

RANCH

What a Difference a Year Makes:

Most of us know exactly where we were about this time last year when the wildfire was marching towards us from Ventura, and then the mudslide struck. We carried a subconscious depression for what had just happened and what we feared might be destined to happen again. Even after the twin disasters struck the county, the hills dried out again and the fierce hot winds returned and then another horrifying torch, the Holiday Fire, appeared seemingly spontaneously, destroying 28 structures and confirming that this drought/fire/wind/mudslide nightmare was not over and might not be over for many years. But now it's raining steadily, Montecito has weathered a significant winter storm, Laguna Blanca Lake is filling, all the common area sprinklers are off, the hills look like Oregon, and the wells are filling. Maybe, just maybe, the drought is ending.

Annual Meeting and Board Election Wednesday, February 13, 2019 Vieja Valley School

This year's Annual Membership Meeting/Election is on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Vieja Valley School just down the street from the office at 434 Nogal Drive. Ballot counting by the League of Women Voters, refreshments and mixing with directors and staff begins at 6 p.m., and the formal meeting starts at 7 p.m. Note: Owners of more than one HR property; you will receive a single ballot package for each of your properties. Complete each ballot separately, and mail each ballot separately.

All ballots not received by mail by 4 p.m. on February 13 must be hand delivered to the meeting by 6 p.m. to be counted. **Ballots submitted after 6 p.m. will be void. Also, one issue that disqualifies votes every election is the failure by some to hand sign the return address on the envelope sent to the League of Women Voters.**

This year we have seven candidates running for a total of three board positions.

The following incumbents will be running for re-election (A - Z last name):

Lee Gabler

Steve Leider

(Note: Current director Jerry Bidwell has decided not to run for a second term)

Ramblings

January-February, 2019

The following Members are running for the first time:

Patrick McCoy

John Nielsen

Roger Pyle

Ed St. George

Russell Werner

If you haven't already done so, please drop the pre-stamped postcard (included in the election material) in the mail. It will be used to establish a legal quorum at the meeting, and will not be used to vote for a candidate.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting was mailed out with the ballots. It includes remedial suggestions to address the reported overcrowding of the beach park during the summer weekends by guests of members, review of three litigious issues in 2018, explanation for 2019 assessments increase, new fire program for the Ranch, the cliff smoke issue, and a review of substantial island and common area improvements in 2018. We hope you can all make it.

Outstanding Violation Fines Lawsuit Won by Hope Ranch:

We are pleased to announce that a lawsuit filed by Hope Ranch to collect over \$30,000 in fines imposed by the Board for a home re-construction project which improperly lasted more than 4 years has resulted in a verdict in favor of Hope Ranch for the full amount of the fines, including interest accrued on the judgment amount since August 2016.

The decision was rendered after a court trial by Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge Colleen Sterne on November 29th and came despite a claim by the owners' attorney that the Board's fines were legally improper and that the owners were entitled to be reimbursed for over \$63,000 in attorney fees.

Hope Ranch is currently in the process of obtaining and executing a final judgment; we will also be seeking to recover our attorney fees from the owners, as provided for in the state Civil Code.

This is the second large fine that the association has collected in the past two years, confirming the board and management's commitment to enforcing the governing documents of Hope Ranch

2018 Staff Holiday Fund a Great Success:

Every year Hope Ranch Member Marie Hansen heads up the Employee Holiday Fund. Comprised solely of contributions by Hope Ranch Members, this fund is the only bonus the staff receives throughout the year. I'm very happy to report that this year's contributions were the highest of the past five years, and that the distributions are very, very appreciated by our staff. To a member, the staff is thankful for their jobs and for the environment provided at Hope Ranch.

Recent Improvements:

Bridle Trails: Sergio and his crew have completed significant bridle trail work this year, including the construction and installation of well over 200 feet of chest-high wooden fences to help guide horses away from dangerous sections of the trail, and heavy re-grading of numerous reverse canted trail sections so that they are more stable for bridle use. Tons of wood chips have been added to many paths as well.

