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Business owner concerned about burglaries

One Fallbrook business owner is sounding the alarm about what he says is an outbreak of burglaries in the area. Eric Heyneman, owner of Fallbrook Auto Works, says he is trying to organize local businesses to solve the problem. "All the businesses in town are getting hit all the time, it's happening almost every other day," he said. "I want to set up a meeting with the county supervisors, the sheriff's department, all of that."

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'It's Contagious!' Local family creates fun card game out of the pandemic

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

A Fallbrook family has created a viral card game.

Lola and Tigre Pickett, along with their two kids, have created a fun, hopeful card game out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"First we had the whole pandemic experience," Tigre Pickett said. They started playing games from their game cabinet, but found that one of the card games they were playing was a bit too simplistic.

They started creating their own game.

"We grabbed some card decks we had in the house that we never use, like normal poker cards," Tigre Pickett said. "Lola ended up Sharpie-ing and putting Wite-Out and writing the names on the cards for the power cards like contagion or blow-back or antibodies, and we ended up creating the game that way and played it just to see if it actually worked."

After realizing it worked, they needed some artwork, and hired someone.

"We got that first deck of cards probably like two months after, maybe three months after we initially conceived the game," Lola Pickett said. "It took a while to come up with the artwork themes and think about, how do we, if we're going to make the pandemic

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A family of four create a fun and engaging card game during the COVID-19 pandemic, and are continuing to come up with ideas for expansion packs.

Village News/Courtesy photo

Power outage affects Fallbrook area

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Gusty Santa Ana winds and low humidity combined to heighten the risk of wildfires last week and more than 70,000 local utility customers – including more than 4,000 in and around Fallbrook – lost power Thursday, Dec. 3, their electricity shut off as a precaution.

Nearly 2,000 customers in the Fallbrook area remained without power Friday, but most regained power by Sunday.

"Due to updated reports from the National Weather Service and SDG&E, we are anticipating continued high winds combined with internet and power outages," FUESD said in its follow-up statement Thursday afternoon, after it had already cancelled Thursday classes. "Therefore, tomorrow (on Friday, Dec. 4), FUESD school sites and Day Camps will remain closed. Again, we believe this is the safest option for students, staff, and families."

FUESD made school lunches available for pickup both Thursday and Friday.

Humidity levels dipping below 10%, sustained 30-plus-mph winds and gusts of 60 mph or higher created "extremely critical" combustion hazards beginning Thursday, Dec. 3, and into early this week after press time. Fire hazards were most acute in mountain areas, including areas near Fallbrook.

The National Weather Service had a red flag warning in effect from 6 p.m. Dec. 2 to 10 p.m. Dec. 5, and another one went into effect at 4 a.m. Dec. 7 and was to continue through 10 p.m. Dec. 8, after press time.

Due to the wildfire warning, San Diego Gas & Electric on Tuesday, Dec. 1, notified about 88,700 of its customers in inland communities that they could be subject to public-safety power shut offs from Wednesday night

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Eastbound traffic on East Mission Road backs up nearly two miles from I-15 as the traffic light on Old Highway 395 is shut off due to a public-safety power outage by SDG&E, Dec. 3.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



A gas station along East Mission Road in Fallbrook is shut down because of a public-safety power outage by SDG&E during high winds.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resources for small farm owners offered in virtual events

SAN DIEGO – Solana Center for Environmental Innovation is excited to offer two upcoming workshops this month for San Diego residents who have small or urban farms/ranches.

Join Solana Center for a 1-hour webinar where participants will learn the basics of composting plant and animal waste in an urban or small farm setting. Expert educators will teach viewers all they need to know to get started producing safe, nutrient-rich compost to help make their veggies vibrant, tasty and nutritious.

Register to join these events for free.

Urban Farming Composting Webinar is offered Dec. 16 from 10-11 a.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/3f9SOH5>. Sponsored by the City of San Diego.

Manure Management for the Small Ranch or Farm is offered Dec. 17 from 6-7 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/2Hw6AxQ>. Sponsored by the County of San Diego.

Submitted by the Solana Center.

I Love a Clean San Diego to host webinar on zero waste

SAN DIEGO – I Love a Clean San Diego is hosting a free, family-friendly virtual webinar event in partnership with the County of San Diego. The event will take place Dec. 16. from 4-5 p.m.

They will be hosting local eco-businesswoman and mother of two, Kim Castillo, for an interview surrounding zero waste for the whole family. Castillo will share her experience and insight in transitioning to a minimal waste lifestyle in a manageable and inclusive way for her whole family. She will also share a few of her favorite zero-waste gift ideas and hosting tips for the holidays.

To learn more or register for this event, visit <https://love.cleansd.org/One-Room-at-a-Time>.

Submitted by I Love a Clean San Diego.

POWER

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into the weekend, and potentially through Monday.

On Thursday morning, 73,348 customers had their power shut off, with another 21,806 under consideration for shutoffs, according to the SDG&E web site. Approximately 4,900 of the customers facing shut offs were in the Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and Pala areas.

By Thursday afternoon, a few thousand shutoffs had been lifted, but power remained out at 70,613 addresses, including about 4,200 in Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and Pala.

Most Fallbrook residents had their power restored by the weekend, and there were few shutoffs reported in the area on Dec. 7, save for 36 customers in the Pala area

The dry and windy weather pattern is likely to continue into this week, though likely in a weakened manner, forecasters said.

City News Service contributed to this report.



Jillian Barba of SDG&E, left, helps Yuliana Sanchez at a mobile device charging station at an SDG&E emergency mobile field command set up at the Fallbrook Branch Library.

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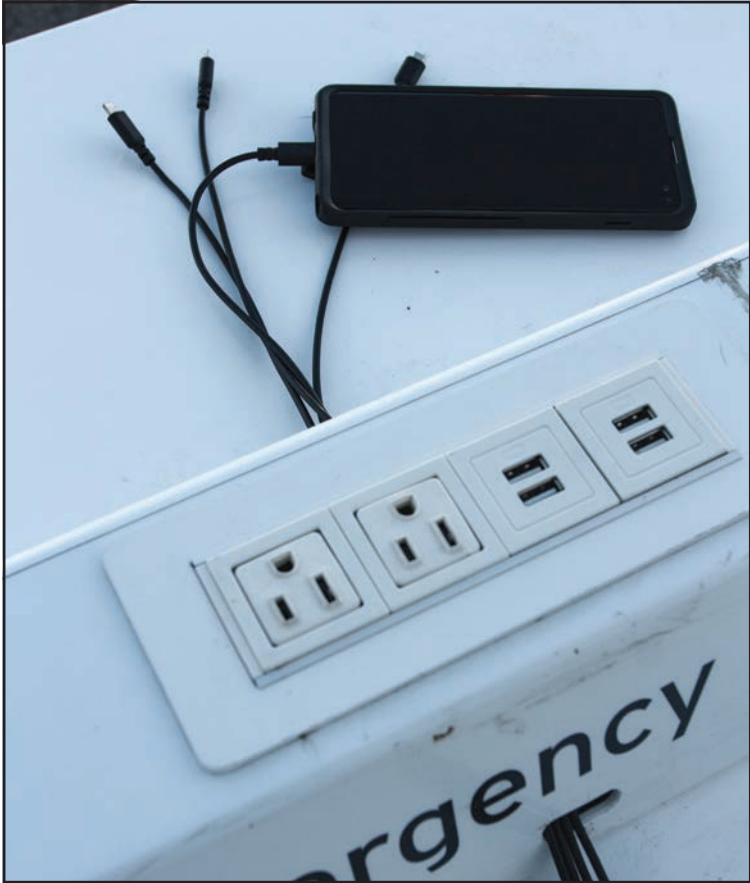
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Representatives of SDGE set up an emergency mobile field command trailer at the Fallbrook Branch Library and provide essential items such as water and ice for free to members of the community during a public-safety power shutoff due to high winds, Dec. 3.



A charging station at the SDG&E emergency mobile field command provides connections to a variety of mobile devices for members of the community in Fallbrook.

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LOCAL

County under new health restrictions, cases continue to rise in Fallbrook

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

New health restrictions took effect Dec. 6 in San Diego County and the rest of Southern California, shutting down indoor service at restaurants among other closures, as coronavirus cases and hospitalizations increase rapidly in the region.

The weekly average case rate for the 92028 ZIP code – which also includes De Luz and Rainbow – was 17.8 cases per 100,000 for the most recent week available, Nov. 19-25. The case rate had been 12.2 cases per 100,000 the week before that.

There were 61 new positive coronavirus cases in 92028 between Nov. 11-18, reflecting a 6.6% positivity rate and a significant jump from the 42 new positive cases reported during the previous week. And last week represented a jump from 28 new cases the week prior to that.

As has been the case for weeks, the numbers look even worse in the county’s Fallbrook “jurisdiction,” which is a smaller section of the 92028 ZIP code that includes just the smaller Census-designated place definition of Fallbrook.

That jurisdiction was reporting a case rate of 28.5 per 100,000 between Nov. 11-18, according to county data, having reported 18.5 cases per 100,000 the week prior.

Local hospitals, including Temecula Valley Hospital in Riverside County, say they are prepared for the increase in cases.

“Temecula Valley Hospital is fully operational, including offering elective surgery care,” CEO Darlene Wetton said. “We

continue to monitor our census daily ensuring that we are providing a safe, quality experience for our patients. We would also want to remind our community to continue to observe all precautions (wear a mask, social distance, wash hands, etc.); and do not delay seeking care for emergencies (heart attack, stroke, etc.). Our (emergency department) is here to serve and care for you.”

Fallbrook Regional Health District is focusing on providing access to COVID-19 testing locally, CEO Rachel Mason said.

“Since June we’ve secured over 3,000 tests through our CalFire and NC Fire partners,” Mason said. “We have been working closely with organizations and individuals who have experienced a COVID event to refer them to the best resources available.”

A state-mandated “regional stay-at-home” order went into effect at 11:59 p.m., Dec. 6, triggered when intensive-care unit bed availability remained below 15% after Saturday’s daily update, according to the California Department of Public Health.

The 11-county Southern California region’s available ICU capacity was 12.5% Saturday, a decrease from 13.1% the day before. The ICU capacity Sunday for the region was 10.3%. San Diego County had 20.5% of its ICU beds available as of Saturday.

On Sunday, the county reported 35 new hospitalizations, bringing the total to 4,871. Three more patients were placed in intensive care, bringing the total to 1,068.

The Southern California region consists of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, Imperial, Inyo,

Mono, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The stay-at-home order will be in place for three weeks and prohibits gatherings of people from different households. Regions will be eligible to exit from the order on Dec. 28 if ICU capacity projections for the following month are above or equal to 15%.

On Dec. 6, San Diego County officials reported 1,703 new cases of COVID-19 and seven additional deaths.

That brings the total number of cases to 92,171 with 1,062 deaths.

County Supervisors Chairman Greg Cox said the three-week stay-at-home order was tough to take.

“There’s no way around it,” Cox said during a special Dec. 6 briefing. “It stinks.”

But in recent weeks, the county has experienced a rise in the number of coronavirus cases, hospitalization rates and the use of ICU beds, Cox said.

“We know the timing could not be worse,” because of the holidays, Cox said. “But we know better days are ahead,” he added, referring to the arrival of vaccines.

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher said county residents are facing a tough situation.

“But COVID-19 is a tough virus,” Fletcher said. “This is the toughest fight we’ve had to face during the pandemic. But hope is on the horizon with a vaccination, but it’s not here now.”

Fletcher said the county faced an unprecedented situation.

“We don’t have a choice,” Fletcher said. “It is a deadly pandemic that is ravaging our community.”

Under the order, the following businesses/recreational facilities will be forced to close:

- indoor and outdoor playgrounds
- indoor recreational facilities
- hair salons and barbershops
- personal care services
- museums, zoos, and aquariums
- movie theaters
- wineries
- bars, breweries and distilleries
- family entertainment centers
- cardrooms and satellite wagering
- limited services
- live audience sports and amusement parks

Schools with waivers will be allowed to remain open, along with “critical infrastructure” and retail stores, which will be limited to 20% of capacity. Restaurants will be restricted to takeout and delivery service only.

Hotels are allowed to open “for critical infrastructure support only,” while churches are restricted to outdoor only services. Entertainment production – including professional

sports – are allowed to continue without live audiences.

Some of those restrictions are already in effect in select counties.

California has grouped its counties into five regions: The Bay Area, the Greater Sacramento Region, Northern California, the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.

The state reported Sunday that the Bay Area’s ICU capacity is at 24.1%, Greater Sacramento at 18.2% and Northern California at 26.5%.

The San Joaquin Valley joined the Southern California region in the new shutdown protocol Sunday night, as its ICU capacity dropped to 6.6% on Dec. 6. It was at 8.6% on Dec. 5.

The state’s full stay-at-home order can be read at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Regional-Stay-at-Home-Order.aspx.

City News Service contributed to this report.

Predawn blaze engulfs De Luz home, GoFundMe account established for family

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

A fire that broke out in the home of well-known horse rescue center owners Friday, Dec. 4, and also spread to surrounding vegetation, was contained and extinguished by firefighters, but not in time to save the home.

By the end of the day Friday, friends had established a GoFundMe account to help the family recover from the devastation that insurance may not cover.

The residents, Ron and Crystal Wylie, and their daughter Kiersti, who operate the Sandia Creek Ranch Auxiliary Foundation (scraf.org) for horse rescue, escaped unharmed although one of their cats reportedly died in the fire.

Friends said they lost everything else at the estimated 3,000-square-foot house with a walk-out basement in the 40300 block of Sandia Creek Drive.

“Their puppies made it out safely ... (and) thankfully none of the 60+ horses on the property were injured,” friends Annie Pfingsten Rosas and Stephanie Unger said in the GoFundMe appeal. “But they lost everything in and around their home. There are no family pictures that survived. No memorabilia. Nothing. They do not know what insurance will cover, but it is believed that the contents are not insured.

“This is a family who loves people and animals alike. They would give the shirt off their backs to help somebody. They ... have devoted their lives to caring for horses and people. They also run a Pony Club Riding Center and work hard to educate people about

horses and proper horse care and riding. They are strong advocates for horses and well respected in their community.”

As of Saturday morning, friends had raised \$1,960 of their \$200,000 GoFundMe goal. More information is available at <https://gf.me/u/zbgcg8>.

In a 2011 story in Village News about the ranch, the Wylies said they purchased the 110-year-old, 30-acre ranch in 1988.

“Sandia Creek Ranch is more of a child development program than just a riding club and ranch,” Crystal said, after the ranch became a recognized U.S. Pony Club Riding Center.

The Wylies also own a building on Main Street, which used to house the Brandon Gallery. In late 2019, instead of leaving the gallery vacant, they reopened as 105 N. Main Gallery, inviting local artists to showcase their works.

You could find Ron, an architect, working on and repairing old clocks that people bring in, most days of the week.

“We want this space to benefit the Fallbrook community itself,” Wylie said. “The purpose of that is to get more people interested in any kind of creating or creativity or art in addition to giving the artists that are hung here more exposure.”

The blaze was reported just before 4:45 a.m. Friday, San Diego County Sheriff’s Lt. Pat McEvoy said, and the Wylies were able to get out of the house without suffering an injury, according to reports.

As the fire spread to nearby vegetation, firefighters halted the blaze at a quarter-acre, with the help of North County Fire, Cal Fire San Diego, and Camp Pendleton Fire, all called to the scene.

“It was fully involved when we arrived.” Choi compared the potential danger to the Lilac fire because of the number of old oak trees and fuel in the area. “Because of the fast action of the firefighters, they were able to contain it to 1/4 acre and provide a buffer for 67 horses with the hoses. The horses were in corrals and didn’t have to be moved. If the fire would have grown larger, we would have had to move them because of the amount of heat radiating from the fire. We were in contact with the Humane Society. It was appropriate in case the horses needed to be moved.”

Deputies and neighbors were ready to evacuate horses from the property, Lt. McEvoy said.

Cal Fire San Diego Capt. Thomas Shoots said crews were called in once the flames spread to the vegetation surrounding the home and Choi said the fire was contained by 6:23 a.m. and crews stayed on-site to mop up and manage hot spots.

Both directions of Sandia Creek Drive were shut down near Lynda Lane during the event and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Village News staff and City News Service contributed to this report.

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OPINION

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Nothing is too much of a problem for him and whatever it takes, he will make it right. We want to thank Steve and all of his staff for always being there for us. Thank you and God bless you, Steve.

Thomas and Patricia Campbell

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What I’ve learned in the pandemic

The friendliest city? I think not. What I learned is that people don’t care if others live or die. When I drive down the street half of the people are not wearing masks.

I guess the elderly are expendable. One woman told me why don’t I just stay home all the time? So friendly!

We are supporting our daughter and her three kids; she lost her job due to COVID-19. We are also paying to send one grandchild through college. Another grandchild has lived with us for a year and a half.

But it seems our lives have no meaning? Our lives don’t matter?

If you are one of the maskless, then I suggest you do some real-time research of your own and call

any hospital and ask them. Ask the exhausted doctors and nurses trying to save lives.

Five people in our family have had it and one, who is 41, is still suffering five months later.

Mask effectiveness has been proven in countless laboratories. When did opinions replace scientific facts in America?

Is your right more important than lives?

We are approaching 1,000 positive cases in Fallbrook. What is it going to take? Two thousand? Three?

I suggest all you maskless ‘friendly’ people don’t grow old. Then nobody will care about you either. Or you could put on a mask and save lives.

Sheryl Johnson

Free Pizza Hut pizza offered as prize for fundraiser

Pizza Hut wants to support the Magdaleno family who lost their daughter, Susy, Nov. 21.

Pizza Hut is having a raffle to raise money. Tickets are only \$1 and the prize is free Pizza Hut pizza for one year. The winner will be announced on Dec. 24.

Pizza Hut will give a large three-topping pizza per week to the winner for a whole year.

You can go to Pizza Hut in

Fallbrook or call 760-728-5864 to buy tickets. We will collect donations of \$10 or more at your home.

Any business or residents who would like to donate prizes for second or third place winners can contact me (760) 415-4866 or email fundraiser organizer Maria Alston at malston@srg.email.

Thank you for all your support.

Manuel Chavez

Re: ‘Trump’s legacy’ [Village News, Letter, 11/26/20]

This letter is in response to the prolific whiner John Terrell’s complaint about the managing of the pandemic.

It’s so typical of the Left to blame the federal government, i.e., President Trump, for what is clearly a state issue. Each of the 50 states has managed the virus independently.

When President Trump closed the borders, Biden called him a xenophobic; the mask-less Nancy Pelosi invited the world to China Town in San Francisco, while Mayor DeBlasio said to ride the subways and later Governor Cuomo sent the infected patients to nursing homes. He didn’t even use the ship provided by the president.

Left without national emergency resources by the previous administration, this president reached out to American businesses to build ventilators, disposable medical products, surgical masks and distributed them expeditiously to front line workers through the use of our military.

While this president, like everyone else, only offered opinions incorporated with sarcasm, the press twisted his comments into reality.

Not since 1918, has there been a world-wide pandemic and, even then, not with the twisted strains of this China virus which spiral into other links.

Faster than the cure for cancer,

our president inspired the big pharms to churn out a vaccine in under six months. In his spare time, he got the economy going. Again.

Mr. Terrell has that selective memory often supported by the Dems. They refuse to accept responsibility for their actions.

They allowed Biden to get away with quid pro quo when he threatened Ukraine to withhold billions in funds if they didn’t fire a certain staffer. We’ve all seen the news reel as he bragged about it.

