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or drop off at the Association Office.



Mission Statement

To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

Board of Directors Meetings

The next Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for January 17, 2023 and will be held live in the Association Clubhouse.

Executive Session starts at - 6:00 pm and Open Session - 7:30 pm

The agenda will be posted in the Association Office and on the NGR website on the Friday prior to the meeting, or you may contact the Association Office to obtain agenda information. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has several committees comprised of Homeowners that provide support to the Board of Directors on selected Community topics. For more information or to join any of our Committees, please contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477.

- Architectural Review Committee
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Equestrian Committee
- Events Committee
- Landscape Committee
- Security Committee
- Trails and Safety Committee

MANAGERS MESSAGE

WHY DON'T WE HAVE CAMERAS ON THE TRAILS?

By Brian Mitchell



While a message on burglary prevention may not be the most uplifting of holiday topics, it is timely as this is also the season of increased criminal activity. Break-ins at Nellie Gail Ranch are unfortunately an ongoing

concern. While access may come front the front of the home it is also often from the trail and a question we receive regularly at the office is; why doesn't the Association have cameras on the trails? We want to share the following to give you a sense of the scale of what that would entail.

"Nellie Gail Ranch has 129 trail heads providing access to 25 miles of trails"

The decision to put cameras on trails would likely need to be all or nothing as it would be difficult to justify asking all homeowners to share in the cost of cameras if only a limited number of homeowners trail heads were included. If we were to use the same cameras as currently located at our entries the annual cost would be \$258,000 per year or \$184 per homeowner. That would be an annual cost to have the motion activated cameras with police access to the footage.

While we could consider alternative types of camera systems we would still need cameras, streaming capability, power source and data storage. A lot of data storage, and we would need someone to be able

to monitor or sift through the images to find relevant footage. While the cost may not be prohibitive there would still be the issue of identifying who accessed



the trail and tying them to whichever break-in occurred.

The question might be reconsidered from the perspective of why don't we (the Association) have trail cameras, to why don't we (homeowners) have trail cameras? Rather than the Association passing through an assessment of \$184 per homeowner for cameras at trail-heads that may still be distant from your property, it might be far more effective for each homeowner to use that \$184 per year to their own best advantage. We have also found that when the police investigate break-ins they have found camera footage from adjacent residents to be helpful in a number of cases.

It's Christmas and perhaps enhancing your current security system with cameras on the trails might be the gift that keeps on giving!

Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday season and may you all have a great start to 2023 !!



HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

**Judging takes place
December 14-15, 2022**

**Enter your home or nominate a home
to be included in the contest!**

Go to <https://nelliegailranch.org/holiday-decorating-contest-2022>
or scan the **QR code below** to fill out the entry form online.

Please have all lights and decorations on for the judging.

All winning homes will receive a special prize with a yard sign to proudly display and will be featured in January's Pony Express. **GOOD LUCK!**

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The Submittal Deadline for the January ARC Meeting is: **December 27, 2022.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25811 Prairiestone	Completion Extension	Approved
26972 Highwoo	Hardscape/Landscape	Approved with Conditions
25747 Dillon	Turf Change	Approved
27746 Hidden Trail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26861 Highwood	Gutters	Approved with Conditions
25151 Rockridge	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27775 Hidden Trail	Resubmittal Painting	Approved
25751 Prairiestone	Addition to House	Approved
25762 Prairiestone	Completion Extension	Approved
25072 Buckskin	Landscape/Hardscape/Pool	Approved with Conditions
26522 Wildview	Artificial Turf	Approved
25981 Gen Cayon	View Obstruction	Pending
25041 Farrier	Resubmittal Exterior Renovation	Denied
26551 Saddlehorn	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25700 Nellie Gail	Painting	Approved with Conditions
25222 Buckskin	Completion Extension	Approved
24961 Mustang	Artificial Turf	Approved
25761 Rapid Falls	Hardscape/Sport Court/Gazebo	Approved with Conditions
25731 Bucklestone	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25672 Nellie Gail	Patio Structure	Approved
26401 Houston	Resubmittal Deck	Approved with Conditions
27642 Hidden Trail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27582 Gold Dust	Resubmittal Addition to House	Approved
25961 Gen Canyon	View Obstruction	Pending
25965 Poker Flats	View Obstruction	Denied
25152 Stageline	Addition to House	Denied
25761 Dillon	Resubmittal Addition to House	Approved
25081 Buckskin	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26101 Hitching Rail	Addition	Denied
26132 Red Corral	Driveway	Approved

Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at www.nelliegailranch.org. Submissions for approval are due by 5:00 PM ten business days prior to the meeting date. Please see the calendar at the back of the Pony Express or contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477 for specific meeting dates and deadlines or with any questions pertaining to your proposed project.

NELLIE GAIL SAFE

HOME AND COMMUNITY SECURITY TIPS

One of the burglary tricks of the trade is to use vehicles with no plates or paper plates. Our mobile patrol post orders require officers to look for vehicles with no plates. New vehicles with paper plates are typically OK but older vehicles should typically have a plate.