Common Areas: Significant improvements on the map area at the intersection of Las Palmas and Via Laguna has taken place over the past 10 months, including the removal of six large Eucalyptus trees, the planting of about 700 plants with goffer baskets, and the installation of an irrigation system. Additionally, a complete renovation was done on the island at Via Bendita and Via Roblada, including three oak trees (all materials donated by private funds), and the renovation of the small island on Via Sinuosa.

Jet Noise Update:

Hope Ranch GM and a number of Hope Ranch Members have attended and spoken at two Airport Commission meetings recently, for the purpose of drawing attention to the continued and worsening noise situation produced by jets flying over Hope Ranch instead of over the ocean. We are pleased that the airport staff reports that they are in the final stages of contract approval for the addition of something called PublicVue. In addition to the

existing noise abatement software currently used by the airport, PublicVue, when launched, is meant to provide direct access for the public to view flights in violation, and submit complaints more easily. I will keep you informed about this promising service.

Helpful website when reporting aircraft fly-over noise to the airport:

When aircraft fly low over the Ranch, you can report it to the Airport Noise Abatement Hotline at 967-1900. When doing so, try to note the tail numbers, description and precise time the aircraft flew over. You might also use a website called "Flight 24" which identifies aircraft going over your home at any given moment.

CHP Traffic Safety:

Some years ago the Board initiated a CHP vehicle code enforcement program on the Ranch. This consisted of funding the CHP for three or four full time shifts per month to do traffic enforcement on Hope Ranch roads for the purpose of issuing traffic citations for moving violations such as speeding. According to reports from the CHP, this program results in approximately 30 pull-overs per month, and 23 written citations per month. This program is again funded in the 2019 budget.

New Phone Extensions for Hope Ranch office;

We recently upgraded our 1970s phone system, but in doing so, we had to change the extension numbers. Extensions are just about the same as they were, except with an additional 1 in front of them. Hence Greg Feet's old extension, 11, is now 111. Anne and Liza's was 13 and is now 113. Bob Townsend's was 18 and is now 118.

The office phone number remains 967-2376, and the Patrol phone number remains 967-8335

Cliff Fire:

Most Ranch Members are aware of the smoldering underground low level fire (and annoying smell) on private property on Marina Drive. This fire was first reported in the late 1700s, but, according to Members above the cliff area, has flared up three times since 2000—once in 2006, once in 2008, and once in 2011. In 2006, after a long process of complaints and hearings, the fire department provided water through a sprawling irrigation system (that we funded) and watered the area above the smoldering smoke for 9

months before the fire went out. In 2008 the fire went out on its own in a number of months that we are not sure of. In 2011 the fire came back in about August, and went out on its own in early December. It is hoped that, in light of this history, once the current rains soak in for a period of time, the shale will become damp and no longer be as flammable. Many theories abound! However, recently a group of Hope Ranch Members most affected by the annoying smell got together and funded a remedial effort to suffocate the fires daily by using a small private crew to shovel sand on the areas currently burning. I believe this system was working well, eliminating a large percentage of the smoke and smell but, unfortunately, the funding ended. If you would like to donate to this fund (and revive the daily sand shoveling) email me at Gfeet@hoperanch.org and I will put you in touch with the organizer of the private funding.

Some Interesting Statistics:

There are 788 lots in Hope Ranch. About 38 undeveloped. The Ranch encompasses 1,866 acres. The largest single lot is about 18 acres, and the smallest is about a quarter acre. Four non-residential properties in the Ranch own about 209 acres combined. La Cumbre Country Club owns 151, Laguna Blanca School owns 33, Hope Ranch Association owns about 13 acres, and La Cumbre Water owns about 12 acres. Several members own multiple lots, and one Member owns 7 lots.

Fire Department Request:

County Fire wanted me to remind Hope Ranch residents of the importance of having visible street numbers in front of properties. Apparently there are a number of Hope Ranch properties that do not have adequately displayed address numbers. Also, all gates that require a code to enter should have a "Knox Lock" on them which allows Fire to open the gate with their master key.

Barking Dogs:

Barking for more than thirty minutes is automatically considered to be a nuisance and a violation of the Ranch's governing documents. If you have a dog that barks a lot, you should consider one of the new barking collars. They work very well!

