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Petition filed against proposed Dacus property sale to School District; Association membership- wide vote now required

By Matt Liebowitz

On March 20, a petition was filed with the Rancho Santa Fe Association opposing its proposed sale of the Dacus property "on the defined terms" to the Rancho Santa Fe School District.

A 1.28-acre parcel, the Dacus property is located across El Fuego from the school's kindergarten parking lot on the corner of La Granada, and borders La Granada to the north

and Mimosa to the west. The site is intended for use by the school as a construction staging area during its renovation process, and then possibly a parking lot once construction on the new R. Roger Rowe School is finished in 2010.

The petition, submitted by "Mimosa Residents and Friends," contained 126 signatures, 103 of which were

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Attempted robbery at Stump's thwarted by manager, staff

By Matt Liebowitz

On Thursday, March 26, a man attempting to shoplift from Stump's Village Market in RSF Village was apprehended by the store's manager and held until Encinitas Sheriff's officers arrived.

At 8:30 a.m., Ulisses Ramirez, a 41-year-old Hispanic man, entered the market, walked down aisle one—where the liquor is shelved—and put four bottles of tequila, worth \$200, under his waistband, according to Matthew Basham, store manager and

Sergeant Jack Reynolds, with the Encinitas Sheriff's station.

Basham, who was in aisle one at the time, saw Ramirez walk down the aisle toward the back of the store. According to Basham, Ramirez then put one bottle back on the shelf and picked up a bottle of water to make it appear as if he was not shoplifting.

"I told him get out, you're stealing," said Basham.

Basham then touched

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Community event to be held April 3 to celebrate Village Church Playground opening

Another construction milestone will be reached soon at the Village Community Presbyterian Church in Rancho Santa Fe. Currently in the midst of a \$16.5 million campus development project, the church will celebrate the grand opening of a custom-designed 9,000-square-foot playground at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3, at 6225 Paseo Delicias.

The April 3 event is free to the public and will include children's crafts, games, pizza and lemonade and music. A ribbon cutting will be

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The public is invited to a celebration at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3, at the Village Church (6225 Paseo Delicias) to help celebrate the opening of the new playground.

Photos/ Reed Kaestner

RSF Village Street Faire planned for May 9

The RSF Village Business & Merchants Association Planning Committee is in the process of planning an "RSF Village Street Faire" for Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. along the sidewalk on Paseo Delicias. The Rancho Santa Fe Review is helping to coordinate this event with Kids Korps, several merchants and restaurateurs. Entertainment is planned, along with arts & crafts, beautiful flower arrangements and gifts for mom. Mille Fleurs, Delicias and The Pantry will offer a "Taste of the Ranch" with select beverages and appetizers available for sale (a percentage of proceeds going to Kids Korps).

Several retail stores will sell merchandise and/or gift cards for Mother's Day; some donating a percentage to Kids Korps, as well. Stay tuned for more information!

RSF School District board approves Dacus property stand-down agreement with RSF Fire Protection District, RSF Association

By Matt Liebowitz

On March 27, the Rancho Santa Fe School District Board of Trustees approved a stand-down agreement between the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and the Rancho Santa Fe Association regarding the Dacus property.

The terms of the stand-down agreement call for all three parties to refrain from filing action or entering into agreements regarding the Dacus property until September 1, 2009.

The provisions of the agreement outline actions for each

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The demolition of the building on the RSF Association's Dacus property took place March 31 as the school district prepares the property for lease use during the Rowe Renovation Project. Photo/Courtesy RSF School

Brazilia Skin Care opens new Del Mar Highlands location, keeps focus on efficiency and excellence for busy women

By Matt Liebowitz

Open for a month-and-a-half, Brazilia Skin Care's newest studio, in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center, is already receiving great feedback from its customers.

"Clients are so excited we're here," said Excelda Imerman, who opened the first

Brazilia Skin Care opened 14 years ago in the UTC shopping center in La Jolla. Imerman's daughter, Ashton, manages the new Del Mar Highlands location. (Imerman's daughter, Gia, manages the La Jolla studio.) "The response we're getting is phenomenal."

A full-service skin care facility, Brazilia Skin Care's estheticians, handpicked and mentored by Imerman, offer services including spa facials, microdermabrasion facials, face and body waxing, massages, body bronzing, and chemical peels.

What separates Brazilia from its competitors, said Ashton, is the manner in which it understands and caters to the lifestyles of its clientele.

Brazilia's estheticians have all been trained to give Brazilian wax treatments — the studio's specialty — in 10-15 minutes, as opposed to the typical 30-minute procedure.

"It's so fast," said Ashton. "We're quick, efficient, and nothing gets dragged out. Our whole idea is to fit into a busy person's schedule and to be very available."

Open seven days a week from 10 a.m. — 7 p.m., Brazilia's Del Mar Highlands location accommodates walk-ins; customers can also book services on the studio's Web site.

With the multitude of businesses and services located in the Del Mar Highlands, Ashton called the studio's location ideal, as it affords women the chance to make a stop at Brazilia a part of their busy day.

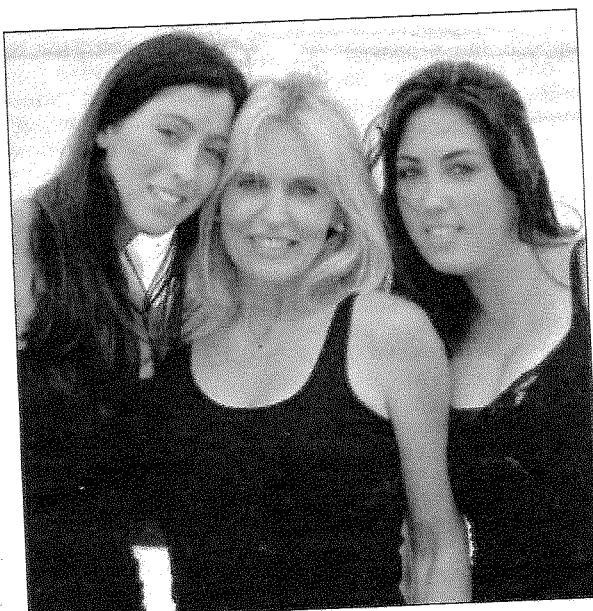


Even with the slowing economy, Ashton and her mother said business isn't down at Brazilia.

With low prices — \$45 for a Brazilian wax — and coupons and discounts available on the Web site, Imerman said, "We're doing fine. You can't beat the prices here. We try to be affordable and extremely fast."

In providing a relaxing, intimate environment for its clients, Brazilia Skin Care is also nurturing the bond between Imerman and her daughter.

"Our mother has developed a well-designed business," said Ashton. "We're very proud of her and proud to be contributing to the family business."



Ashton, Excelda and Gia Imerman

Brazilia Skin Care is located at 12925 El Camino Real, and open seven days a week, 10 a.m. — 7 p.m. For appointments, call (858) 259 0868, or visit www.braziliaskin-care.com.

AGREEMENT

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entity.

For the School District, the agreement reads that the district must provide the Fire Protection District with written notice three business days prior to entering into a purchase agreement to acquire the Dacus property from the Association. The School District may enter into an agreement with the Association for temporary use of Dacus as a construction staging area.

Lastly, the School District may request assistance from the Association in obtaining permission for a change of use under the CC&R's of the Association for the "Angino" property to permit its use by the RSF Association Patrol.

The agreement stipulates that the RSF Association not enter into a purchase agreement for the acquisition of the property with any party, (barring an agreement with the School District for temporary use of the Dacus as a construction staging area). The Association may also assist the School District in obtaining the usage change regarding the "Angino" property.

The terms of the stand-down agreement for the Fire District mandate that the Fire District provide the School District and the Association written notice three business days of its intent prior to filing any legal actions or any eminent domain process for the taking of the Dacus property. If the Fire District is provided with notice by the School District of the school's intention to acquire the Dacus with the Association, the Fire District may file such action prior to the three-day notice provision.

Collectively, the stand-down agreement read that the three parties shall, "Continue to negotiate and pursue in good faith for the development of a joint owned parking structure on property owned by the Rancho Santa Fe Inn to meet the immediate and long term parking needs of all the Parties."

The proposed parking structure, explained RSF School District Superintendent Lindy Delaney, will have 168 parking spaces, a portion of which will be used for school staff parking.

The stand-down agreement came with three conditions: that the Fire District enter into an agreement with the RSF Inn for the temporary use of 34 parking spaces under terms acceptable to the Fire District; that the Association receive an extension to its current lease with the Fire District until Sept. 1; and that the RSF Inn obtain tennis privileges at the RSF Association tennis facility.

Susan Marr, a Mimosa resident and candidate for the RSF Association board, offered her support of the School District's purchase of the Dacus property, but urged the board to consider the deed restrictions her husband, Richard, along with other Mimosa residents, outlined in a petition sent to the Association on March 21.

The deed restrictions in the petition called for 20-foot landscape buffers on the three sides of the property facing Mimosa, La Granada, and the private residence owned by Mrs. Mature, and a 10-foot buffer on the side facing El Fuego. The petition also requested that a plan for the landscape buffers be submitted for review and approval by the Art Jury, and that all vehicular ingress and egress to the Dacus property be restricted to El Fuego, and not come on or off Mimosa. Lastly, the petition called for any vertical improvements in excess of 5 feet, or visible from any of the surrounding streets or residences, to be subject to Art Jury review and approval.

Susan Marr expressed her hope that the School District attaches these deed restrictions to the Dacus property prior to its purchase.

"All we want to do is preserve the integrity of our residential street," said Marr.

Delaney and school board President Carlie Headapohl assured that the Association is actively looking for a new headquarters for the RSF Patrol, but indicated that a condition of the school's purchase of the Dacus from the Association is that the Association reserves the right to place the RSF Patrol on the property.

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PLAY BALL!

The AAA Division Dodgers were among the teams that participated in Rancho Santa Fe Little League's Opening Day March 21 at Richardson Field. The Opening Day ceremony included a parade of teams, introduction of coaches and a "first pitch" to open the season. Baseball legend Jim Abbott spoke at the Opening Day ceremony. Photo/Jon Clark



RSF COMMUNITY CENTER'S SPRING LUNCHEON 'CHAMPAGNE TOASTS TO TABLE TOPS'

Sophia Alsadek, Missy Cameron, Alyce Hallman, Gina Jordan, Peri Jensen were among those who attended the RSF Community Center's Spring Luncheon, "Champagne Toasts to Table Tops," held March 18 at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Photo/Jon Clark



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PETITION

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certified as valid Association members, reported Association Manager Pete Smith.

The petition read: "The undersigned voting members of the Rancho Santa Fe Association oppose the proposed sale of 17056 El Fuego on the defined terms and seek a vote of the entire membership on this matter."

The petition was filed just one day after the Association board passed a resolution authorizing the sale of the property to the RSF School District.

Because the petition contained the requisite number of valid signatures (100), it is required under the Association's bylaws that the proposed sale of the Dacus property must now go to a vote of the entire membership, said Smith. A time-certain item of 9:15 a.m. has been placed on the agenda of the RSF Association board's April 2 meeting allowing both the proponents and the opponents of the sale to explain their positions. At the April 2 meeting, a date will also be set for the vote.

Put out to the entire membership, the vote to approve the sale of the Dacus property requires a simple majority to pass.

The petition on the heels of concerns raised at the March 19 Association meeting by Mimosa resident Richard Marr, who, asked for landscape deed restrictions to be put on the property, including 20-foot landscape buffers on the three sides of the property facing Mimosa, La Granada, and the private residence owned by Mrs. Mature, and a 10-foot buffer on the side facing El Fuego.

