Election for mayor set for Feb. runoff

By Will Moses and Chris Handloser
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Two San Diego councilmembers, Democrat David Alvarez and Republican Kevin Faulconer, will square off in a runoff election in February for mayor of San Diego.

In a special election on Nov. 19, Faulconer brought in 101,944 votes (42.17 percent), with Alvarez at 65,722 votes (27.19 percent) and fellow Democrat Nathan Fletcher closely behind him with 58,346 votes (24.3 percent). As of press time, the official results are still unofficial.

Alvarez, 33, created a hoarse voice to explain Nov. 19, he fought through weeks, and due to strong financial backing of local labor councils, secured financial backing of local Democratic Party.

Fletcher closely behind him with 58,346 votes (24.3 percent). As of press time, county officials report that mail-in and provisional ballots have been tallied but results are still unofficial.

On the night of the election, Nov. 19, he fought through a hoarse voice to explain for KUSI News why he felt his campaign flourished as of late. “People are coming together because they see in my story — the story of many San Diegans — that you work hard, and you make things possible.”

Faulconer, 46, benefited from being the only viable Republican candidate in the election, and from his familiarity with the citizens in his work on the City Council.

“The experience that I bring — I served seven years on the council and my ability to work with my friends on the council — I’m going to need that as mayor,” spoke Faulconer confidently to KUSI News.

As of Nov 26, only 341,734, or roughly 35 percent of the 983,750 registered citizens participated in the special election. Nearly double the amount of San Diegans (446,962) rolled out to the polls last November.

Please see sdcitytimes.com for February dates and polling place information.

Kids run in the quad before City College and county officials kicked off the fun run.

Campus strives to ‘Live Well’

City is the first college to be proclaimed for a county initiative

By LeeAnn Rose
City Times

San Diego County Supervisor Run Roberts joined administration and faculty in celebrating the proclamation of City College as Live Well San Diego’s first collegiate partner Nov. 14. The event, enjoyed by hundreds of people, featured a 2K Fun Run, a children’s race, raffle giveaways and more.

Live Well San Diego is a countywide initiative to bring a positive change to the well being of its residents. In addition to City College, the 12 program partners include health care providers, community based organizations, school districts, law enforcement, the military and veterans organizations.

When asked how their newly developed “Step Up To Live Well” initiative will change City College, cross-county coach Paul Greer responded with “greater awareness.” He went on to explain, “I think young people take for granted their health, especially if they have good health. And they don’t understand that as you get older, illnesses and other things can happen later in life if you don’t prevent them from happening early in life.”

Several Knights sports teams that participated in the fun run radiated energy and served as examples of the positive changes coach Greer was promoting to the campus. When speaking of his see Live Well, page 5

Continuing Education campus to open in 2015

By Torrey Spoerer
City Times

Construction is under way for the San Diego Continuing Education – Cesar Chavez Campus, scheduled for completion in 2015.

Located at the corner of Main Street and Cesar E. Chavez Parkway, the former Chuey’s Restaurant, will be a 550 million project housing 22 classrooms, a multipurpose room, administrative offices and a space for a small business incubator.

“These classes help people get hands-on training and position them well for entering the work force,” said Renesa Ashton, a spokesperson with the district’s Continuing Education program, in an interview with the San Diego Union-Tribune.

“Often people are waiting for several weeks, sometimes months, before they are able to get into a program, so this is going to immediately eliminate that long wait,” added Ashton.

Eight of the classrooms will be for health-care training, such as nursing assistance and home health aide programs, replacing a single classroom at the Centre City campus that currently provides Allied Health career training.

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I think the county sought us out to be the first ‘Live Well’ campus because it was students who initiated it, and that’s what they were so impressed with.” Neault said that that, according to a San Diego County staff member present, this was by far the best Live Well kick-off they had for any program yet.

Supervisor Roberts joked during a brief speech about how long it had been since he was a student. He also stated, “I was excited when we were going to have the first college in all of San Diego county in my district, and somewhere I attended.”

“We want to get people to exercise, we have to get healthy eating, and we don’t want them smoking,” Roberts stressed.