It is Legal to drive without a license plate?

Every driver must drive with a back-end license plate. There are some exceptions, like when you're driving home after buying a new car.

Why are front plates important?

States have laws that mandate front plates on vehicles. This is an important factor in fighting crime. Front license plates also help law enforcement officers spot stolen vehicles or track criminals.

If you see a vehicle that looks out of place with its paper plate or no plate snap a photo of it and call the mobile patrol vehicle at **949-371-7542** with a request to take a look at it.



NELLIE GAIL S.M.A.R.T

CONSTRUCTION HOUR GUIDANCE FOR NELLIE GAIL RANCH

Below are the authorized construction hours for any work related to construction, remodeling, repairs, grading and landscaping. Per the City of Laguna Hills website, if you have concerns regarding construction work during restricted hours you may contact the OC Sheriff's Dispatch at **949-770-6011**. A Sheriff's Deputy will be dispatched to the location to put a stop to the work. Please be a good neighbor and keep Nellie Gail Ranch quiet and peaceful on



Authorized Construction Hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturdays

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

No tree trimming, lawn mowing, construction, remodeling, maintenance, repairs or grading is permitted Sundays or Federal Holidays



MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL

DID YOU KNOW?

Many mosquitoes breed in small water sources in residential backyards, and they do not fly far from the source. Eliminating these small water sources can reduce the number of mosquitoes on your property. Search around your property for any standing water (indoors and out) and either discard or scrub the container thoroughly to remove mosquito eggs.

1) Watch the "Meet Your New Neighbor" series of videos to learn about mosquitoes and how to eliminate them from your property. These three videos will provide information on:

How to prevent mosquito breeding: <https://youtu.be/KjRO278y-jc>

Protect yourself and family from mosquitoes: https://youtu.be/Xq6wzhz4y_c

Treat for mosquitoes when necessary: <https://youtu.be/urzDglQfyLY>

2) If you are reporting an issue within your own property, please make sure to inspect your front yard, side, backyard, and inside the home. Use this checklist for guidance: http://www.ocvector.org/files/bc72c6bb8/Mosquito_Source_Checklist_Template.pdf

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Eliminating water sources will not provide immediate results; adult mosquitoes die off in approximately 10 days but eliminating water sources reduces the number of larvae and pupae that will eventually emerge into biting adults.
- Prevent mosquitoes from entering your home by keeping doors and windows closed. If windows and doors must be kept open, ensure your window and door screens are free of holes or tears.
- Wear an EPA-registered insect repellent to keep mosquitoes from biting you and your family. Find approved EPA-registered repellent information here: <https://www.ocvector.org/mosquito-repellent-information>

OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

Share the links and information with your neighbors as these mosquitoes could impact your community.



MINUTES

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - OPEN SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mark Fisk
John Park
Loree Blough
Joyce Taylor (Via Zoom)

ABSENT

Paul Holland

MANAGEMENT

Brian Mitchell, General Manager
Dennis Moss, Operations Manager, Parks & Recreation Facilities

II. HOMEOWNER FORUM

There were no homeowners in attendance.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

An Executive Session meeting was held on September 20, 2022. Actions taken include:

1. Approval of August 16, 2022 Executive Session Minutes.
2. Review of the September 2022 legal report.
3. Review of status of violation for unauthorized improvement.
4. Approved cease & desist for new home construction not consistent with approved plans.
5. Direction for enforcement for lack of landscape maintenance.
6. Approved assignment of counsel for claim.
7. Approved renewal of service agreement with Hayden Show Jumping.
8. Approved reimbursement to boarder.
9. Approved renewal of dressage trainer agreement with Katy Mouzis.
10. Approved purchase of polyurethane ground tarp to cover the middle arena footing.
11. Approved purchase of shavings from Santa

Ynez Shavings Company.

12. Approved purchase of hay from SoCal Hay.
13. Approved contract with Shine Illumination for holiday lighting and decoration and additional lighting at Monument Park.
14. Approved amendment to financial service management agreement.
15. Received and filed the FSR and CLA collection reports.
16. Received and filed the Violation report.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Park

Second: Taylor

Resolution: To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items IV-A through IV-G.

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated September 20, 2022 as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolution: To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated August 31, 2022 reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,106,462 in reserve funds, \$1,633,429 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$687,075 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,435,366.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$2,497,228 compared to the budgeted \$2,731,776.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$4,142,301 to the budgeted \$4,295,343.

The Consolidated Net Decrease for the **month** prior to adjustments for depreciation is (\$109,688) compared to the budgeted decrease of (\$204,970). Consolidated Net Income **year to date** prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$23,511 compared to the budgeted increase of \$175,391. Year to date reserve funding is \$484,135 compared to a budget of \$471,008. The variance is reserve interest income.

C. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS REPORT

Delinquency Statistics for the Open Session Minutes:

- There are two (2) past owner delinquencies with an assessment balance of \$970.80.
- Twenty-two (22) current owner past due delinquencies total \$35,054 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgements.
- The collection attorney is currently working on six (6) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.
- Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 1.4% of the annual assessment budget

D. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF EPC COMMITTEE MEMBER

Resolution: To accept the resignation of Dr. Robert Betty from the Emergency Preparedness Committee and acknowledge his contribution to the community through his dedicated service as a member of the Committee.

E. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF TRAILS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Resolution: To accept the resignation of Viviana Mamolo from the Trails & Safety Committee and acknowledge her contribution to the community through her dedicated service as a member of the Committee.

F. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Resolution: To approve appointment of David Robbins to serve as a Member of the Landscape Committee through January 31, 2023, subject to complying with the Committee Member Criteria standards adopted October 19, 2021 and signing the Community Leader Code of Conduct.

G. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Resolution: To approve appointment of Michele Sparks to serve as a Member of the Events Committee through January 31, 2023, subject to complying with the Committee Member Criteria standards adopted October 19, 2021 and signing the Community Leader Code of Conduct.

End of Consent Calendar

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF DRAFT PETITION FOR SPEED TABLE AT THE NELLIE GAIL ROAD AT EQUESTRIAN CENTER ENTRY – TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SUBMITTAL TO MEMBERS IN THE CITY DEFINED VOTE AREA

Motion: Park
Second: Taylor

Resolution: To approve the speed table petition as drafted by the City for submittal to homeowners within the defined vote area.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF POOL AND SPA COVERS

Motion: Fisk
Second: Taylor

Resolution: To approve a proposal from Lincoln Aquatics in the amount of \$6,948 for the purchase of a pool cover and spa cover for the Swim Center.

Ayes: Fisk, Taylor, Park

Nays: None

Abstain: Blough

MINUTES - CONTINUED

The motion passed.

C. CONSIDERATION OF PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Resolution: To adopt 15 families through the Adopt-a-Family program.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

Direction: Potential projects were reviewed and prioritized for implementation as follows:

1. Acoustic panels for the Clubhouse to reduce sound levels
2. Gas fryer for kitchen
3. Furniture for the Multi-Purpose Room

VI. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Architectural Review, Bob Hochstadter retirement / Tennis & Pickleball Member Celebration, Community Events, Communications Report, EPC, Equestrian Center Managers Report, Solar, Sunset Landscape Report, Swim Center, Tennis / Pickleball Center, Trails & Common Area,

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and filed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next Open Session Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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Adopt-a-Family

Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association in coordination with Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) in San Clemente, invite Nellie Gail Ranch residents to adopt a family for Christmas. A list of families in need for the Christmas holidays has been provided by FAM.

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."
— H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

Please help support a family in need this holiday season:

- Stop by the Association Clubhouse to select a family from the Christmas Tree and commit to give.
- Purchase gift(s) and wrapping items for your selected family.
- Place unwrapped items in bags and label with family information.
- Deliver items to Association Clubhouse by **Sunday, December 11, 2022.**
- FAM distributes the gifts and items to selected families via their drive-thru program.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT NELLIEGAILRANCH.ORG



*We want to wish our friends at
Nellie Gail Ranch a safe and*

*Happy
Holidays*

PROGRAMS:

- ✓ **JUNIOR GUARD PREP PROGRAM:**
Start: February 6, 2023
Registration opens: 1/1/2023
- ✓ **SPRING SWIM TEAM:**
Starts: April 10, 2023
Registration opens: 2/1/2023
- ✓ **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**
Start June 5, 2023
Registration opens 2/1/2023
- ✓ **SUMMER SWIM LESSONS:**
Start June 5, 2023
Registration opens 3/1/2023
- ✓ **SUMMER SWIM TEAM:**
Starts June 5, 2023
Registration opens 4/1/2023

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Bar Service Hours:

11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Kitchen Service Hours:

4:00 pm - 9:00 p.m

Bar Service Hours:

4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Kitchen Service Hours:

8:00 am - 6:00 p.m

Bar Service Hours:

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Visit our food and drink menu's now located at the **Nellie Gail Ranch Website**

www.NGRTheWateringHole.org

EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION UPDATES

November was another great month for Hayden Clarke and team while on the road. Here are some of the results for the month of November, congratulations to all.

- Lane Clarke and Venom won the \$10,000 10 & under 1.35m Classic.
- Natalie Banis and Damocles won the USET Talent Search two weeks in a row and the USHJA Adult Medal.
- Destiny Stewart and Clavius won the Low Childrens Classic the second week and got 2nd in it the first week.
- Lane Clarke and Epic Air won the 1.40m open two weeks in a row.
- Natalie Banis and Moonshine got 3rd and 8th in the 1.20m and 1.20m open Classic.





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Cara is a passionate equestrian, a profound lover of nature, and deeply creative at heart.

