the 14-day period before all K-12 schools can reopen, if they choose to do so.

To make sure the region gets to that point, it’s important that all San Diegans keep taking the necessary actions to prevent COVID-19 community outbreaks and the spread of the virus. They include: wear face coverings, maintain physical distance, wash your hands, avoid crowded places and stay home if you are sick.

“Because there is no treatment or vaccine, this is really what we have to wrap our arms around to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” Dr. Wilma Wooten, county public health officer, said. “San Diego

residents have done a phenomenal job in helping to push our case rate below 100.”

Why are outbreak locations not released?

Many San Diegans have asked for the county to release the names and locations where COVID-19 community outbreaks are identified.

Currently, the county is not releasing the names of outbreak locations because there is no action that the public needs to take. There is no higher risk of infection at these locations because the virus is widespread.

“Avoiding businesses where an outbreak has been identified does not lower your risk of infection,” Wooten said. “If there was a specific threat to public health, we would release that information.”

For example, Wooten said that the county would make public the location of a community outbreak if it posed a threat to the public, such as the E.coli outbreak at the 2019 San Diego County Fair or the measles outbreak that started at Disneyland in late 2014.

“We release information when there is an action that an individual or the public could or should take,”

Wooten said.

County COVID-19 testing is done by priority.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Public Health Department recently updated their testing guidance, but their recommended priority categories/tiers were broad and did not address frequency.

Recognizing that local health care providers, especially those with limited supplies and capacity, would have challenges adopting the new guidance, the county worked with partners to set the local priority levels.

An advisory went out recently to the local medical community with the updated five testing tiers. The first tier is people with symptoms who are hospitalized, in congregate facilities, older adults, have underlying medical conditions or are part of a vulnerable population, followed by people identified by public health investigations and disease control activities.

Next is people with symptoms such as health care workers and first responders, as well as patients requiring hospitalization and people who require surgical procedures, followed by people

without symptoms in congregate living facilities and close contacts of people who tested positive.

The next tier is people without symptoms such as health care workers, first responders, vulnerable populations, essential workers, older adults and people with underlying medical conditions and their caretakers.

The last tier is people without symptoms who are being tested for purposes of public health surveillance.

San Diego Public Health organizes free COVID-19 testing locations countywide. Appointments can be made at online, while three walk-in locations offer no-appointment testing where no one is turned away.

More information on COVID-19 and detailed data summaries can be found at <http://coronavirus-sd.com>.

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Vallecitos School District approves telecommuting policy

Joe Naiman
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The Vallecitos School District board approved a policy on telecommuting by school district employees.

The board’s 5-0 vote, Aug. 11, approved an addition to the district bylaws which provides a policy for staff members who desire to work from home or other off-campus locations.

“We have the option under the circumstances,” Linda Miller, business manager of Vallecitos School District, said.

Telecommuting may be allowed on a discretionary basis and is entirely voluntary. Either a department or employee may request a full-time, part-time or short-term remote work arrangement. Before entering into any agreement the district superintendent, who is also the Vallecitos Elementary School principal, or the superintendent’s designee will make the determination that telecommuting is suitable for the position, the employee has consistently demonstrated the ability to work independently and meet performance expectations and the work arrangement does not hinder school district operations. The superintendent or principal may also delegate a staff member to make the determination.

Except in an emergency situation, a department may not require an

employee to telecommute and an employee does not have a right to telecommute. Working at home or at another location may be necessary at times if widespread illness, natural disaster or another emergency condition renders the school or worksite unsafe or otherwise interrupts the district’s ability to conduct operations effectively at the school or worksite. The superintendent, principal or designee may designate employees to work remotely.

Either an employee or a manager may propose telecommuting as a possible work arrangement. Telecommuting can be informal, such as working from home for a short-term project or working during business travel, or telecommuting can be a formal, set schedule of working away from the office.