Marr, husband of RSF

Association board candidate Susan Marr, also requested that a plan for the landscape buffers be submitted for review and approval by the Art Jury, that all vehicular ingress and egress to the property be restricted to El Fuego, and not come on or off Mimosa, and that any vertical improvements in excess of five feet, or visible from any of the surrounding streets or residences, be subject to Art Jury review and approval.

Richard Marr was involved in the writing of the petition, and said he and the group are not opposed to the Association's sale of the property, but to the terms contained therein.

"We just felt the specific items [the landscape deed restrictions] were not adequately addressed in the resolution," explained Marr. "We're not against the sale of the property to the school, we just asked that it be subject to some reasonable deed restrictions. There's no way to know in the future what the use of the property will be. It is a non-residential use zone on a residential street. They [the School District] could have the right in the future to sell it or lease it. We want to make sure whatever happens in perpetuity would be compatible with a residential street."

Regarding the landscape buffers, Pete Smith explained that the RSF School has agreed to allow the Association to review and approve the landscape plans. The school, however, did not grant the Association the right to review and approve vertical improvements.

Members of the Association and the School District recognize the importance of the Dacus property, and its integral role in the success of the new school site.

The Dacus "Will play a key

role in the school's upcoming remodel and help to address their critical space and parking needs," wrote Association President Lois Jones in an April 1 column in this paper.

Jones explained that the Dacus site is zoned "H," a classification that allows for a Patrol station to exist on the property.

"All members of the Association board believe this sale is in the best interests of the membership and the community," added Jones. The main concern of the petition, explained Jones, is the Association's reservation of the right to access Mimosa should a new RSF Patrol station be built on the Dacus site.

Said Jones: "Although there are no current plans to use the access, it is an entitlement of the property and the Association board believes it should not be waived nor could we when title is relinquished to the new owner...It is not appropriate for this board to restrict future boards' ability to address the critical needs of the community and it is our obligation to ensure that future boards have the resources to provide for those needs." (For Jones' full column, see "Association Buzz" on page 4).

In a column also written for this newspaper (see School Yard on page 5), school board president Charlie Headapohl and vice president Richard Burdge restated the school board's support of the sale of the Dacus property to the school district. Addressing the petitioners' concerns about ingress and egress on Mimosa should a new RSF Patrol station be built on the site, Headapohl and Burdge stated that, "The Association, in

cooperative effort with the School District and Fire District, are exploring solutions related to a permanent home for the Patrol."

Echoing the statements made by Jones, Headapohl and Burdge, RSF School District Superintendent Lindy Delaney explained the School District's position regarding the property and the concerns outlined in the petition.

"The School District would not purchase property that had deed restrictions," said Delaney. "Because of the current situation with the RSF Patrol being asked to leave the Fire District by September 1 2009, the Patrol needs a place to reside that is fairly centrally located to center of community."

Addressing the ingress and egress issue brought up in the petition, Delaney said, "If we end up housing the Patrol on Dacus, which we are going to try hard not to do," it only makes sense they have the ability to get in and out of the property on Mimosa."

"We, as a School District, are committed to working with the Association on any project," she added. "We want to be respectful to community and to put a school in place that will be a long-standing reflection of quality of the facilities in this community. Obtaining the Dacus property would be no different."

Delaney said the School District believes the opposition to its purchase of the Dacus property "is an issue of a few neighbors opposing the sale because of ingress and egress." Restating the efforts of the School District and the Association to reconcile the petitioners' requests, Delaney added, "We are not willing, as a School Dis-

trict, to purchase property that has restrictions on it. But we continually maintain the position that we will work to be good neighbors."

Association Manager Pete Smith said the Association staff has received requests from people to have their names withdrawn because they felt that, because the petition's wording made no mention of "Dacus" or "School," they did not know exactly what they were signing.

"I certainly do not oppose the sale," said Carol Streeter, who signed the petition. "I'm very much for it. I would not have signed the petition if I had read it more carefully. I'm definitely for the sale of the Dacus property to the school."

Streeter said she would go to Pete Smith and have her name taken off the petition.

Even if names are withdrawn, Smith said the petition was certified valid with the required signatures on March 20, and must go to a full membership vote.

Also with its eye on the Dacus property, which could potentially present another set of issues for Mimosa residents, is the RSF Fire District, which earlier this year took preliminary steps to acquire the property through eminent domain.

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The terms of the stand-down agreement call for all three parties to refrain from filing action or entering into agreements regarding the Dacus property until September 1, 2009. (For more, see story, page 1).

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held at 5:15 p.m. by Rev. Jack Baca. The event will also include a silent auction shopping opportunities for themed gift baskets, dine around packages, triple magnum bottle of wine and cheese, mid-night madness scrapbooking for girl's night out, private catered playground birthday party package, caricature drawing by local artists, bulldozer photo opportunities, a book signing with local author, Lance Waite, Deliciously Deceptive Decadent Dessert auction and much more.

"The signs of progress are all around us and the completion of the Village Church discovery play yard is a tangible step toward our shared vision of a glorious sanctuary and church campus," said Baca, senior pastor of the 50-year-old Rancho Santa Fe church. "Most excited, of course, are the

nursery school children, Sunday school children and children throughout the community who will enjoy riding, climbing, sliding and playing here."

Designed by Deneen Powell Atelier, Inc. with Domusstudio Architecture, the nature-themed playground features rounded boulders, rolling turf, eucalyptus logs salvaged from the church site and other natural materials. According to landscape architect Jon Powell, "nature has been included in separate play yards for children of varying ages, with extensive landscaping providing a year-round variety of flowers, colors and insects for the children to discover."

Linked to the toddler play area by a shared tool shed and vegetable garden, the preschool children enjoy playful challenges like a steeply sloping rubberized surfacing, inclined tree trunks and a patch of partially buried boul-

ders, natural-themed re-creations for standard metal play equipment. Preschoolers also have mud pie shade shelters set in a wet sandbox along a walkway at the bottom of a grassy slope. Back uphill are a dry sandbox, tricycle path and space for a future grape stake fort. An open paved play space and a quiet zone with shaded tables assure that children can have different play experiences.

Toddlers see a water play stream that flows under an arch bridge to a central sandbox with mud pie tables. A small climber with slide, outdoor painting boards and a flat grass area for play or story time complete the experience for the younger children.

Demolition crews arrived at the Village Church in September 2008 to raze much of the 1950s-era sanctuary. In early February, the church's Building Committee received the permit to begin con-

struction. To date, the foundation for the new sanctuary has been poured, the underground utilities are installed and the retaining walls are going in.

Designed by Domusstudio in a Lilian Rice "Spanish Revival" style, which fits with the Rancho Santa Fe Village character, the new sanctuary is expected to be completed in May 2010, according to Don MacNeil, chairman of the Building Committee for the Village Church. ROEL Construction Company is the general contractor. The church is planning a cross-raising ceremony in August, according to the Rev. Baca.

A longtime pillar in the Rancho Santa Fe area, The Village Community Presbyterian Church was founded in 1956 and currently has over 1,200 members in its congregation. Recognized for its adult and youth ministries and music programs, the church also has a state licensed preschool pro-

gram for children ages 2 to 5 years.

Once the sanctuary/administration building is complete, the church plans a second building for the church campus, also designed by Domusstudio Architecture. No date has been set for the start of construction of the two-story, 9,876-square-foot Christian Education Building to be used primarily for Sunday school.

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Ramirez' waist and found he was hiding three bottles. Basham grabbed two, but as he was doing so, Ramirez threw a punch, which grazed Basham's face.

In the ensuing scuffle, Basham chased Ramirez down aisle two toward the storefront, crashing through displays set up near the doors. The third tequila bottle broke, and the two men began wrestling on the mats by the doors, said Basham, during which time Ramirez bit Basham on the arm. Basham said the bites, because Ramirez' tooth was knocked out from falling on the ground, left blood on his arm.

For another eight to 10 minutes, Basham said he and Ramirez continued fighting on the ground. During the struggle to detain Ramirez, Basham was helped by

three other Stump's employees as well as an employee from the post office.

The incident was caught on the store's surveillance camera; Basham sent the tape to the Encinitas Sheriff's station for review.

Ramirez was processed at the Encinitas station, and, due to his use of force during the attempted theft, was booked at Vista Detention Facility for attempted robbery, reported Sergeant Reynolds.

In Basham's 19 years working for the Stump's corporation, he has encountered similar incidents in other store locations, but not in RSF.

"This neighborhood doesn't really have many problems," he said.

Santa Fe Christian announces new scholarship recipients

Santa Fe Christian Schools (SFCS) is pleased to announce the winners of its first annual Eagle Merit Scholarship. Kathryn Bussey and Charissa Plattner have been awarded funding for full tuition and expenses for the upcoming school year.

The Eagle Merit Scholarship is provided to two incoming 9th graders who exemplify the mission of SFCS by demonstrating that they are strong in academics, bold in faith, and effective leaders in the community. The scholarship is renewable for an additional three years.

Dr. Tom Bennett, head of schools with over 20 years in the field of education, comments, "We recognize there are students with amazing academic abilities, exemplary leadership and character traits, and deep personal faith who cannot afford to attend a private school. We designed the Eagle Merit Scholarship to keep Christian education accessible to many families and to help us prepare Christian leaders of tomorrow."

Kathryn is a John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Award recipient. In addition to her exemplary test scores and grades she is the editor for her school's yearbook, and is heading up a missions project for Grace Home Orphanage in India. Kathryn is

active at North Coast Church in Vista and is currently an 8th grader at Santa Fe Christian Middle School.

Charissa also received a Johns Hopkins Youth Award. She received awards for art achievement and citizenship, and is a volleyball scholar-athlete. She performs in theater productions to raise money for local children's charities. Charissa attends Horizon Christian Fellowship in North County, and is currently an 8th grader at Rancho Santa Fe Elementary.

The two students and their families were recognized by the Santa Fe Christian Schools' Board of Directors on March 19 and received plaques to commemorate the honor.

SFCS is a Christian, college-preparatory PK-12 school system serving North County. The school's mission is to partner with Christian parents within a Bible-based community, in order to disciple students to embrace Biblical truth, strive for academic excellence, and model Christ-like leadership to influence their homes, churches and communities for Christ.

For more information about the school and/or the Eagle Merit Scholarship Program please contact us at: (858)755-8900 or www.sfcs.net.



ASSOCIATION BUZZ

Proposed Dacus sale fulfills crucial needs



Lois Jones

By **Lois Jones, president, RSF Association**

On Feb. 19, 2009, the RSF Association board passed a resolution authorizing the sale to the RSF School District of the parcel known as the Dacus property. The Dacus property is located adjacent to the entrance to the school and will play a key role in the school's upcoming remodel and help to address its critical space and park-

ing needs. Under the provision of our bylaws, notice was given to the membership of the potential land sale and provides for the filing of a petition opposing the sale. Such a petition was filed on March 20. Under the provisions of our bylaws, the proposed sale must now go to a vote of the entire membership.

All members of the Association board believe this sale is in the best interests of the membership and the community. Not only will the property provide significant benefits to our school but under the terms of the sale, the Associa-

tion has reserved certain rights: to approve landscaping plans for the site, review any structural plans the school may have, and preserve the easement for horse trails on the west and north sides of the property. Most importantly, the school has also agreed to allow the Association to use a portion of the property to construct a patrol station should the need arise. The Association's current land use entitlements designate the Dacus property with an "H" designation allowing for a patrol station, one of the few properties in the Covenant that do. The school has been very

cooperative in their negotiations to meet our needs. Last winter, the Fire Department adopted a Resolution of Necessity to acquire the Dacus property, the first step in the eminent domain process, with intention of constructing an administration building and parking facility. The school district also has the right to take the property by eminent domain. Taking of the property through the eminent domain process eliminates all the Association's rights that we've managed to capture noted above through negotiations. At no point will the Association be able to retain ownership of this property.