"My work is a reflection of what I love—a passion for horses and all the beauties of nature. Honoring our deep connection to nature and the earth, I am constantly striving to bring more vibrant beauty to every piece I create. I work primarily in oils and watercolor, but also am comfortable working in pencil, and digital formats. I strive to produce images of grace and power, and am passionate about creating unique and meaningful pieces for each client."



Where are you from and how does that affect your work?

I grew up surrounded by the green fields and forests of southern Vermont, I developed a great appreciation for nature. Spending hours riding my pony through the woods, and passionately immersed in the beauty of wildflowers and streams. My passion for art, nature, and horses has been further nurtured since moving to California as a teenager. I have been riding since early childhood, beginning with a base in classical equitation, showing Hunters and Jumpers as a junior, and further developing my skills working at a stable in Germany in my twenties. I currently ride as a professional for Hayden and

Clarke Sport Horses (located at the Equestrian Center, here in Nellie Gail, CA) I have been working for Mickey and Lane for over 5 years now.

Who are your biggest artistic influences?

As a child in Vermont, my family home was filled with my grandfather Moulton Lee Adams' artwork—he was a renowned botanical artist based in Jacksonville, Florida, often referred to as "The Audubon of Tropical Fruits". His breathtaking portraits of tropical fruit, birds and animals have been a lifelong source of inspiration for me. Although I never met him, as he passed away before I was born, he will forever be a symbol of inspiration. I also love the old masters, Leonardo Da Vinci, (we share a birthday) to Munnings, and Milton Menasco.

Where do you find inspiration?

I love going to Museums and Galleries whenever I have a chance. I have a bazillion books and love browsing online at different current artists works too. Inspiration is everywhere!

The capacity of the Classical Masters to capture light in their work, and the dynamic energy of the work of the Impressionists strongly influence my work, to create images of horses that capture their intrinsic strength and beauty. I strive to showcase the amazing natural partnership of horses with human beings throughout history, a bond that has shaped our very psyche.

When is your favorite time of day to create?

I love the afternoon, when the natural light is good and bright. But I will paint all day into the night when I'm on a roll. Time stops, and I'm just in the creative flow.

What motivates you to create?

I don't know that I would call it motivation, its something I have to do to feel normal. Sometimes I have to find inspiration to get going and I try to paint regularly even if I don't have a major streak of inspiration. Creating, to me, is just part of who I am, I will always be doing it in some form, I write, I've sewed, dresses, painted and made jewelry. It's just a primal urge.

How do you define success as an artist?

I think there's a lot of ways to define it. For me, just having people love what I do is amazing. Bringing

people to tears when they see a portrait of their beloved horse or pet is a beacon of success to me. Having people buy my work is still exciting to me! I would love to get into more galleries in the future and have some solo shows. I feel lucky and successful in my career now, but also have many dreams for future successes and goals.

Does art help you in other areas of your life?

Art is so much about seeing. It's about looking at details, at how light falls, or a shadow. It's such a personal and intimate thing. Its appreciation of beauty and imperfection, which is something that when applied to life it opens you to the world, to be able to see beauty in so many things, and to appreciate imperfection, while also striving to improve and perfect oneself and one's craft.

What memorable responses have you had to your work?

Crying! I have had quite a few clients or portrait recipients tear up upon seeing the finished work. It serially makes my day! I try to capture the energy, or certain something that is the essence of my subjects. I can't quite explain it, but, I FEEL them sort of, and paint until it feels like it THEM. It's pretty special to get that reaction from someone and it really drives me to get it "just right". I love working on portraits for this reason!

Cara has also been involved in Equine Assisted Therapy for teens who are dealing with major trauma and other behavioral and addiction issues. Horses are such healing and intuitive beings, this experience really added to her own journey as a creative person. She continues to ride regularly, having also dabbled in Dressage with the sweet support of Jan Curtis and others. She enjoys keeping an eye on what's happening in the equestrian world, so that she can gain every new inspiration for her equestrian art.

Though mostly self-taught, like her grandfather, throughout her school years Cara supplemented her learning with courses in Art History, Digital Media, and Illustration and Design, including foundational Studies at Cumbria Institute of the Arts in Carlisle, England. She is perpetually striving to expand her knowledge, technique, and range of style. She lives in Dana Point, CA. With her Husband Jimmy and their two cats.



TENNIS NEWS



TEAM TENNIS & LEAGUES

Our U10 JTT USTA Team has won the Orange County League and has qualified for the Sectional Championships at Indian Wells on the 10th & 11th December! What an achievement and wish them luck!

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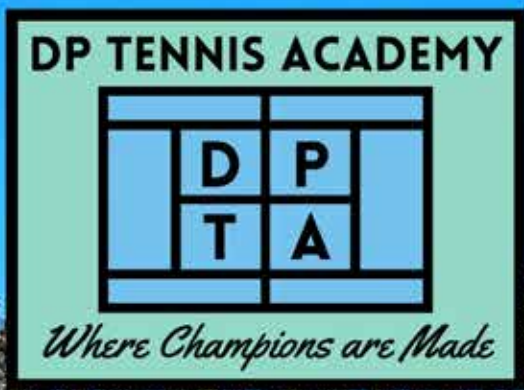


Far Left:

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HOME SECURITY, PART II

Written by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

Reports of crime, as well as recent concerns expressed by residents have prompted numerous questions around the topic of home protection. The roving security, as well as the Automatic License Plate Readers, will both act as an extra set of eyes and ears for our community. Many have asked, however, "what else can I be doing to protect my home and family." This month's article will attempt to answer some of these questions.