Employees approved to telecommute must comply with all district policies, administrative regulations, work schedules and job assignments. In the absence of a specific agreement, the approval of a telecommuting arrangement will not change the compensation, benefits or other terms and conditions of employment. Work performed at home or another off-campus location is considered official public business. District records and communications must be retained and safeguarded against damage or loss, and those records must be kept confidential and only made

accessible to the public if required by law.

The opportunity to telecommute shall be entirely at the discretion of the superintendent or designee, and no grievance or appeal will be allowed. The superintendent will assign responsibility for the development and efficient operation of the district’s telecommuting policy to the human resource services administrator or other designee who will as necessary establish, implement and disseminate to employees written operating procedures consistent with the policy.

The superintendent or principal will maintain an administrative regulation which addresses the procedures for telecommuting by Vallecitos School District employees. Employees will be required to read and sign a telecommuting work plan agreement before being authorized to work remotely.

To be eligible for telecommuting an employee must be a regular and permanent employee. Employees who are on a probationary period are not eligible. Before entering into a telecommuting agreement the employee and manager must review and assess whether the position is appropriate for a telecommuting arrangement, the needs and work habits of the employee compared to traits customarily recognized as appropriate for successful telecommuters, the physical workspace needs and an

appropriate location for working from home, the employee’s ability to follow ergonomic compliance recommendations, and the impact that working from home would have on other employees and the functional needs of the division as a whole.

The manager will be responsible for ensuring that necessary adjustments are implemented and that the telecommuting policy is administered in a manner which will impact the division positively. Before implementing a formal telecommuting agreement, the division’s assistant superintendent or designee will be informed and given authority to approve or disapprove of the proposed action. If the proposal is approved, a draft telecommuting work plan will be prepared and signed by all parties. The human resource services department will review the agreement and maintain the signed agreement, and the superintendent or designee has the final authority to approve or disapprove an arrangement.

Any telecommuting arrangement will be on a trial basis for the first three months and may be discontinued at will and at any time at the request of either the employee or the administration. If the arrangement is terminated by the administration, efforts will be made to provide 10 days notice to accommodate commuting, child care and other issues which may

arise from the return to the district office, although in some situations no such advance notice is possible and the telecommuter may be recalled to the office on short notice if deemed necessary by the superintendent or designee. An assessment of the telecommuting arrangement during the trial period will include regular interaction by phone and electronic mail between the employee and the manager along with weekly face-to-face or virtual meetings to discuss work progress and any issues which may arise. At the end of the trial period, the manager will complete an assessment of the arrangement and make recommendations to continue or modify the arrangement. The assessment of the arrangement beyond the trial period will focus on work output, professionalism and completion of goals and/or objectives. Telecommuting is not considered a benefit of employment and may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the superintendent or designee. Unless extreme mitigating circumstances create a special need, the school district will not provide additional equipment or software if a similarly equipped workstation exists on school district premises. The superintendent or designee will determine the potential need for additional equipment or software on a case-by-case basis.

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Fallbrook CPG recommends naming new park after Jim Russell

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Earlier in 2020, San Diego County acquired 6.8 acres on the south side of Fallbrook Street between Morro Road and Golden Road for a new park. The Aug. 17 Fallbrook Community Planning Group meeting included a presentation on the public input the county’s Department of Parks and Recreation has received on the park, and the meeting also included a unanimous vote to recommend that the new park be named after Jim Russell.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has been working with the community to identify specific amenities for the park, and DPR park project manager Stephanie Kopplin addressed the planning group about the input to date and subsequent outreach. Virtual public meetings were held May 22 and July 22, and a third public meeting is planned for early fall. The input will be used to develop a conceptual plan along with associated environmental review. DPR expects to send the park to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for the authorization of bids for a construction contract in late spring 2021, and construction is currently expected to take place during fall 2021 and winter 2022.

“We’re excited about this park in Fallbrook,” Jack Wood, chair of Fallbrook Community Planning Group, said.