And while it was alleged this president lied a whopping 22,487 times, (all undocumented) we can all recall the two biggest lies ever perpetrated by presidents of the other party.

Obama’s biggest, “You will be able to keep your doctor.” And the whopper of all times by Bill Clinton, “I did not have sexual relations with that woman.”

Lest we forget, New York has elected or appointed staffers from the Clinton scum from his years in the White House. If you wonder why Republicans can’t get a break in the news, it’s because all of the networks and the established press are ensconced with staffers from the Obama reign of terror.


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Has shuttering businesses and crushing livelihoods worked to control the virus? Obviously not.

If businesses aren’t spreading the virus, what is? Dr. Ghaly, the head of the California’s Health and Human Service Agency, responded to where people are getting the virus; his answer is, “everywhere.”

Clearly, the state was missing the mark. Focusing on business sectors provides a false sense of security and is a cause, not a solution, to the spread. Many of the closed and prohibited activities are still taking place, hidden from public view, without the proper safety protocols.

The closures and mandates did

not stop the virus. The closures are driving small businesses into the ground, driving youth sports to Arizona, and causing church closures in a time of high anxiety when religious and spiritual guidance are needed most.

My push for a balance of safe practices and open businesses has fallen on deaf ears. The spread is still happening and it’s not the fault of gyms, restaurants, churches or schools. It’s everywhere.

I believe the rising case numbers are a direct result of the apathy of state residents due to the governor not allowing people to keep their livelihoods; the governor not allowing safely operating schools and businesses to stay open; the governors mixed and confusing messages, and the governor setting a terrible example of not following his own rules.

The focus should be on hospitalizations, not case rates.

We must continue to follow the basic safety protocols, let’s continue to wear masks, continue to wash our hands and continue to maintain social distancing. We’ve exercised the basic best practices that prevent spread and will continue to do it, but let’s also allow people to maintain their livelihoods.

Sacramento has set the rules, now they own the outcome.

The new session amid COVID-19



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
AD-75 (R)

On Dec. 7, the organizational session for the State Assembly’s 2021-2022 convened in Sacramento. But this year, things looked a lot different than normal. Though a few bills were introduced, the Speaker and other Assembly officers were sworn in, and resolutions related to operating the House were adopted, the event was not held at the State Capitol building as usual.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the new session began at Golden 1 Center, the first time since 1907 that the organizational session was held at someplace other than the Capitol.

All members entering the Golden 1 Center were tested for COVID-19. Masks were worn and social distancing observed. No guests or family members allowed.

Typically, the day before, the Governor welcomes all members at a reception, but this year the restrictions in place prevent that.

Historic milestones include the swearing-in of Alex T. Lee, who at 25 is the youngest legislator since the 1930s, and the continuing service of Steven Choi, who became the oldest freshman Assemblyman since the end of WWII when he was elected in 2016.

Because of the remote location of the ceremonies, all votes were voice votes, the first time that’s happened since the 1930s. This year marks the first time the Assembly Republican Caucus has grown in a presidential election year since 1984, and the number of women in the caucus is also increasing from two last session to five this session.

And for real trivia buffs, Assemblymembers Thurston Smith and Chris Ward became the first two German-born legislators to join the Assembly since John D. Siebe and Christian Went in 1880.

Our new session begins in earnest on Jan. 4 and I’m eager to begin what’s going to be a very significant year for California.

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.

Re: “Cherish and protect our freedom”, [Village News, Letter, 12/03/20]

In letters supporting Trump, I often see the phrase “He has done so much for us (or our country).” My observation is, he broke most of the promises he made, with a resultant major net deficit in accomplishments.

Here are three major fails, excerpted from “The American Prospect: Trump’s 40 Biggest Broken Promises.” Numerous similar articles can be found on the Internet by searching for “Trump’s failed promises.”

1. He said he would repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with something “beautiful.” It didn’t happen. Instead, seven million Americans have lost their health insurance since he took office. He has asked the Supreme Court to strike down the law in the middle of a global pandemic with no plan to replace it.

2. He said he’d cut your taxes

and that the super-rich like him would pay more. He did the opposite. By 2027, the richest 1% will have received 83% of the Trump tax cut and the richest 0.1%, 60% of it. But more than half of all Americans will pay more in taxes.

3. He promised to eliminate the federal deficit. He has increased the federal deficit by more than 60%.

But, as I have said before, these failures pale in comparison to his epic failure to address the COVID-19 pandemic. His failure has already lead to thousands of needless deaths from Covid-19. His serving as role model for those flouting the COVID-19 protocols continues to add to the death toll for which he is directly responsible.

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Real Estate Round-Up: Gratitude and generosity, take 2



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Last week, I reminded you how critical it is for all of us to show our gratitude by being generous to Fallbrook’s local merchants and restaurants. Since my writing of that article, I heard the sad news that one of our downtown merchants and possibly one of our restaurants will be closing at the end of the year. The need for your support is real, and critical.

There is another community within Fallbrook that needs your support, especially at this time of year. Every nonprofit in Fallbrook has had to reinvent themselves to be able to provide their usual services to their clients, as well as find new ways to raise the much needed funds to pay for the services they provide. Going virtual is not as easy as it sounds.

Creating the virtual platform is the easy part, but creating the emotional connection is hard to achieve in the virtual world.

For the nonprofit to engage with their clients, extra effort is required to achieve the same results. Often, because of COVID-19 protocols, the same results are not possible. The non-profits find themselves working harder to reach fewer clients.

Creating engaging fundraisers, in a virtual reality, is nearly impossible. Even with the engaging “zoom” tool, it’s hard to reach out and high-five someone for being the top bidder on an auction item. Or what about making the emotional appeal for a straight donation? A loyal long-time supporter of a specific nonprofit will have no need for the face to face connection, but without that face to face, it is hard for a new supporter to get the message.

So, here’s this week’s challenge. After you do your shopping in Fallbrook for the Christmas gifts you will be giving this year, after you enjoy some take out at one of Fallbrook’s local restaurants, after you purchase a subscription with the Village News, check out some of the many nonprofits that could use some extra Christmas cheer in the form of a cash donation.

Do you love animals? Then pay your gratitude forward by generously donating cash, pet food, pet supplies or support to

pay for veterinary care of the many creatures the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary cares for. You could add your name to the list of foster families, so if the sanctuary needs a home for that one too many cat that arrives in the spring, they will know they can count on you.

Maybe you want a new pet. Check out Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary before you look anywhere else. It is a known fact that having a pet is good for our health. Petting and caring for your four-legged friend, calms you down. It reminds you of what is really important. Companionship, something many of us are short on, during the COVID-19 isolation, can be eased when you own a pet.

Do you love seniors? Pay your gratitude forward by generously donating cash to the Foundation for Senior Care Van or pay for a month’s worth of gas so that van can pick up and deliver seniors to their doctor appointments or pick up groceries for their kitchens. How about writing a short note or sending a sweet card to a senior who is shut in? The generosity of the heart is just as important as the generosity of the pocketbook.

Do you have a heart for the

many people who are out of work and must either pay their rent or purchase food? Then donate to the Fallbrook Food Pantry. You can donate cash to help support their food deliveries, or donate food to stock their shelves, or donate your time to help bag the groceries for pick-up by the many daily visitors to the pantry. You could even adopt an entire family for the holidays. Since many of us aren’t able to be with our families due to travel restrictions, why not pay your love forward to someone who could use an extra “hug” this time of year?

Are children at the top of your list when you think about helping? Sponsor the Boys and Girls Club. With so many children doing a hybrid form of schooling, in the context of COVID-19, the Boys and Girls Club has had to find new and creative ways to support the many children who have parents that are working and cannot be home to help their children and keep them safe.

Our children are some of our most vulnerable. We need safe places like the Boys and Girls Club to step in and fill that crucial need. Consider generously donating to the programs that they provide.

There are many other faith-based nonprofits in Fallbrook. You could reach out to any of the churches in town to see what groups they are supporting and see how you can come along side and lend a helping hand or financially support what they are doing.

Many churches support missionaries around the globe, support food programs in some of the world’s poorest countries, and support children in orphanages. Help spread the Gospel, along with some tangible gifts to people in regions that need more than ever to hear the good news that their Savior loves them and that a person in Fallbrook loves them too and is sending them a gift for Christmas.

Human interaction is essential. In a year where that has been stripped away from us, there are many ways that as a community we can come together to show our gratitude and be generous.

This is what makes Fallbrook the special village it is. It’s the individuals, the families, the groups, and the businesses that can not only survive but thrive, if we remember that generosity is the true outpouring of our gratitude. The generosity of Fallbrook adds real value to your home because, ask yourself, would you want to live in a place where a generous spirit didn’t dwell? I can’t imagine.

Please shop, eat, donate, and support Fallbrook. It will pay you dividends you never expected.

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Fallbrook business owner concerned about burglaries

Sheriff’s substation lieutenant said it is difficult for deputies “to be in all places at all times”

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

One Fallbrook business owner is sounding the alarm about what he says is an outbreak of burglaries in the area.

Eric Heyneman, owner of Fallbrook Auto Works, says he is trying to organize local businesses to solve the problem.

“All the businesses in town are getting hit all the time, it’s happening almost every other day,” he said. “I want to set up a meeting with the county supervisors, the sheriff’s department, all of that.”

He said, speaking for himself, his business has been broken into “probably a total of 24 times” in the past year.

“They’re cutting holes in the fences, breaking into cars in the shop yard, stealing anything

that’s not bolted down, breaking windows trying to get in the shop,” Heyneman said. “It’s actually costing us, as business owners, an average of \$1,000 a month because of either property damage or stolen items.”

And Heyneman said he is frustrated with local law enforcement for the response to the burglary problem he described.

“Basically, they just come in and ask questions, ‘what do you got? OK, thank you?’ They come in and ask questions, but what happens? Nothing,” Heyneman said.

He said he has asked for extra patrols, but the burglaries continue.

“We pay our taxes, why aren’t we getting any protection whatsoever?” he said.

Fallbrook Sheriff’s Substation Lt. Arnold Aldana said there have been 15 burglaries in the

substation’s coverage area, which also includes Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz, from the beginning October through the end of November. Of those burglaries, four cases have led to five arrests, he said.

There are no repeat burglaries in that time period, Aldana said, although he made clear that there could be unreported repeat burglaries or ones in which no report was desired.

“There is follow up on all cases where evidence was obtained (video, witnesses, etc.),” he said. “Two of the cases were suspended for lack of workable leads.”

As for concerns about deputies’ efforts to investigate and mitigate burglaries, Aldana said Fallbrook has just six deputies during day and night shifts, when fully staffed.

“That does not take into account

sick leave, training and vacation time, so that number is not constant and could be as low as 3-4 at a given shift,” Aldana said. “Those deputies cover a large geographical area, to include Fallbrook, DeLuz, Rainbow, and Bonsall. A majority of the time, deputies are reactive, meaning they react to radio calls as they come in and a majority of the time, depending on the priority level, it could be a two deputy or more response. In that scenario, deputies could be tied up on that call for an extended time, which prevent proactivity (actively seeking out the bad element). Additionally, when deputies are reactive, the response time could be extended due to the proximity to the location.”

He said it is difficult for deputies “to be in all places at all times.”

“It’s unfortunate that there is dissatisfaction, but our deputies try to provide the highest public safety service for the county and more importantly the citizens of

Fallbrook,” he said.

“As far as ‘tracking down’ the suspects in these burglaries, it depends on the type of evidence our deputies are able to get. If DNA or fingerprints are obtained, it will take time for the lab to get results, depending on the quality of the DNA or print. Sometimes there is not enough DNA profile or print information, making it even more difficult to identify a suspect. Additionally, if video surveillance is available, it also takes time to disseminate that information and for viable information to return for follow up.”

Aldana said business owners concerned about burglaries are encouraged to call the Fallbrook Station and request to speak to Crime Prevention Specialist Jake Kruger, who can provide business owners with prevention strategies that they can implement.

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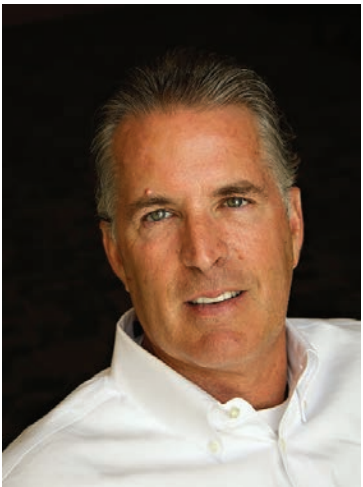
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How to prevent Christmas burnout



Dr. Rick Koole
LifePointe Church

To be honest with you, for most people, 2020 will be a year they would just as soon forget entirely. Even as you read this, many of you are trying to figure out how you will be able to celebrate

Christmas with your family; what with travel restrictions and limits on the number of people allowed in a gathering, there will be lots of cancellations and difficult choices are going to have to be made. For many, even the joy of Christmas has started to evaporate. For others, their passion for life and service is dwindling, and passion is so important in our lives. Bart Starr was the highly successful quarterback who led the Green Bay Packers to numerous championships during their glory days under Vince Lombardi, their legendary coach. Starr was asked what it was that Coach Lombardi did that caused the team to become winners and emphasized that it was Lombardi's passion for the game that made the difference. Star replied, "To win, you have to have a certain amount of mental toughness. Coach Lombardi gave me that. He taught me that you

must have a flaming desire to win. It's got to dominate all your waking hours. It can't ever wane. It's got to glow in you all the time." Pastor and author Gordon MacDonald spoke of the day he learned about the life-changing power of passion. "That was the day I learned that the people in our world who rise to the top of business, sports, academia, science, and politics usually do it because they are fueled by passion." So, if success and joy are fueled by passion, what happens when the fuel runs out and the passion wanes? The Battle of the Bulge, fought from Dec. 16, 1944 to Jan. 25, 1945, was the last major Nazi offensive against the Allies in World War II, and was the largest and most costly battle for the Americans in terms of men in combat and lives lost. The battle

was a last-ditch attempt by Hitler to split the Allies in two and destroy their ability to supply themselves with fuel as they drove relentlessly toward Germany. As it developed, it was the Germans who ran out of fuel. Despite punching a bulge into the Allies front line, the Germans could not capitalize on this. They had based their attack on a massive onslaught of tanks and other armored vehicles that required huge amounts of fuel to maintain it...and the Germans simply did not possess it. Allied bombing of fuel plants in Germany meant that such supplies were no longer available. By mid-January, the lack of fuel became evident as the Germans were forced to abandon their vehicles. The 1st SS Panzer Division had to make its way back to Germany on foot. Has 2020 caused you to run low

on the passion necessary to face 2021 with hope? Are you starting to feel burned out? Following is a list of symptoms of impending burnout: You've become irritable and easily put out. You're impatient with your spouse and children. You're starting to turn into a cynic. You've become critical of others. You're serving out of habit or obligation. Let me encourage you to get refueled this Christmas season by remembering the key message of Christmas; a message of love and hope given to us by God himself. As Gordon MacDonald reminds us so eloquently, "Convictions generated from a genuine encounter with the living God create the passion to act and the strength to carry out the action."

Man arrested for allegedly trying to abduct, rape woman in Rainbow

RAINBOW (CNS) – A 51-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of attempting to abduct a 61-year-old woman while she was walking in a senior mobile home park, authorities said. At 1:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, a 61-year-old woman called 911 and reported that a man, later identified as Francisco Gutierrez, had attempted to kidnap her in the 4700 block of Oak Crest Road, in a senior mobile home park in Rainbow, said Sheriff's Lt. Arnold Aldana. The woman reported that Gutierrez had allegedly crept up behind her, grabbed her and attempted to drag her away, Aldana said. She was able to fight him off and run to a nearby neighbor to call 911.

Deputies responded to the area and were flagged down by a witness who directed them to Gutierrez, who was sitting in a vehicle he had allegedly broken into, the lieutenant said. Deputies gave Gutierrez multiple commands to surrender, but he refused, and a sheriff's K-9 was deployed, Aldana said. Gutierrez was taken into custody and transported to Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside for treatment of unknown injuries he suffered during the arrest. Upon release from the hospital, Gutierrez was expected to be booked into the Vista Detention Facility on suspicion of kidnapping, assault with intent to commit rape, resisting arrest and attempted auto theft, Aldana said.

REINS receives support from Knights of Columbus



Grand Knight Tim Willard presents a check for \$2,672.32 to Debbie Shinner, REINS Executive Director, while Hoogie the horse looks on in approval.

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Knights of Columbus raised money in their annual Intellectual Disabilities Campaign, which supports the REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program. The mission of REINS (Riding Emphasizing Individual Needs and Strengths) is to support the physical, mental, and emotional health of disabled children and adults with therapeutic equine-assisted activities. The Fallbrook Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization whose purpose is to know, love and serve God. The Knights work for the good of the Fallbrook community. COVID masks were removed for the picture. Submitted by REINS.

GAME

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the theme of the game, how do we kind of address it and treat it." They chose to go in the direction of making it a message of hope and solidarity. "We had a very personal experience with COVID itself," Lola Pickett said. "Tigre's dad contracted it in late March, and almost died...we became super intimate with how the virus works, how unpredictable it is. "We became very quickly experts in a subject matter we really didn't want to be experts in, and that gave us ideas later on," she added. Tigre Pickett wanted to make sure the game made sense logically with how the virus has been happening. "There's also that progression over the cards; you start with the bat sneezing in card one and then it progresses, cause it's a climbing game where you successfully beat each person with a new, higher card," Tigre Pickett said. The game itself was a way of memorializing what the family had been through. "When we were producing it, we didn't realize that this thing was going to keep going where we could possibly even add more and more themes as it unfolds, but

really try to see it as a way of being able to process something that is impacting our children in unique ways that we don't even, we can't even fathom how they're going to show up later," Tigre Pickett said. "So we're trying to find ways to relate to the pandemic in a way that's lighthearted." People that have played the game have loved it, according to Lola Pickett. "They say that it's simple to play, it's easy to get kind of, your head wrapped around the rules, and then once you've got it, you can play it over and over again and it continues to surprise them," she said. They currently have a backing campaign for the game going on Kickstarter.com, and ask that people help donate any amount before their campaign ends on Dec. 10. Regardless if they hit their goal or not, the family hopes to still produce the game, and already have ideas for expansion packs. They currently have 27 new additional cards. "Help spread the word so we can have something positive go viral," Tigre Pickett said. To help or learn more, visit <http://kck.st/2UvibQT>. Lexington Howe can be reached by email at lhowe@redermedia.com.

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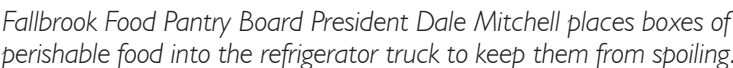
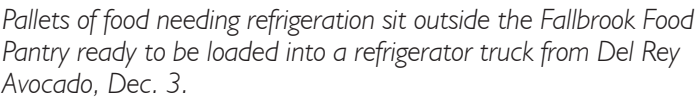
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Simple ways to prolong the life of poinsettias

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- Choose a hearty plant. Experts with the University of Vermont Extension Department of Plant and Soil Science say that many people mistake the plant's leaves for its flowers. The red, white or pink bracts are actually modified leaves. The flowers of the plant are the yellow clustered buds in the center called "cyathia." Choose poinsettia plants that

- Keep the temperature consistent. Poinsettias prefer a room temperature between 60 and 68°F during the day and 10 degrees cooler at night. Humidity levels between 20 and 50% are ideal. Group plants on water-filled trays full of pebbles to help increase humidity levels.
- Place near sunlight. The United Kingdom-based Perrywood floral company advises placing poinsettia plants near a bright windowsill but not in direct sunlight. Do not let a poinsettia touch cold window panes.
- Avoid drafts. The plants are sensitive to drafts and changes in temperature. So it's best to keep poinsettias away from drafty doors, windows, radiators, or fireplaces.
- Don't drown the roots. Wait until the surface of the compost dries out before watering the plant anew. Also, the decorative foil wrapper that covers pots can trap water and lead to root rot. Remove it or poke holes in the bottom to allow for drainage.
- Cut back plants. Come mid-March, cut back the plant by half to encourage new shoots, suggests the University of Illinois Extension. The plants also can be placed outside in the spring after the risk of frost has passed. Bring poinsettias back in around mid-September to early October to force them to bloom again.