One of the main concerns from the members who submitted the Petition of Opposition is the Association's ability to access the property from Mimosa, should the patrol station be built on the site. Although there are no current plans to use the access, it is an

entitlement of the property and the Association board believes it should not be waived nor could we when title is relinquished to the new owner. The patrol and its operation is key to the safety of our members and the security of their properties. The design of a building where access to those facilities is necessary to protect the safety of the children who daily surround the school will need to be determined by the board that builds the facility. It is not appropriate for this board to restrict future boards' ability to address the critical needs of the community and it is our obligation to ensure that future boards have the resources to provide for those needs. The proposed sale fulfills that obligation by meeting the current needs of both organizations and reserving the ability for future boards to address needs and concerns as well.

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THE SCHOOL YARD

Support the RSF School Board and Association Board regarding the Dacus Property.

By **Carlie Headapohl**, school board president and **Richard M. Burdge**, school board vice president

The RSF School District and Association urge all voting members to approve the intended sale of the Dacus Property to the School District.

By now, the Association members are aware that the School District has been interested in buying the Dacus property (see description below) for almost 10 years due to its proximity directly across the street from the school. With the passage of the bond last November to renovate the Rowe campus, the ownership of the Dacus property by the School District became integral to the Rowe renovation as a construction staging area and then for additional parking upon completion in 2010.

Recently, the Association Board mailed a notice to its membership of the intent to sell the Dacus property to the School District. Until this sale can be facilitated, the Association has agreed to lease it to the School District on a temporary basis for a construction staging area beginning April 1, 2009. As part of the agreed upon conditions of the sale of the property to the School District, the Association retained the option of locating the Patrol facilities on the property, in conjunction with the plans of the School District, as one option for the Patrol's relocation effort (the Patrol's lease within the Fire department has expired and they need to relocate). In addition to El Fuego, the Mimosa access from Dacus for the Patrol cars may be necessary for public safety reasons. When the renovation of the campus is completed, the pick-up and drop-off entrance to the school will be at the bottom of El Fuego and La Granada, directly across from the El Fuego side of the Dacus property, creating a safety issue if the Patrol had only the El Fuego exit.

As dictated by its bylaws, Association members have the right to file a petition with 100 signatures to require the Association to take the proposed sale to a vote of a majority of its members. A petition, led by neighbors on Mimosa, have challenged the Association's intent to sell the Dacus Property to the School District primarily due to the issue of Patrol's ingress and egress onto Mimosa, again only if the Patrol cannot

find another more suitable permanent location. The Association, in cooperative effort with the School District and Fire District, is exploring solutions related to a permanent home for the Patrol, as well as other matters between the three agencies that have been recently reported on.

We encourage the Association members to vote in favor of the intended sale of Dacus to the

Note: The Dacus property is a 1.28-acre parcel located directly across El Fuego from the school's kindergarten parking lot on the corner of La Granada and borders La Granada to the north and Mimosa to the west. Should the School District successfully purchase the property, it will be developed into a parking lot once school construction has been completed in late 2010.

2009 State of North County address focuses on preparedness, innovative thinking

By **Matt Liebowitz**

Brief, and at times off-the-cuff, County Supervisor Bill Horn started his March 26 "State of North County" address, held at the RSF Community Center, by stressing the importance of local preparedness, and ended with a call-to-arms of sort, a push for accountability and reformation on the state's part.

Referencing the state's budget turmoil, Horn said, "The events that have been occurring in Sacramento and [Washington] D.C. are changing the way the county goes about things. We're being pushed in a direction other Boards of Supervisors haven't been pushed."

His message was one of readiness, of being prepared to weather the storm.

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Sheriff's Department to discuss personal safety and residential burglary prevention at April 21 meeting

County residents are invited to attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting with Crime Prevention Specialist Heather Clark from the Encinitas Sheriff's Station.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Encinitas Community Center Banquet Hall, 142B, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas, 92024. The topic will be personal safety and residential burglary prevention. For more information, call 760-966-3587.

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Letters to the Editor/Opinion

Letter to Mimosa residents: It's the Fire District you should be after, not the Association and School Boards!

As a former Association Board Director, I urge all Covenant members to support the RSF Association Board's request to sell the Dacus Property to the School District in the upcoming special election.

It is in the best interests of the Covenant membership to sell the Dacus property to the School District as opposed to having either the Fire District or the School District acquire the land through eminent domain. If we get pushed down the eminent domain path the Association will lose the leverage we now have to retain some residual rights in the property (chiefly design review authority and the fall-back right

to put the Patrol on the property).

I was disappointed to hear that a group of Mimosa residents submitted a petition to block the RSF Association's proposed sale of the Dacus property to the School District. Reading through the letter they submitted to the Association along with the signatures, their petition focus on three issues: (1) Concerns over landscape design review, (2) Concerns over building design review, and (3) Concern that all vehicular traffic stays on El Fuego (read that to be "off Mimosa"). The two design review concerns are moot because the School District in the

purchase agreement with the Association has agreed that the Art Jury will have design review authority over how Dacus is developed.

So, the Mimosa petition boils down to concern that the Association's "fall-back" option of putting the Patrol on the western side of the Dacus property will come to fruition and result in the Patrol's squad cars using Mimosa. I hope that the Patrol doesn't have to relocate to the Dacus property either, but if that turns out the best place for them then the last thing we want to do is prolong the lingering issue of where we put the Patrol.

Perhaps the Mimosa residents don't know how much time and effort has been put into finding a permanent home for the RSF Patrol since the Fire District told the Association in June 2006 that the Patrol was no longer welcome in their building; a building that was designed and built 10 years ago for the specific intent of housing the Fire District and the Patrol.

So how did the Patrol get kicked out of the 1,600 sq. ft. - only 10 percent of the office space in the building - that it has occupied for the last decade? Because the Fire District needs the space the Patrol occupies to accommodate the regional dispatch center that the Fire District chooses to operate in the Village!

I should know because I was there. The negotiation with the Fire District on this issue was the worst part of the three-year term I

just wrapped up on the Association Board. It was even more contentious and acrimonious than the discussions surrounding the two school bonds that came up for vote during my tenure on the board!

The current hope is that the Inn, the Fire District, the Association and the School District will be able to work together to build a parking facility that will include offices for the Patrol on the site of the Inn's tennis courts. Should this effort not be successful, as a condition of the sale, the Association has reserved the right to build a facility for the Patrol on the western side of the Dacus property with Patrol cars exiting onto Mimosa.

But let's review again the situation vis-à-vis Mimosa and ask a simple question: If the Patrol cannot relocate to where the Inn tennis courts are, where's the harm to Mimosa if the Patrol ends up on Dacus?

Dacus has been zoned Business and Public Use District Class H since shortly after the Association bought it. Any resident who purchased on Mimosa since 1997 has been aware that the Dacus property is not zoned residential!

It seems difficult for the Mimosa residents to argue there would be additional noise from sirens or screeching car tires - the Patrol squad cars don't have sirens and they aren't allowed to speed as a private security force.

It also seems a stretch to argue that the Patrol on Dacus would somehow change the character of Mimosa. Just go park on Mimosa one morning before school drop-off and you will see it has become a cut-through to get around the La Granada & Avenida de Acacias intersection back-up. Who knows, having the Patrol on Dacus might even slow those cars down!

Perhaps the Mimosa residents would be better served addressing the cause of the problem as opposed to the remedy. Time and energy spent opposing the Association and School District would be better spent asking the Fire District, a public agency, why a dispatch center must be located in the Village. And second, why they will not allow the RSF Patrol to continue to occupy the "other" entrance to the Fire Station that the RSF community was promised would house the Patrol when the case was made to build the Fire Station 10 years ago!

When the Dacus sale goes through I would urge the Association Board to use the proceeds to pay down some of the debt incurred to acquire the Osuna property. Hopefully, the Association, School District, Fire District and Inn can then try to get a parking structure/Patrol office designed up by the Inn tennis courts and we can get the Patrol in a permanent home that will allow all three public entities involved to rebuild relationships damaged during this unfortunate squabble.

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Based on education and experience, understanding the benefits and detriments of Association impact on our residential property values has been a focus of mine over the past three years. As it is the physical core to our community, impacts to the village are also of significant interest. Not agreeing with, but respecting the outcome approving the Lilian project is proper Director etiquette. Concerns moving forward should focus on avoiding new development projects that would perpetuate this precedent setting scale. The strongest tools preventing commercial overdevelopment are defined in our regulatory codes and are subject to board review. Ratio requirements linking minimum parking to maximum square footage in conjunction with CC and Rs defined commercial bulk restrictions could, if the board so chose, prevent a permanent loss of the existing historic ambiance in Rancho Santa Fe Village. Developers focusing on highest and best use based purely on financial gain will never be in short supply. No fault is being placed on energetic business practices. Members might find it in their best interests to encourage the board to conservatively observe the CC and Rs as the limitations placed on all commercial property owners by their agreement signatures. An erosion of strict past use of commercial CC and Rs and a resulting replacement of single story courtyard structures with two story office buildings would alter the quaint appeal which in part attracted Association members to this community.

3. What is your opinion of the Association board process and

how is it thought of by Association members? Do you see the need for any changes to this system?

Shillington: As our board process is legislated by the Covenant agreement and the Davis Sterling Common Interest Development Act, alterations to the process can only occur through California Legislation and or by Covenant amendments supported by a substantial majority of Association Members. Nothing is perfect but one could certainly argue that the 1928 Covenant document has stood the test of time.

4. What is your opinion of the Art Jury process and how is it thought of by Association members? Do you see the need for any changes in this system?

Shillington: The Art Jury system is, on a yearly basis, in a constant state of fluctuation. Jurists are officially appointed by the board president. During my tenure, the president has respected the thoughts and preferences of all board members. Change in Art Jury tastes significantly impacts Jury decisions. Inconsistencies are inevitable but the system can only be changed through member voted amendments to the Covenant. Art Jurists donate tremendous amounts of time to the community. Agree with their decisions or not, appreciation is in order.

5. Growth (traffic congestion) and development have always been a major concern for Association members. What recommendations, if any, would you make regarding growth and development?

Shillington: Three roundabout intersections are in process with San Diego County. Serious discussions should occur prior to final board approval. Removal of stops will eliminate backups and dramatically reduce cut through. Before a final board decision is

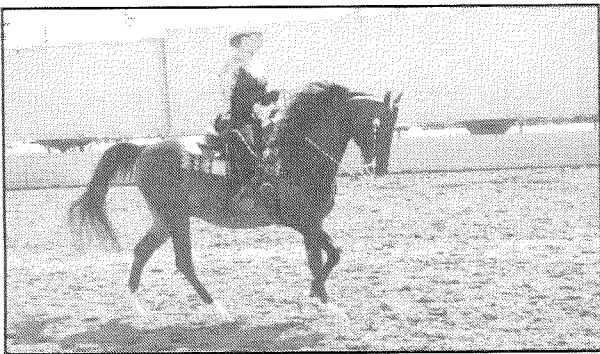
made, long term byproducts should be carefully examined. Accurate assessments of future vehicle counts on a created thruway might be cause for concern. Impacts from a large and uninterrupted traffic flow could create new invasive issues. Speeds from a 45MPH Via De La Valle right turn to Paseo Delicias on a left swing roundabout intersection could severely impact the slow-down design functionality and endanger the blind to curve equestrian and pedestrian crossers even with flashing yellow lights. Careful scrutiny of both government and private developer proposed changes to our community should be a fundamental focus of the board. Surface claims of improvement might cloud subsurface detriment. Example: Developer offers of additional parking for the community might directly link to greater development square footage and strict limitations to parking accessibility. Greater commercial square footage may not be ideal when attempting to maintain our Village ambiance.