The July 22 meeting had approximately 40 active participants and resulted in 92 comments. DPR

received 265 online responses between July 22 and Aug. 5 with 253 of those being from Fallbrook residents and the other 12 being submitted by residents of Bonsall or other neighboring communities.

Two options for the park in terms of amenities have been presented to the community. Both options include 68 parking spaces, including stalls meeting Americans with Disabilities Act standards and bicycle parking. Both options will have play areas, a picnic area, a multipurpose field and an open field. A skateboarding facility is also expected to be part of the park. One of the options includes a dog park while the other version would have exercise stations in that area. The community input has been nearly evenly split between the two options.

The input from the planning group, which was neither confirmed nor refuted by a formal vote, included assurances about park maintenance.

“We work really closely with our operations team,” Kopplin said.

Traffic circulation was another matter the planning group sought to optimize.

“It would make sense to have one entrance and a separate exit,” Roy Moosa, a member of the planning group, said.

Concerns about homeless people occupying the park after hours were also discussed. The park will be locked at night and patrolled daily by a ranger, and lighting will allow for after-hours surveillance.

Russell spent 19 1/2 years in the

U.S. Marine Corps before a 1977 motorcycle accident which left him paralyzed and forced his retirement from the Marine Corps. After his retirement, he moved from Camp Pendleton to Calle Linda in 1978. The county’s general plan was updated in 1978, which resulted in Russell becoming involved in county matters. The plan defined two-acre lots as rural and one-acre lots as urban. When Russell learned of plans to build urban-style dwellings across the street from his home, he informed the county that the proposal was contrary to community character and was told that he lived in an urban area. Russell and five other community members sued the county and won, and the board of supervisors placed a moratorium on any projects in Fallbrook which required sewer service until the situation was resolved. Eventually the county agreed to return Fallbrook to rural status, and all of Fallbrook was rezoned to two-acre minimum lots. Russell initially ran for the Fallbrook Community Planning Group in 1986 and was reelected eight times. He replaced David Lowry as the planning group chair 1 1/2 years after he joined the planning group, and the other Fallbrook Community Planning Group members reelected him to that position each year until his death Jan. 17. In addition to serving on the community planning group for more than three decades, Russell was a founding member of the Fallbrook Center for the Arts.

“He contributed so much to this

community,” Wood said.

Russell was also a president of the California Macadamia Nut Society and a national and local board member of Paralyzed Veterans of America. He set up multiple sports programs for veterans and worked with local real estate agents on housing needs for the disabled. He was recognized as the volunteer of the year for the county’s Department of Planning and Land Use, which is now the Department of Planning and Development Services, citizen of the year with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce and veteran of the year with the Cal-Diego Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Russell was also presented with the Citizens Leadership Award from the American Planning Association. “He was quite an interesting guy,” Eileen Delaney, a member of the

planning group, said.

“He’s a gentleman I admired and I think this would be a wonderful tribute to him,” Bill O’Connor, a member of the planning group, said.

“He taught me a lot,” Delaney said. “We couldn’t honor him any better than this park being named after him.”

The only concern about naming the park after Russell was the possible perception that the planning group would be self-serving by honoring one of their own members.

“We look at it from the standpoint of all the other contributions he made in the community,” Wood said.

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Legacy Endowment Community Foundation continues a cycle of growing and giving



Marianne Martini Nolte, Rachel Mason, Jean Larsen, Shae Gawlak, Jan Pichel and Mark Hvasta pose for a photo after the Legacy Endowment Community Foundation donated \$3,000 to the Fallbrook Food Pantry.

FALLBROOK – The Legacy Endowment Community Foundation made several recent additions to its board of directors, as well as four significant grants to local nonprofits which have been faced with extra challenges this year.