In 2020, there was one reported armed robbery and ten reports of residential burglaries in our community of Nellie Gail Ranch. Although relatively rare, having this occur in our community is still concerning. Crime, no matter how rare, can increase our fears and affect our property values. Crime statistics are collected by the Orange County Sheriff's Department. This data can be obtained by going to ocsheriff.gov, scroll down and clicking on "crime stats by area". Below, we discuss some of specific actions (in addition to the general recommendations in last month's article) to better protect yourself, your family, and your home.

Inattention is a better explanation; it is more likely that we didn't know where that perpetrator came from because we weren't paying attention. We also must never have the attitude that "it can't happen to me." Denial, coupled with a lack of awareness, are attributes that put you at higher risk of being a victim.



BEFORE YOU GET HOME

Recent convictions of "follow home" criminals highlight the importance of awareness. It is common for these criminals to follow their victims from the bank, malls or shopping areas and confront homeowners in their own garage or driveway. If you believe you are being followed, don't pull into your driveway. Professional driving instructors involved in protection detail will teach you to make "three left turns" to determine if you are indeed being followed. The likelihood of any random person behind you making three consecutive left turns is low. If you are being followed, continue driving but stay on well-traveled streets, call 9-1-1 and let law enforcement know of your location and direction of travel. Do not try to evade them. If nearby, drive to the sheriff's substation (Laguna Hills Civic Center) or other law enforcement facility. Even if you are not followed, be aware of areas around the exterior of your home where criminals can hide and gain entry into your garage when you arrive home. Keep the areas around your garage well lit and well trimmed from vegetation. Again, being aware is your tool of choice.



HOME PROTECTION

It is worth re-iterating that the constant and vigilant awareness of your surroundings is the single most important tool you have to combating criminal activity. Criminals are opportunists; they generally seek unoccupied, poorly lit homes, and those who are inattentive and vulnerable. Victims of armed encounters often state that the perpetrator "came out of nowhere," yet we know that this is not possible.



an intruder. The contact devices come in a variety of sizes, from smaller devices that can fit in a pocket or purse, to larger prod-like sizes that are often advertised as safety devices to be used on coyotes or other animals when outdoors. Regardless of whether you get the device that shoots the barbs or you get the contact devices, both require training and re-training. Law enforcement trains with the Taser annually; civilians should do so more frequently.



ALARMS

Despite being an effective first line of defense, FBI studies show that over 80% of homeowners do not use their home alarm system. Regular use of your alarm will be an effective deterrent. Additionally, home alarm systems often have remote panic buttons and/or disarming codes that will still notify law enforcement if you enter the "panic" code. Contact your alarm company or review your alarm system's manual to utilize these important features. Another potential panic alarm one can use is on their car keys. Most key fobs have a panic button that can be used to set off the car alarm. Homeowners can keep their car keys on their nightstand, ready to set off their car alarm should it be needed. Many of the residential crimes occurring in South Orange County are from gangs from the Los Angeles area and from criminal organizations from Central America. These gangs often enter homes from the second floor, bypassing motion detectors and door/window contacts, often only on the first floor.

CHEMICALS

Pepper spray (oleoresin capsicum) is the most common chemical device for self-protection. These personal sprays are generally only effective at distances of 3-6 feet. One should be aware that when one deploys pepper spray as directed, it is common to have the spray splash back into the sprayer's face causing the same burning sensation as the intruder being sprayed. Be prepared. Another alternative is to use "bear spray," which also contains oleoresin capsicum but at a lower concentration. Bear spray has a distinct advantage in that it can spray a distance of 25-30 feet and is available at most camping stores.



ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES

Electronic Control Devices ("Tasers") are available for civilian use. There are basically two types of Tasers: one that shoots wired barbs a distance of 15 feet providing a 30 second shock, and the other is a contact device that must be applied to the body of

FIREARMS

A firearm can be an effective home defense tool in the right circumstances. Typically this is a tool of last resort, when other tools have failed, are unavailable,

or if exigent circumstances warrant immediate use of a firearm. It is recognized, however, that this can also be a controversial subject. It is not the author's intention to persuade or dissuade the use of a firearm for defensive purposes, but to emphasize that when one has a legal right to own a firearm, that person should be well-trained and well-versed on the concept of the use of firearms for self-defense before considering its use. Training is critical as use of a firearm is an extremely perishable skill; shooting at cans or a paper target once a year is recreation, not training. Should this be your home defense tool of choice, you should obtain professional opinions and training on what is best for your situation as there are many options, more than can be discussed in this article.

whichever tool you choose, you MUST constantly practice with that tool. Having the tools but not being able to use them effectively can be worse than not having the tools at all.