The Live Well initiative established in 2010 contains three components – building better health, living safely, and thriving.

Professor Veronica Ortega, along with a few of her students, Greer and others, established the Step Up to Live Well committee. Ortega reported that the committee plans to meet and establish a calendar with a monthly Live Well event.

Even prior to the proclamation, Ortega’s committee made strides in the health and wellness of the students. Depression screenings, HIV testing, blood pressure testing, and healthy new food options in the cafeteria are some of the few so far, and an example of what is to come.

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City Times takes home Best in Show

By Jennifer Manallil City Times

City Times was recently awarded two prestigious first place honors – winning both best college newspaper and first place college news site – at the San Diego Press Club’s 40th annual Excellence in Journalism awards Oct. 29 at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation.

Former Editor-in-Chief Troy Orem was awarded first place in Cover Design. Orem also placed second and third respectively in College Media Photography.

Cartoonist and current copy editor, Adam Baird, received second place in Drawing, Illustration, or Cartoon for “Why So Serious?” He also took second place in Reviews for his story, “Evolu- tion of the ‘Creed.’”

City Times alumni Fahima Paghmanai and Adam Burkhart both placed in the News category, with Paghmanai winning second place for her piece “Comme- morating victims of abuse.”

Burkhart took first for his news story “Brown delivers ultimatum.”

Current Co-Editor-in-Chief Allison Brown was awarded third place in Feature Writing for “City students hit the airwaves,” which detailed the launch of Jazz 88.3’s second radio sta- tion, SDS Radio — or Student Designed Sound.

Former City Times adviser and current City College Legend magazine advis- or, Roman S. Koenig, also went home with six awards for design among other specialties.

Earlier this year, the publica- tion fared well at San Diego Society of Professional Journal- ists and the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC), the latter of which yielded 10 awards for on the spot and mail-in com- petitions, as well as Best of Show, Best Focus on School and Best Layout/Design at the San Diego County Fair over the summer.

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City College to be first Live Well campus

By Chris Handloser City Times

City College was officially proclaimed by San Diego County as the 12th member, and first college campus, to participate in the countywide initiative entitled ‘Live Well San Diego’ (LWSD) on Nov. 7.

Then on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m., Pro- fessor Veronica Ortega and cross- country coach Paul Greer will host County Supervisor Ron Roberts for a proclamation ceremony in Gorton Quad. Following, Greer is organizing a 2K Fun Run across campus to kick off the event for the students.

City College will partner with the Cities of Oceanside, National City, Coronado, Chula Vista and La Mesa, and others, to focus on de- livering better fitness, better nutrition, and better behavioral health to many county residents.

Currently, the long-term health strategy only includes Chula Vista Elementary and Encinitas Union schools, so adding City College is exciting for everyone involved.

“We’re very important to the county that we’re doing it and they’re very excited because they see us as potentially being a model for other college campuses,” ex- plained Ortega.

Associated Student Govern- ment, faculty and their classes, the entire cross-country and baseball teams, the women’s softball team, and many others will celebrate the proclamation day with college ad- ministration and county officials.

The plan is broken down into components, strategies and areas of influence, all intended to posi- tively effect the Live Well indica- tors of life expectancy, quality of life, education, environment and more. (See the graphic right.)

Launched in 2010, the county moved into the second component, Living Safely, in October 2012. However, Ortega strongly feels City College should follow the ex- ample of the county and start fresh with Building Better Health.

“Our faculty, our administra- tion, our staff, we all have to walk the walk,” Ortega emphasized. “It can’t just be something that we’re asking students to do.”

After the initial launch, the com- mittee will hold monthly meetings and establish a 12-month calendar in order to organize related events every month including nutritional education, behavioral health activi- ties and fitness activities.

Ortega’s committee includes City College Public Relations Of- ficer Heidi Bankowski. The two of them came up with “Step Up to Live Well” as a way to brand the college’s program differently.

It really came out of the fact that we have a lot of steps here on campus,” joked Ortega. “And im- planted in that is people do have to step up. They do have to make the effort.”

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