Historical Structures in the beach:

If you walk from Hope Ranch beach to Hendry's Beach, you will find a small structure in the bluffs—a

cabana of sorts. There is a lot of Hollywood history associated with this small cabana. Another cabana is located on the sand with a cable system accessing the beach, and yet another structure, a bunkhouse, that used to house the laborers who worked on the Ranch's quarry.

Residential Rental Restrictions Reminder:

The following activities are not allowed at Hope Ranch:

- 1) Renting a guest house
- 2) Renting a room in a residence
- 3) Renting a horse corral.

Projects Under ABR Review:

Note that projects under review are included on the board meeting agendas so that interested parties may offer commentary. Also note that we no longer provide owner names in the Newsletter.

ABR Items

CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

- 3990 CUERVO AVE. NEW RESIDENCE
- 4441 VIA ESPERANZA GARAGE CONVERSION, NEW GARAGE & SHOP
- 4660 VIA HUERTO SCREEN WALL, LANDSCAPING, EXTERIOR PATIO & SOLAR
- 404 VIA DICHOSA NEW RESIDENCE
- 4090 CUERVO AVE. POOL, POOL CABANA & POOL EQUIPMENT
- 4653 VIA ROBLADA NEW GARAGE, BARN, TENNIS COURT & REMODEL
- 4230 CRESTA AVE. HOBBY ROOM

PRELIMINARY REVIEW

- 691 VIA TRANQUILA NEW RESIDENCE
- 4167 CRESTA AVE. REMODEL, POOL, GUEST HOUSE, ETC.
- 4348 MARINA DRIVE BARN, CORRAL, STABLES, ETC.
- 4066 VIA LAGUNA NEW RESIDENCE
- 4640 VIA BENDITA NEW RESIDENCE

FINAL REVIEW

- 4300 VIEJA DRIVE REMODEL, GARAGE CONVERSION, NEW GARAGE & ENTRY
- 4290 MARIPOSA DR NEW RESIDENCE



PATROL REPORT – January 2019

*Not all incidents are reported in the Patrol Report

*Reports may be edited slightly for spacing or sensitive content

Sept 1 9:43AM – Patrol received a Hit & Run report that took place the day before. The Resident had parked her station wagon on the shoulder of the 4500-blk. of Via Vistosa due to her gate not working. When she returned to her vehicle, she noticed that the driver's side had been smashed in. Patrol noticed the height of the (extensive) damage was relatively low and stretched horizontally on the driver's side from front to rear bumper. Patrol documented the incident.

Sept 1 11:40AM – Patrol received a report from the Ranch office that the beach card activity report showed several beach card violations with a Member's beach card. The gate camera footage was reviewed and various "Swipe out / swipe in" attempts using the same card were observed. 1 actual violation was recorded as 2 vehicles made entry with 1 beach card. Ranch Management reviewed the violation and the Member was contacted. The Member was apologetic for his daughter's actions and opted for the 2-week suspension for the violation.

Sept 2 10:15AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a transient on Via Tranquila near the Nogal exit. Patrol checked the area and the transient was not located. No additional call(s) were received.

Sept 3 11:08AM – Patrol received a report of a suspicious transient on Llano heading towards Monte. Patrol located the male with matted hair and beard, who also had very poor hygiene. For safety reasons, patrol asked the male about a large football-sized bulge visible near his right-side pant pocket area. The male said it was a massive abdominal growth. Patrol asked the male if he needed medical attention, but he declined any help. It was learned the male was a 46-year-old from Maryland. Patrol provided transportation to the bus stop on Modoc and gave the male info on several homeless shelters in the city of SB. The male was thankful for the assistance.

Sept 3 5:42PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported that a few days prior, she noticed either a silver Mercedes or BMW convertible speeding on Via Roblada. When the Resident asked the young driver to slow down, the driver flipped-off the Resident. Patrol is on the lookout for the car.

Sept 5 12:06PM – Patrol received several calls about a homeless person pushing a shopping cart on Marina Dr. and Roble Dr. Patrol contacted a male and gave him directions and monitored his progress.