SAFE ROOM.

A safe room, where one can securely hide, can be an effective and a life-saving self-defense tool. This is usually a secure room in your home that you can quickly access and safely secure from an intruder. Details of an effective safe room are too numerous to mention in this article. Suffice it to say that a safe room will likely require significant planning and structural changes to an interior room in your home. These can be minimal changes to a walk-in closet or elaborate changes in an entire bedroom. Those that are interested can consult a contractor or the numerous websites available on how to build an effective safe room.

In summary, we have identified many potential tools to use for home and self-protection in the Pony Express these last two months. The most important tool is a heightened state of awareness. Maintaining this awareness can be an effective deterrent helping you avoid a confrontation, which is ALWAYS the best option. When a confrontation can't be avoided, then one should have alternative tools available, but



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Last month we met Melody Parman, managing attorney at one of the largest female-owned personal injury law firms, with offices throughout California, Arizona, and Nevada. As promised, she's back to share some very heartfelt and historical case wins!

"I have so many stories to share but there's one that I will forever hold dear to my heart. A few years ago, I received a tragic phone call from a potential client. A young mother was on the other line, crying hysterically, and she needed help. She told me that her husband and their four-year-old daughter had gone out to watch airplanes land at the airport and while parked on the side of the road, they were rear-ended by a drunk driver. Their little girl suffered life altering injuries. She was rendered permanently disabled and her doctors said that she may never walk or talk again. I agreed to represent the family and pursue an injury claim on their behalf.

To make a long story short, the insurance company attempted to delay settlement of the little girl's injury claim. Many attorneys would have likely given the insurance company another opportunity to settle for the maximum insurance policy limit of \$250,000.00, but I was determined to obtain justice for this little girl. I was not going allow the insurance company play games with this poor family!

I decided to file a lawsuit and pursue the insurance company for the full value of our client's damages. Fast forward a year and a half, we settled her injury claim for **\$45 million dollars**. Although the settlement was **one of the largest settlements in California history**, no dollar amount would make this family and little girl whole again. But thankfully, the settlement provided the family the financial resources and ability to provide top-of-the-line care for their daughter and this allowed her to live the best possible life considering the awful circumstances.

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TEAM DARKHORSE

A VISIT FROM THE COMMAND — CHAPLAIN KAI CHUR AND MAJOR ALVIS

By Karen Robbins

I looked up from where I sat in City Hall Chambers and in the doorway stood two men in military uniform, both smiling broadly and expectantly, as civilians rushed up to greet them. On October 26 representatives for our city's adopted 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines paid our city a visit! At the City Council's invitation, the Battalion's Chaplain Kai Chur agreed to come up and deliver an invocation (prayer) to open the meeting.

Being a member of Team Darkhorse has given me a broader knowledge of military roles. The importance, breadth and type of experience of the Chaplain is one such role. There are more than 800 Navy Chaplains from more than 100 different religious organizations and these Chaplains are deployed worldwide with the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard commands. Marines are often fond of the Chaplain, and refer to him affectionately as "Chaps."

The Chaplain's responsibilities include performing religious rites, conducting worship services and providing confidential counseling for all Marines, regardless of denomination or religion. During combat missions Chaplains deploy too. Perhaps the most courageous and well known of the many who have served is Lt Vincent Capodanno, a Catholic priest who was killed in action while serving in a Marine Corps unit deployed to Vietnam. The Chapel on base is named in his honor.

The Battalion's current Chaplain, Kai Chur, is a recent graduate of Boston University. His earnest and compelling invocation captured the hearts of those present that night. At the conclusion, he sat and joined the audience as Major Matt Alvis (the Battalion's Executive Officer) was introduced and took the podium.





Major Alvis then described a recent Division-wide training event during which thousands of Infantry troops are pit against one another in simulated combat. Conditions on the ground, including sleeping and eating, are intentionally grueling while the Marines are being tested and monitored for performance throughout. Major Alvis explained the reasons behind and the results of such training within the Corps, but he also averred that all the training Marines receive over the course of their enlistment results in "young men being returned to their families and civilian life with even more strength, experience and character than they had when they enlisted." From my back row vantage point I could not help but notice Chaplain Chur's head bobbing rapidly up and down in agreement and enthusiasm as Major Alvis spoke!

Major Alvis concluded his presentation with tremendous expression of gratitude and thankfulness to our community for the support shown to the young Marines. He told us "in all the duty stations I have been assigned, and in all the other bases, I have never seen such civilian engagement and support and desire to interact and show concern for our young Marines." He assured us that this makes a great deal of difference to the morale of young men so far from home. He told us that when Laguna Hills has had requests for Marines to volunteer at Memorial Day and July 4, more Marines than were needed signed up, and wanted to know when the next opportunity would be!

Thank you to our City Council for inviting these men up, and to all who were present that night to receive and greet them!