6. Do you agree with the RSF Association's plan to sell the Dacus property to the RSF School District?

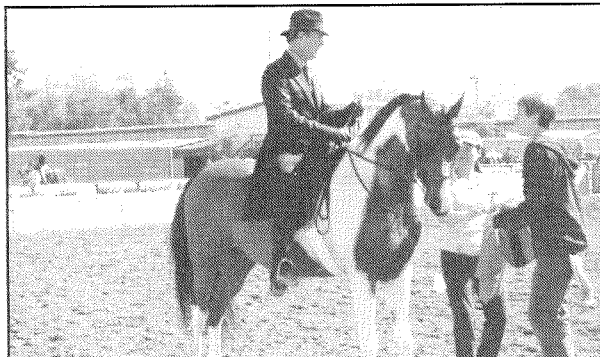
Shillington: Because it would be against Covenant guidelines for an active Director to delve into critical details related to this ongoing board legal issue. I can only state that the Dacus property issues continue to be carefully examined. The Directors all understand their need to protect neighboring home owner members. Because both the Fire District and the School District are integral contributors to our community, Directors must take their importance into consideration. The current Fire District threat of adverse possession and a demand to vacate

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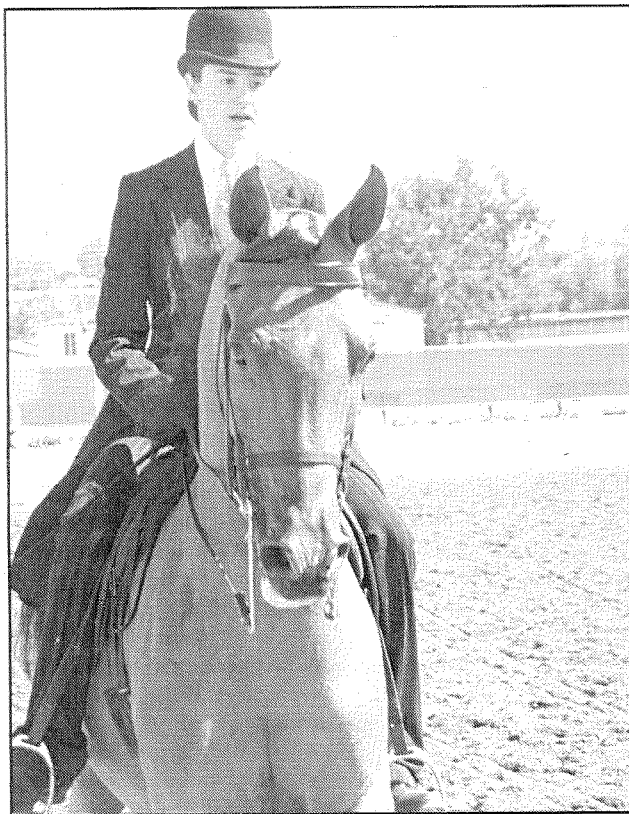
Classy horses



Rebecca Shupek, on Blew By You, won the Western Horsemanship Medal class.



Above, Essence of Color, ridden by Robb Wallen, took first in the Half Arabian Country English Pleasure Championship class.



XL Giorgio, with Leanne Asper aboard, won the Open English Pleasure class at the Fiesta Del Mar Arabian Horse Show on March 27. PHOTOS BY KELLEY CARLSON

Scouts honored



Penny Rehrig, mother of The Solana Ranch unit's president, Robin Daou. PHOTOS COURTESY



Above, Anna Daou and Taylor Perison, red carpet greeters from host Troop 1106. Left, Rachel Fetzer, a raffle basket winner.



Fallen soldiers honored in Solana Beach

BY LAURA PETERSEN
Staff Writer

Vietnam veterans Harvey Aiau, Raphael Cruz, Charles Drayton Henricks, Victor Lopez, Thomas Mericante and Joseph Michael Tworek represent all branches of the armed services. Each exhibited bravery and sacrifice. Several received medals of honor.

All left for the war from Solana Beach, where they had either grown up or moved to later in life.

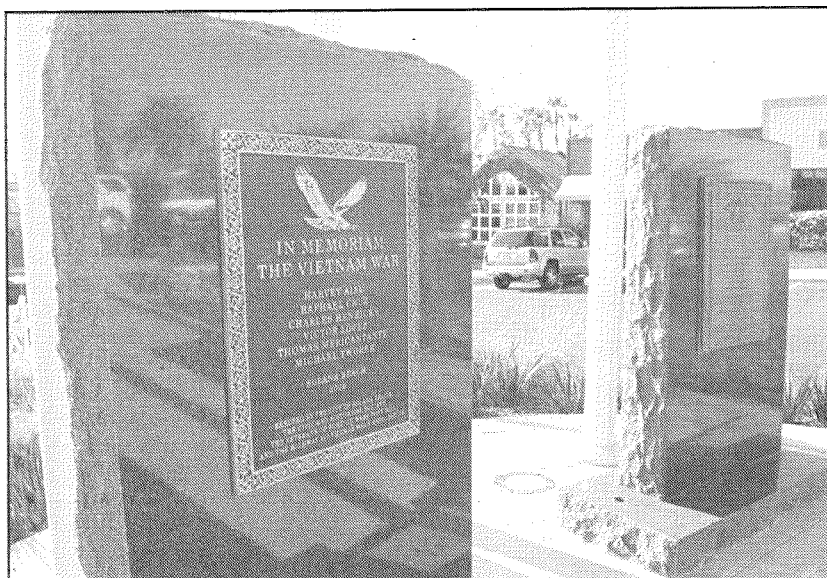
The Solana Beach Vietnam Veteran's Memorial honoring these six fallen soldiers was recently installed alongside the World War II memorial at the northeast corner of Plaza and Highway 101. More than 100 people, including family and friends of the deceased, attended the dedication of the memorial on March 25.

"I am very appreciative to the city of Solana Beach for doing this," said Art Lopez, who grew up in Solana Beach with Victor "Chief" Lopez and their six brothers. "It was negative for so many years. It's very satisfying to see he now gets respect."

Short biographies of the six Vietnam and eight World War II veterans were read that Solana Beach historian Richard Moore meticulously compiled during years of research.

Vietnam veteran Jack Frazier shared his experience coming home from the war and how important memorials are in the healing process.

"Even though there was a draft, most were volunteer patriots when, in America, it was a dirty word," Frazier



The Solana Beach Vietnam and World War II memorials honor 14 fallen residents. LAURA PETERSEN

said. "It's well past time we recognize those who served in Vietnam."

Robin Tworek Hungerford's first husband, Michael Tworek, received 33 Air Medals, the Bronze and Silver Star medals, and the Distinguished Flying Cross as a talented helicopter pilot. He died in a training accident, leaving her to raise their two small children. Hungerford attended the ceremony with her daughter, Heather.

"They've done a phenomenal job," Hungerford said. "It's a beautiful place to reflect."

The ceremony was hosted by the city, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5431

and the Solana Beach Civic and Historical Society. The World War II memorial, which was relocated from the Plaza center divider to the more accessible and visible corner during the redesign of the street last year, was also rededicated.

Now, everyday as people pass on foot, bike or in their cars, they will be reminded freedom is not free, and honor the men and sacrifices they made on our behalf, Mayor Mike Nichols said.

"This location here could not have been better," said Roy Warden, a veteran and longtime Solana Beach resident. "I like to call this the Solana Beach Veteran's Corner."

Dacus demolition



The home on the Dacus property on El Fuego was demolished the morning of March 31. The Rancho Santa Fe Association recently sold the property to the Rancho Santa Fe School District, which plans to use the 1.28 acres to alleviate pickup and drop-off congestion and perhaps for future play fields. COURTESY

RSF Trails Committee reminds Association members that only 'certain types of uses' permitted

The Rancho Santa Fe Association Trail system, spanning some 50 miles of beautifully scenic trails that meander throughout the covenant are reserved for the private use of Association members and their guests. While enjoying use of our trail system, members should be aware that only certain types of uses are permitted.

Horseback riding is permitted, and, in fact, riders have the right of way. If you see a horseback rider on the trail, announce your presence to them, particularly when approaching from behind, to alert them that you are there. It is also helpful to stand where the horse and rider can see you.

No horseback riders may have a dog accompany them, be they leashed or unleashed. Walkers and runners are welcome and dogs are allowed, but must be

leashed at all times. It's not only the rule; it is California law. Pedestrians with baby joggers and wagons are allowed, however, scooters or bicycles of any kind are not! Motorcycles, dirt bikes, mini-bikes, motorized scooters, quads or the like are simply not permitted.

One specific exception is that a golf cart may be used when traveling to or from the golf course. One general exception is for vehicles used for fire, emergency, safety, maintenance and trail construction.

A booklet outlining the RSF Association Trail & Rules Etiquette is available at the RSF Association office. All members are encouraged to obtain a copy as well as come out to enjoy what most would describe as the finest trail system within the county.

— RSF Trails Committee

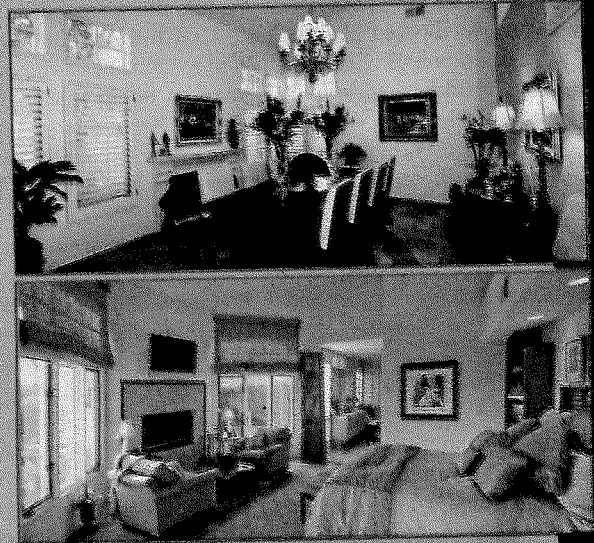
Free CPR class offered in RSF

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) and San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE) are teaming up to provide a free community CPR class in Rancho Santa Fe. The class, which is open to residents living within the RSFFPD, will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Station 1, 16936 El Fuego in Rancho Santa Fe. While the class is being offered for free, an RSVP by April 22 is required. To RSVP, please contact Lorelee Olejnik, community relations specialist for SDMSE, at 619-243-0200.

RSF Village Street Faire is May 9

The RSF Village Business & Merchants Association Planning Committee is in the process of planning an "RSF Village Street Faire" for Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. along the sidewalk on Paseo Delicias. The *Rancho Santa Fe Review* is helping to coordinate this event with Kids Korps, several merchants and restaurateurs. Entertainment is planned, along with arts & crafts, beautiful flower arrangements and gifts for mom. Mille Fleurs, Delicias and The Pantry will offer a "Taste of the Ranch" with select beverages and appetizers available for sale (a percentage of proceeds going to Kids Korps). Several retail stores will sell merchandise and/or gift cards for Mother's Day; some donating a percentage to Kids Korps, as well. Stay tuned for more information! For more information, contact MaryBeth Brown at mbb@mbbrown.biz.