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‘It’s never enough.’ San Diego County supervisor weighs in on sliding back to purple tier



Local businesses in Fallbrook continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Staff Writer

Counties continue to slide back into the ‘purple’ tier for COVID-19 cases, re-shutting down businesses whether the counties agree with the decision or not.

Jim Desmond, who serves as District 5’s San Diego County Supervisor, believes we’re continuing to hurt small businesses and focusing on the wrong target, as San Diego County slid back from the red tier and into purple, reenforcing stricter restrictions that started Nov. 14.

“We have seen a couple of dozen businesses who have been left no choice, they have to stay open otherwise they’re going to close for good,” Desmond said. “We’re stuck in this purple tier for at least three weeks, and this is happening right before the holidays, right before the season where these people really, some of these shops make their money for the year and so there’s going to be some defiance.”

Shortly after the county moved back into the previous tier, photos came out of Gov. Gavin Newsom defying his own orders, as he was caught attending a large dinner party at the French Laundry restaurant in Napa Valley on Nov. 6.

This was on the heels of the trial Newsom had been involved in since October regarding his stay-home orders in which Assemblymen James Gallagher and Kevin Kiley

filed a lawsuit against Newsom for continuing to execute orders that they say are unconstitutional. The judge ruled against Newsom and in favor of Gallagher and Kiley, as Kiley announced their victory on Twitter on Nov. 2.

With the finalized ruling happening before San Diego County was ushered back into closing down, many are confused as to how this could be possible if Newsom had lost his ability to continue issuing mandates. The simple answer: the battle is far from over.

“The governor has appealed the ruling of the trial court, and he’s actually done it through a somewhat unusual instrument,” Kiley said. “He wants the appeals court to come in and fairly quickly remove what the trial court did.”

Kiley explained that the appeals court did not step in immediately, as Newsom hoped they would.

“Instead they’ve set up a briefing schedule, so the parties will each have a chance to argue their case in briefs submitted to the court,” Kiley said. “That will ultimately lead to oral argument, and the court will produce a written decision which will almost certainly be a published decision that is then a binding precedent for all of the lower courts in California.”

Kiley added that this will be a first-of-its-kind decision on the limits of a governor’s emergency powers.

If they win, it can set a

precedent that can be used to challenge the lockdown, and the blueprint.

“Any challenge to the lockdown for the blueprint, as it’s called, would have to show how the reasoning that the court used to invalidate the order and issue in this case, can also be used to invalidate the lockdown as something that is not legally, lawfully permitted,” Kiley said. “A lot will depend on obviously what the appeals court decides and the manner in which they reach their decision and the kind of reasoning they provide in the opinion.”

There’s one other review available, and that’s the California Supreme Court.

“Regardless of how the Court of Appeals rules, I think there’s a good chance that it might ultimately end up there,” Kiley said.

Kiley said he understands how frustrated people are.

“This is all just so backwards,” Kiley said, adding that the trial court’s decision is going to remain on hold for now.

“That’s the reason why the governor doesn’t feel bound by the trial court’s injunction,” Kiley said. “It’s because the appeals court has put it on pause over the next few weeks while it hears the case.

“In addition to that, the governor has claimed that he has authority to do the lockdowns not just under the Emergency Services Act, which he’s used for almost everything he’s done, but he also claims that he has this authority because of

certain statutes dealing with quarantining, which I don’t agree with,” Kiley said.

On top of closing down businesses, Kiley added that he will be introducing new legislation soon, to make it so that the state is not allowed to take away your license, as they’ve been doing and threatening to do.

“I want to make it so these state agencies aren’t allowed to do that unless they can actually prove that your business was responsible for some sort of outbreak, or increased transmission,” Kiley said.

“In most cases, we know that’s not happening,” Kiley added. “The state just comes in and says, well you’re violating our rules, therefore we’re going to take away your license. But that’s not the way it should be if they’re doing this for reasons that have nothing to do with public health.”

Desmond added that businesses don’t have time to wait to see if and when the county will move back into an operating tier.

“That’s what’s frustrating,” Desmond said. “I think the reason the case numbers are increasing is primarily due to a lack of complacency with, or not actually complacency, with the rules because the state keeps changing the rules. They keep changing the goal post, they tell us to do one thing, we do it, and then it’s never enough.”

Desmond also commented about Newsom’s dinner party outing.

“I think that type of

behavior is becoming predominant throughout the state and it’s hurting our numbers, it’s hurting small businesses, and the ever constant changing rules and protocols on businesses primarily has left many people frustrated, and I think that is what is one of the leading causes of the number of case increases,” he said.

San Diego County is testing 15,000 people a day, according to Desmond, an increase from a month ago, which was around 10,000 per day.

“We can fight the virus and keep small businesses open,” Desmond said.

Kiley added that the tier system has its issues.

“The tier system has so many problems with it, and ways that you can be forced into different kinds of economic shutdown based upon factors that have no real bearing on public health,” he said.

“I think that that is incredibly frustrating for all of these counties, and that’s why there’s been a push for a greater measure of local decision making so that decisions can actually be made based upon what’s happening on the ground, rather than the state just arbitrarily saying that entire categories of businesses or schools or whatever else has to shut down based on some rigid and arbitrary formula that it set,” Kiley added.

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CHP, Caltrans, and SANDAG ask the public to slow down

SAN DIEGO – On Tuesday, Dec. 1, the California Highway Patrol, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation and San Diego Association of Governments, announced the increased presence of CHP officers along the Interstate 5 construction zone in the cities of Encinitas and Carlsbad over the month of December.

The increase in CHP officers throughout the holiday month is intended to encourage corridor

travelers to slow down, be alert, and respect the 55 MPH reduced speed limit in construction zones. Over the course of an additional four-hour CHP shift on Tuesday, Dec. 1, over 50 vehicles were pulled over and issued citations or warned about the reduced speed limit.

The reduced speed limit plays a particularly key safety role during overnight construction operations. Highway construction workers regularly implement temporary

overnight lane closures when there is less traffic on the freeway, to construct critical improvements that cannot be completed during the daytime. Since Jan. 1, nearly 1,000 speeding tickets have been issued to motorists traveling over 85 MPH in the I-5 construction zone during the nighttime hours.

“We implore drivers to slow down, move over a lane when they see workers on the highway. Despite reduced traffic volumes during the pandemic, we continue

to see increased speeding. After such a challenging year, we simply want to ensure everyone and our essential workers can get home safely to their family and friends this holiday season,” said Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans District 11 Director.

The 55 MPH reduced speed limit is currently in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week along the 8-mile Caltrans and SANDAG Build North Coast Corridor (NCC) project limits between Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach and Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad. CHP will be increasing the presence of officers throughout the construction zone during the month of December to increase public and worker safety and general awareness.

“Since Jan. 1, CHP has issued over 2,300 speeding tickets specifically in the I-5 construction zone in Encinitas and Carlsbad. This trend is troubling and indicative of a much higher number of daily highway commuters that are not following the reduced speed limit,” said Mark Latulippe, California Highway Patrol “We hope that seeing increased CHP presence will remind people to slow down and take the safety of their fellow commuters and highway workers seriously.”

To ensure safety for both motorists and the construction crews through the I-5 construction zone, drivers are reminded to “Drive 55 on the 5” in the Build NCC construction zone and that traffic fines are doubled in

construction zones. Additionally, the “Move Over” law requires all drivers to Be Work Zone Alert, Move Over a lane when safe to do so, and slow down when highway workers are present with flashing amber lights slow down when they see amber flashing lights on Caltrans vehicles, law enforcement and emergency vehicles, and tow trucks.

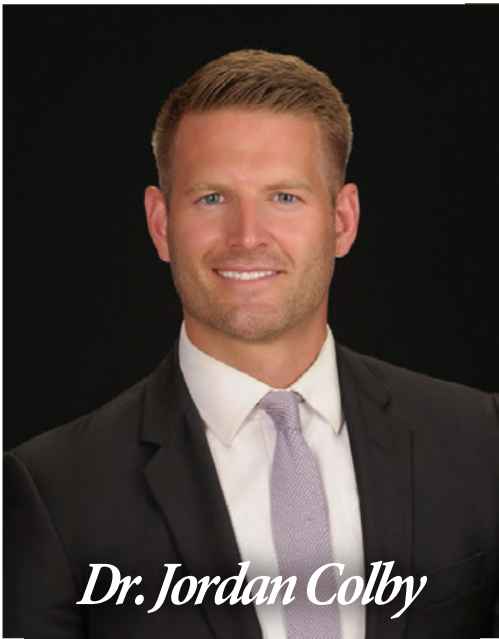
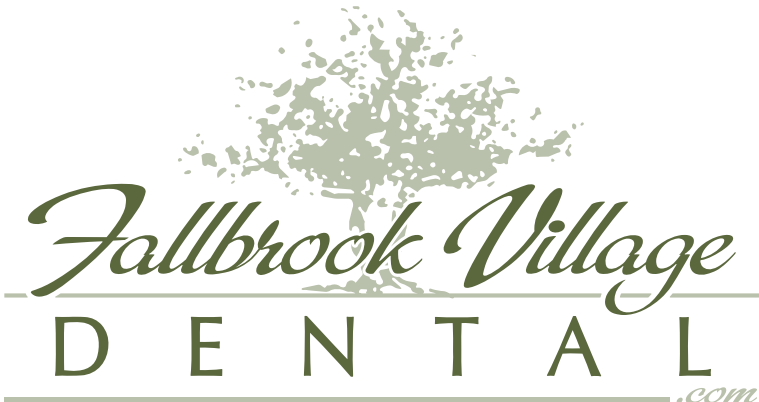
The Build NCC project began in 2017 and is anticipated to be complete in 2022. The reduced 55 MPH speed limit will remain in effect through Build NCC project completion in 2022. The \$869 million project is funded through a combination of federal, state, and local sources. The highway portion of Build NCC is estimated to cost \$663 million.

The public can learn more and sign up for project email updates by visiting KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC, or texting “BuildNCC” to 313131 to sign up to receive construction text alerts.

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An overview of last week’s post-election court cases, hearings, affidavits, testimony, press conferences and rallies

Julie Reeder
Publisher

As of press time on Tuesday here are some highlights of last week’s post-election legal and legislative reports prompted by various groups, including the Trump campaign.

Georgia: Gov. Brian Kemp called on Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger on Dec. 5 to order a signature audit of votes after the release of video footage appeared to show poll workers in Fulton County processing ballots in the middle of the night.

According to Trump campaign attorney Jackie Pick, who testified during the Thursday hearing, the surveillance footage was filmed on Election Day, inside Georgia’s largest vote-counting center.

She testified that witnesses said a lady came out to announce to everyone, “We’re going to stop counting, everyone go home.” What happens after everyone clears the building on the surveillance video is that four poll workers stay behind and quickly roll boxes of ballots from under covered tables which were clearly kept separated from the rest of the ballots.

They proceed to start scanning the ballots. Pick adds, “And they will continue counting unobserved, unsupervised, not in public view, as your statute requires, until about one in the morning,” said Pick. “So you do the math, ...We believe that could easily be and probably is certainly beyond the margin of victory in this race. Because, if only three scanners working for two hours... That’s 18,000 ballots that went through,” said Pick.

Currently, Biden leads Trump by less than 12,000 votes in Georgia.

Pennsylvania: Votes counted after deadline – The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled on Sept. 17 that election officials could accept all mail-in ballots, including absentee ballots, up to three days after the Nov. 3 election. However, on Nov. 6, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito ordered Pennsylvania election officials to segregate ballots that arrived after Election Day.

Last week Republicans urged the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an appeal of a ruling by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that dismissed a GOP lawsuit challenging no-excuse mail-in voting, and either seeking to block the state from certifying the election or directing the general assembly to choose its own electors.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito asked officials in Pennsylvania to file briefs by the morning of Dec. 8 in response to the emergency injunction petition filed by Republicans seeking to invalidate or rescind the results of the Nov. 3 presidential election in the Keystone State.

Georgia: Attorney Lin Wood plans to file a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court, after an 11th Circuit federal court with judges appointed by Trump, Obama and Bush, denied his appeal in a case seeking to block the certification of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia. District Judge Grimberg said that Wood lacked legal standing as an individual voter to challenge Georgia’s election procedures.

Wood said “my case presents an opportunity for the judicial system to make clear that the Georgia general election was unlawful as a result of substantive changes in absentee ballot procedures by the Secretary of State without approval by the Georgia legislature.”

USPS whistleblowers

A postal truck driver testified to shipping an estimated 144,000 to 288,000 completed ballots across three state lines in October in a national press conference hosted on Dec. 1, by The Amistad Project of the nonpartisan Thomas More Society. They featured three USPS whistleblowers who testified of personal eyewitness accounts demonstrating significant potential election fraud, some of which affects hundreds of thousands of ballots.

Their affidavits are being used as evidence in litigation to ensure election integrity and the upholding of election laws in key battleground states, including Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. They revealed

substantial evidence against election officials and widespread illegal efforts by USPS workers to influence the outcome of the election.

Ballot issues

Poll worker and watcher testimonials

A woman who said she worked as a volunteer poll observer in Arizona’s Pima County claimed she was told by election officials to allow people to vote who may not have been properly registered to vote in Arizona on Election Day. “I was having to allow people to vote who literally had just moved here. A large percentage had addresses from two apartment complexes,” Anna Orth told GOP Arizona State legislators on Monday.

A poll watcher with 20 years’ experience filed a sworn affidavit in Georgia claiming she found batches of “pristine” mail in ballots printed on paper that was “different” and they were exact replicas but they had no mail creases, although presumably they were mailed and were 98% for Biden.

A poll observer at the TCF Center in Detroit on Election Day testified in front of the Michigan State Senate hearing that she saw numerous military ballots that looked like “Xerox copies” and were all allegedly marked for Democrat Joe Biden.

The woman, who only identified herself as Patty and said she has nine years’ worth of experience, told the lawmakers that “military ballots ... looked like they were all exactly the same Xerox copies of the ballot. They were all for Biden across the board; there wasn’t a single Trump vote.”

Perfect black bubbles with “eclipses” around the mark

Several poll workers in Georgia filed sworn affidavits that they saw ballots that were unusual during the recount and seemed to be printed and they had “perfectly made” bubble markings with “eclipses” around the inside edge of the bubbles. “They all had a perfect black bubble and all were Biden select.” They also said there was at least one that printed crooked in the middle of the batch.

No signature verification

Poll workers in Michigan and Georgia said that no effort was made to verify mail-in ballot envelope signatures. In Detroit, a poll worker said in sworn testimony that she was told not to ask for identification of voters.

Tens of thousands of ballots arrive overnight

Tens of thousands of unsealed, unsecured ballots arrived in vehicles with out-of-state license plates in Michigan’s Wayne County at 4:30 a.m. the morning after Election Day, according to a sworn affidavit by a poll worker. “I specifically noticed that every ballot I observed was cast for Joe Biden,” the poll worker said.

Ballots counted multiple times

Seven witnesses in Michigan say in sworn affidavits that they saw the same ballots being run through tabulation machines multiple times with their ballot numbers covered with tape.

Backdating of ballots

A City of Detroit elections worker signed an affidavit saying she was instructed to back-date mail-in ballots and not to look for any deficiencies in the ballots. In Pennsylvania, an analysis of the voter database shows that more than 51,000 ballots were marked as returned just a day after they were sent out – an extraordinary feat, given the U.S. Postal Service delivery times – while nearly 35,000 were returned on the same day they were mailed out. Another more than 23,000 had a return date that was earlier than the sent date.

Poll watchers obstructed

Republican poll watchers in Philadelphia, Detroit, and other major cities say they were obstructed from properly observing the handling and counting of ballots. Poll watchers say that they were told to stand back so far that they couldn’t see what was happening, or that in some cases, ballots were handled in rooms to which they had no access. Other poll watchers said

they were denied access despite having proper credentials.

According to Rudy Giuliani, lawyer to Trump, in Pennsylvania alone there were more than 682,000 mail-in ballots that were entered “that were not observed by any single Republican.”

One Philadelphia poll worker said the vast majority of mail-in ballots were processed “15 to 200 plus feet from us.” The poll worker said “it was impossible for...any observer to see what the workers were doing with any type of specificity” and “the observers were not able to challenge any decision or determination being made on the processing of these mail-in ballots.”

No signature verification

A lawsuit filed in Georgia on Nov. 30 states that “decreased signature verification arose because counties did not screen mismatched and absent signatures and ballots unsigned without the oath, as required by the Election Code.”

Similar accusations of a lack of signature-verification requirements have been made in states across the country. In Arizona, a judge ruled on Nov. 30 that the state’s Republican Party could inspect a sampling of mail-in ballots envelopes. Similar requests in Georgia have been rejected so far.

Votes cast for people who had moved out of state

By comparing data to the National Change of Address database, analyst Matt Brynard and his team identified hundreds of thousands of people in six contested states (Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona and Nevada) who had moved out of state, yet still had a vote cast in their name in that state. Georgia, for example, had 138,221 such people.

PO boxes listed as home addresses

Braynard’s team identified, based on voter registration data, voters who registered using a post office box but attempted to disguise the box number as an apartment or suite number. Just in Georgia, his team found 1000 such people.

Electronic voting systems issues

Unusually low ballot rejection rate

An affidavit by Benjamin Overholt, an expert in applied statistics and research methods at the University of Northern Colorado, notes that there was a 0.15% rejection rate in the 2020 general election, compared to a .28% rejection rate in the 2016 general election, 0.20% in the 2018 general, and 0.28% in the 2020 primary election.

Easy to manipulate

Alex Halderman, a professor of computer science at the University of Michigan, testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee in June 2017 about “how easy it can be to manipulate computerized voting machines.” Halderman said that during his research, he and his team found they “could reprogram the machine to invisibly cause any candidate to win.”

Venezuelan ties

One of the voting-machine vendors used in the United States, Smartmatic, was as of 2005 “owned by Venezuelan investors,” according to The Wall Street Journal. According to The New York Times in 2006, the company was “linked to the leftist Venezuelan government of President Hugo Chavez.” It is unclear who owns Smartmatic at the moment; the company itself is mysterious about its ownership other than stating it is “privately owned.”

Built in vulnerabilities

Voting machines produced by Dominion have built-in settings that allow for manual alterations. Options include giving different weights to votes belonging to different candidates. The system also allows for ballots to be scanned multiple times and for vote results to be removed.

These functions make the system vulnerable to manipulation. “In looking at these systems, we identified almost a dozen ways

that you could inject or interdict to manipulate votes,” cybersecurity expert Col. Phil Waldron testified before Arizona lawmakers on Nov. 30.

No employee oversight

According to a sworn affidavit by a cyber security expert in Georgia, Dominion personnel were the only ones with knowledge of, and access to, the Dominion server. The expert said this was “highly unusual in my experience and of grave concern from a security and conflict of interest perspective.” He also said it was apparent Dominion employees have “complete access” to the computer system.