TEAM DARKHORSE -

3D Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Division Support Committee is the (all volunteer) IRS 501 (c) 3 non profit org formed in 2010, following the Laguna Hills City Council formal vote to adopt this Camp Pendleton Infantry Unit. For more information, to volunteer, or make a donation please contact President, Vanessa Kon at vanessakon@cox.net.

Holiday Toy Drive

For our

Dark Horse 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

Nov. 28th – Dec. 15th

Laguna Hills Team Darkhorse is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the younger children and gift cards for the teen aged children of our Darkhorse Marines. Donated toys and gift cards will go directly to the children of our 3/5 Marines at Camp Pendleton. For information or for pick up items you'd prefer not to leave in the box, please contact vanessakon@cox.net

Team Darkhorse Collection Sites:

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HAPPY HOUR MIXER FOR ILLUMINATION FOUNDATION

Thursday, August 4th, 5:30-7:30 We invite you to learn about Illumination Foundation and the different opportunities to get involved with this organization. Dear neighbors, please join me for a glass of wine and appetizers to learn about how a local non-profit, Illumination Foundation, is integrating housing and healthcare solutions in Southern California. Our hope is to bring together like-minded community members that are interested in supporting this mission to disrupt the cycle of homelessness. Stop by to learn more, get involved, or just enjoy a glass of wine with neighbors! Please RSVP to Anna at amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org.

JOIN THE GLEAM TEAM,

A dynamic group of passionate and amazing individuals dedicated to supporting Illumination Foundation. The Gleam Team works with Illumination Foundation by volunteering and assisting with year-round events that make an immediate impact upon those we serve. We meet once a month in the evening between now and March. If you are interested in joining us please email Anna Murphy-Duehring (a Nellie Gail resident) at amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org. We welcome all! For more information on Illumination Foundation please visit the website: ifhomeless.org.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST: CHANEL SUNGLASSES

(model number 4125) and sterling silver bird necklace. These items were lost in Gallup Park during the last concert on July 23. If either item is found, please email me at Heatwaveswimwear@att.net

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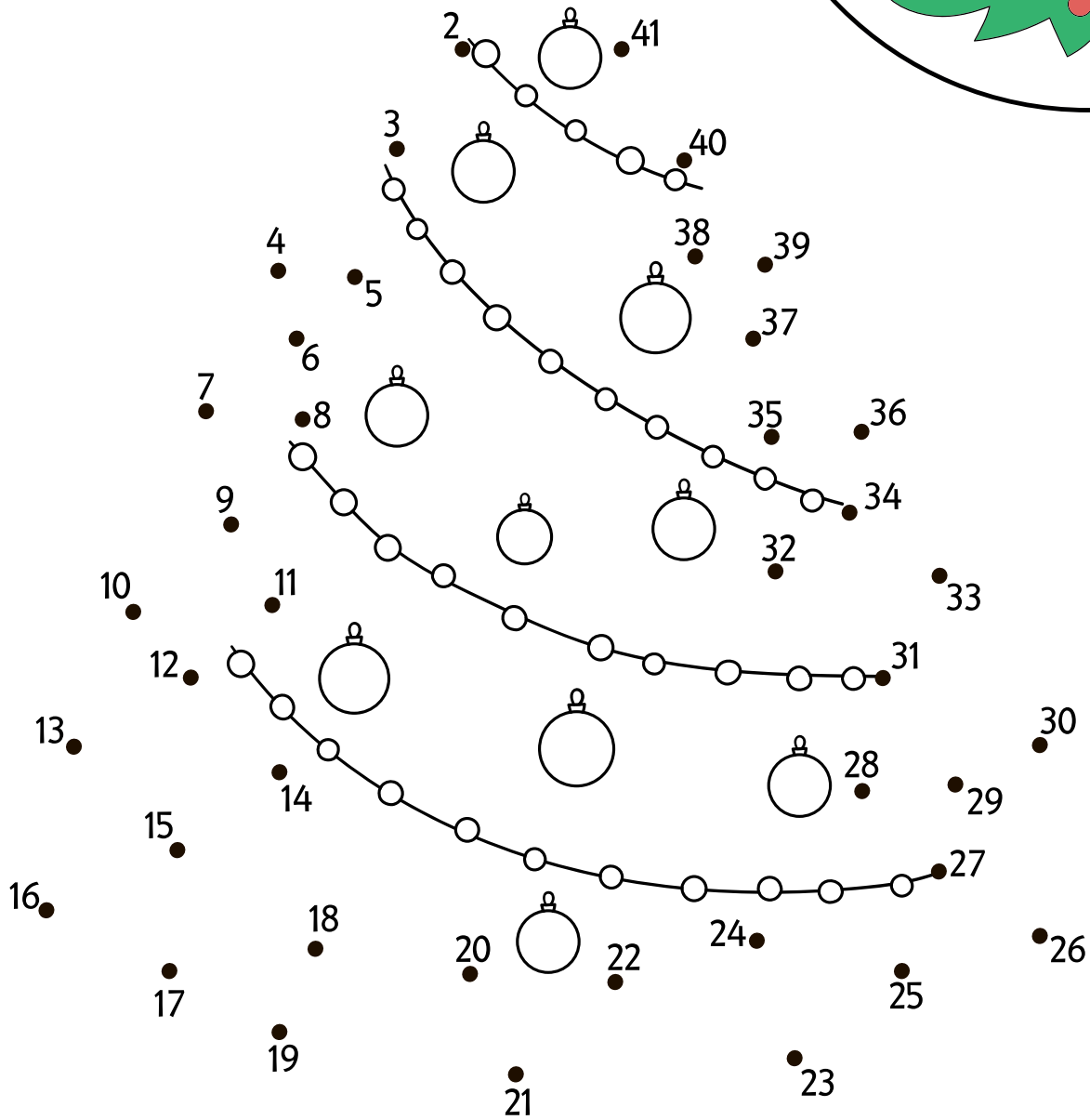
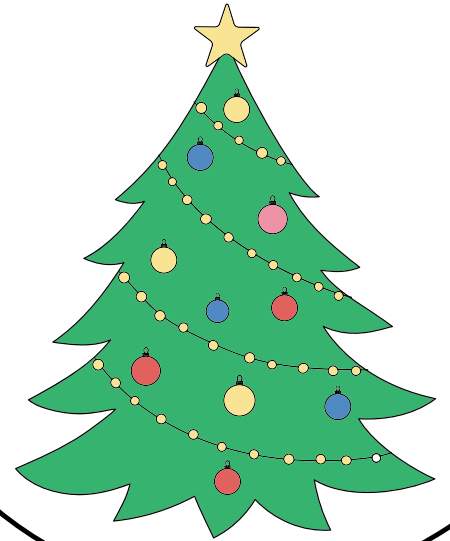
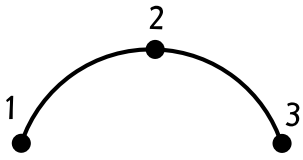
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RANCH RECIPE