September,06 12:40PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported that a package had been stolen from his porch. The package contained non-negotiable checks. The Resident cancelled the checks with his bank and reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department. *Update: It was discovered that no actual theft had taken place as the missing package was found to have been delivered to the wrong address.*

September,06 3:40PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported that a delivery driver had threatened him with a baseball bat when the Resident asked the driver to slow down. The Resident stated that he was outside when the delivery truck passed by at a high rate of speed. The Resident stated that he yelled out to the driver to slow down and the driver stopped and backed up to the Resident's location. The Resident stated that the driver exited with a bat and cell phone and began to point the bat at his chest while recording on his cell phone. The Resident stated that they exchanged some words and the driver eventually drove away. Patrol asked the Resident if he reported the incident to the Sheriff's Dept., which he had not. The Resident did not seem too concerned about contacting the Sheriff's over the incident. While patrol was standing with the Resident on the side of the road on Lago, he yelled out and waved to several passing vehicles, which the resident believed to be traveling above the posted speed limit. *See next entry for a follow-up to this incident.*

September,07 4:30PM – Patrol was contacted by a delivery driver who came to the Ranch office to provide his account of the incident involving the Lago Resident the day prior. The driver stated that while delivering parcels in the Monte/Lago area, the Resident questioned the driver's activity. The driver stated that the Resident used profanity and pushed the driver on the chest while inside the delivery van. The driver stated that he felt in danger and pulled out a baseball bat that he carries while working. The driver eventually departed the area and when he returned to the company warehouse, he advised his supervisor of the incident. The driver stated that the supervisor decided to cancel all future deliveries to the Resident from that delivery company. GM contacted the driver and confided that, regardless of the action of others, he is advised to never pull out such a bat, or he could go to jail. *Note: At this time, it is unknown if either party reported the matter to the Sheriff's Dept.*

September,10 11:00AM – While conducting a beach check, patrol came across 3 adult females, one a Ranch Resident, who advised they had gone for a walk to Mockingbird Lane and had gotten lost. They eventually found their way back to Hope Ranch Beach. Patrol provided transportation back to the Resident's home.

September, 10 8:46PM – Patrol assisted Sheriff on an alarm activation on the 4500-blk. of Via Huerto. While conducting a perimeter check of the residence, a door was found unlocked. Sheriff Deputies, at gun point, and patrol checked the interior of the residence. An additional door was found unsecured during the search. No one was found inside and nothing of concern was noted. The home was secured before leaving and patrol followed up with the Resident who was not home at the time.

September, 11 9:20PM – While on routine patrol of Via Laguna, patrol noticed a person with a flashlight on the front landscape area of a Residence. Patrol made contact and found it was the Resident, who also had a tape measurer in hand. Patrol learned the Resident was out in the dark taking measurements for a landscape project.

September, 12 8:15PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless man walking on Las Palmas and she wanted him removed from the Ranch. Patrol located the male walking s-b on Las Palmas. Patrol gave directions to the male who made his way out the Ranch to the La Cumbre Rd. area.

September, 13 3:22PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Creciente who reported that her \$1,300 power washer was stolen. The power washer had been stored in a closed (but unlocked) storage area near the street. The Resident said an employee had stored the power washer that morning at 9:30 am. and it was discovered gone later in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The Resident also reported the theft to the Sheriff's Dept. for a criminal report. Suspect(s) are unknown at this time.

September, 14 2:23PM – While on routine patrol of Via Huerto, patrol noticed a property with a construction project that was in different stages of completion. Patrol noted the property did not have a construction permit on file with the HRPFA. Patrol issued a construction violation notice and referred the matter to the Ranch Manager and the Bldg. Admin. for further review.

September, 17 8:55PM – On Las Palmas, patrol noticed a white Chevy van with Texas plates parked with no lights on at the map parcel. Patrol noted the cargo area windows were covered. The front cabin area was empty. Patrol knocked on the Chevy and an older male came out and advised he was making his way to Texas from Seattle. Patrol advised the male he was parked on private property and suggested he find a designated location to spend the night. The male left without incident.