Servers not hardened?

Dell computers running the Dominion server appeared not to have been “hardened” – the process of “securing a system by reducing its surface of vulnerability” – according to a cyber expert who observed voting during the Georgia primaries. The expert said he found it “unacceptable for an EMS server not to have been hardened prior to installation.”

Hacking risk

A cyber expert in Georgia said he observed that computers used to process votes in Georgia during the primaries appeared to have “home/small business companion software packages” installed on them. “One of the first procedures of hardening is removal of all unwanted software, and removal of those game icons and the associated games,” the expert said.

Outdated operating system

A cyber expert who observed the Georgia primaries said the Windows system of the main computer in the rack connected to the Dominion voting system “has not been updated for four years and carries a wide range of well known and publicly disclosed vulnerabilities.”

Broken certification process

The federal Election Assistance Commission is responsible for the certification of all voting machines used in the United States. The agency, however, is so small that in 2017 senators sent a letter to the

EAC raising concerns about the fact that the agency “employs only one full-time staff member dedicated to overseeing the certification process.” The agency relies on only two small companies to conduct actual testing.

USB sticks plugged into machines

A poll observer from Pennsylvania’s Delaware County, Greg Stenstrom, said he “personally observed USB cards being uploaded to voting machines by the voting machine supervisor on multiple occasions.” Stenstrom told Pennsylvania lawmakers during a hearing on Nov. 25 that this person was “not being observed” and was “not part of the process” from what he could see. According to Stenstrom, the supervisor was “walking in with baggies,” and he observed him plugging the cards into machines at least 24 times.

Connected to the internet

An information technology contractor for Dominion Voting Systems who worked at the TCF Center in Michigan and a former state senator who was a poll challenger both said in sworn affidavits that the voting machines used in the Nov. 3 election were connected to the internet. Dominion has denied its machines are connected to the internet.

According to the National Election Defense Coalition, some states allow their vote tabulation computers to be connected to the Internet.

The NEDC has stated, “These configurations provide increased opportunities for nation-state actors, partisan criminals, hacktivists or other malign attackers to gain access to our voting machines and manipulate and/or disrupt our elections. The FBI and Department of Homeland Security have confirmed that our foreign adversaries have targeted election networks in all fifty states for cyber attacks.”

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Biden picks Xavier Becerra to lead HHS, coronavirus response



President-elect Joe Biden has picked California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to be his health secretary, putting a defender of the Affordable Care Act in a leading role to oversee his administration's coronavirus response. Village News/Courtesy photo

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The Associated Press

President-elect Joe Biden has picked California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to be his health secretary, putting a defender of the Affordable Care Act in a leading role to oversee his administration's coronavirus response.

Separately, Biden picked a Harvard infectious disease expert, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, to head the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And he announced a new advisory role for Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert.

If confirmed by the Senate, Becerra, will be the first Latino to

head the Department of Health and Human Services, a \$1 trillion-plus agency with 80,000 employees and a portfolio that includes drugs and vaccines, leading-edge medical research and health insurance programs covering more than 130 million Americans.

Becerra, a former senior House Democrat, said that in Congress he helped pass the Affordable Care Act and as California's attorney general he has defended it.

"As Secretary of Health and Human Services, I will build on our progress and ensure every American has access to quality, affordable health care – through this pandemic and beyond," he tweeted Monday, Dec. 7.

Biden's selection of Becerra and Walensky was announced early Monday in a news release from the

transition office. People familiar with the decision had confirmed the picks to The Associated Press on Sunday night. Biden also announced other top members of his health care team, though some posts remain unfilled.

Becerra, as California's top lawyer, has led the coalition of Democratic states defending "Obamacare" from the Trump administration's latest effort to overturn it, a legal case awaiting a Supreme Court decision in 2021.

As a U.S. representative, he was involved in steering the Obama health law through Congress in 2009 and 2010. At the time he would tell reporters that one of his primary motivations was having tens of thousands of uninsured people in his Southern California district.

Becerra has a lawyer's precise approach to analyzing problems and a calm demeanor.

But overseeing the coronavirus response will be the most complicated task he has ever contemplated. By next year, the U.S. will be engaged in a mass vaccination campaign, the groundwork for which has been laid under the Trump administration. Although the vaccines appear very promising, and no effort has been spared to plan for their distribution, it's impossible to tell yet how well things will go when it's time to get shots in the arms of millions of Americans.

Becerra won't be going it alone. Biden is expected to stress a coordinated response to the virus when he publicly introduces his team this week.

Businessman Jeff Zients was named as Biden's White House coronavirus coordinator. An economic adviser to former President Barack Obama, Zients also led the rescue of the HealthCare.gov website after its disastrous launch in 2013. Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, a co-chair of Biden's coronavirus task force, is returning to his post as the nation's doctor, with broader responsibilities.

Biden announced Fauci will be the president's chief medical adviser, while continuing as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Adding to the group are national security expert Natalie Quillian as co-director of the coronavirus response and Yale public health specialist Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, who will head a new working group to reduce health disparities in COVID-19, a disease that has taken a deeper toll among minorities.

The core components of HHS are the boots on the ground of the government's coronavirus response. The Food and Drug Administration oversees vaccines and treatments, while much of the underlying scientific and medical research comes from NIH. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention takes the lead in detecting and containing the spread of diseases. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, provides insurance coverage for more than one and three Americans, including vulnerable seniors, as well as many children and low-income people.

As CDC director, Walensky would replace Dr. Robert Redfield. Walensky is a leading infectious disease specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital and has devoted her career to combating AIDS.

"I'm honored to be called to lead

the brilliant team at the CDC," she tweeted Monday. "We are ready to combat this virus with science and facts."

Becerra's experience running the bureaucratic apparatus of the California attorney general's office, as well as his success working with Republicans, helped seal the pick for Biden, said a person familiar with the process but not authorized to comment publicly. Becerra had worked with Louisiana's Republican attorney general to increase the availability of the COVID-19 drug treatment Remdesivir in their states. He's also worked closely with other Republican attorneys general on legal challenges against opioid manufacturers.

Early in California's coronavirus response, Becerra defended broad shutdowns Gov. Gavin Newsom had put in place to curtail the pandemic, including limits on religious gatherings. Three churches in Southern California had sued Newsom, Becerra and other state officials because in-person church services had been halted.

Biden's offer was extended to Becerra Friday, Dec. 4. The president-elect has been under pressure from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to appoint Latinos to the Cabinet.


Previously, Becerra had served for more than a decade in Congress, representing parts of Los Angeles County. He had also served in the California state assembly after attending law school at Stanford.


His mother was born in Jalisco, Mexico, and emigrated to the U.S. after marrying his father, a native of Sacramento, who had grown up in Mexico.


Becerra often cites his parents as his inspiration, saying they instilled in him a strong work ethic and a desire for advancement. His father worked road construction jobs, while his mother was a clerical employee. Becerra is married to Dr. Carolina Reyes, a physician who specializes in maternal and fetal health.


In an AP profile published last year, a lifelong friend of Becerra's said he learned to stay calm and self-controlled in high school as a varsity golfer and an exceptional poker player. Becerra studied the advice of famous golfers while practicing with a set of used clubs costing less than \$100.


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After two-year investigation, govt accuses Facebook of discriminating against US workers

Marcy Gordon
AP Business Writer

The Justice Department, following a two-year investigation by the Civil Rights Division, is accusing Facebook in a lawsuit of discriminating against U.S. workers. The lawsuit alleged that Facebook favored foreigners with special visas to fill more than 2,600 high-paying jobs.

The Justice Department announced the suit Thursday, Dec. 3, alleging that the social media giant refused to recruit, consider or hire qualified and available U.S. workers for the positions that Facebook reserved for temporary visa holders. Facebook sponsored

the visa holders for “green cards” authorizing them to work permanently.

The so-called H-1B visas are a staple of Silicon Valley, widely used by software programmers and other employees of major U.S. technology companies.

The lawsuit followed a two-year investigation by the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division.

“Facebook intentionally created a hiring system in which it denied qualified U.S. workers a fair opportunity to learn about and apply for jobs” that it instead sought to channel to temporary visa holders, the department said in a news release.

The positions at issue offered an average salary of around \$156,000. The department is seeking unspecified civil penalties and back pay on behalf of U.S. workers deemed to have been denied employment.

“Facebook has been cooperating with the DOJ in its review of this issue and while we dispute the allegations in the complaint, we cannot comment further on pending litigation,” the company, which is based in Menlo Park, California, said in a statement.

President Donald Trump has long advocated restrictions on both legal and illegal immigration and has raised concerns for years about foreigners competing with

American citizens for jobs.

In June, his administration extended a ban on green cards issued outside the U.S. until the end of the year and added many temporary work visas to the freeze, including those used heavily by tech companies and multinational corporations for their employees. Officials cast the move as a way to free up jobs in an economy reeling from the coronavirus.

Trump also has been persistently critical of Big Tech companies, accusing them of bias against conservative viewpoints on their social media platforms and threatening to remove their legal protection for content posted by users.

“The timing does seem odd, as little time remains in Trump’s administration and he has been very critical of Facebook in many other areas,” Carl Tobias, a law professor at the University of Richmond in Virginia, said, noting that the Justice Department had investigated Facebook’s employment practices for two years.

“Also, it’s my understanding that the government usually attempts to work with companies to remedy or correct the allegedly questionable behavior and tries to settle the dispute rather than suing,” Tobias said.

Election Integrity Watchdog Amistad Project: Dec. 8 deadline for selection of electors does not apply to disputed states

ARLINGTON, Virginia – In a white paper released Friday, Dec. 4, The Amistad Project of the non-partisan Thomas More Society argued that the current Electoral College deadlines are both arbitrary and a direct impediment to states’ obligations to investigate disputed elections.

The authoritative research paper breaks down the history of Electoral College deadlines and makes clear that this election’s Dec. 8 and Dec. 14 deadlines for the selection of electors, the assembly of the Electoral College and the tallying of its votes, respectively, are not only elements

of a 72-year-old federal statute with zero constitutional basis, but are also actively preventing the states from fulfilling their constitutional – and ethical – obligation to hold free and fair elections. Experts believed that the primary basis for these dates was to provide enough time to affect the presidential transition of power, a concern which is fully obsolete in the age of internet and air travel.

The white paper also showed that the Dec. 8 “safe harbor” deadline for appointing presidential electors does not apply to states where flagrant violations of state election

laws affected the outcome of the popular vote. In fact, the only Constitutionally set date in the election process is the assumption of office by the president, Jan. 20.

The Amistad Project has filed litigation in several key swing states arguing that illegal conduct by state and local officials led to more than 1.2 million potentially fraudulent ballots, including illegal votes that were counted and legal votes that were not counted. In each state, the number of potentially fraudulent ballots far exceeds the margin separating the leading presidential candidate.

“Through rigorous investigations

supporting our litigation, we demonstrate that state and local officials brazenly violated election laws in several swing states in order to advance a partisan political agenda,” Phill Kline, director of The Amistad Project.

“As a result, it is impossible for those states to determine their presidential Electors in line with the arbitrary deadline set forth via federal statute in 1948, and thus, the only deadline that matters is Jan. 20, 2021.”

Although federal law sets Dec. 8, as the date on which determinations of electors made pursuant to state election law automatically

become official, the law does not require electors to be designated by that date to be counted. Because the U.S. Constitution places ultimate authority for designating presidential electors in the hands of state legislatures, it is the responsibility of the people’s elected representatives to judge the relevant facts and appoint an appropriate slate of electors, subject only to the sole deadline set forth in the U.S. Constitution – noon, Jan. 20, 2021.

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SPORTS

Baltas wins Del Mar fall meet trainer championship

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Richard Baltas trains many of his horses at the San Luis Rey Training Center, and those horses contributed to Baltas winning the 2020 Del Mar Thoroughbred Club fall meet trainer championship.

Baltas saddled 52 horses during the meet which began Oct. 31 and concluded Nov. 29. He had 11 winners, including nine who have trained at San Luis Rey (the other two were in Europe prior to this summer). Ten of his horses finished second in the Del Mar fall meet, and three of the third-place horses were trained by Baltas.

“It’s always good to win,” Baltas said.

The fall meet championship was the second in a row for Baltas, who also won 11 races during the 2019 fall meet.

San Luis Rey trainers took the top three positions in the fall meet standings. Horses trained by Phil D’Amato won 10 races while Peter Miller had nine victories. (Richard Mandella also had nine first-place finishes, although Miller finished second seven times and Mandella had three horses cross the finish line in second place.) D’Amato added six second-place and five third-place results in his 42 starts. Miller’s 50 starts also included four horses who finished third. Doug O’Neill shared sixth place with six wins, although his second-place total of seven was better than the five of Mark Glatt.

Baltas credited his team for his trainer championship. “Everybody does work hard,” he said.

Four of Baltas’ victories were in the final weekend of the meet including three in one day. “It’s great,” he said.

The final weekend included seven graded stakes races during

those four days, which attracted top trainers from out of state. Brad Cox, who is based in Kentucky, was second among all trainers in nationwide earnings as of Nov. 30. Chad Brown, who is based in New York, was fourth in earnings. (Miller was tenth on a nationwide basis and Baltas was 17th as of Nov. 30.) Brown won four of the stakes races and Cox won one. A total of 20 out-of-state horses competed in the final weekend’s stakes races.

“They made it a little tougher, but I had a couple of seconds and thirds,” Baltas said.

On Nov. 26 Baltas’ three-year-old filly Going To Vegas finished second in the Grade 3 Red Carpet Handicap, half a length behind Brown’s winner Orglandes. Count Again, who is trained by D’Amato but not at San Luis Rey, won the Grade 2 Seabiscuit Handicap race Nov. 28 with Brown’s Flavius taking second and Baltas’ seven-year-old gelding Next Shares finishing third.

Three trainers had four victories during the meet, which shared eighth place. Brown’s four wins were from eight starts, and two more of Brown’s horses placed second. Brown led the meet in trainer earnings with \$581,000. (Baltas’ horses earned \$497,320, D’Amato had trainer earnings of \$539,100, and Miller saddled horses who won a cumulative \$489,124.) Cox’s three starts included a win and a horse who finished third.

“It was good for racing to have them there,” Baltas said.

Baltas’ only fall meet victories with a horse who has not trained at San Luis Rey came on Opening Day, when Annangel won the fifth race Oct. 31, and on Nov. 28, when Masteroffoxhounds won the first race. Annangel, a three-

year-old filly, raced in Scotland on June 30 before being stabled at Del Mar for the summer meet, Santa Anita Park for that track’s fall meet, and then Del Mar. Masteroffoxhounds, a three-year-old colt, raced July 31 in Ireland before starting California training during the Santa Anita fall meet.

Both of Baltas’ wins during the second week of the Del Mar fall meet were with San Luis Rey geldings. Six-year-old Via Egnatia won the sixth race Nov. 7 and five-year-old Paladar finished first in the fifth race Nov. 8.

Two-year-old colt Gator Shining won the first race Nov. 13. Baltas’ next three victories were all with three-year-old fillies who broke their maiden. The chestnut filly Rocking Redhead finished first in the third race Nov. 14, She’s Devoted won the fifth race Nov. 15, and Save The Story obtained the victory in the first race Nov. 22.

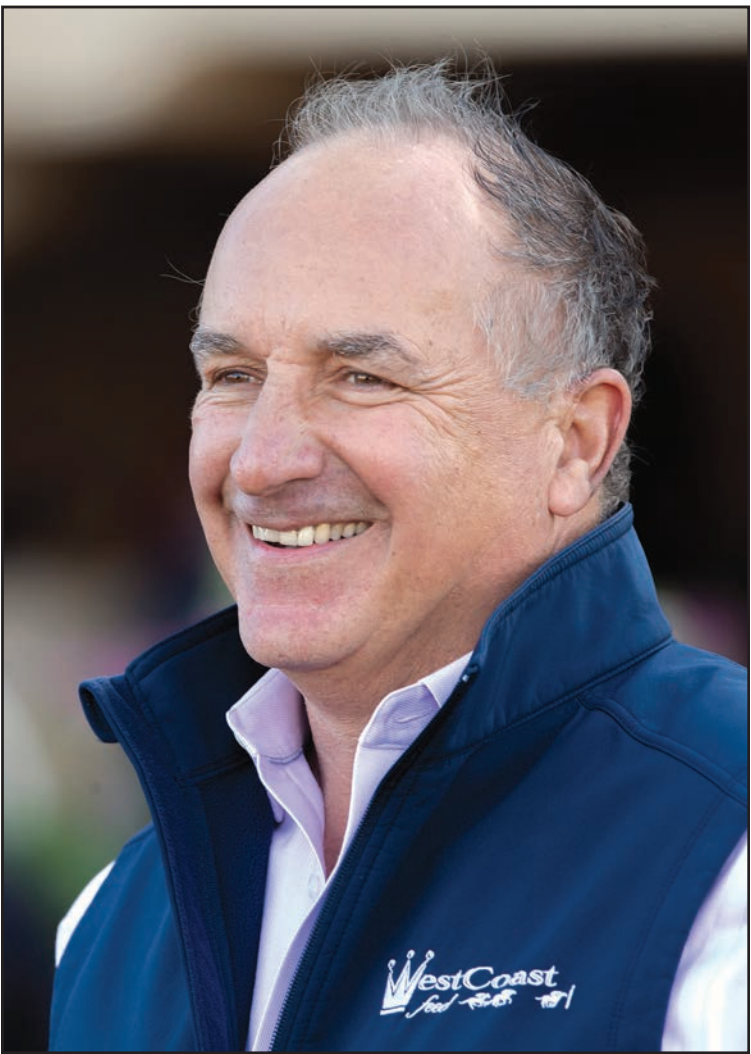
Baltas took over the lead in trainer victories with three wins Nov. 27. Three-year-old colt Yeng Again broke his maiden by winning the first race, four-year-old filly Gallovie was the winner of the third race, and three-year-old filly Lady On Ice prevailed in the fourth race.

“I do the best I can with all the horses and try to place them in the right spots and keep them healthy and happy,” Baltas said.

Baltas and D’Amato shared the 2017 summer meet training championship, so this year’s Del Mar championship is the third for Baltas.

“I don’t really put a whole lot of emphasis on that. I just try to get the horses ready,” he said. “At the end of the day it’s all about the horses.”

The 2020 Del Mar fall meet had no fatalities. “I think it’s a big accomplishment,” Baltas said.



Trainer Richard Baltas is the 2020 Del Mar Thoroughbred Club fall meet trainer champion.

“The trainers, veterinarians, management all deserve credit,” Baltas said. “They took the right steps.”

Although this year’s Del Mar meets were conducted without spectators, the fall meet had a record wagering handle for that annual meet which began in 2014, and the average field size was larger than that for last year’s fall meet.

“I think that was a great meet for Del Mar,” Baltas said.

Baltas made his debut as a trainer on Jan. 23, 1991, at Santa Anita and won that race with Latchburn. He first saddled a horse at Del Mar in 1991, although his first trainer win at the track was not until 2004. Baltas had the fifth-place total of 12 wins in this year’s summer meet.

CIF-San Diego Section sports season put on hold

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Dec. 12 was expected to be a big day for high school athletes all over San Diego County, but that big day is going to have to wait according to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) – San Diego County.

The section on Thursday, Dec. 3, issued a memo regarding communication that the organization had days earlier with member schools regarding the postponement of Season 1 Sports in the county.