“Our recent board growth is a direct reflection of Legacy’s growth overall,” Mark Hvasta, board chair of the Legacy Endowment, said. “We are being proactive in an environment where the words like adaptive and pivoting become the new normal in a global pandemic world. Most folks naturally understand that nonprofit organizations provide services, goods and resources to meet community needs. But these organizations also help

drive economic development in virtually all sectors of our society. To support a charity right now in this environment of uncertainty can be incredibly positive and satisfying act of compassion to help others, as well as an act of hope and courage in our ability to rebound in the near future. Legacy Endowment Community Foundation has great options for gift planning to make sustained charitable contributions possible today, tomorrow and well into the future.”

Jean Larsen, Legacy’s executive director, said, “The recent out-of-cycle grants made to the Fallbrook Food Pantry, REINS, Elizabeth Hospice and Foundation for Senior Care were a direct result

of our setting aside money in a community fund for situations just like COVID-19 impact. We learned a great deal about having such a specialized fund always at-the-ready from our experience with Witch Creek and Lilac fires and working with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce who spearheaded the Out of the Ashes Fund.”

Following forward-thinking ideals to continuously benefit those living within the Fallbrook and Bonsall communities is deeply imbedded in Legacy Endowment Community Foundation’s name and an important aspect of its mission, a motivating factor for Roy Moosa and Wallace Tucker to join Legacy’s board of directors. Both individuals are longtime and highly respected volunteer civic leaders in the Fallbrook and Bonsall communities who give back in a variety of forward-thinking ways to uphold, sustain and enhance the area for all those living, working and retiring nearby.

When Roy Moosa is not busy in his Sun Realty office, he can be found working with one of his many favorite charities such as the Fallbrook Historical Society or Fallbrook Village Association. He shows dedication, interest and involvement in any number of projects he helps or has helped spearhead in the area, including the 2017 endeavor that brought the train

caboose to downtown Fallbrook, Hvasta said.

“Roy has had a variety of top-tier experiences as an elected member of local and regional planning groups of which, on occasion, intersects with administrators of the county of San Diego,” Larsen said. “The recruitment of individuals to Legacy’s board of directors who have an understanding of local governance is a big plus to our work. He certainly has had to use this understanding from both a real estate and governance standpoint when, in 2018, he purchased the historic 1948 Mission Theater, revitalizing the venue as a town auditorium for live performances, special events and unique programs.

We know his expertise and familiarity with the area’s nuanced civic and municipal features will be a wonderful addition to our volunteer leadership team,” she said.

Wallace Tucker, co-founder of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy along with his friend Vince Ross, and late wife Karen, is also filling a Legacy board seat. Wallace is familiar with Legacy Endowment’s various channels for sustained charitable giving as the Fallbrook Land Conservancy has established funds with Legacy and has been a past recipient of annual gifts set up by past benefactors, Hvasta said.

“Wally’s background and professional career has been

amazing and bountiful, spanning the scientific world of astrophysics, higher education, and even a foray into playwrighting,” Hvasta said. “He and his wife Beverly love their home here in Fallbrook, and believe the land managed by the conservancy is one of the areas’ most treasured assets. Wally’s global view – one could say, cosmic view -- combined with his local-outlook and perspectives will bring another dimension of thinking to our mission, vision and values.”

Founded in 1994, Legacy Endowment Community Foundation is 100% dedicated to representing the interests of its donors. Its donor-centric stewardship responsibilities focus on donors having a safe and productive investment haven for making charitable contributions to their favorite charities, even challenging times. Yearslong analysis of their endowment performance demonstrate solid and consistent returns, and a recent analysis of their investment strategy shows a solid recovery from March’s economic downturn and significantly better performance for its stakeholders than the S&P as a standard benchmark.

For more information about Legacy Endowment Community Foundation, their website can be found at <http://Legacyendowment.org> or call 760-941-8646.

Submitted by Legacy Endowment.

ENTERTAINMENT

The pandemic inspires biblical paintings



FALLBROOK – When the pandemic shut down started, everybody was hunkering down, hoarding toilet paper and trying to buy flour and potatoes, Natasha and Jack Ragland said it called to mind Bible stories of Noah’s ark

and the 10 plagues of Exodus.