September, 20 11:29AM – While on patrol on Via Presada, patrol noticed a parked silver Honda hatchback with the driver's window down, partially blocking the lane of traffic. Patrol noticed an older male in the driver's seat who appeared to be looking down at something out of view. Patrol pulled up to the window to make contact and noticed the male got startled. Patrol asked the male if he was okay. Patrol learned the male had pulled over to listen to music and had fallen asleep.

September, 21 5:35PM – While on routine patrol of the 4100-blk. of Lago, patrol noticed construction work being done after-hours. Patrol contacted the Resident who was cooperative and stopped the work.

September, 21 9:25PM – While on checking the Via Huerto fire gate, patrol noticed a Toyota SUV parked near the fire gate. Patrol checked the Toyota and contacted a male and a female, who were in the back-seat area of the Toyota. They cleared the area without incident.

September, 22 3:35PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who complained about noise coming from a construction site on the 200-blk. of Las Palmas. Patrol contacted 2 workers at the site regarding the construction violation for working on a Saturday without prior authorization from the HR Bldg. Admin. The workers complied and stopped the work.

September, 23 12:02PM – While on patrol of the 4600-blk. of Via Roblada patrol noticed a group walking by with an unleashed dog. Patrol contacted the group about leashing their dog.

September, 24 4:25PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male laying down in his car at the end of Via Huerto. Patrol responded and noticed a burgundy Saturn sedan with a shirtless male with no shoes laying down in the back seat. Patrol learned the male was a delivery driver who just finished his route in the Ranch and was enjoying the shade.

September, 28 15:05PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who complained about noise coming from next door on Ajada Ln. Patrol responded and noticed construction work, which did not have a construction permit from the HRPFA. Patrol contacted 3 workers on the property. Patrol issued a construction violation notice and the workers stopped the work.

September, 29 11:27AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 1400-blk. of Cantera who complained about tree trimming noise. Patrol contacted the complainant Resident and clarified that such yard maintenance work (tree trimming, etc.) is okay on Saturday's under the Ranch's rules.

October, 01 9:35PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr. who reported a camper (RV) parked below her property and it appeared camping was being set up for the night. Patrol noted a male outside the RV who had a lot of items laid out on the ground. A female was also seen laying down in the RV and then got up when patrol arrived. Patrol contacted the male who said he was organizing the items and they would be leaving soon. Patrol advised that he was parked on private property and was blocking the fire gate. Patrol parked nearby, and the RV left soon after.

October, 02 9:17PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 200-blk. of Las Palmas who reported someone in their dumpster. Patrol met with the Resident. Resident advised she heard footsteps in the dumpster earlier and noticed the shapes of males outside. The males left the property and were last seen leaving s-b on Las Palmas in a white truck. The Resident advised patrol as it was unknown if anyone was still in the dumpster. Patrol asked the resident if she wanted the Sheriff's Dept. called out but the Resident said it was not necessary. Patrol conducted an exterior check of the property and nothing of

concern was noted. Patrol provided the Resident the Sheriff dispatch # and suggested contacting them about the matter. Patrol conducted extra patrols of the property and kept an eye out for the Chevy, which was not seen again.

October,03 12:39PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 1500-blk. of Roble Dr. who reported a vehicle accident on her property. Patrol found a male and a female standing outside a silver Mazda compact (Ohio plate) that had run off the road and into the Resident's landscaping. The Resident advised patrol the male was uncooperative with her. Patrol contacted the couple who advised no injuries were sustained from the accident. The male admitted being the driver and provided limited info and avoided eye contact with the patrolman. Patrol requested for CHP to respond for a single vehicle accident with property damage. Patrol provided traffic control and CHP conducted a vehicle accident investigation.

October,04 6:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Tranquila who reported a vehicle in a ditch in front of her property. Patrol responded and located a white Ford Ranger pick-up truck at an angle and with the passenger-side tires in a drainage ditch. The driver of the Ford was no longer on scene. Patrol noted no damage to private property. However, the Ford may have sustained some undercarriage damage. Patrol monitored the Ford until a tow truck arrived.

October,05 12:36PM – While on routine patrol of Las Palmas Dr. at the s-curves, patrol noticed a bicyclist, in a full biking outfit, riding his bike on the bridle trail. Patrol contacted the male and advised him that he was on an equestrian trail and warned him about the dangers in riding on an equestrian trail, which was not allowed. The male acknowledged the message.