“As of today, the Official Start Date for Season 1 Sports is on hold (TBD) until the point updated Youth Sports guidance is released from the California Department of Public Health,” the memo, sent by Commissioner Joe Heinz and Assistant Commissioner Todd Cassen, said. “Based upon the current guidance released from the State on August 3, 2020, competitions are not allowed in youth sports (high school), all practices are limited to conditioning/skill improvement, and must remain within a stable cohort of 14 student athletes or less.”

The release stated that California

Governor Gavin Newsom and California Department of Public Health disclosed that updated youth sports guidance had been postponed.

“Therefore, the current guidance remains in effect, and CIF competitions are not allowed until new guidance is provided,” the release reads.

The release said that they don’t expect those new guidelines before the early days of January.

For context, high school football teams were supposed to play their first games on Jan. 8 and begin officially training in December. Now, it looks as though the earliest they could begin competing would be early to mid-February.

“As was stated at the beginning of this memo, we simply do not have the required guidance to officially open a season for any of our Season 1 Sports at this time,” the memo reads.

The section has been in contact with the state Public Health Department to establish parameters for reopening the season.

“Based upon the limited information we have received at this time, it is our understanding that the return of each sport will be tied to an associated risk level, and then placed within one of the four



Sports designated for Season 1 of the San Diego CIF-San Diego Section season have been put on hold until new guidelines are put in place by the California Department of Public Health.

Tier Assignments aligned to the COVID-19 Positivity Case Rates for each county found in the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” the memo reads.

It said that sports that are deemed a lower risk level will be able to begin practicing and competing, even if the county in which they are located is within the most restrictive purple tier.

San Diego County is in the purple tier currently and under a three-week stay at home order.

Other sports, deemed more high risk, would have to wait until the county recedes into red, orange or yellow tiers for competition to begin.

“It is our understanding that the updated guidance will include a sport-by-sport breakdown of various health and safety protocols to be implemented at each school site that incorporates the differences found in each specific sport,” the memo reads. “For example, recommendations for basketball will differ from those designed for cross country, lacrosse, football, etc.”

Section leadership proposed and the board of managers approved increased flexibility for member schools under State Bylaw 501.G., “enabling schools to host out of season practices/activities based solely upon the approval of the site principal or designee.”

Village News has reached out to Fallbrook Union High School for clarification on when a decision might be made amongst school leadership and/or the North County Conference, and Athletic Director Pat Walker said a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9 would go a long way in the school having a better understanding of what that entails.

The section board also approved a waiver for this year only that would allow a student athlete to participate in up to three sports during a current season.

“Due to the movement of several sports into seasons one and two from their normal season,” the memo reads. “The current practice limitations of 18 hours

per week and four hours per day will remain in place, even with this new modification to the maximum number of allowable sports in a season.”

The board of managers also approved a proposal giving Commissioner Joe Heinz the authority to set the official start date of seasons for all sports, determine the length of each season, final playoff dates, and playoff seeding, structures and formats for each sport.

“We understand that the lack of detailed information has done nothing but increase the levels of frustration for everyone involved in supporting education-based athletics. From our student-athletes and coaches, athletic administrators, officials, and our parents, everyone has continued to wait patiently while holding out hope that our seasons of sport would return as scheduled,” the memo reads.

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OBITUARIES



James (Jimmy, Jim, Jimi C) Breese Carson passed away of natural causes on Oct. 31 at the age of 61 at his home in Fallbrook. He was born and raised in San Clemente, attended Our Lady of Fatima school starting in its inaugural year, and San Clemente High School. Jim was a big sports fan. He played little league baseball in San Clemente, '69 to '72 and loved sports of all kinds, including surfing, baseball, football, and horseracing. He was a regular surfer at Riviera and Lost Winds Beach in San Clemente in the early years, to Trestles and Blacks Beach

La Jolla in his later years. Photography became a passion, taking him to surf contests, volleyball tournaments, and travel. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and easy laugh. He was known to quip with a big smile "I'm the funniest guy I know!" He was a carpenter during the Orange County building boom from the late 70's into the 80's. Some of his most rewarding and final years of work were spent with his great Tool Rental crew at Home Depot in San Marcos. He so enjoyed his customers. Jim was truly a people person and loved a challenging project. Whatever he built, he built it right, and built it to last, whether it was a store display or a new home. He was a numbers guy and went beyond "measure twice and cut once." Jim was so loved. He was preceded in death by his father Richard Carson, mother Rosemary Carson Kelly, and stepfather Bill Kelly. He is survived by his son, Jason Postal; brother Rick Carson, sister Sherry Carson Walborn, and several nieces and nephews. He will be buried at Ascension Cemetery, Lake Forest, California, Dec. 12.



David Christian McKinney, Ph.D., 76, of Fallbrook, California, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 16. David was born in McCook, Nebraska, in 1944 to John Y. McKinney and Doris (Petersen) McKinney, and was raised in South Bend, Indiana. David was provost and chief academic officer at Westcliff University in Irvine, California. He also co-owned the Golden Gardens assisted living facility in Fallbrook with his wife Catalina. David loved family gatherings, good conversation, and helping businesses grow. He is survived by his wife, Catalina McKinney; his stepson, Timothy Caballero, his stepdaughter Tracy Madewell and her children Teyah and Jackson Madewell; the mother of his children, Nancy Fuller; his sons; Scott and Ian McKinney;

his grandchildren, Amélie and August McKinney; his sister, Karen Bradshaw, his nephew Bryan Bradshaw, his niece Brenda Spencer and her children Ally and Elijah. David received from the Illinois Institute of Technology his Doctorate in City and Regional Planning in 1976, a Master of Science in Planning in 1968 and a Bachelor of Architecture in 1967. Early in his career, he worked on the Model Cities initiative in Chicago and then as an architect for Clark Construction. In Indianapolis, he was a serial real estate entrepreneur, developing single family home communities, including Sonoma on the west side and Liberty Creek near Eagle Creek Park. He served on the Pike Township School Board in Indianapolis for a time, strengthening education and helping make soccer a high school varsity sport. He coached his son Ian's youth soccer team, Dynamo F.C., for many years. David lived life passionately, enjoyed traveling, had an appreciation for art and teaching. He tended to his fruit garden when he could, doing his best to keep away the wild peacocks. He was a fan of local produce and often sent gifts of Fallbrook avocados to family members. David left us much too soon. Private services will be held later. Please share your stories regarding David on Memories.com.

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№ 28	
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100 block Palmas Norte	Arrest: Domestic abuse with minor injury
№ 29	
4700 block Oak Crest Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, outstanding felony warrant
600 block Ammunition Rd	Domestic abuse
3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Stolen vehicle
№ 30	
35800 block Blue Breton Dr	Arrest: Commercial burglary
3800 block Flowerwood Ln	Vehicle burglary
De Luz Rd	Stolen vehicle
Ash St @ S. Pico Ave	Missing person
200 block Ammunition Rd	Violation of court order
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35600 block Garrano Ln	Violation of court order
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Families participating in the Fallbrook reverse Christmas Parade share their holiday cheer with guests driving through the event.



Children gather at a Fallbrook reverse Christmas Parade display location to share their holiday cheer with guests driving through the event.



A group entertains families while they take in the Fallbrook reverse Christmas parade from their cars.



Miss Fallbrook Jayden Dominique spreads holiday cheer and waves to families driving through the Fallbrook reverse Christmas Parade.



Joaquin Alvarez, 3, watches from the car window as his family participates in the Fallbrook reverse Christmas Parade.



People slowly drive their cars into the parking lot between Alvarado and Fig streets to enjoy the Fallbrook reverse Christmas Parade.



Displays in the Fallbrook reverse Christmas Parade include a Christmas tree in the parking lot between Alvarado and Fig streets.



Holiday lights brighten the route of the reverse Christmas Parade.

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Caring for dormant rose bushes

Frank Brines
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Depending on which side of the canyon you live, the weather has been relatively good for our fall roses. Most areas still haven't had temperatures anywhere near frost. Roses could still be seen actively growing and blooming in many Temecula Valley gardens during the Thanksgiving holiday. The cooling nights will soon cool the soil and reset the roses' biological clock to slow down and go into some kind of dormancy.

Roses need a four- to six-week dormancy period during the winter months. During dormancy, the plants go through natural hormonal changes that prepare them for the next growing season. Dormancy is triggered by a variety of factors. Cold temperatures (including frost) slow the plant's metabolism while cold rains chill the soil, further slowing growth rate.

You can help promote dormancy by not deadheading or pruning this month. Allow the rose "hips" to mature so they can send hormonal signals to the plant that its time to rest and marshal its energy for a vigorous growth spurt in the spring. Just the same, be sure to monitor your plants when daytime temperatures are warm: They still need to be kept hydrated! Also, do not fertilize until after your major pruning in January or February. And then only after a couple inches of new growth.

On the topic of pruning, some gardeners in the Temecula Valley are anxious to prune their roses in December. That's understandable because we haven't had a hard frost yet even though the average date for the first frost in our area is Nov. 17. Pruning now not only prevents

dormancy, but also produces tender new shoots that will most likely be killed by the next hard frost. So, bottom line, please wait four to six weeks after the first frost to do your major "spring" pruning. In the event that there is no frost or freeze it is typical to prune by mid-February.

I mentioned last month that the Asian "chili thrip" is spreading rapidly in the Southwest and is becoming a global threat. This pest is extremely successful and particularly resistant to conventional control methods.

The chili thrip is even smaller than the western thrips we're familiar with. It works in similar ways, only more devastating and more difficult to control. It doesn't seem to have any preferences except new growth of almost any plant and blossom.

Gardeners with whom I've spoken use several different products to gain some control, but a regular program is necessary with applications weekly at least. Its damage resembles the effects of Roundup overspray or rose virus: severely stunted and very narrow leaves, stems, and buds.

Cool, moist air promotes mildew and rust, so be watchful for these fungi. Be prepared also for spraying with a dormant spray immediately after the Spring pruning. Read the label and be sure to buy enough to thoroughly cover the plant and garden bed. I find that a two gallon pump sprayer with two gallons of mix will cover about 15 rose plants after pruning.

There is still time to order that new rose you have been dreaming about. Garden stores may still be adding to their list of orders, or go to your favorite online nursery and make your order. There are many fine new roses that you simply must have. Many are more disease



Roses could still be seen actively growing and blooming in many Temecula Valley gardens the week after Thanksgiving.



Gardeners can help promote dormancy in their rose bushes by not deadheading or pruning this month.



The cooling nights will soon cool the soil and reset the roses' biological clock to slow down and go into some kind of dormancy.

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resistant than in the past. Most nurseries or wholesalers no longer print catalogs, so for a list of current roses available from each you will have to go online.

A few new varieties I find of interest are: At Last (floribunda, good apricot color, fragrance, disease-resistant); Bordeaux (floribunda/WineRed, large blooms, heat tolerant, disease resistant); Easy Spirit (floribunda/White, Hybrid

T form, fragrance, hybridizer Tom Carruth, disease resistant, lasting form); Frida Kahlo (floribunda/Scarlet Redstriped gold, small clusters, mild fragrance, disease resistant, compact, hybridizers Christian Bedard & Tom Carruth); Gaye Hammond (Bright Yellow with touches of orange, slight fragrance, disease resistant, bloom making machine); Parade Day (Grandiflora/Fuchsia Pink Striped

White, strong fragrance, hybridizer Christian Bedard, holds color); Flowerland (Shrubby, Pink, low (1.5 inches) growing habit, 60—65 petals, fragrant; it would be great for small spaces or en masse); Golden Iceberg (mild spicy fragrance).

For more ideas, visit TVRS's Rose Haven garden at 30592 Jedediah Smith Rd., Temecula, as well as TemeculaValleyRoseSociety.org/index.shm.

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Dept. of Parks and Recreation to prioritize \$5,487,140 of Prop. 68 grants

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

In June 2018, the state’s voters passed Proposition 68, which allocated \$4 billion for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. Proposition 68 included \$185 million in per capita grant funding to local governments for park projects, and the County of San Diego’s share of that is \$5,487,140. The county’s Department of Parks and Recreation will determine how that funding is

allocated. A 5-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote Nov. 18 adopted a resolution authorizing the application for the funds and authorized the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee to conduct all negotiations and submit all necessary documents. The Department of Parks and Recreation director also has the authority to make non-substantial amendments to the grant agreements. Although the Department of Parks and Recreation will prioritize the projects to be

funded by the Proposition 68 grants, the Board of Supervisors will approve the appropriation of the grant funding into the county’s budget. The local per capita grants are awarded on a non-competitive basis. They may be used to support the creation, improvement, and rehabilitation of local parks and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods without access to outdoor recreation facilities. The county will use the grant funding for land acquisition or for development projects related to park construction, expansion, or renovation.

The grant application resolution must include one or more park projects whose total cost equals up to the amount of the local government’s allocation. The County of San Diego’s Department of Parks and Recreation is considering multiple park projects and will identify which ones are the most competitive. If the park project does not serve a severely disadvantaged community, which is defined as a community where the median household income is less than 60% of the statewide average, the local government must provide a 20%

match. The match may be in the form of staff time, and the County of San Diego plans to fund its \$1.1 million match with staff time. The match amount funding will thus use Department of Parks and Recreation general purpose revenue. If Proposition 68 grant funding is provided for a project for which county-provided funding has already been allocated and that county-provided funding is no longer necessary for that specific project, that county funding will be reallocated to another capital park and recreation project.

CDM Smith given planning study contract for Moosa Canyon pipeline

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Water Authority awarded CDM Smith the planning study contract for the repair or replacement of the SDCWA pipelines in Moosa Canyon. The CWA’s Nov. 19 board vote authorized a \$600,000 contract with CDM Smith for the engineering services. The planning study is expected to take approximately ten months to complete. The CWA’s Second Aqueduct includes Pipelines 3, 4, and 5. Pipelines 3 and 5 provide untreated supply to CWA member agencies while Pipeline 4 conveys untreated water to member agency

turnouts. Pipeline 3 is a steel pipe 72 inches in diameter and was built in 1958. Pipeline 4 is a pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe 90 inches in diameter which was built in 1970. Pipeline 5 is a PCCP 96 inches in diameter and built in 1982. The pipelines are 40 feet apart from each other at their centers, which equates to 32 to 33 feet apart from each other at their perimeters. In Aug. 2019, CWA staff observed water discharging from the side slope of Moosa Creek, and four days later a leak in Pipeline 4 was identified as the cause. The CWA contracted for repair work, which including a shutdown to remove isolation bulkheads was completed in Nov. 2019. Additional carbon fiber layers

addressed higher thrust forces until a longer-term fix could be identified and implemented. The Pipeline 4 leak also led CWA staff to conduct an inspection of Pipeline 3 and Pipeline 5 in late January, when both of those pipelines could be drained for access during a planned maintenance-related shutdown. Pipeline 3 was found to be in good condition with no signs of distress, but Pipeline 5 was found to have signs of distress in the same area of the Pipeline 4 failure and a follow-up engineering analysis indicated that Pipeline 5 was overstressed and at risk for failure. Contracts for repairs to Pipeline 5 were issued and the work was completed in May 2020.

The carbon fiber lining is considered to be a temporary repair which will last for approximately ten years. The comprehensive study on Pipelines 3, 4, and 5 in the Moosa Creek area will identify needed long-term improvements which would extend the pipelines’ service life for at least 75 years. The planning study will include gathering and reviewing data, performing engineering studies and analyses, and identifying and evaluating alternatives to rehabilitate or replace the three pipelines within the study area. The scope of work also includes recommending a preferred alternative which will address the vulnerabilities and extend the pipelines’ service life.

CWA staff prepared a request for proposals and advertised the professional services contract for bid on Aug. 20. A non-mandatory meeting for potential bidders was held Aug. 28, and representatives from 19 firms attended. Five companies submitted proposals by the Sept. 30 deadline. A panel of CWA staff interviewed representatives from all five teams to assess understanding of the scope of work, technical and specialized qualifications, familiarity with similar projects, and past performance including the company’s ability to meet schedules and control costs. CDM Smith, which is headquartered in Boston and has an office in Carlsbad, was deemed to be the most qualified company.

Take precautions, be prepared during red flag conditions

Yvette Urrea Moe
County of San Diego
Communications Office

Extreme low humidity and forecasted high winds will result in elevated wildfire danger and a red flag warning through Saturday in the San Diego County mountains and inland valleys. Residents are asked to be alert for wildfires and to take steps around their homes and properties to reduce the risk of wildfire. Be careful to restrict use of certain power tools since they can sometimes spark fires. What you can do now is cut away and remove dead and dying

plants near your home and other structures, but only by using hand tools since power tools, including lawn mowers, can potentially spark on rock and start a grass fire. Remove dead leaves and other debris leading up to your home, including wood piles that may be stacked against structures. These things can all be ignited by embers from a wildfire. Be particularly careful with smoking materials to avoid accidentally starting a fire. Never pull your vehicle over in grass as it can ignite a grass fire. Make sure your vehicle is well maintained as faulty catalytic

converters have been a major cause of accidental fires in San Diego County. Also, if you have a trailer on your vehicle, make sure the chains don’t drag on the ground while driving and spark a fire. An important way to prepare is to stay informed in the event of a regional emergency. Register for AlertSanDiego or ListoSanDiego, the County’s cell phone notification service. By doing that, you will receive any emergency messages such as evacuation warnings that apply to your neighborhood on your cell phone.

Residents can download the County’s SD Emergency app in English or Spanish from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store. The app provides news updates, maps, shelter locations and includes disaster planning templates and interactive checklists. If a regional emergency, such as a wildfire, does occur, updates and other information will be posted at sdcountyemergency.com and sent out via the app. Don’t wait until an emergency, when you’re already stressed to figure out what you need to do in the event of an evacuation. Complete a family disaster plan template from

the app or from ReadySanDiego.org to help your family plan for an emergency including where to meet if you are separated and cannot return home. To find more information about safeguarding your home from wildfires and general disaster preparation, visit ReadySanDiego.org. You can also stay in touch with official emergency information by following CAL FIRE on Twitter in the event of a fire. More weather forecast information and updates are available at <https://www.weather.gov/>.

Property taxes due Dec. 10 for over 1 million properties

SAN DIEGO – San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister reminded taxpayers that they have just one week left to pay the first installment

of their annual property taxes or face a 10% penalty. The record 1,004,808 tax bills are available to pay online now at sdttc.com, and they are expected

to generate \$7.27 billion for local cities and the county. The first installment should bring in \$3.64 billion. “This money funds critical services, including public health, schools and first responders,” said McAllister. “We encourage everyone to pay as soon as possible to keep these services running.” As of today, San Diegans have paid \$1.1 billion in first installments, leaving \$2.5 billion left to pay. “Our branches are still closed to the public, so we encourage everyone to pay online at sdttc.com with free e-check,” said McAllister. “We’ve already seen 50% of payments come in online,

compared to 42% this time last year.” Online payments will be accepted until midnight on Dec. 10. Taxpayers should complete a payment well before the automatic midnight cutoff. Mail payments must be postmarked Dec. 10 to be considered on time. As with the April collection, the TTC will not accept cash payments. However, those who must pay in cash can obtain a cashier’s check or money order. They can then mail their payment on or before the Dec. 10 delinquent date using the return envelope provided to 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 162, San Diego, CA 92101. Drop boxes will still be available

outside all Treasurer-Tax Collector branches for those who must drop off a check payment. The delinquent date will not be extended due to COVID-19. If small business owners or homeowners cannot pay their property taxes on time due to the pandemic, they must submit a penalty cancellation request, along with their payment and printed evidence to prove how they were impacted. More information can be found at <https://www.sdttc.com/content/ttc/en/tax-collection/secured-property-taxes/covid-19-penalty-cancellations.html> Submitted by San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office

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South Coast Winery Resort & Spa and Carter Estate Winery & Resort to ring in the new year

Wine, Dine and Toast to 2021 Package offers retro dining elegance at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant

TEMECULA—Amid the award-winning vineyards of South Coast Winery Resort & Spa and Carter Estate Winery & Resort, the New Year’s Eve festivities will begin when guests check in to either resort to enjoy a two-night Wine, Dine and Toast to 2021 package with celebratory amenities. Another festive option is for dining guests to enjoy lavish retro dining elegance at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant on New Year’s Eve.