It is a time when art provides relief to all earthly problems, and people can look at a lovely scene and let their imaginations take them away to a beautiful place, according to the couple. They

said they choose to create works that express the beauty of nature as a kind of sanctuary to recharge people’s physical, emotional and spiritual batteries as they face the world’s challenges.

Natasha Ragland presents “Noah’s Ark” and “Sunflower Fields at Sunset,” and Jack Ragland shows “Santa Margarita River Gorge” and “Stream Reverie.”

Village News/Courtesy photo

International Latino Book Awards to announce winners Sept. 12

Kirk Whisler
Empowering Latino Futures

The 22nd International Latino Book Awards ceremony will be held virtually Saturday, Sept. 12, at 2:30 p.m. with entertainment and the award ceremony at 3 p.m. at <http://www.LatinoBookAwards.org> or via YouTube with master of ceremonies Edward James Olmos.

For 2020, Empowering Latino Futures has named five awards for writers and the Latino community overall. They included the Rudy Anaya Best Latino-focused Fiction Award in honor of the late great-grandfather of Chicano literature, the Isabel Allende Best Inspirational Fiction Award in honor of the bestselling Latina author in the world, the Alma Flor

Ada Best Latino-focused Children’s Picture Book Award for a luminary of children’s literature, the Juan Felipe Herrera Best Poetry Book Award for the first Latino U.S. Poet Laureate and the Victor Villaseñor Best Latino-focused Nonfiction Award for the trailblazing author.

In 2021, Empowering Latino Futures will add five more legends to its award list. They include the Charlie Ericksen Best Book Written by a Youth Award for the editor who mentored more Latino journalists than anyone, the Dolores Huerta Best Community Service Book Award for the woman who has inspired millions, the Hank Lacayo Best Labor Book Award for the labor leader, the Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book Award for the woman lives to see family

histories created, the Ambassador Julian Nava Best Educational Themed Book Award and the Raul Yzaguirre Best Political/Current Affairs Book Award for the man of many firsts.

About 40% of the winners were from major U.S. and international publishers, 25% were from medium-sized publishing houses and 35% were from small publishing houses or were self-published.

The 2020 International Latino Book Awards has 297 finalists in 96 categories. Handling the large number of books were 214 judges in 2020, including librarians, educators, media professionals, leaders of national organizations and Pulitzer Prize winners. The awards celebrate books in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Finalists

are from across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, as well as from 17 other countries.

All finalists listed will receive either a first place, second place or honorable mention when the awards are presented.

Empowering Latino Futures, formerly Latino Literacy Now, is a nonprofit organization co-founded in 1997 by Edward James Olmos and Kirk Whisler.

Other ELF programs include the 68th annual Virtual Latino Book & Family Festival in association with MiraCosta College in Oceanside. The Empowering Students Futures program has reached 182,000 students. The International Society of Latino Authors now has over 160 members. Education Begins in the Home has impacted literacy

for more than 135,000 people, and more than 70 episodes of the Latino Reads podcast have now aired.

The Award Winning Author tour is not doing in-person events due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Empowering Latino Futures’ 2020 partners include California State University San Bernardino, Comadres para las Americas, Flatiron Books, Gloves for Humanity LLC, GrupoMex, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Community College District, Masksquerade Enterprises LLC, REFORMA and Route 78 Rotary Club. Its media partners include El Perico, Latino Lubbock and Para Todos. For more information, contact 760-579-1696 or visit <https://empoweringlatinofutures.org>.

Pala Casino Spa Resort announces new outdoor concert series: Up & Coming Country Artists

PALA – Pala Casino Spa Resort announced a new outdoor concert series in the Starlight Theater: Up & Coming Country Artists. The Up & Coming Country Artists series will feature performances by new artists who are quickly making a name for themselves. Up & Coming Country Artists will kick off at 8 p.m. both nights with Honey County with special guest The Highwayman Show Saturday, Aug. 29, followed by The Swon Brothers Saturday, Sept. 12.