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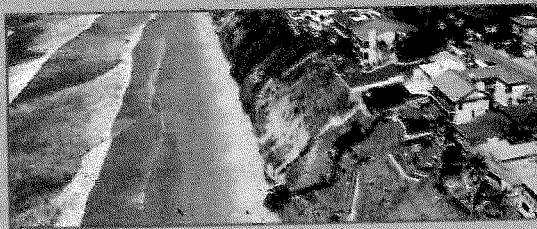
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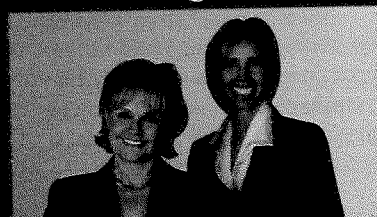


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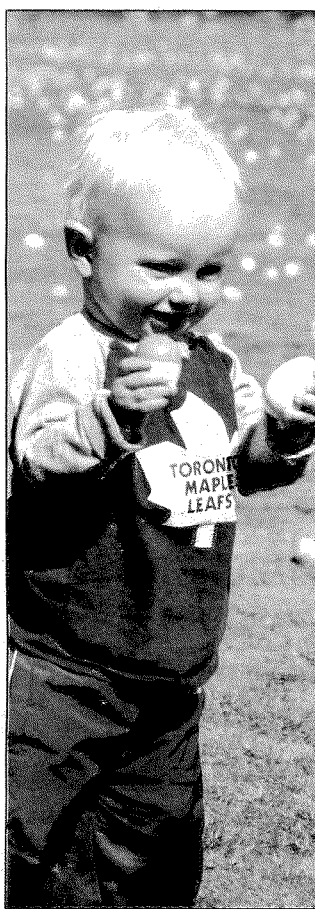
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MEGGA FUN

SOLANA BEACH — Crafts, games and a visit from the spring bunny were all part of the 20th annual spring festival and egg hunt April 4 at La Colonia Park. Children in third grade and younger gathered for the two-hour event, sponsored by the Solana Beach Parks and Recreation Department. Above, Del Mar resident Nicholas Shaternik, 2, waves as the spring bunny passes by. Left, Ellery Dinsmore, 3, and her 6-year-old sister, Haley, strike a pose with the spring bunny, aka Danielle Appleton, a 13-year-old student at Earl Warren Middle School. Haley attends Solana Vista Elementary School. Top-left, despite his dad's best efforts to hold him back, 1-year-old Ben Dykes of Del Mar breaks free and proudly gathers a few eggs before the official start of the hunt. Photos by Bianca Kaplanek

School board comes to agreement on Dacus property

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — The school board met in a special session March 26 to approve the stand-down agreement regarding the Dacus property.

The board also authorized the execution of a site lease, facilities lease and accompanying documents relating to the renovation of the R. Roger Rowe Campus.

In real estate, the hottest property is determined by "location, location, location." These days, no property is hotter than

the Dacus property, which is located on the corner of La Granada and El Fuego, and is being sought by the school and the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

The Association, the school board and the fire district are working together to create a harmonious solution for all parties, and the signing of the stand-down agreement is a step toward ensuring that solution.

Key elements to the agreement specify that the Association will enter an agreement with the school

district for temporary use of the Dacus property as a construction staging area.

The Association will also assist in obtaining permission for a change of use for the "Angino" property owned by the school district to permit the use of the property by the Rancho Santa Fe Association Patrol.

The school district will provide the fire district written notice three days prior to entering into a purchase agreement to acquire the Dacus property from the Association.

In turn, the fire district

will provide the school district and the Association with its intent to file any legal actions using eminent domain for taking the Dacus property.

All parties agree to negotiate and pursue in good faith for the development of a joint-owned parking structure on property owned by The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe to meet the immediate and long-term parking needs of all parties.

The proposed parking structure will accommodate

TURN TO AGREEMENT ON 22

County to clamp down on water use

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — "Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over," Mark Twain said. Many residents in Rancho Santa Fe and surrounding communities could find that to be true as water rationing restrictions will be put in place by July 1. Residents attending the annual meeting for Whispering Palms on March 24 were given insight on the upcoming restrictions when Kimberly Thorner, general manager for the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, or OMWD, addressed the crowd.

"Most of the water usage is outdoors," Thorner said. "It takes 48 inches of water annually to make grass green. In 2007, we only had four inches." OMWD distributes water to Whispering Palms, Fairbanks Ranch and other

TURN TO WATER ON 22

Robbery thwarted at Village Market

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — An attempted robbery at the Village Market on March 26 went awry, thanks to the quick thinking and bravery of Matthew Basham, the store manager. Basham was dealing with a wine rep in aisle 2 when he said he noticed a man attempting to steal four bottles of expensive tequila by placing them under his shirt. Basham said he confronted the man who then took a swing at him, clipping Basham on the jaw. In self-defense, Basham said he wrestled the man to the ground, which broke a bottle of tequila and knocked over displays in the process. Another employee called 911 and secured the doorway with shopping carts, keeping the man and his three companions in the store.

Sgt. Reynolds of the Encinitas branch of the San Diego Sheriff's Department arrived at 8:30 a.m. and found Basham and other store employees detaining the man

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communities surrounding the Covenant.

Thorner anticipated that the OMWD board in May will commence Level 2 mandatory restrictions setting limits of water irrigation to three days per week for no more than 10 minutes.

"There will be 'water cops' on patrol to look for those who are wasting water," Thorner said. "But no additional staff will be hired; only those already employed by OMWD."

According to Thorner, heavy water users will be penalized, but residents who achieve a lower level of water usage will receive a lower water bill.

Thorner said OMWD has many programs available to help save water. Several homeowner associations including Alcala, The Villas and The Greens sought advice from OMWD to conserve water for common areas in the associations.

OMWD is currently diversifying its supply, of which 6 percent is from recycled water and is used on golf courses, open spaces and common area. OMWD is also a partner with Poseidon Carlsbad Desalination plant and will receive 5,000 acre-feet of desalinated water for its service area when the plant comes online.

After the presentation by OMWD, Charlie Baker, president of the Whispering Palms Community Council, introduced Denean Rivera, who announced the formation of a new association within Whispering Palms — The Greens of Whispering Palms.

"After many years of struggle, we are now one unified community," Rivera said.

For years there has been a struggle between homeowners of Greens I, II, and III and developer Richard Cavanaugh.

The homeowners of The Greens have formed a nonprofit corporation and all legal transfer of control was finalized this past week, according to Rivera. Dues for homeowners are \$100 per year and Rivera said that a board is up and running.

"This will be a great step forward," she said.

After four years as president, Charlie Baker is stepping down from the position, but not before he encouraged residents of Whispering Palms to become more active in their community.

"Eighty percent of the work is done by 20 percent of the people," Baker said. "Let's make it at least 60/40."

David Nugent, president of the Alcala Homeowners Association, presented Baker with a gift of thanks for his many years of devoted service.

"No one has worked harder than Charlie. He's as graceful as Fred Astaire yet as tenacious as Attila the Hun."

AGREEMENT

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168 parking spaces.

Susan Marr and Catherine Fox, residents on

Mimosa Street near the Dacus property, attended the meeting to voice their concerns.

Both women said that they approved the sale of

the property to the school, but wanted the board to communicate with neighbors as to plans and intentions. Marr pushed for encumbrances on the prop-

erty regarding any future sale; she also had concerns about landscaping plans and ingress and egress on the property.

The fire district also

met March 27 to confirm the same stand-down agreement, and the Association board will meet April 2 and is anticipated to do the same.

ROBBERY

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on the floor.

"It took about eight minutes for the officer to arrive,"

Basham said. "And, believe me, it was a long eight minutes." During the wait, Basham said the man attempted to bite him on the arm, drawing blood on his

hand.

Sandi Lubenow, assistant to Superintendent Lindy Delaney at the R. Roger Rowe School, was in the market at the time of the altercation. "I

heard a ruckus by all the shopping carts and something was happening on the floor. I thought someone was having a seizure. There were about 10 of us in the store wondering,

"What's going on?"

Reynolds identified the man as Ulysses Ramirez, 41. He has been booked at the Vista jail for attempted robbery with use of force.

TASTE OF WINE

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will see specific courses to match your interests: Wine Tasting, Understanding Wine, Wine & Food Pairing, Italian, French, California, Australian and many more. Each electronic course is approximately \$49 and lasts about 12 weeks.

Some have a higher degree of difficulty than others, but everything is spelled out when you hit the "learn more" button, and when you enroll.

A combination essay

and multiple choice exam finalizes your eligibility to become a certified wine connoisseur.

Wine Bytes

— Eli's Food & Wine in Del Mar Heights, from 4 to 6 p.m. April 9, is presenting Kent Rosenblum of Rosenblum Cellars of Healdsburg in Sonoma County, a winemaker of the highest quality since 1978. Ninety-plus rated Zinfandel and Syrah wines will be tasted for \$5. Buy a bottle and Rosenblum will sign it. Call (858) 481-2323 for details.

— An Easter Wine Hunt will be happening April 10 and April 11 at Vino 100 in San Marcos at Plaza Las Posas. A special bottle of wine, if you can find it, is just \$1! Tastings include South American favorites from light Torrontes to bold Malbec. For more information, call (760) 591-9113.

— Two wine events in April for 3rd Corner Encinitas include from 2 to 5 p.m. April 11 a West Coast Wine event for \$10, and from 2 to 5 p.m. April 25 is Organic and Biodynamic Wines, also for a \$10 fee.

Call (760) 942-2104 for details.

— Jim Barrasso's Firefly Grill & Wine Bar has the Wines of Argentina Tasting from 5 to 7 p.m. April 15. Taste eight of the 90 point names and enjoy passed appetizers. The cost is \$20 per person. Call (760) 635-1066 for more information.

— Join the fun, with Italian food and wines at 6 p.m. April 18 in the Barrel Room of Belle Marie Winery north of Escondido off Highway 215, for an elegant five-course meal representing the cuisine of the entire

boot of Italy. Premium Belle Marie and Chateau Dragoo Italian style wines will royally wash it down. Hear Winemaker Mick Dragoo and Master Chef Guiseppe di Giovanni narrate this special event. The cost is \$89 and includes all. RSVP at (760) 796-7557.

Frank Mangio is a renowned wine connoisseur certified by Wine Spectator. His library can be viewed at www.tasteofwinetv.com. (Average Google certified 900 visits per day) He is one of the top five wine commentators on the Web. Reach him at mangiompc@aol.com.

NETWORKING

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stay-at-home-mom, single and searching, president of your own company, working for someone else or retired. The goal of the Women's Alliance Network is to inspire, provide new acquaintances and most importantly, help our members enjoy life."

The Solana Beach

Chapter meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, 1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive.

The Rancho Santa Fe Chapter holds a Networking Happy Hour from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Morgan Run Resort and Club, Summerset Lounge, 5690 Cancha De Golf.

The Del Mar Chapter meets for a Networking

Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Cafe Del Mar, 1247 Camino Del Mar.

The Carlsbad Chapter has a Breakfast Networking from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive.

The Encinitas Chapter hosts a Networking Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

on the second Wednesday of the month at When In Rome Restaurant, 1108 S. Coast Highway 101.