The Wine, Dine and Toast to 2021 Two-Night Package stay is either Wednesday, Dec. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 31, or Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1.

The package offers two-night accommodations in either a South Coast Winery Villa or a Bungalow at Carter Estate. It includes the fine dining gustatory salute-to-the past New Year’s Eve Dinner at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant for two guests, as well as a welcome bottle of sparkling wine, a bottle of the award-winning winery’s still wine and New Year’s Eve party favors.

The rate is \$880, based on double occupancy, at South Coast Winery Resort & Spa or \$950, based on double occupancy and includes daily continental breakfast, at Carter Estate Winery and Resort. Packages do not include taxes and resort fee. Reservations available at 877-284-7145

Enjoy retro dining elegance at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant for New Year’s Eve 2020.

As guests toast to a far safer 2021 and joyfully celebrate New Year’s Eve with loved ones, they’ll be transported to a gracious roll-back-in-time hospitality and dining experience at South Coast Winery Resort & Spa’s The Vineyard Rose Restaurant.

Romance will be in the winery air as guests enjoy lovely musical favorites from the past while toasting and sipping gimlets, side cars, old fashioned, Manhattans and martinis.

The menu is highlighted by popular fine dining favorites of less complicated times – offerings such as oysters Rockefeller and shrimp cocktail for Course One and French onion soup and Caesar salad for Course Two.

Entrees include petit filet Oscar with lump crab, chateau potato, asparagus and béarnaise sauce; Duck à l’orange with saffron rice, roasted Brussels sprouts, wild mushrooms and orange sauce; and lobster thermidor paired with stuffed Canadian lobster tails, green bean almandine and baby mixed greens – all accompanied by South Coast Winery or Carter Estate Winery winning selections.



Temecula’s South Coast Winery Resort & Spa and Carter Estate Winery & Resort are taking reservations for New Year’s Eve festivities. Valley News/Courtesy photo

Dessert choices are baked Alaska and chocolate mousse. Each dining party will be seated for a maximum of two hours to accommodate all those who choose this celebration experience at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant.

Guests should plan on being seated outside overlooking the winery – warmed by heaters, warm clothes and their own blankets.

Dinner is \$110 per person with additional \$24 for wine pairings, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required and are being accepted at OpenTable or by calling 951-719-8356. Seating is currently limited to county guidance of outdoor availability. Physical

distancing and the safest health and sanitary practices will be implemented.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa is located at 34843 Rancho California Road in Temecula. For more information, call 844-428-6292 or visit <http://www.southcoastwinery.com>.

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Submitted by South Coast Winery Resort & Spa.

Wine Country Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, DEC. 11	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Crush House + Ice Rink, Peltzer Family Cellars
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-8 p.m.	Tapas, Taps and Wine Dinner, Vienza, Europa Village
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, West of 5, Lorimar Winery
SATURDAY, DEC. 12	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Crush House + Ice Rink, Peltzer Family Cellars
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Bodie, Lorimar Winery
SUNDAY, DEC. 13	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Crush House + Ice Rink, Peltzer Family Cellars

UPCOMING:

Dec. 14 is Europa Village’s Holiday Dinner and a Movie, showing “Elf,” at Bolero from 6-9 p.m.
Dec. 15 is Sip and Shop at Lorimar Winery from 5-8 p.m.
Dec. 18 has extended holiday hours at Masia de la Vina from 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 18 is Lorimar Winery’s Smoke and Vine: an evening of cigars and wine from 7-10 p.m.
Dec. 19 features live music with Dani Arribere at Bel Vino Winery.
Dec. 24-25 is South Coast Winery Resort & Spa’s Vineyard Rose offers dinner and brunch specials for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Reservations required. To-go orders must be placed by Tuesday, Dec. 22.

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Visit Temecula Valley suggests top drink recommendations this winter



Vitagliano Winery welcomes wine lovers to take a place before the fireplace with a glass of their Tuscan varietals. Valley News/Courtesy photo

TEMECULA—For entertaining, sipping by the fire or gift giving, Visit Temecula Valley suggested these beverages are perfect for the winter season. They are available online or make a safe holiday getaway out of it and shop in-person.

Old Town Spice & Tea Merchants offers three specialty co-coas: Chai, Mexican and Old Town Hot. Chai Hot Chocolate is cocoa, sugar, sea salt, ginger, cinnamon, clove, coriander, cardamom, pepper and vanilla bean all blended together for a spice, warm treat. The Mexican Hot Chocolate consists of cocoa, sugar, cinnamon and chili for a little kick. The Old Town Hot Chocolate is more of a traditional blend with cocoa, sugar, sea salt and vanilla. The shop also carries more than 100 teas, but the “Candy Cane” and “Gingerbread Latte” are excellent choices for cool winter days.

Choosing a Temecula Valley wine can be overwhelming, but two recommendations are sure to please guests this holiday winter season. Carter Estate Blanc de Blanc Brut is ideal for celebrating with its flavors of classic bright

green apple and a bit of pear from Carter Estate chardonnay grapes. Another choice is Chapin Family Vineyards’ 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon. This deep garnet wine has smooth flavors of blueberry, mocha, plums and vanilla.

Refuge Brewery is releasing their popular annual Sweet Baby Jesus beer. The name is a play on the movie “Talladega Nights.” The brew is a strong Double IPA with stone fruit/apricot and a dank. Other winter releases are Cranberry Cinnamon Sasion and Holiday Beermeister IPA.

Batch Mead is selling a Pie Mead series this season. They carry a set that can include four or five of these meads: Strawberry Rhubarb Pie, Boysenberry Pie, Cherry Pie, Apple Pie and Pumpkin Pie ranging from semi-sweet to sweet. Look for these new items on their website at <http://BatchMead.com>.

Galway Spirits offers whiskey, bourbon, gin and vodka. Their flavored vodkas come in blood orange, coffee, passion fruit, dragonfruit and mango.

All of these items can be ordered

online or taste them in-person before purchasing while enjoying the destination. Create your shopping getaway itinerary at <http://VisitTemeculaValley.com>. Temecula Valley is open and welcomes local visitors. The businesses have strict cleaning protocols to ensure everyone’s safety and comfort because they consider the health of their employees and guests top priority. They have met and often succeeded county and state requirements. Face masks are recommended.

Temecula Valley is a popular Southern California destination that includes Temecula Valley Wine Country, Old Town Temecula and Pechanga Resort Casino. In 2019, Wine Enthusiast named it a 10 Best Wine Travel Destination.

Visit Temecula Valley is the region’s official tourism marketing organization and resource for visitors. For visitor information and assistance, call 888-363-2852 or visit <http://VisitTemeculaValley.com>.

Submitted by Visit Temecula Valley.

Partnerships and long-term planning ensure highly reliable water for North County

SAN DIEGO – It may be hard to fathom, but Lindbergh Field in San Diego receives less annual rainfall in an average year than the desert city of Tucson, Arizona. So how is it possible that enough water flows every time San Diego County’s 3.3 million residents turn on the tap?

The answers have taken years to come to fruition: regional partnerships and long-term planning. By working together over several decades, the San Diego County Water Authority, Fallbrook Public Utility District, Rainbow Municipal Water District and 22 other retail water agencies across the county have made major investments on behalf of ratepayers. These projects and programs ensure a safe, reliable supply of water for customers countywide and support local urban and ag businesses.

One cornerstone of this collaboration is the development of the Urban Water Management Plan, which the Water Authority updates every five years in collaboration with its retail member agencies to ensure sufficient water during normal and dry years alike. This strategic plan forecasts water demands and supplies decades ahead to make sure San Diego County remains resilient to drought and other potential water supply shortages.

The importance of long-term planning for dry times was highlighted by a historic statewide drought in the early 1990s. That’s when San Diego County’s primary water supplier at the time, the Los Angeles-based Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, made severe cutbacks to our region. San Diego County residents were required to immediately reduce water use by 30%. Local family farmers were ordered to reduce water use by 90%.

Knowing that this would devastate North County’s thriving agriculture industry and the families that support it, the San Diego County Water Authority worked with its 24 member agencies to ensure farmers had enough water to continue operations and avoid the 90% cuts.

While longer-term supply reductions were avoided by the “Miracle March” rains of 1991, that crisis proved pivotal for San Diego County. The severe and sudden cutbacks imposed by MWD spurred local planning and investments to make sure that the region – from Fallbrook in the north to San Ysidro in the south – never again faced the same peril caused by relying primarily on imported water from one source.

And that’s where the Water Authority’s long-term planning comes into play. Previous versions of the Water Authority’s Urban Water Management Plan spurred investments in regional infrastructure projects that local water agencies rely on today to store and transport highly reliable supplies in wet and dry years and during emergencies.

These investments include development of the largest ocean desalination plant in the nation, the largest dam raise in the nation and the largest ag-urban water transfer in California history. And they’ve paid off, culminating in San Diego County having one of the most diverse and reliable water supplies in the country.

The result was that the Water Authority was ready when drought hit its region again between 2009-2011 and 2015-2016. The Water Authority had diversified its water supply and placed enough water in storage to minimize the impact of MWD’s significant imported water supply cuts and protect San Diego County customers.

As the Water Authority looks to the future, its current Urban Water Management Plan update will account for the growth of local water supply projects, such as Fallbrook’s Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project. These local projects are critical for the region’s long-term water sustainability. Added together, these local projects are expected to comprise about 8% of the county’s water supplies by 2045.

These local supply projects, coupled with regional investments by the Water Authority, highlight how San Diego County’s water future will be built upon partnerships and long-term planning.

At a time when the climate is increasingly unpredictable, local families and businesses can count on the Water Authority and its member agencies working collaboratively to deliver safe, reliable water each and every day, rain or shine. It’s just one more example of how San Diego County water agencies are working together, every step of the way, to make the region stronger together.

A draft of the Water Authority’s newest Urban Water Management Plan will be available for public review in early 2021. To read more about the plan and watch a brief video about the planning process, visit www.sdcwa.org/urban-water-management-plan-1.

Submitted by the San Diego County Water Authority.



Fallbrook Vineyard is part of Fallbrook’s agricultural businesses needing a steady supply of water. Village News/Courtesy photo



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Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018776
Name of Business
CALIBER COLLISION CENTERS
1381 South Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Caliber Bodyworks, Inc., 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 14, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018759
Name of Business
CALIBER COLLISION CENTERS
2500 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard Suite 100, Spring Valley, CA 91978
Mailing address: 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Caliber Bodyworks, Inc., 2941 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 14, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018160
Name of Business
INTEGRITY BUILDERS
3299 Integrity Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Perry Wayne Brown, 3299 Integrity Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 04, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018450
Name of Business
SAN DIEGO CASH HOME BUYERS
450 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101
Mailing address: 9526 Highmeadow Dr, Houston, TX 77063
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Raymond Douglas Campbell, 9526 Highmeadow Dr, Houston, TX 77063
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/22/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 07, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018142
Name of Business
SEACOAST SUPPLIES
1422 Seacoast Dr, Imperial Beach, CA 91932
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Candice Kassab, 1422 Seacoast Dr, Imperial Beach, CA 91932
This business is conducted by an Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9019372
Name of Business
ADVANCED DIABETES SUPPLY
2544 Campbell Place Suite 150, Carlsbad, CA 92009
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: North Coast Medical Supply, 2544 Campbell Place Suite 150, Carlsbad, CA 92009
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 08/03/02
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 21, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018131
Name of Business
FAIRBROOK FARM
4949 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Julie Taylor Zumstein, 4949 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/10/83
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 03, 2020
LEGAL: 5349
PUBLISHED: December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9017919
Name of Business
TAYLOR PROPERTIES
3740 Aliso Ct, Bonita, CA 91902
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Katrina F. Farrar, 3740 Aliso Ct, Bonita, CA 91902
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/13/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 31, 2020
LEGAL: 5350
PUBLISHED: December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

Abandoned Fic. Biz Name

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

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

THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 21, 2020
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Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018186
Name of Business
a. ADOBE HILL WINERY
b. ADOBE HILL
40740 Via Ranchitos, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Adobe Hill Ltd, 3563 Canonita Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 04, 2020
LEGAL: 5336
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9017636
Name of Business
VILLAGE DENTAL CENTER
8895 Lawrence Welk Drive, Escondido, CA 92026
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Kendell H. Ricks, 1555 Dentro De Lomas, Bon-sall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 05/01/1999
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 28, 2020
LEGAL: 5337
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018122
Name of Business
HERITAGE RESOURCES
6685 North Elk Run Road, Hackberry, AZ 86411
County: Mohave
This business is registered by the following: Sue Anne Wade, 6685 North Elk Run Road, Hackberry, AZ 86411
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 01/01/93
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 02, 2020
LEGAL: 5338
PUBLISHED: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018415
Name of Business
ALLEN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING
1144 Belair Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Julie Marie Allen, 1144 Belair Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/15/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 07, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9019028
Name of Business
PIRANHIA THREAD & APPAREL
5075 Narragansett Ave. #211, San Diego, CA 92107
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Thomas Peter Piranio, 5075 Narragansett Ave. #211, San Diego, CA 92107
This business is conducted by an Individual
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 14, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018745
Name of Business
DEAN PRESS CONSTRUCTION
330 N. Main Ave., Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: PO Box 1355, Fallbrook, CA 92088
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Julie Press Realty Inc, 330 N. Main Ave., Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 8/19/20
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 14, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018742
Name of Business
STEALTH INVESTIGATIVE SOLUTIONS
5050 Marlborough Dr, San Diego, CA 92116
Mailing address: PO Box 177016, San Diego, CA 92177
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Kellen Amensen, 5050 Marlborough Dr, San Diego, CA 92116
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 04/18/2008
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 14, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9018759
Name of Business
DIGNITY DELIVERY INC
5050 Marlborough Dr, San Diego, CA 92116
Mailing address: PO Box 177016, San Diego, CA 92177
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following: Kellen Amensen, 5050 Marlborough Dr, San Diego, CA 92116
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of California
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 10/25/2013
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Nov 14, 2020
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PUBLISHED: December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

Abandoned Property

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21701-21715 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the commercial code, Section 535 of the Penal Code, **BRANDON STREET MINI STORAGE, 307 N. BRANDON RD, Fallbrook, Ca 92028, 760.723.0570**, will sell by competitive bidding on or after Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 9:30 am. The auction is to be held at above address. Property stored and to be sold can be, but not limited to: miscellaneous household goods, furniture, major appliances, personal items and clothing, possible collectables/antiques, miscellaneous, etc. belonging to the following:

Tenant Name
Lilly Glass
Melissa Shearer
Cassandra Peters
Chris Van Zandt
Published: December 3 & 10, 2020

Petition to Administer Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
CYNTHIA L. MATTECHECK
CASE NO. 37-2020-00039755-PR-PL-CTL
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
CYNTHIA L. MATTECHECK
A Petition for Probate has been filed by **PAUL G. MATTECHECK** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO
The Petition for Probate requests that **PAUL G. MATTECHECK** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 01/20/2021 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept. 502
Address of court: 1100 Union St, San Diego, CA 92101

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner: John W. Crawford, Esq., Law Offices of John W. Crawford, APC, 205 West Alvarado Street, Suite 3, Fallbrook, California 92028, 760-728-5799

Legal: 5340
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Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2020-00041369-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
LIDIA BALTAZAR MARTINEZ, in behalf of KENNEDY BALTAZAR MARTINEZ
Present Name:
KENNEDY BALTAZAR MARTINEZ
Proposed Name:
KENNEDY ANGELES BALTAZAR
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.*

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 12/29/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 23
The address of the court is 325 So. Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081, North County Regional Branch

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
Other parent must be served.
*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a substantial risk to the health and welfare of court personnel and the public, rendering presence in, or access to, the court's facilities unsafe, and pursuant to the emergency orders of the Chief Justice of the State of California and General Orders of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior court, the following Order is made:
NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.
The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120).
If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.
If all requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions.
If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.
A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.
Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: 12 NOV 2020 Signed: Sim von Kalinowski, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 5351
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LEGALS

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
PRELIMINARY AGENDAS FOR SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS
FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP will meet online using Zoom,
7 PM, Monday, 21 December 2020
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3615307770?pwd=QWtpaTBzSnhRNEhMm9rcU9BL0lqZz09>

Meeting ID: 361 530 7770
Passcode: 9Ct1wX
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 361 530 7770
Passcode: 660510
Jack Wood, Chair 760-715-3359

Land Use Committee will meet Tuesday, 15 December 2020 10 AM using the online meeting service, Zoom.

Topic: Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3615307770?pwd=QWtpaTBzSnhRNEhMm9rcU9BL0lqZz09>
Meeting ID: 361 530 7770
Passcode: 9Ct1wX
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Meeting ID: 361 530 7770
Passcode: 660510

1. Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Land Use Committee on any subject matter within the committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. **Three-minute limitation. Non-voting item. No discussion.**
2. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting.
3. Review of new County ordinances prohibiting certain activities including living and storage in drainage and flood control channels and other county maintained facilities; fire prevention issues; activities that may either interfere with the function of that property or threaten safety on that property. County planner **Lauren Moreno** at sdcounty.ca.gov. **Land Use Committee. Community Input. Voting item (11/30)**
4. On February 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved implementation of 14 options to streamline the discretionary review process, grouped into seven categories, to reduce the time and cost of discretionary permit processing and further the goal of providing affordable housing in the County. Three of the 14 options, CEQA Submittal Requirements, Final Engineering Flexibility, and Expanding Exemption Checklists require ordinance revisions that the County seeks committee feedback on. The County is reaching out for Planning & Development Services (PDS) staff to present information regarding these efforts at our December meetings:

- a. **CEQA Submittal Requirements** – The CEQA streamlining opportunities during discretionary review include an option for a schematic design, or early phase of project design, for both storm water and flood. Essentially, final-design detail would not be required until the site design or grading stages. Staff is currently working on this effort by updating the Guidelines for Determining Significance for Hydrology and Water Quality and is expected to be circulated for public disclosure in December 2020.
- b. **Final Engineering Flexibility** – Discretionary permits require a subsequent discretionary permitting process when changes are made to the project. Through this effort, we aim to provide increased flexibility to modify projects when changes are required to comply with changes in Federal and State requirements. As part of this effort, staff has proposed changes to the County Zoning, Subdivision and Grading Ordinances.
- c. **Expanding Exemption Checklists** – This effort includes increasing the use and availability of Site Plan waivers and checklist exemptions, shifting certain discretionary permits to ministerial processes, and creating a checklist process for Time Extensions of Tentative Parcel Maps and Tentative Maps. County Planner Ashley Smith, ashley.smith@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-495-5375. **Land Use and Design Review committees. Community input. Non-voting item. (12/1)**
Eileen Delaney, Chair 760-518-8888

Circulation Committee will meet Tuesday, 15 December 2020 at 2 PM using Zoom, the online meeting service.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3615307770?pwd=QWtpaTBzSnhRNEhMm9rcU9BL0lqZz09>
Meeting ID: 361 530 7770
Passcode: 9Ct1wX
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 361 530 7770
Passcode: 660510

1. Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Circulation Committee on any subject matter within the committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. **Three-minute limitation. Non-voting item. No discussion.**
2. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting.
3. PDS2019-AD-19-030 Administrative Permit for one gate on Sandia Creek Drive just north of Sandia Creek and Rock Mountain Road. The subject segment of Sandia Creek Drive (approximately 2.2 miles) would limit access to the privately maintained road to residents only. Currently, the road serves local rural residences and business. It is also as an alternate route to Interstate 15 (I-15) by commuters between Riverside and northern San Diego counties. A section of the road is privately maintained, and area residents have requested it be gated to limit that segment to local residential traffic only. On-going maintenance issues, speeding and collisions are listed among the issues the proposed gate project is intended to address. The gate would control vehicular access in both northbound/southbound directions and emergency access would be maintained. For non-residents, vehicle turnarounds would be provided in both directions. A southbound turnaround area would be constructed, and a northbound turnaround would be accommodated via the Rock Mountain Road intersection. The gate would utilize an access system for local residents only. **Circulation Committee. Community input. Voting item. (11/24)**
4. Request for a letter from the Fallbrook Community Planning Group and drafted by the Circulation Committee addressed to the County via Supervisor Desmond and DPW asking for a feasibility study for a proposed pathway or trail along Stage Coach Lane between South Mission and Reche roads, with prioritized segments in order of importance. This request arose from a recent community meeting with Supervisor Desmond's Fallbrook Revitalization Committee, DPW, DPR, community members and other community organizations. **Circulation Committee. Community input. Voting item. (11/30)**
Roy Moosa, Chair 760-723-1181

Design Review Committee will meet Wednesday, 16 December 2020 9:30 AM using Zoom, the online meeting service.