Rooted in three-part vocal harmonies, southern twang and pop hooks, Honey County is a female country trio featuring the stacked voices and layered guitar work of Dani Rose, Tracy Lambertucci and Sofie Lynn. As one of Rolling Stone’s “Top 10 Artists You Need To Know,” the band has maintained a busy schedule both onstage and in the studio, sharing shows with artists like Lady Antebellum, Brett Eldredge, Jake Owen and Chase Rice while also crafting modern, melody-based country songs.

With their song “Love Someone” featured in an episode of CMT’s “Nashville” as well as Paramount Network’s “Yellowstone” starring Kevin Costner, the band is also working on new music for release in 2020 with country music, presented in three-part harmony.

The Swon Brothers gained national notoriety as finalists on NBC’s “The Voice,” and released their major-label debut, “The Swon Brothers,” the following year, putting their stamp on the 11-song collection by co-producing with award-winning producer Mark Bright, who produces for Carrie Underwood. The album’s first single “Later On” was the duo’s first Top 15 Hit.

Up & Coming Country Artists will join the existing lineup of summer concert series events at Pala Casino: Superstar Imposters – Summer Tribute Series, Funky Funk Get Down – Big Grooves & Dance Moves Series and Domingos de Musica y Baile Series.

The Superstar Imposters –

Summer Tribute Series is one of three outdoor concert series in the Starlight Theater at Pala Casino Spa Resort. It will feature some of the nation’s top tribute band and artists recreating some of rock’s most iconic bands and performances onstage on select Friday nights, including Wayward Sons (80s Rock Tribute) Aug. 28; Cashm Killer & The King (Johnny, Jerry Lee & Elvis Tribute) Sept. 4; Metalachi (Heavy Metal Mariachi) Sept. 11; Yesterday (Beatles Tribute) Sept. 18; Don’t Look Back (Boston Tribute) Sept. 25, and Summer of ’69 Concert with Led Zepagain (Led Zepplin Tribute) and Strange Days (The Doors Tribute).

The Up & Coming Country Artists Series features new country band on select Saturdays at 8 p.m., including Honey County, Aug. 29, and The Swon Brothers, Sept. 12.

The other outdoor concert series are Funky Funk Get Down – Big Grooves & Dance Moves, featuring Rose Royce Sept. 5; WAR Sept. 19, and Stevie “E” &

The LCB Band with special guest Bill Champlin (Tribute to Steve Wonder & Top Funk Hits) at 8 p.m., and Domingos de Musica y Baile, featuring Mariachi Divas Sept. 6, at 8 p.m.

Funky Funk Get Down – Big Grooves & Dance Moves will feature top funk, soul and rhythm and blues bands on select Saturday nights. Domingos de Musica y Baile will feature both headline Latin entertainment, as well up and coming stars on select Sunday afternoons.

The health and safety of the valued guests and team members is paramount to Pala Casino Spa Resort. Pala Casino is committed to following the guidelines and recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control for businesses. Guests will be asked to wear facial coverings and practice safe social distancing throughout each of these events. Seats will be sanitized and pre-set to enforce proper social distancing. Additionally, all guests will have their temperature screened at the

entrance to the casino. For a full list of the property updates and safety protocols at Pala Casino, visit <https://www.palacasino.com>.

All shows will be held outdoors at the Starlight Theater. Doors open one hour before start of show.

Guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Guests will be asked to wear facial coverings and practice safe social distancing.

Guests who sign up for or have a players card will receive \$5 back in Added Play valid the day of event only.

Tickets are on sale now, with no service charge, at the Pala Box Office, <http://www.palacasino.com> and 877-946-7252. Tickets are also available at <http://www.etix.com> and 800-514-3849.

All events and promotions are subject to cancellation without notice. Learn more about the upcoming events at Pala Casino Spa Resort by visiting <https://www.palacasino.com/entertainment/all-entertainment/>.

Submitted by Pala Casino Spa Resort.