The Women's Alliance Network has also established a charity donation program whereby a portion of the organization's membership dues goes towards supporting community non-profit endeavors. The organization has established the Magdalena Ecke Family

YMCA and Casa de Amparo as its recipient partner charities for 2009.

For more information on the Women's Alliance Network, how to become a member, the April 19 Business Expo and the May 16 Launch party, visit www.womensalliancenet-work.com, call (858) 951-3083 or e-mail info@womensalliancenetnetwork.com.

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series, will discuss the Bible and "end times" from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 12, Vista Assembly of God, 290 N. Melrose Drive, Vista. This event is free. Call (760) 724-7099 or visit www.vistaassembly.com to learn more.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER The Buena Vista Audubon Society will lead a bird walk at Penasquitos Canyon and Lopez Canyon at 8 a.m. April 12. Meet in the parking lot of Cantina Mountain Bike Gear, 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., Suite G, San Diego. Birders will look for raptors, grasshopper sparrows, migrants as well as many other birds. Call Steve Brad at (760) 633-1639 to learn more.

HAPPY EASTER Seaside Center for Spiritual Living invites the public to its annual Easter festivities April 12, Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive, Encinitas. Service will be held in the Meditation Garden at 6 a.m., followed by Celebration Services held in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call (760) 753-5786 or visit www.SeasideCenter.org to learn more.

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CWONC

Contemporary Women of North County will have a meeting beginning at 6 p.m. April 13, Wood House, Woodland Park, 1148 Rock Springs Road, San Marcos. Visit www.cwonc.org for details.

NATIVES ONLY Native plant enthusiast Mike Evans, owner of Tree of Life Nursery, will lead a discussion at 6 p.m. April 13, Surfside Race Place, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Evans will talk about connecting to nature in your own backyard, and will discuss the practical techniques needed to squeeze "nature" into a small garden space. Call (760) 295-7089 or

visit www.sdhortsoc.org to learn more.

APRIL 14

FAMILY HISTORY "How to Make a DVD of Your Family History Research Experiences" will be discussed by Del Ritchhart during the Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. Call (760) 967-8635 to learn more.

HUMANE CARE Mike Arms, president of the Helen Woodward Animal Center, will discuss "Providing Educational and Therapeutic Programs for People" and "Humane Care and Adoption of Animals" at the San Dieguito Woman's Club meeting at 11:30 a.m. April 14, San Diego National Bank Community Room, 131 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas. For details, call (760) 944-3620.

OK COMPUTER The Tri-City Computer Club of Oceanside will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. April 14, Oceanside Salvation Army Community Center, 3935 Lake Blvd., Oceanside. The club will discuss computer safety, how to optimize backup on your systems, driver updates, and hard drive safety. Call (760) 631-8279 for details.

APRIL 15

COOL FRIENDS A free family music program sponsored by The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library will be presented at 7 p.m. April 15, Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, Carmel Valley. The presentation will feature flutists Janet Parish-Whittaker and Ted Parker performing duets by Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, Jean Baptiste Loeillet de Ghent, and more. Call (858) 552-1668 to learn more.

IT'S AN ART The Caregiver Coalition will present the con-

ference the "Art of Caregiving" from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 15, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad. Advance directives, legal issues, memory loss and aging, fall prevention and the emotional aspects of caregiving are just some of the topics that will be discussed. Call (800) 827-1008 to register.

ORCHID CULTURE The San Diego County Cymbidium Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 15, Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad. Charles "Butch" Weckerle-Thrun will demonstrate aspects of orchid culture. E-mail orchid2@mac.com or call (760) 732-0055 to learn more.

NO NEW TAXES Stop Taxing Us will host a North County Tax Day Tea Party at 6 p.m. April 15, Oceanside City Hall and then to the Oceanside Pier for a Mock Tea Party. This is an effort to oppose liberal spending agendas, while promoting fiscal responsibility and transparency. For details, call (760) 622-1150.

STRAWBERRY LOVE Carlsbad Village will hold its annual "Everything Strawberry" festival from 1 to 5 p.m. April 15 and April 18, Carlsbad Village Farmers Market, 2930 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad Village Drive. The celebration will feature live strawberry cooking demonstrations by Captain Cooks Culinary Academy, as well as our traditional Scavenger Hunt, and live music. Call (760) 434-2553 to learn more.

APRIL 16

NEED INSPIRATION Allison Maslan, an author, life and career coach, homeopath and international speaker, will give a short presentation about moving past fear and using inspiration to turn your life around at 7 p.m. April 16, Art N Soul On 101, 633 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Maslan will discuss

how to tap into your inspiration and passion. Call (858) 794-0787 or visit www.myblastoff.com to learn more.

URANIUM POWER The Book Works will present Tom Zoellner, author of "Uranium: War, Energy and the Rock that Shaped the World", at 7 p.m. April 16, The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle, Suite A230, Del Mar. Zoellner will discuss his new book, in which he takes a look at the world's most powerful source of energy. Call (858) 755-3735 for details.

ONGOING

BE AGGRESSIVE New Village Arts will present "Be Aggressive" through April 26, 2787 State Street, Carlsbad Village. The play is by award-winning playwright, Annie Weisman. This comedy is centered in San Diego around the world of cheerleading. For tickets, call (760) 433-3245 visit www.NewVillageArts.org.

DEPRESSION WORKSHOP Emmanuel Faith Church will host an eight-week seminar based on the video series "Overcoming Depression" Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. through May 18, Emmanuel Faith campus in the Education Center, Room 21/22, 639 E. Felicita Ave., Escondido. This workshop is for adults who wish to learn how to overcome depression themselves. Call (760) 745-2541 or visit www.efcc.org to learn more.

GRANT WRITING A series of free grant writing and nonprofit development workshops are being offered to the public at 10 a.m. through June 12, Palomar Community College, Room SSC-1, 1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos. The classes are part of an annual series of workshops taught in San Diego County by the team at Grant Writing Specialists and are aimed toward enhancing the fundraising skills of area nonprofits. Call

(619) 460-2738 to learn more.

HEALING ART Dozens of photographs by members of the PhotoArts Group will be displayed in exhibit titled "Healing Art" through June 5, Chiropractic Rehabilitation Wellness Center, 115 Main St., Vista. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Visit <http://www.photoartsgroup.org> to learn more.

MOSAIC MADNESS Trios Gallery will feature a mosaic exhibit through May 10, 404 North Cedros Ave., Solana Beach. The exhibit will be held in conjunction with the eighth annual Mosaic Arts International juried exhibition taking place at the Museum of Man in Balboa Park. Call (858) 793-6040 or visit www.trios-gallery.com to learn more.

LATIN ART "Cardinal Points/Puntos Cardinales: A Survey of Contemporary Latino and Latin American Art" from the Sprint Nextel Art Collection will be held through May 8, William D. Cannon Art Gallery, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. The most dominant themes and creative approaches in art produced over the last two decades by artists in Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, and the United States will be presented. Call the gallery at (760) 602-2021 or visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts to learn more.

VINTAGE FIND "Vintage Found Treasures" will run through April 30, Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad. The exhibit will feature mixed media collages by Bonnie Cady. The collage collection includes WW II letters home to grandma and grandpa, 1950's USO Christmas experience, and shopping bag art. Call (760) 602-4650 to learn more.

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Embracing the Second Amendment



Mary Humphrey holds a practice gun at the shooting range. PHOTOS BY KAREN BILLING

Shooters are back

BY KAREN BILLING
Staff Writer

The Lady Shooters are back on the range. The group of women from the Rancho Santa Fe Republican Women, in its third iteration, took their first outing last month — a trip to the American Shooting Range in Kearny Mesa.

They plan monthly trips to the shooting range to learn how to use firearms and support their Second Amendment right to bear arms, said Jody Bray, the trigger be-

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Lady Shooters Rosemarie Kucey and Jody Bray at the American Shooting Range.

Instructors offer keys to self-defense

BY KAREN BILLING
Staff Writer

If there's any place to feel safe, it should be your own home. But after two Carmel Valley home invasion robberies in which a suspect confronted a female homeowner in their own garage, local women are feeling uneasy.

"Women in Carmel Valley are petrified," said one local resident who asked not to be named. "They don't want to go to the garage or take out

the garbage."

Being strong, alert and confident are some of the most important weapons a woman can have in her arsenal, said Michael Mihalkanin, owner of MMA Academy in Sorrento Valley.

Mihalkanin said he doesn't want women to walk around completely paranoid but reminds them to just be alert; don't be an easy target.

Keep your head up — don't be focused on your cell phone

conversation. Make eye contact with people, look around, he said.

"We teach awareness," Mihalkanin said. "People sometimes put their head in the sand and think 'that won't happen to me, I'll just avoid it and it'll go away.' That's not the best strategy."

Upcoming seminar

The women in five linked

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Covenant to vote on Dacus property sale

BY KAREN BILLING
Staff Writer

A petition opposing the sale of the Dacus property to the Rancho Santa Fe School District garnered enough votes to force a vote by Rancho Santa Fe Association members.

Ballots were mailed on April 7 after residents on Mimosa sought a guarantee about street access as a restriction of the sale.

Ballots in the special election, which will cost the association \$8,000, are due back by May 11 at 5 p.m.

On Feb. 19, the association voted to approve the sale of the 1.2-acre lot on El Fuego for between \$1.3 million and \$1.45 million. The school intends to use the land as a storage area for their upcoming con-

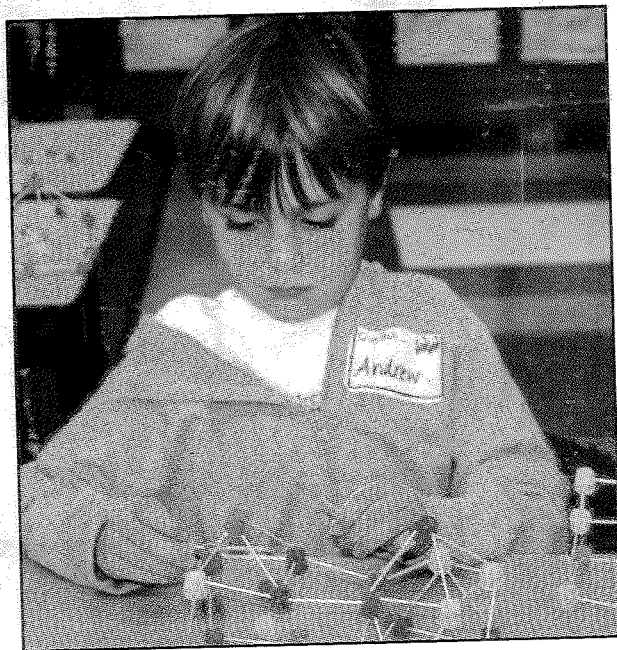
struction and in the future for traffic circulation and playing fields.

Petitioners made it clear that their issue was not with the school but with the terms of the resolution. They want restrictions worked into the resolution that would assure no street egress and ingress would be made in the future onto Mimosa.

"Our concern is to preserve Mimosa as a residential street," said petitioner Rich Marr. "The issue should not be whether or not to sell Dacus, just acceptable street use for Mimosa and El Fuego residents."

A total of 104 voting members signed the petition, although association

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Discovering science

Andrew Douglas works on a gumdrop construction project. For more photos, see page A9. KAREN BILLING

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hind the group. A member of the National Rifle Association and the California Rifle and Pistol Association, Bray said she grew up with guns in her Texas childhood, first shooting a gun when she was 10. Bray originally started the Lady Shooters in the mid-1990s. It went dark and was brought back in 2000, only to go dark again. Now back, Bray has officially named the group The Madeleine Cosman Lady Shooters, in honor of the Escondido lawyer and author who was a strong advocate for firearms and Second Amendment rights. Cosman died in 2006.