October,05 10:00PM – While checking the HR Beach facilities, patrol located a homeless man sleeping on a bench along the turnaround. Patrol advised the male that he was on private property and needed to vacate the area. The male was uncooperative and was last seen walking towards Goleta along the beach.

October,09 6:27PM – Patrol received an email report from a Resident on the 1200-blk. of Estrella Dr. about the theft of a large BBQ pit and a pressure washer from her property, which was currently being rented. The tenants were on vacation when the theft had occurred. The Resident mentioned that during the vacation, there was a gravel delivery on the property. The Resident also reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department.

October,12 10:28AM – Patrol received a report from an alarm co. about a burglar alarm activation coming from a residence on the 3900-blk. of Laguna Blanca Dr. Patrol responded and found a side door with access into the home wide open. The Residents were not home, but patrol noticed a cart outside by the garage with a small fridge, a plate & fork, a coffee cup and a large household cleaner bottle. Patrol contacted the Sheriff's Department who cleared the interior of the home at gun-point. No one was located, and the interior of the home appeared to be in order. There was no indication of squatting and/or a burglary. Patrol would follow up with the person responsible for the property.

October,12 1:32PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who was at the La Cumbre Country Club and spotted plumes of smoke coming from a residence on the 700-blk. of Monte Dr. Patrol responded and was able to trace dust that was coming off a property on Monte that had a driveway construction project being worked on. No fire and/or actual smoke was located. Patrol followed up with HR office staff and the mentioned property was found not to have a construction project for the driveway work being performed. Patrol issued a Construction Violation Notice and the work stopped. The contractor for the project followed up with the HR office and obtained approval for the project and paid a permit fee.

October,13 2:39PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 700-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. who reported tile being cut at a residence that is under construction. Patrol responded and found workers working on a new wooden fence project. Patrol also noted a radio playing and was advised that a saw had been used to cut some wood. Patrol issued a Construction Violation Notice for the work, which did not obtain prior authorization to work on a Saturday. The work stopped, and report was forwarded to the HR Bldg. Admin. and HR GM for further review.

October,14 6:40PM – Patrol received a couple of calls about a homeless man on Las Palmas Dr. & Via Bendita. Patrol checked the area and found a 55-60 yr. old male sleeping in a sleeping bag on the side of the road on Las Palmas and Via Bendita. Patrol contacted the male about his sleeping arrangements. The male packed up and made his way out the Ranch towards La Cumbre while there was still light out.

October,15 7:22AM – While on routine patrol of Las Palmas Dr. , patrol noticed a transient male walking north-bound on Las Palmas Dr. with a sleeping bag. Patrol monitored the male as he made his way out the Ranch on Las Palmas Dr.

October,17 8:30PM – While on patrol of the 1400-blk. of Cantera, patrol noticed a white mattress and box springs dumped on the side of the roadway. The patrolman recalled that earlier during his shift, he was passed by on Estrella & Bithynia Rd. by an early 2000 bronze-colored full-size Chevy extra cab truck (unkn. plate #), which had a white mattress and box spring in the back bed of the truck. It was believed the illegal dumping may have come from the mentioned Chevy truck, which has not been seen again. The Ranch maintenance supervisor Sergio picked up the illegal dumping for proper disposal.

October,18 12:08PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Mariposa who reported a homeless male walking in traffic on Marina Dr. Patrol contacted the male who was walking west-bound on Marina west of Cantera. The male advised patrol

that he was enroute to the V.A. in San Luis Obispo. Patrol gave the male directions to the local V.A., which was closer for the male to get to. The male was last seen exiting out the Ranch onto Cliff Dr.

October,18 3:51PM – Patrol received a report from a female beachgoer who reported a homeless male followed her to her car and asked her for a ride. Patrol checked-in with other beach goers who spotted a male fitting description making his way west along the beach from the turnaround. Patrol did not pursue further, but contacted the female caller with a follow up.