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Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Design Review Committee on any subject matter within the committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. **Three-minute limitation. Non-voting item. No discussion.**

1. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting.
2. On February 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved implementation of 14 options to streamline the discretionary review process, grouped into seven categories, to reduce the time and cost of discretionary permit processing and further the goal of providing affordable housing in the County. Three of the 14 options, CEQA Submittal Requirements, Final Engineering Flexibility, and Expanding Exemption Checklists require ordinance revisions that the County seeks committee feedback on. The County is reaching out for Planning & Development Services (PDS) staff to present information regarding these efforts at our December meetings:
3. PDS2020-RESALT-008765. Request for exemption from a site plan permit processing requirements for B special area regulation pertaining to a garage addition at 521 De Luz Road (APN 103-117-03-00). The new attached garage will be on a multi-family parcel. Applicant Dana Adler. danafadler@gmail.com, 760-522-1256. County planner A. J. Morales, a.j.morales@adcounty.ca.gov, 858-694-3036. **Design Review. Community input. Voting item (11/9)**
4. PDS 2020-STP-20-026. Request for a discretionary permit to refurbish the former McDonalds restaurant at 1050 S. Main Ave. (APN 104-341-30-00) into a bi-level (main floor and basement) commercial building linked by ownership and use to the laundromat under construction. There will be a total of 1638 square feet of additions to the existing structure. The existing drive-through will be converted to interior space along with a 1047-square-foot addition. The existing patio will also be converted to interior space. The owner is Ross Rose, vaughnrents@gmani.com, 760-735-2495; applicant is Daniel Mannix, AIA, dan@mannix-arch.com, 619-588-7730. County Planner is John Leavitt, john.leavitt@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-495-5448. **Design Review. Community input. Voting item. (11/24)**
5. Review of projected designs for a 1392-square-foot combination office/residence at the corner of Pico and Fig streets. The current 8750-square-foot lot is vacant. The part-time residence will be 410 square feet. Applicant is looking for preliminary Design Review input before submitting plans to the County. Applicant is Dr. Mark Watkins, hypericx1@gmail.com, 760-347-9754. Design Review. **Community Input. Non-voting item. (11/5)**
6. Workshop on Design Guidelines update. Preliminary discussion of thoughts and ideas. **Community input. Non-voting item.**
Eileen Delaney, Chair 760-518-8888

Parks and Recreation Committee will not meet Wednesday, 16 December 2020 at 12:30 PM. Jim Loge, Chair, 760-712-2773

Public Facilities Committee will not meet Wednesday, 16 December 2020 at 2:30 PM. Roy Moosa, Chair 760-723-1181

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Bonsall man finds joy in his flock of white pigeons



Michael Castaneda watches his homing pigeons as he feeds them early one morning in his backyard. Village News/Shane Gibson photos



The homing pigeons stick together as they fly from Michael Castaneda's roof to their feeding location in his backyard.



Bonsall resident Michael Castaneda tends to his homing pigeons early in the morning before releasing them for the day.



Michael Castaneda opens a special gate on the front of his aviary and his homing pigeons shoot out from the cage.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

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

He raises his 40 or so birds for the sheer joy of it.

"They are a joy to watch," he said. "They give you calm feelings. My neighbors are always stopping me when I'm out in front. They tell me how beautiful and how much they enjoy coming home in the evening after work, you know, fighting with the public and doing whatever they do at work. And my birds are usually roaming around the house. They enjoy watching and they just bring a lot of joy to the earth when there's so much garbage out there."

First, there's one thing to clear up. While white pigeons are often

called doves, they are in fact, pigeons.

"They're tougher, they're a little bit larger than a dove and they fly much farther," Castaneda said. "They have this GPS system in their brain that leads them back home. Mine are called homers because they always come back to the same nest.

"If you ask the breeders that do this for a living, they call them doves for a couple of reasons: they are in the dove family, but they're a little bit different bird. And they don't want to say that the symbol of love and peace and joy is the pigeon. So, we call them doves. But, technically speaking, they're pigeons and I breed only the white ones."

He began raising the birds after a friend of his gave him a male and female when he lived in San Marcos.

"I enjoyed it quite a bit because

I interacted with the babies and I hand feed them; they're all hand-fed," Castaneda said. "They started growing in number and I moved from San Marcos to Bonsall about five years ago. We did some improvements to the backyard, I built a large aviary for them, because I had about 15 at that time. When I came to Bonsall, it was the ideal place. It was in the county without so many restrictions and the neighbors loved them."

While Castaneda realizes that his birds could become racers or show birds, he chooses to keep it simple.

"Mine, I wanted them to be free," he said. "Every day they fly and of course they're subject to all the predators and other problems that are out there. They have a rough life, really. I raise the doors, at first they fly and then they come back because they are going to eat. I feed them first thing in the morning. They fly for 10 or 15 minutes, they come back and then I feed them, and they just eat seeds.

"They're not scavengers, I want to quell a couple of myths that people have, that they smell bad and they attack other animals. They don't kill other animals. They don't eat bugs, spiders and all that. These are strictly seed eaters and their poop is not that bad either. It just cleans up with water real quick."

Castaneda said they are beautiful flyers.

"They're very delicate and they're very majestic in flight," he said. "Every part of them is created so beautifully. They all have personalities. As they grow, and like I said, I hand feed every one of them as babies. So, they begin to develop their own personality and some of them were grouchy and some of them were kind and thoughtful."

Castaneda said that since he feeds them all by hand when they are young, he knows each of them well. Once they get a little older, they don't want to interact with him as much.

"Once in a while, I'll get one that stays with me, you know, I can just put my hand down and call them and they'll come to my hand and that's kind of rare," he said. "But if it's feeding time, they all come around me. But there's a couple of special ones that just like to eat out of my hand. I had one



After Michael Castaneda releases his homing pigeons, the birds don't immediately fly-off for the day. His birds wait on his roof for him to begin feeding them before the flock leaves for the day.



Michael Castaneda simply sprinkles bird food on the ground in his backyard and his birds fill up before leaving for the day.

that would not eat from the feeding tray. He would only come to my hand, so it was unusual."

Castaneda said he keeps tabs on the local red tailed and Cooper hawks and falcons in the area, but he doesn't worry too much about them. He knows that is part of the cycle of life of a pigeon.

"That's kind of how I keep the numbers at bay," he said. "A hawk will come and take one every couple months or so.

"There's a falcon around and he's a real smart guy. He's agile and fast and he'll come up over the fence and spook them on purpose and they'll fly and he'll catch the last one in the bunch."

While he doesn't raise the birds as a business, Castaneda said he does favors from time to time like a neighbor who requested he fly his birds at the neighbor's brother's funeral.

No matter what, they always

come home.

"I've taken them to Julian and Ramona and the other day I went to my brother's house in Mission Gorge and just to have a little talk and release them," Castaneda said. "Usually they beat me home. My brothers took the two that night and the next morning they came home.

"They have this instinct, whatever it is inside their brain. There's been a lot of scientists who have tried to determine exactly what it is that the birds have that takes them home and most of them say it's the magnetic field around the earth. They've done a lot of experiments, but it usually comes back to we really don't know.

"It is quite an amazing thing that they have that they can come back to their home."

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Michael Castaneda holds one of his white pigeons inside his jacket before an early morning release of the homing pigeons.

HEALTH

Boost your spirits through the holidays and beyond

Family Features
Special to Village News

Stress and anxiety are all too familiar to many Americans, this year especially, and the added pressure of the holiday season may provide a new set of challenges. Practicing self-care and nurturing your mental health can help you navigate these potentially isolating times, especially if you're tackling this season single.

With so many other demands in life, taking care of yourself, including your emotional and mental well-being, may not always be at the top of your list. Putting more emphasis on yourself and your needs, however, can be achieved in small, measurable ways and may not only help boost your spirits but can affect your approach to dating, too.

"We believe happy and healthy relationships start with happy and healthy individuals," Stefan Harvalias, head of global marketing for Plenty of Fish, one of the largest global online dating companies.

Harvalias pointed out there are a number of ways you can alleviate stress and anxiety. While there's no one magic formula that fits all, many people find coping easier with activities like these.

Listen to music. Numerous studies have demonstrated the benefits of music in managing mental health. Slow, mellow music can help the mind shift into a lower gear and has even been shown to influence the body's physical state such as reducing blood pressure, pulse and heart rates. For someone with anxiety, music can be a welcome distraction from the troublesome thoughts occupying the mind. For others, music is simply a way to escape from reality and focus on something enjoyable.

Talk with friends and family.

Although COVID-19 may be creating physical distance, there's one way it can bring people together: by acknowledging your shared stress to one another. While the impacts of the pandemic vary greatly, everyone has been navigating uncertainty and change that comes with such a widespread event. A weekly check-in call or video chat with friends and family members can help you feel less alone with your feelings and experiences. Topics like mental health and mindfulness have risen to the surface of everyday discussions, removing a lot of the stigma they once had.

Seek out tools to help you unwind. If you've never given much thought to managing your mental health, you may not know where to begin practicing better self-care, and that's OK. That's where you can benefit from resources like those available through Plenty of Fish. Knowing the toll the pandemic is taking on singles, the dating app partnered with Shine, a leading self-care app, to create two free dating-related meditations developed to help singles better manage anxiety and improve mental health and wellness.

Navigating dating, work and your personal life can feel like an intense juggling act. To help find balance and feel less pressure, consider listening to the "Balance Dating While Busy" guided meditation and reflect on your energy and priorities so you can make space for dating in your life.

Although dating may look and feel different right now, it's still doable. Shift your mindset and reflect on ways to adapt with an option like the "Navigate Dating During COVID" guided meditation.

Recognize the role of physical wellness. The mind and body are intrinsically connected, and how



Slow, mellow music can help the mind shift into a lower gear and has even been shown to influence the body's physical state such as reducing blood pressure, pulse and heart rates. Village News/Courtesy photo

you take care of your body can have an impact on your mental state. It includes eating well to ensure you're getting proper nutrition, which can positively impact your mood. Additionally, exercise releases feel-good hormones, so a quick walk around the block or a 10-minute exercise video can benefit you both physically and mentally.

Give yourself permission to disconnect. When life feels uncertain, being closely tied to an information source like your smartphone can give you a sense of security, but it can also add to your everyday stress. If you're working from home, you may find you never fully shift out of work mode; however, it's easy to become addicted to refreshing your newsfeed, allowing your devices to cut into time you could spend

more productively. Limit your screen time to force yourself to focus on the present and activities that bring you pleasure while allowing your brain to rest, like spending time with loved ones or enjoying a good book or movie.

Keep COVID-19 from crushing your dating game.

As if single life and dating didn't bring enough uncertainty on their own, a global health crisis has only heightened the anxiety many singles feel. Dating pressures and anxiety tied to COVID-19 were the subjects of a study by Plenty of Fish, which showed just how challenging dating has been for singles this year.

According to the survey of singles, 60% have experienced feelings of anxiety before going on a date; 29% have canceled a date due to anxiety and 44%

are anxious about their date not wearing a mask.

When it comes to the benefits of self-care, a majority of surveyed singles found 66% practice self-care regularly; 87% said self-care activities reduce stress; 78% said they feel less stressed after a self-care routine; 50% meditate and alone time, exercise and pampering were listed as the top self-care activities.

"Prioritizing your mental health matters more than ever," Harvalias said. "Self-care and wellness mean something different to everyone – all that matters is that you find an outlet to disconnect and do what makes you happy."

Find more resources to support your mental health and dating experiences this holiday season at <http://blog.pof.com>.

Tips to help manage holiday stress during COVID-19

Ann Marie O'Brien, R.N.
Special to Village News

Feeling stressed? You're not alone. Stress levels are rising due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the numerous disruptions in our daily lives.

The American Psychological Association recently reported

that "we are facing a national mental health crisis that could yield serious health and social consequences for years to come." And it's not just adults who are feeling it. The report reveals that our children are "facing unprecedented uncertainty, are experiencing elevated stress, and are already reporting symptoms

of depression."

Although a modest amount of stress is normal, high levels of stress can be dangerous to your health and may contribute to serious health problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, anxiety and depression. Therefore, make sure to keep a close eye on your well-being and the well-being of your loved ones during the holidays.

It's true, there is no magic bullet to make stress disappear forever, but we can take action to help reduce stress. Here is a list of tips that may reduce your stress and lead to a more enjoyable holiday season.

Learn to recognize your holiday stress triggers and relievers. Financial pressures and personal demands are two common triggers. Also, beware of unhealthy stress relievers. Holiday stress may cause some people to fall into bad habits such as smoking, drinking or eating too much.

Give yourself a break. While

doing things for others, it's easy to forget to take care of ourselves. If you feel stress building up, take a break for a few minutes. Listening to calming music, taking time to watch a movie, or just getting away to take a brief walk can give you time to unwind and recharge.

Make time for your health. In the holiday rush, don't let your well-being fall by the wayside. Try to stay on your normal sleep schedule, incorporate healthy foods and get regular exercise. If you can't find a 30-minute chunk of time for exercise, break it up into three 10-minute sessions spread throughout the day.

Check your health plan benefits. Some insurers, such as UnitedHealthcare, offer behavioral health care programs that can range from caring for your mental health to treatment for substance abuse, with a goal of helping improve your overall well-being. For example, Sanvello® offers clinically validated techniques and tools to reduce stress, anxiety and

depression within a single app. Sanvello is free to download from the app stores and you can do an instant eligibility check in the app.

Enjoy, even if it's virtually. In the flurry of holiday activities, we sometimes forget what we're celebrating, so remember to savor the time with people you love. If you or others you know are unable to meet in person, use a phone or set up a Zoom call to celebrate and spend time together. It's important to minimize any feelings of isolation.

Talk to your doctor. If it feels like you're not able to get a handle on your stress, talk to your doctor. She or he may recommend a counselor who could help you find other ways to help reduce or manage the unhealthy stress in your life.

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Pala Casino offers free COVID testing for the public

PALA – Pala Casino Spa Resort announced free COVID-19 and antibody testing onsite at a separate testing facility located adjacent to the Pala RV Resort. Offering quick and convenient testing to the general public is part of Pala's commitment to playing it safe.

All tests will be conducted at the drive-up testing location adjacent to the Pala RV Resort. The drive-up testing facility has been administering tests for Pala Team Members for weeks. The capacity has now expanded to make these services available to everyone.

Testing will be conducted by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 760-292-6111. Normal operating hours

are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., subject to change. Both tests are being offered free of charge, and there is no limit as to how many times a person can be tested. Results are available within 72 hours, and can be accessed via <https://yourgotolab.com>. All information is confidential.

"Pala Casino Spa Resort is committed to 'Playing it Safe' and we are happy to provide these services free of charge to our team members and now the general public," said Fred Buro general manager. "These are just part of the precautions and safety measures we have designed and implement regularly to do our part in limiting the spread of COVID-19."

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 are asked to wear facial coverings and practice safe social distancing throughout the property. All guests 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.palacasinocom/>.

Submitted by Pala Casino Spa Resort.

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Avoid foggy eyeglasses

FALLBROOK – Billions of people across the globe need glasses to drive a car, read a book, watch television and perform a host of other tasks of daily life.

Although glasses are highly effective, people who wear them understand they may have to make a few concessions while doing so. Unlike contact lenses, which sit directly on the eye, glasses rest on the bridge of the nose. They may slightly impede peripheral vision or slip down if not properly fitted.

Those accustomed to wearing glasses in the cold weather understand fogging of the lenses is a nuisance they may be forced to confront. That nuisance became even more profound when masks became a must-have accessory to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Glasses may fog due to the formation of condensation on the lens surface, which happens when moving from a cold outdoor environment into a warm indoor one. It is a problem that has affected eyeglass wearers for some time, including health professionals who often wear masks.

The issue has become even more widely known due to the sheer number of people who have been wearing face masks as a public health safety measure.

So how does one counteract the condensation and fogging that occurs from both winter weather and increased mask usage? There are a few different methods, but eyeglass wearers should always consult with an optometrist to verify the safety and efficacy of any method before trying it.

Uses p y a e r
A 2011 study published in the Annals of The Royal College of Surgeons of England found that washing eyeglasses in soapy water and shaking off the excess can help reduce fogginess. Afterward, let the spectacles air dry before putting them back on. The soapy water leaves behind a thin surfactant film that reduces surface tension and causes the water molecules to spread out evenly into a transparent layer. This film can help prevent fogging.

Use a m m e r c i a l p r o d u c t
Antifogging products are widely used to prevent fogging of scuba masks or ski goggles.

Get a mask that fits tightly
Make sure the mask fits securely over the nose advised The Cleveland Clinic. Also, a mask with a nose bridge will help keep warm exhaled breath from exiting up to the glasses. Use your glasses to help seal the mask on your face by pulling the mask up higher on the nose.

Blo k b r e a h w i t h a i s s u e
The AARP suggested placing a folded tissue between your mouth and the mask. The tissue will absorb the warm, moist air, preventing it from rising up to reach the glasses.

Adjust the fit of glasses
Choosing glasses that sit further away from the face can improve air circulation and reduce the formation of condensation.

C n s i d e r b e r p t i n s
If these tricks seem like a lot of work, you also can speak to an eye doctor about contact lenses or eye surgery.



How does one counteract the condensation and fogging that occurs from both winter weather and increased mask usage? There are a few different methods. Village News/Courtesy photo

Albertsons Fallbrook hosts blood drive with San Diego Blood Bank

FALLBROOK – Albertsons is hosting a community blood drive in partnership with the San Diego Blood Bank, Monday, Dec. 21, from 1-6 p.m. The blood drive will take place at 1133 S. Mission Road, in the parking lot. There will be antibody testing of each donation, but this is not a diagnostic test, it will not detect active COVID-19 infections or recent exposure.