Helping hand
Bruce Ruff, a former sheriff's sergeant who is running for San Diego County sheriff in 2010, came to the shooting range to give

the ladies some tips. "I want you to be in control and confident with your weapon," said Ruff. "You have a lawful right to defend yourself. If someone comes to do you harm, you don't have to accept that." Ruff said that the county is facing some critical times and the women should think about purchasing a gun to defend their home and family. Several of the women already own guns and brought them to the range. Many of the guns had belonged to their husbands who had since passed away, and several of the women, like Mary Humphrey, copped to not knowing much about how to use them.

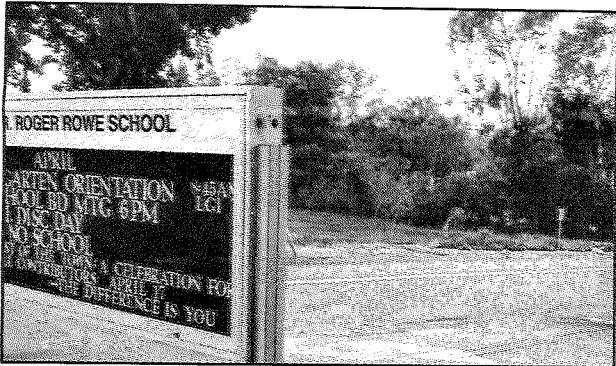
Coming to learn
"I've always wanted to do this but never had the opportunity," said Humphrey. "I'm not very good so I thought I'd come and

learn." Like Humphrey, many of the women came just for a refresher course on that first day although some more experienced shooters took to the range. "I'm just a natural. What can I say?" said Rosemary Kucey, who was shooting for her first time in eight years. She said she was happy the Lady Shooters was starting up again as it's nice to have a monthly group date to spur her on. "Personally I feel it's good to know how to shoot a gun," Kucey said. The American Shooting Center is at 5590 Ruffin Road. The group organizes carpool and caravans to the center, meeting at the Village Market parking lot at 9:15 a.m. For more information, contact Jody Bray at Lilyjo33@aol.com or 756-1906. Their next outing will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. April 23.

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manager Pete Smith said some have called to ask to have their names removed. One of those people, Nancy Bailey, said she felt he was misled to think the petition was only about landscaping and beautifying the property. Jones said she doesn't believe false information was resented purposely to get people to sign the petition. Lindy Delaney, school district superintendent, said the school has no plans to allow access to Mimosa, but it is uncomfortable buying a property at full price that has restrictions on it. She said that while she as had "great, honest and pen" conversations with the petitioners, the school only left with one option. "We're put in a position here we're going to have a fight," Delaney said, noting she would advise the board to buy the land with restrictions and would pursue eminent domain if the election results were against the sale.

Another factor
Complicating matters a bit more is that in selling the land, the association is serving a right to use Dacus as the new site for the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol, could they not be able to



The selling of the Dacus property, seen here, will be voted on by Rancho Santa Fe Association members.

KAREN BILLING

find a new home for them. The patrol is currently housed at the Rancho Santa Fe Fire District but they have been asked to vacate by September. Association President Lois Jones said they have been working very hard to find an alternate location for the patrol. But she added that they don't want to limit the future use of the patrol to the Dacus property, especially if they might need Mimosa as an emergency exit to quickly arrive on the scene of an incident. Mimosa residents argued that with the crimes that have occurred in the village, such as the armed robbery of Bank of America last December, the community would be better served with the patrol "downtown" in the village rather than hidden in a residen-

tial community. Jones said the board does not disagree but said spare land in the village (with adequate parking) is hard to come by. "We really don't want the patrol there either, but one thing we can't do is give away our only option," board member Deb Plummer said. Association board candidate Jack Queen said he wondered if the vote and its \$8,000 cost could have been saved with an appropriate discussion between all parties, including the neighbors. "Let's sit down and hammer this out and not have a vote," Queen said. "It's silly to do all that." Jones said they didn't have a choice in the matter — because of the petition signed by 100 members it is required to go to a vote.

Students discover science



Third-graders Meghan Sullivan and Sheila Kasier look through owl pellets on Science Discovery Day. PHOTOS BY KAREN BILLING



First-grader RiAnna Wright tests her gumdrop dome.

There's only one day a year at the R. Roger Rowe campus when lizards, toads and sugar gliders come to visit and first graders become "gumdrop engineers." The entire day on April 3 was Science Discovery Day. Students went on rotations, led by eighth graders. They got a first-hand lesson in aerodynamics before learning about whale songs and dolphin talk. They studied electricity, gravity and rockets, and met a variety of visiting animals. Second graders dissected owl pellets and third graders dissected a pig's heart. Dr. Robert Gillespie, a parent and cardiac surgeon, led the Follow Your Heart rotation, where students not only picked apart the pig's heart, but looked at the results of a real angioplasty and learned about keeping the heart healthy.

— Karen Billing

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robbery cases in San Diego County were all either victims of sexual assault or were threatened with sexual assault. As April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, MMA Academy is hosting a Sexual Assault Awareness Seminar on April 18. The \$25 entry fee will be completely donated to the Center for Community Solutions, which provides help to victims of rape and domestic violence. The three-hour session, co-sponsored by the San Diego Police Department will teach women to kick, punch, elbow and bite their way out of danger. Instructors will don 40 pounds of padding and allow attendees to, well, show off what they've learned. Mihalkanin said he teaches self-defense on three fronts: Academically, physically and emotionally. "Emotionally because you

get a little rocked when someone attacks you," said Mihalkanin of the experience with the padded instructor. The session will also introduce attendees to Krav Maga, a defensive strategy used by over 500 law enforcement agencies. Krav Maga is basically "martial arts without the arts," Mihalkanin said. There are no rituals, choreography or postures, it's strictly about defending yourself. MMA offers daily Krav Maga classes, which not only teach self-defense but are a work out too.

Self-defense for the family
The Carmel Valley Recreation Center also offers a family self-defense class in their spring program. Starting May 14, the class will meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. through June 11. The class welcomes all skill level. Children as young as five can come to learn a combined martial arts style.

Instructor Mike Shaw said he teaches the basic moves of self-defense. Shaw shows how to get out of situations like what to do if grabbed from behind or front and goes through punching techniques and hand-to-hand defense moves. As a student progresses, instruction will get into defending against weapons. Although the class is billed for women, men and children, if Shaw gets a group of mainly women he will dedicate a larger portion of class to self-defense. Shaw echoed Mihalkanin's advice that the best self-defense tactic is being aware. "I call it 'casing the block,'" Shaw said. To register for the MMA seminar, call 755-7665. Space is limited so don't wait. For the Carmel Valley Recreation Center class, contact Mike Shaw at 531-2508 or visit www.kick411.com.

community CALENDAR

Got an item for the calendar?
Send the details via e-mail to
calendar@coastnewsgroup.com.

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TOUGH TIMES LIFE at MiraCosta College will meet at 1 p.m. April 10, MiraCosta College, Room 1068, 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside. Associate Professor Joe Silverman, MCC Economics, will take a look at the precarious economy, what is being done and where do we go from here. Call (760) 721-8124 to learn more.

APRIL 11

EGG MADNESS There will be an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11, Ecke Sports Park, 278 Saxony Road, Encinitas. This free event features arts and crafts, entertainment, prizes, jump houses, face painting, pictures with the bunny, and 28,000 eggs. Call the city of Encinitas Parks and Recreation Department at (760) 633-2760 to learn more.

FREE MONEY Irene Young, of Prudential California Realty's Del Mar Village office, will be hosting a free seminar on the Stimulus Package from 10 a.m. to noon, Carmel Valley Public Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, Carmel Valley. Topics include short sales, real estate litigation avoidance, loan modifications, tax credits to buyers and borrowing tips. Call (858) 705-3321 or e-mail Irene@ireneyoung.com to reserve a seat.

GONE HUNTING The city of San Marcos will present its annual holiday breakfast and egg hunt at 10:15 a.m. April 11, Walnut Grove Park, 1950 Sycamore Drive, San Marcos. 'Breakfast with Peter Cottontail' will be held inside the The Williams Barn in Walnut Grove Park from 8 to 10 a.m. Toddlers through 5th graders are invited to the community egg hunt. For details, call (760) 744-9000 or visit www.san-marcos.net.

MEMORY LANE The Encinitas Historical Society will host a historic walk from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 11. Meet at the 1883 Schoolhouse on F Street and 4th. For details, call (760) 753-5726.

STEAK TIME The Pendleton Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will meet on April 11, Hunters' Steak House, 1221 Vista Way, Oceanside. Social hour starts at 1 a.m. with lunch at noon. A no cost bar is available. For reservations, call (760) 233-1316.

APRIL 12

AUTHOR TALK Tim Lahaye, author of the "Left Behind"

TURN TO **CALENDAR** ON 22

Sale of Ranch property will go to a vote

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Association board approved a special election April 2 concerning the sale of the Dacus property. All ballots are to be returned by May 11 at 5 p.m. and Bruce Bishop will be Inspector of Election for the special election. The decision came after a lengthy discussion with concerned members of the Association and community leaders.

The meeting began with Association Manager Pete Smith giving a brief background of the Dacus property, which was purchased by the Association in 1997 under the provisions of the Open Space Plan. In October 2000, the Association discussed selling the property to the school but it wasn't until February 2008 that it became clear that the Dacus property would become a key component of the school's plan for renovation.



RUCKUS OVER DACUS The R. Roger Rowe School renovation.

Courtesy photo The school plans to use the Dacus property for its construction staging and, after the renovation, the site will be used to address their critical parking needs.

The fly in the ointment came when the Rancho Santa

Fe Fire District needed the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol to vacate its premises on the property. The Association is working diligently with The Inn, the school and the Fire District to find a new home for the Rancho Santa Fe

Patrol, but, as a backup, must reserve the option of housing it on the Dacus property. The school is willing to work with the Association to accommodate the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol, but it's understood by all to be a last resort.

The ingress and egress restrictions, however, became the deal breaker for everyone involved. "Dacus is vital to the school," Superintendent Lindy Delaney said. "But we will not purchase with deed restrictions." According to Delaney, if deed restrictions were placed on the property, the school would proceed via eminent domain. Legal fees

Residents on Mimosa Street have filed a petition opposing the sale of the Dacus property to the school. "Let me make this clear, we have no opposition to the sale of the property to the school," Rich Marr said. "We're not against the Patrol. The issue is one very simple matter. It deals with the commercial ingress and egress restrictions. All we want is to preserve Mimosa as a residential street."

TURN TO **PROPERTY** ON 23

Coach pleads not guilty to unlawful sex with underage players

By Randy Kalp

ESCONDIDO — The director of a now-defunct Vista volleyball club pleaded not guilty March 25 to 16 charges relating to alleged unlawful sexual conduct with three of his former underage players, one of whom he eventually married.

The charges against Steven Antony, 39, stem from his time as a coach at Vista High School and with Sunstorm Volleyball Club. The multitude of counts, which date back to 1996, includes committing lewd and lascivious acts on a child, unlawful sexual intercourse and performing sexual intercourse with a for-

eign object. All three girls were between the ages of 15 and 17.

None of the victims, one of whom Antony married, but divorced in 2008, wanted to press charges against Antony. The most recent victim, a student at Rancho Buena Vista High School, said she is still in love with Antony. All of the players said they pursued their relationships with Antony.