Wine Country

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUG. 28	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Crush House + Got Polish Keilbasa?, Peltzer Winery
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
7:30-9 p.m.	Movie Night, "Yesterday," Bel Vino Winery
SATURDAY, AUG. 29	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Late Nights Under the Lights, Pelter Family Cellars
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
SUNDAY, AUG. 30	
9-10 a.m.	Sunday Yoga + Wine Class, Akash Winery
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Crush House, Got Polish Keilbasa? and Devilicious, Peltzer Family Cellars
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol's Restaurant at Baily Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery

UPCOMING:
Sept. 10 is Akash Winery's Drive-in Movie Night for Autism, showing "Despicable Me 3" and offering Pretty Paints art kits at 8:45 p.m.
Sept. 12 is Akash Winery's Sunday Yoga + Wine Class from 9-10 a.m.



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WINE

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Lamborghini and McLaren car owners display their cars during a private event at Mount Palomar Winery Sunday, Aug. 23. Valley News/Lexington Howe photos



Mount Palomar Winery serves visitors of Temecula Valley Wine Country since 1969.

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

With its vast vineyard and rolling hills, guests come from near and far to visit Mount Palomar Winery.

Founded in 1969, Mount Palomar Winery is one of the oldest wineries in Temecula Wine Country.

"We have, I think, 25 different varieties of grapes," John Petty, the winery's executive general manager, said. "We're known for our big red varietals and so anybody that is interested in some really great, full body red wine definitely find something to their liking at Mount Palomar."

They have some unique white wines as well.

"We are one of the few wineries – I think only two wineries in all of California that actually grow what's called a cortese grape and that makes excellent white wine, especially for the hot days out there," Petty said.

They also have one of the oldest Solera cream sherries, he said.

"Our cream sherries go almost as fast as we can bottle them," Petty said. "They are made from a Palomino grape, and they bake in old Kentucky whiskey barrels, for about five years they bake in the sun."

"The sherry capital of the world is Spain," Petty said. "We've had a lot of world travelers that say that our sherry competes with the best sherries that they've had in Spain, so we're very proud of our Solera Cream Sherry."

Most of their varieties are Italian.

"We are certainly known for our Italian grapes, grape varieties, and in fact, we are one of the few wineries, if not the only winery in Temecula, that actually has a lot of topography," Petty said. "When you come on-site you have to climb up a hill from Rancho California Road, and then you kind of drop into a little valley. Many people say it reminds them of Tuscany when they come in, which is appropriate because most of our wine varieties are Italian."

Mount Palomar Winery also has some exciting future plans in the works.

"The project received entitle-



Mount Palomar Winery serves Temecula wine lovers since 1969.

ments from the county of Riverside approximately three years ago," Petty said.

The project will include 180 hotel rooms, a 7,000-square-foot signature restaurant, new wine production facility, a new tasting room, a two-and-a-half-acre lake, a 10,000-square-foot ballroom which will be a part of the hotel, wedding chapel and a 2,000 seat outdoor amphitheater, according to Petty.

"We've already pulled out some of our grape vines in anticipation of grading," Petty said. "After this current harvest, we'll pull out our remaining grape vines, and we hope to be actually grading by the first quarter of 2021, so not too far away."

Mount Palomar Winery already is a popular wedding destination and has won several awards.

"We are still currently doing weddings because we have a very large outdoor, upper patio, and we serve our wedding receptions through our restaurant," Petty said.

"We do about 80 to 100 weddings a year, and the COVID-19 thing of course has caused some rescheduling of weddings," he said. "I think all of our Saturdays are already booked for 2021."

They do currently have week-end openings, however, in 2020.

"The views from our wedding ceremony area are absolutely spectacular," Petty said.

For more information on Mount Palomar Winery, visit <https://www.mountpalomarwinery.com/>.

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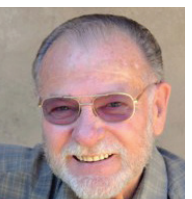
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