DECEMBER'S DELICACY CINNAMON APPLE FRENCH TOAST BAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 TABLESPOONS UNSALTED BUTTER
- 3 LARGE APPLES, PEELED AND DICED
- 2 TABLESPOONS BROWN SUGAR
- 1 ½ TEASPOONS GROUND CINNAMON, DIVIDED
- 1 16-OUNCE LOAF BRIOCHE BREAD, CUBED
- 1 8-OUNCE PACKAGE CREAM CHEESE, CUBED
- 12 LARGE EGGS, BEATEN
- 2 CUPS WHOLE MILK
- ⅓ CUP MAPLE SYRUP
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA EXTRACT
- ½ TEASPOON KOSHER SALT
- ½ CUP CHOPPED PECANS
- 1 TABLESPOON CONFECTIONERS' SUGAR

PREPARATION

- 1.** MELT BUTTER IN A LARGE SKILLET OVER MEDIUM HEAT. ADD APPLES AND COOK, STIRRING OFTEN, UNTIL JUST TENDER, ABOUT 5 MINUTES. STIR IN BROWN SUGAR AND 1 TEASPOON CINNAMON; CONTINUE COOKING UNTIL SUGAR HAS DISSOLVED, ABOUT 1-2 MINUTES. LET COOL.
- 2.** LIGHTLY COAT A 9×13 BAKING DISH WITH NONSTICK SPRAY. PLACE A LAYER OF BREAD CUBES EVENLY INTO THE BAKING DISH. TOP WITH CREAM CHEESE AND HALF THE APPLE MIXTURE IN AN EVEN LAYER. TOP WITH REMAINING BREAD CUBES AND REMAINING APPLE MIXTURE.
- 3.** IN A LARGE GLASS MEASURING CUP OR ANOTHER BOWL, WHISK TOGETHER EGGS, MILK, MAPLE SYRUP, VANILLA, SALT AND REMAINING ½ TEASPOON CINNAMON. POUR MIXTURE EVENLY OVER THE BREAD CUBES. COVER AND PLACE IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS OR OVERNIGHT.
- 4.** PREHEAT OVEN TO 350 DEGREES F. REMOVE BAKING DISH FROM THE REFRIGERATOR; LET STAND 30 MINUTES. SPRINKLE WITH PECANS; PLACE INTO OVEN AND BAKE, COVERED, FOR 30 MINUTES. UNCOVER; CONTINUE TO BAKE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 25-30 MINUTES, OR UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN AND CENTER IS FIRM. SERVE IMMEDIATELY, SPRINKLED WITH CONFECTIONERS' SUGAR, IF DESIRED.

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Christmas Party with Santa	12	13 ARC Meeting at 7:00pm	14 Holiday Light Contest Judging Day 1	15 Holiday Light Contest Judging Day 2	16	17 Snow Day
18	19	20	21 Fist Day of Winter	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas 	26	27 ARC Submittal Deadline for January 10th Meeting	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 



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