Anyone 17 and older, who weighs at least 114 pounds and is in good health may be eligible to donate blood. A good meal and plenty of fluids are recommended prior to donation. Appointment and photo identification required. Call 800-469-7322 or visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org for more information. For all COVID-19 blood donation restrictions related to symptoms and exposure, visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org/COVID19.

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BUSINESS

Doud appointed to Rainbow CPG

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

When Greg Doud and his wife were looking for a smaller and quieter community than where they were living in Poway, they purchased property in Rainbow and moved there in 2018 after their house was completed.

Doud does not desire to see the same growth in Rainbow he experienced in Poway and, on Nov. 17, he was appointed to the Rainbow Community Planning Group.

A 5-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote appointed Doud to a term which will begin Jan. 5, 2021 and will expire on Jan. 6, 2025.

“I think it’s a great opportunity. I believe in people having some civic responsibility in the community where they live,” Doud said. “I feel like I need to be an active participant in the community.”

Doud is originally from Aurora, Illinois, which is about 50 miles from Chicago. “I came from a rural setting,” he said. “It used to be all just cornfields.”

He moved to California in 1983 after graduating from DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago. “Our friends had moved out here in the 70s,” Doud said.

Doud initially lived in West

Covina and worked for General Dynamics in Pomona. When that division of General Dynamics relocated in the late 1980s, Doud moved to Rancho Cucamonga.

General Dynamics divestitures gave Doud employment at Raytheon. He was in Tucson for 3 1/2 years before returning to California in 1996. He obtained a position at Qualcomm and moved to Poway.

A work trip in 1984 provided Doud with his initial visit to Poway. “I can remember how rural an area it used to be,” he said.

By 2012, Poway no longer had the rural character Doud and his wife desired. “We were looking to get out of Poway,” he said.

“We wanted to stay in California and we liked San Diego County,” Doud said. “We found this property and fell in love with it.”

Doud’s wife was raised on a farm in Guyana, so she also desired a more rural setting than 2010s Poway. Doud semi-retired from Qualcomm in 2018. “I’m still consulting for them,” he said.

Not having to make the daily commute from Poway to Rainbow allowed Doud and his wife to move into the house they had built. “I’m relatively a newcomer in the area,” he said.

Gary Drake became one of Doud’s neighbors after Doud and

his wife purchased the property in Rainbow. Drake was the chair of the Rainbow Community Planning Group from 2013 to early 2018, and Doud attended some of the planning group meetings prior to becoming an actual Rainbow resident. “I got introduced into the group,” Doud said.

Interaction with neighbors is one of the differences between Poway and Rainbow. “We lived in Poway for 22 years and barely got to know a couple of neighbors,” Doud said.

“Here we get together,” Doud said. “It’s a whole different environment.”

That is an environment Doud would like to maintain. “I’m hoping that I can have some help in preserving that,” he said. “We might be able to preserve what Rainbow is today and not let it get out of control.”

Doud recognizes that growth is inevitable. “It’s not a matter of if, it’s a matter of when growth will happen,” he said.

Growth would need to avoid large developments to maintain community character. “That would just destroy the whole atmosphere of Rainbow,” Doud said.

“You have to keep active in the community,” Doud said. “If we don’t, they’ll just railroad this community to what they want to be.”



Greg Doud is seen with his dogs, Oliver and Leo, at his home in Rainbow.

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Bonsall Sponsor Group to change officers

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

All three of the current Bonsall Sponsor Group officers will be replaced when the sponsor group next meets.

Steve Norris will take over the role of chair from Margarette Schoendienst, who was Margarette Morgan when she joined the sponsor group in 1998 and became chair in 1999.

Larissa Anderson will replace Chuck Davis as the Bonsall Sponsor Group vice-chair. Dawn Apsley will be the new sponsor group secretary, although she will be unable to attend a mandatory training session prior to the sponsor group's Jan. 5 meeting, so current secretary Richard Hatano will be the acting secretary for that meeting and Apsley will take over as secretary as of the Feb. 2 meeting.

The new officers were approved on a 7-0 vote during the sponsor group's Dec. 1 meeting. Schoendienst and Davis did not seek reappointment for their terms which expire Jan. 5.

The Nov. 10 Bonsall Sponsor Group meeting included a recommendation to have Apsley fill one of the vacancies, and a 5-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote Nov. 17 reappointed Norris to a new four-year term and appointed Apsley to a four-year term beginning Jan. 5 and expiring on Jan. 6, 2025.

Davis was the chair in 1998 when Morgan joined the sponsor group. "I dawdled. I waited a year," Schoendienst said of taking over as chair.

Davis became the vice-chair when Morgan became the chair. "I asked him to sit in as vice-chair and help me for at least the first couple of years. He was gracious enough to do that," Schoendienst said.

The 32-year tenure of Davis on the sponsor group thus included 22 years as vice-chair.

"He has done a fabulous job," Schoendienst said. "He has served the community well and for a very long period of time."

Morgan moved to Bonsall from the Shadowridge area of Vista in

the late 1990s. “As soon as I moved into the neighborhood I became friends with Chuck and Elaine, his wife,” Schoendienst said.

Davis was trying to form a homeowners' association. "Nobody else wanted to chair it and I became chair of that," Schoendienst said.

Morgan would chair an informal homeowners' association, as the residents soon learned that they didn't qualify as a homeowners' association under Internal Revenue Service rules.

When Schoendienst lived in Vista mayor Gloria McClellan appointed her as the chair of the city's Environmental Quality Commission and as the City of Vista representative to a joint powers agency for the Buena Vista Lagoon which had representatives from Carlsbad and Oceanside as well as Vista. Morgan also participated in the update of Vista's general plan.

"I had already been doing all of the same types of community involvement," Schoendienst said. "It was really quite easy to walk into it."

Schoendienst and Davis live in the Elevado area. When Morgan joined the sponsor group the seven members represented five different areas and no more than two sponsor group members from one area were allowed. "Last year we decided to change it from areas to at-large and found that to be more effective because, being a small community, it's very difficult to get volunteers from a specific area," Schoendienst said. "With Chuck and I off there isn't anybody from this area."

Elevado has a Vista 92084 ZIP code. The Bonsall community planning area has five different ZIP codes: Bonsall's 92003 and portions of Escondido's 92026, Fallbrook's 92028, Oceanside's 92057, and Vista's 92084. "That was one of the biggest issues that I saw coming in. It was a lack of community identity," Schoendienst said.

The Bonsall Community Planning Area extends east of Interstate 15. "When you put it on a map it's a very odd diagram," Schoendienst said. "Part of Lawrence Welk is actually in

Bonsall.”

Davis and Schoendienst made their decisions to retire independently. "Chuck's been talking for the last couple of years," Schoendienst said. "When this came up as far as being a reappointment he was ready for it."

Davis is now 76. "I knew it was time for new leadership to step in. I had had a long run," Schoendienst said.

"It was time for somebody else to step in," Schoendienst said. "After you've been chair for over 20 years it's time to move on."

Three new officers were found to replace Schoendienst, Davis, and Hatano (who will remain on the sponsor group). "It was really nice," Schoendienst said.

Schoendienst telephoned each sponsor group member separately to inform them about her planned retirement and query if they were interested in serving as a sponsor group officer. "I feel very capable leaving it in their hands," she said.

Norris has been on the sponsor group for more than 20 years. "I think it's wonderful. He has a wonderful amount of history, which I think is really important," Schoendienst said.

Anderson agreed to replace Davis. "She's a real go-getter and very, very smart," Schoendienst said.

When Apsley agreed to join the sponsor group, she also agreed to take on the role of secretary. "I feel very, very good that she's going to be available for the group," Schoendienst said.

Morgan and Davis spent 13 years working on the update of the county's general plan, which was approved in 2011. "There were a lot of things that we wanted that didn't get in," Schoendienst said.

After Morgan proposed a river park to County Supervisor Bill Horn, who retired at the end of 2018, Horn agreed that the San Luis Rey River Park was a project worth advocating. "I feel really, really good about it," Schoendienst said.

"It was just a real pleasure serving the community," Schoendienst said. "I learned a lot, met some interesting people."

Food pantry benefits from food drive



Fallbrook Food Pantry Board President Dale Mitchell, right, receives donations from Regency Community Relations Director Michelle Way after a food drive Nov. 17-19. The community donated 218 pounds of food and \$80 in checks. The Yogurt Palace donated a free yogurt to the first 50 contributors.

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EDUCATION

Dacy Denton given 1963 Fairlane for her 16th birthday



Dacy Denton is restoring this 1963 Ford Fairlane with her father who gave it to her for her 16th birthday.

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Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Dacy Denton turned 16 on Nov. 5 and was given a 1963 Ford Fairlane 500 as a present.

Denton is helping to restore the car with her father, Scott Denton, who gave her the Fairlane. “I thought I would give me and her an opportunity to work together on it and spend a little quality time together,” he said. “She’s spent quite a few hours.”

Scott Denton obtained the Fairlane from a friend in Fallbrook. “I went to go visit him and I saw it on his property,” he said.

“It belonged to his cousin,” Scott said. The cousin was willing to part with the Fairlane. “He lost interest in it,” Scott said. “I jumped on it.”

That gave Dacy a car built more than 40 years before she was born. “She was a little surprised at first, but once she saw it she started coming up with ideas of what we could do,” her father said.

Dacy has an 18-year-old sister. Dara Denton was given a 2012 Hyundai Elantra GT for her 16th birthday, which meant that she could drive herself to school instead of having her parents drive her. “That allowed us to get to work on time,” Scott said.

Scott and Debi Denton also no longer had to drive their younger daughter. “Dara was driving Dacy since they were both going to the same school,” Scott said.

Dara is now a senior at Fallbrook High School. Dacy is currently a

sophomore.

Dacy didn’t feel slighted that her car isn’t as modern as her sister’s. “She understands that it’s not a newer car,” Scott said.

The work on the car is also a positive for Dacy. “I think she appreciates learning,” Scott said.

The Fairlane has a three-speed manual transmission. “I needed to teach her how to drive a column shift,” Scott said. “She’s into it now.”

Dacy will thus learn how to drive using a stick shift. “That will be her newest adventure,” Scott said.

The Fairlane does not have power steering or power brakes. “That all could be added at some point,” Scott said.

Dacy’s car also has no formal air conditioning. The Fairlane has vent windows, and Scott and Dacy opened the vent windows while driving the vehicle. “She was kind of amazed by that, how much air went into the car,” Scott said.

Other amenities which weren’t included with the car can be installed. Scott and Dacy plan to install a stereo. “It never even had a radio. It’s got a plate where it would have been,” Scott said.

An AM-only radio is also a possibility. “We may be able to find an original radio,” Scott said.

The stereo would likely be joined by a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port. “We’re planning on building a center console,” Scott said.

One lacking original amenity has already been completed. “The

car didn’t have seat belts, so we added all new seat belts,” Scott said.

Scott purchased the car in late October and brought it home the final week of November. “We’ve been working on it at my friend’s house,” he said.

The work started after Dacy’s 16th birthday, although prior to her birthday she and her father were involved in planning and in looking at upholstery. “I wanted something that she would like,” Scott said.

Scott found an upholsterer in San Marcos, and the father and daughter have been installing the new upholstery. Scott made an insulator panel for the trunk. “It didn’t have one,” he said.

“We rebuilt the whole heater system, made our own gaskets and put a new heater core on it, got all new door panels for it,” Scott said. “It runs. I just had to rebuild the heater core.”

The odometer recorded 74,000 miles. “I think that’s the original miles,” Scott said.

(At one time all car odometers were analog. Some odometers fail and are replaced. Odometers in 1960s Fords had six digits including one for tenths of a mile, so an odometer “turned over” after reaching 100,000 miles.)

“The guy didn’t drive it very much,” Scott said. “It’s a really straight car. It doesn’t have a whole lot of miles on it.”

The Fairlane has a light tan exterior color. “The paint’s okay,” Scott said. “I think we can buff it



up, make it look good.”

Scott also ordered new suspension parts, and he and Dacy will install those.

“The engine’s good,” Scott said. “We gave it a test drive. I let her drive it.”

Scott expects the restoration to be complete in the near future.

“I’ve probably got another month on it,” he said.

“The main thing is to finish up the interior and get us some behind the wheel time,” Scott said. “I’m just looking forward to more time spent with my daughter working on the car, quality time, and teaching.”

FUESD says goodbye to board members Stillman, Masten

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District will be losing two long-serving Governing Board members to retirement this month, and district staff and fellow board members took time at their last board meeting, Nov. 30, to honor the two.

Neither Board President Siegrid Stillman nor Board Member Lisa Masten, who herself is a former board president, sought re-election in 2020. Stillman has served on the board since 2012, while Masten has served since 2004.

“We all said we’re gonna try to do this without tearing up if we can,” Superintendent Candace Singh said, at the tail end of a special meeting on the district’s first interim budget report for the 2020-2021 school year.

Associate Superintendent Bill Billingsley called the two board members’ retirement “bittersweet.”

“On the one hand I’m so excited for both of you to begin your new chapters, but your gain is definitely our loss,” Billingsley

said. “Both of you, your steadfast commitment to the students, staff, parents and families of FUESD has been profound.”

Accounting Director Cynthia Martin said she wanted to thank Stillman and Masten, both as an employee of FUESD and as a parent of a child in the district.

“This district is a better place because of your leadership as board members,” Martin said. “Your commitment to the community, to the families, to all students, will be missed.”

Assistant Superintendent Julie Norby remarked on the pair’s dedication.

“When I think about you as board members, I’m touched by your dedication not just to the children of our district but to all of the children of Fallbrook,” Norby said. “You always talk about that, children you see out in the community, you say, ‘they’re all of our kids.’”

Singh, who has been superintendent since 2011, said it has been her “deepest professional honor” to work with board members like Stillman and Masten.

“When I became superintendent, Mrs. Masten was the president of the board,” Singh said. “She has

served in this community on this school board for 16 years as a highly effective, highly respected school board member. When I first became a superintendent, I remember it like it was yesterday, walking into your classroom, Mrs. Stillman, and then you went on to become one of the most successful board members this district has seen after so many decades as a teacher and as a community member here.”

Susan Liebes and Caron Lieber, the two remaining board members who have served with Stillman and Masten since 2018, also gave parting words, as did JoAnn Lopez, who has only served briefly with the two, having been appointed to her seat in October following the retirement of former board member Patty de Jong.

“I want to say thank you for me personally to both of you and Mrs. de Jong,” Liebes said. “When I joined the board (you helped) me to find my way; I was barely keeping my head above water with all of the documents and everything.”

Lieber shared a similar sentiment.

“Susan and I, we had no idea,

really what we were getting into, not that I regret it, it’s just that it’s much more of a commitment,” Lieber said. “And especially you Siegrid ... you’ve never missed a single event. Every event I ever went to, you were there, either ahead of me or seconds behind me, but you always outstayed me. You gave so much of your heart.”

Lieber continued to commend Masten.

“Lisa, I didn’t get a chance to be under you serving as president, but I’m sure you were exactly the same, that’s probably where Siegrid got her direction from,” Lieber said. “Both of you are so committed. Lisa would sometimes show up here, she would come right from work and be sitting in here because she couldn’t decide ‘should I even go home.’”

Lopez said she felt it was unfortunate she did not get to serve with the retiring pair.

“I’m really sad that I didn’t get to work with you two,” she said. “You sound amazing and the couple times that I’ve met you, I’ve definitely seen those attributes. I hope I can do half the job that you have done here and keep the district working. I

do wish you well in your future endeavors and I hope we will cross paths at some point along the road.”

The amount of time Masten and Stillman have been on the board is just the tip of the iceberg.

Masten said she has been with FUESD in varying capacities for 22 years.

“...I started as a room volunteer at Maie Ellis, and then I was on the PTA at Frazier School, I was on the site council at all of our schools, I was on bond committees, and then I worked for the district for five years, and then I went on the board and I started working at the high school,” Masten said.

And Stillman, a former teacher, has served the district for even longer – 44 years, she said.

“I’ve been an employee and serving the families of Fallbrook for my entire adult life,” Stillman said. “So I want to thank everybody. And I really enjoyed it, I enjoyed my time on the board.”

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“I am especially excited that these musicians are performing again for our community,” said Ann Murray, executive director. “They are exceptionally talented, incredibly dynamic and are a glimpse into the future of classical music.” The Trio includes cellist Ross Gasworth, Ukrainian born violinist Iryna Krechkovsky and pianist Kevin Kwan Loucks.

The program features movements from three very popular but entirely different piano trios: Beethoven’s Piano Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 97 “Archduke,” Dvořák’s Piano Trio in e minor, Op. 90 “Dumky,” and Felix

Mendelssohn’s Piano Trio No. 1 in d minor Opus 49.

Beethoven dedicated this work to his friend and benefactor, the Archduke Rudolf of Austria. It was the last piano trio he would write, yet remains one of his most widely performed compositions. Dvořák, on the other hand, composed Dumky to be on the “lighter side” so that it would appeal to a larger cross section, which explains this work’s emotional spectrum as well as its widespread popularity. It too remains one the most performed trios of the era. Finally, Mendelssohn’s Piano Trio No. 1 has emerged as one of his most enduring works, quite possibly due to the early composer’s untimely death at the age of 38.

“Taken together, these piano trios are marvelous representations of the musical diversity that flourished across Europe,” added Murray. “The program ends with a holiday surprise, so this will be quite a concert!”

The concert can be viewed at any time at FallbrookMusicSociety.org. More information is available by calling the music society at 760-451-8644.

Submitted by Fallbrook Music Society.



Trio Céleste, from left, violinist Iryna Krechkovsky, cellist Ross Gasworth and pianist Kevin Kwan Loucks will perform a virtual concert on FallbrookMusicSociety.org, Dec. 13.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of west

5. ___ Caesar, comedian

8. Helps little firms

11. A way to censor

13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights

14. Chalcedony

15. Type of sword

16. A corporation’s first offer to sell stock to the public

17. Attired

18. A sequence of winding turns

20. Pal

21. Expresses pleasure

22. Amendable

25. Clear

30. A way to cut off

31. Indigenous Thai person
32. Pale brownish yellow color

33. Aquatic plants genus

38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

41. Merchants

43. Fix a chair

45. Throws into disorganization

48. Famed German composer

49. Keyboard key

50. Oral polio vaccine developer

55. Partner to pain

56. Where golfers start

57. Jenny __; weight loss program

59. Sailing dinghy

60. Suffix that forms adjectives

61. Speeds at which music is played

62. Body part

63. Fall back

64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. One point south of due east

2. Wings

3. One point south of southeast

4. The shirts on our backs

5. One who works on the seas

6. Select jury

7. Small intestines parts

8. Plant of the heath family

9. Extrasolar planet

10. Creates more of

12. Before

14. Forms over a cut

19. Runs down

23. Exercise regimen ___-bo

24. Unkeyed

25. Principle underlying the universe

26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

27. Residue

28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range

34. Commercials

35. NY footballer

36. They ___

37. Soviet Socialist Republic

39. Poked holes in the ground

40. Pitchers

41. Your

42. Diana __, singer

44. Important document for inventors

45. Bangladesh capital

46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods

47. Famed daguerreotype photographer

48. Where military personnel work

51. Play a role

52. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood

53. Unstressed-stressed

54. Type of palm tree

58. Judo garments

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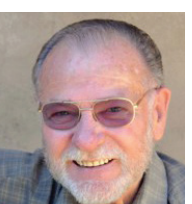
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