October,23 6:20PM – Patrol received a report from an alarm co. about a burglar alarm activation coming from a residence on Vieja Dr., which had an activate vacation form on file with patrol. Patrol and several Sheriff deputies responded, and an unsecure bedroom door was located. An interior check was conducted by deputies – at gun-point – and by patrol. All appeared in order and there was no sign of forced entry. The residence was secured, and patrol followed up with the resident who said the mentioned doors were not checked before leaving on vacation. Gustly winds may have blown the doors open.

October,24 10:11AM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch resident who reported a possible homeless male walking on Marina Dr. Patrol located the male heading towards Las Palmas Dr. Patrol monitored the male's progress through the Ranch and he was last seen exiting the Ranch out Las Palmas Dr.

October,24 5:25PM – Patrol received a report from a resident who reported the same description on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol located the male with a backpack on Las Palmas and Via Esperanza. The male began to make his way north on Las Palmas and short while later was spotted on Via Esperanza and Via Hierba by a female who said the male was following her. It was then decided to transport the male to Hollister to prevent any further call(s). The male was not seen again.

October,24 11:35PM – While patrolling the 1400-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a white Nissan sedan with foggy windows parked on the side of the road. Patrol checked on the Nissan and contacted a young couple in the back-seat area. The couple advised they were "just talking". The couple left the Ranch without incident.

October,28 6:00PM – While exiting the HR Beach parking lot, patrol came across a lost European tourist couple with an infant. The couple were renting a house on Puente Dr. and were unfamiliar with the area. Patrol provided transportation to the Via Huerto fire gate, which was a couple blocks from the rental.

October,29 2:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch resident on the 1000-blk. of Estrella regarding a large bird on her driveway. Patrol responded and found a large grey herring bird at the end of the driveway. The bird was alert but appeared injured (may have been struck by a vehicle). Patrol coordinated with the Santa Barbara County Animal Control to respond and take the bird to the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network.

October,31 1:45PM – Patrol received a report from the Ranch GM about a broken window at a residence on the 4200-blk. of Cresta. The Residents were out of town and emailed the GM requesting for their home to be checked. Patrol checked the windows and noticed the broken window's screen was intact. However, there were some feathers, possibly from a hawk, on the window jam. It appeared a bird smashed into the window. No bird was located and there was no additional damage found.

November,01 7:45PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident who advised that her husband had just gotten into an accident on [redacted]. Patrol responded and found the Resident and her husband by their vehicle located on the shoulder. The vehicle was undrivable as it had a damaged front-right tire and it appeared to have smoke coming from under the vehicle. The husband said his vehicle just went off the road and his wife responded to the scene. CHP arrived and called for a tow truck and the fire department in case of a fire. CHP detained the husband on suspicion of Driving Under the Influence. No property damage located, and no injuries were reported. The vehicle was towed away.

November,02 10:10PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident who reported a homeless person on Via Cayente & a Esperanza. Patrol responded and located a male in dirty clothing making his way down to Via Tranquila from Via Alegre. The male appeared to be talking to himself. Patrol contacted the male who was lost and said to be looking for McDonald's. Patrol gave the male directions out of the Ranch and monitored his progress until he made his way out.

November,17 7:12PM – While checking the Via Vistosa fire gate, patrol noticed a white Chevy pickup truck parked along the fire trail. Patrol checked on the Chevy and noticed a semi-nude male and female adult in the back seat. Patrol contacted the male and female and learned neither were Ranch Residents. Patrol asked the couple to get dressed and leave the Ranch.

November,26 9:09PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident on the 4300-blk. of Llano who reported property damage to their mailbox and landscaping that had occurred in the past few days. The Resident had also contact CHP who took a report. Patrol noticed some skid marks leading directly into the damaged area left by a vehicle that had been traveling east-bound on the 4200-blk. of Llano and failed to negotiate the curve in the road. The Resident believed the damage happened while they were away on Thanksgiving Day. At this time, the involved vehicle has not been located.

November,07 1:18PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident on the 4300-blk. of Llano who reported a homeless male sitting on the (inner) curb located at the Las Palmas & Via Cayente turn, a dangerous location to be sitting. Patrol responded and contacted a male with long hair carrying a blue backpack and a black handbag as he walked north-bound on Las Palmas Dr. The male did not say much as patrol gave him directions out the Ranch.

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