In 2002, Antony admitted to authorities during an interview for a law enforcement position in Los Angeles that he had sexual relations with two underage girls; however, no charges were filed, according to

court documents.

Then in September 2008, authorities received a tip that Antony was having a sexual relationship with a player on his Sunstorm Volleyball Club team. During the investigation, the three women admitted they had consensual sexual relationships with the defendant.

After a sexual abuse victim reports an incident, the District Attorney has one year to file charges. Antony's attorney, Brad Patton, said he doesn't understand why the law about reporting the incident doesn't take into account whether the perpetrator reports the crime. If it did, then the statute of

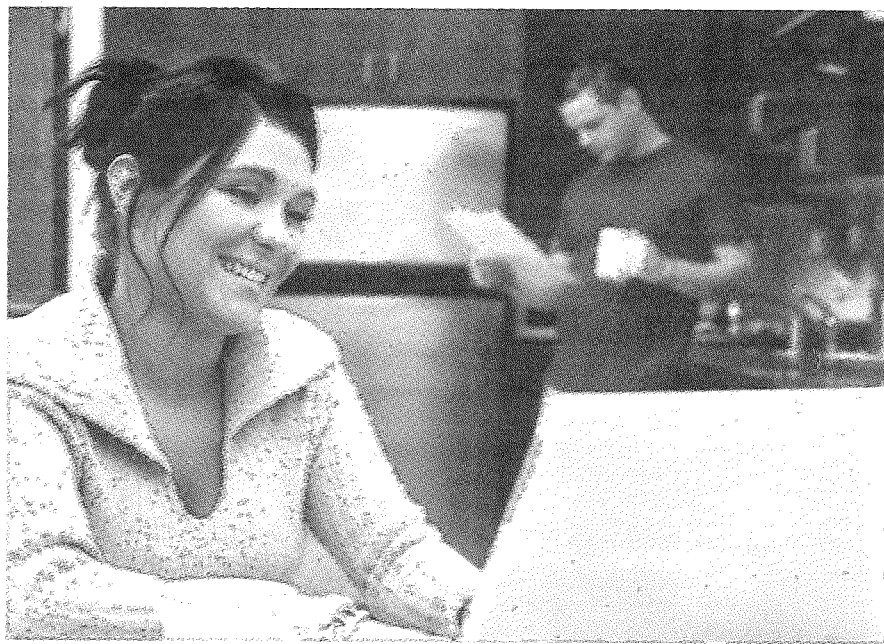
limitations on the case from two of the victims would have expired, he said.

Despite the victims' beliefs that Antony didn't commit a crime because the sexual acts were consensual, prosecutor Lisa Stark said Antony still needs to be held accountable for the

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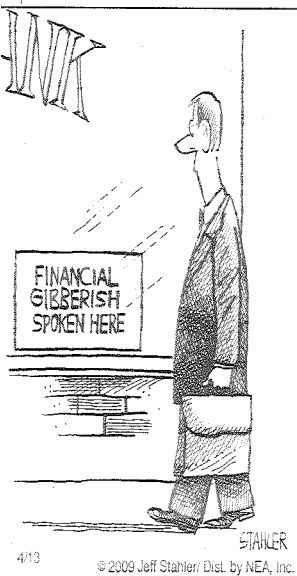
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Emergency Management Agency fully covered the estimated \$2.5 million in damages, Bobertz said.

The San Dieguito River Park is a 55-mile corridor

that stretches from the ocean in Del Mar to Volcan Mountain north of Julian. The JPA, now in its 20th year, was created by Del Mar, Solana Beach, Escondido, Poway and the city and county of San Diego to improve and maintain the river park.

TOUR

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most of the world at the time, by the discovery of King Tut's tomb and he had the bar and bar-restaurant section decked out in Middle Eastern art and décor," Hruby said. This too, would be temporary, and the décor changed again. Many locals still remember the large chicken status outside that

eventually made the restaurant a landmark.

What will become of the mural with so much history? Both Snyder and Hruby said the owners are investigating the possibilities.

"One major question is does the historical society or the city have a 22-foot-wall upon which to display the mural? So no one knows where exactly the mural will end up," Hruby said.

SMALL TALK

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ate them in Atlanta, but they never really tasted the same once they crossed the Mason-Dixon line. It must be something in the water.

Linens 'n' Things made the top 10 about-to-go-under list and I have to admit, I think it serves them right. No matter what I was looking for, they were out and never ordered more. I needed a sifter. "No, we haven't had sifters for a long time." Well if you'd order them, I would have bought that and 10 other things.

Heaven forefend, Toys R Us is on the list. That is so

depressing. I spent a good portion of my children's formative years walking those aisles and, again, it always had what I needed. And why is it struggling? Last time I checked, no children I know were giving up toys. I find the whole thing very puzzling.

The whole problem has me so upset, I believe I need some retail therapy. I spend to save. I am considering it my patriotic duty now and that clears my conscience nicely.

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COACH

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criminal acts.

"A lot of times, especially in these situations when we have multiple victims, we see a pattern of behavior on part of the defendant to take advantage of younger girls," Stark said. "Consent is not a defense in statutory rape cases."

In addition to coaching at Sunstorm Volleyball Club, Antony taught special

education and coached boys and girls volleyball teams at Escondido's San Pasqual High School since 2004, said Steve Boyle, assistant superintendent of human resources for the Escondido School District. The victims had no relation to the high school, authorities said.

If convicted, Antony faces probation to 10 years in prison. His next scheduled hearing is an April 30 readiness conference.

Antony remains in custody in lieu of \$700,000 bail.

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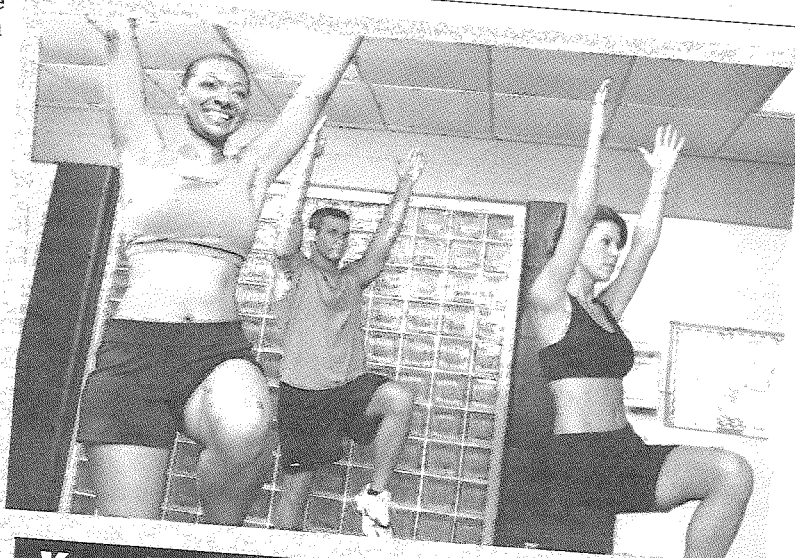
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would be costly to the school board and the Association and also consume precious time.

Many Association residents who live on Mimosa Street said they hoped that the matter could be resolved without incurring the expense of a special election, which will cost Association members approximately \$8,000. Several people who had signed the petition asked to have their names withdrawn, saying they thought the petition centered on undisciplined concerns, not progress and egress.

"All the people concerned, residents as well, ought to sit down and talk," said Queen, a candidate for director of the Association board, said. But with the petition filed and ratified with 103 voting members, the board had little choice but to move forward with the special election.

"This is a complex election," Director Bill



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Mass set for longtime Ranch resident

RANCHO SANTA FE — Longtime Rancho Santa Fe resident Charles E. ("Charlie") Beck, born July 15, 1923, died March 25. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. April 25 at the Church of the Nativity Catholic Church, 6309 El Apajo Road. A missing-man formation flyover by the Van Nuys Condor Squadron will follow the Mass.



CHARLES BECK

The youngest of five children, Beck was born in St. Louis, Mo. His family moved to California and settled in the Westwood area of Los Angeles. By 1941, Beck and his brothers were avid race car enthusiasts and frequently competed in races staged on the desert dry lakes areas of Rosemond, Harper, Muroc and El Mirage. During one event, Beck set an official Southern California Timing Association record of 131 miles per hour in his "Streamliner" racer, the body of which was fabricated from an airplane drop-tank and the wheel covers from washing machine lids. The survival skills and engineering knowledge Beck developed as a result of his racing experiences proved to be of immediate and vital importance to him and to the nation, due to the advent of World War II.

At the age of 18, Beck enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned and served as a fighter pilot with the 361 Fighter Squadron stationed in Martlesham Heath, outside of London. While there, Beck was billeted in the same quarters that King George VI had occupied during a 1937 visit. Beck precipitated a minor uproar when, toward the end of his stay, he "liberated" a small brass plaque commemorating the King's visit from the door of the quarters. Sixty-five years later, the small brass plaque is still proudly on display . . . on Beck's office door.

Beck flew 80 combat missions in the European

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People you meet while traveling can be part of the adventure

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Hit the Road

Characters. If you're lucky, you'll meet a couple or three in your travels. They can make a trip so memorable.

I've got my favorites — like the little old woman that led us on a brief but interesting adventure down some back streets in Paris. We met while she stood next to me at an intersection on the Champs Elysees one evening while my husband and I were waiting to cross. Her head was swathed in a scarf babushka-style and she barely reached my shoulders. She first asked if I were an American, then without hesitation, with an accent that wasn't French, said she had no doubt that I was because of my lack of fashionable dress.

Free CPR class offered to Ranch residents

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and the San Diego Medical Services Enterprise are teaming up to provide a free community CPR class in Rancho Santa Fe.

The class, which is open to residents living within the district, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 at Station 1, 16936 El Fuego. While the class is being offered for free, reservations are needed by April 22 by calling Lorelee Olejnik, Community Relations Specialist for SDMSE, at (619) 243-0200.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects more than 29,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

I wanted to leave her in the dust right then, but she inquired if we had eaten dinner. Of course, we had eaten; it was nine o'clock and we were Americans! Nevertheless, she insisted that we follow her to "the best restaurant in Paris."

So we did. As we walked, I asked her — pestered her, really — to tell us about her life and what sort of work she had done, but she steadfastly refused. She would say only that she had lived all over the world and spoke several languages. She didn't flinch when I suggested that perhaps she had been a prosti-

tute or a spy. We scurried through some side streets and alleys, then she shooed us into the front door of a restaurant. We soon figured out that it was owned by the two elderly, mostly toothless women who were buzzing from tables to kitchen. They spoke no English and our French is meager, but somehow we made reservations for the next evening. That led to a delicious and entertaining dinner that included the Chef's Surprise for dessert — a phallic-like ice cream sculpture with two apricots at the base. The old ladies couldn't stop laughing, and once we

figured out the joke, neither could we.

By the way, we never saw the mystery lady again.

Another memorable character was a high-end boutique owner in Telluride, Colo., whom my sister, Jenny, and I convinced to come to our rental home and cook dinner for our eight-women hiking group.

Jenny and I were browsing the shops on the town's main street after a hard day of hiking and wandered into Paul's store. It was filled with expensive art and other pricey things that really rich people buy for their second homes in Telluride. We struck

up a conversation with him, asking if he could recommend a restaurant in town. With a haughty flourish, he quickly pronounced all the restaurants in town to be highly mediocre, and that he could cook better than any local chef.

I couldn't help myself; I challenged him to come to our house and cook dinner — and he accepted. Jenny and I promptly went to the store and purchased ingredients for seafood and chicken paella.

Paul arrived at the house with two small dogs — one was blind — a couple of extra

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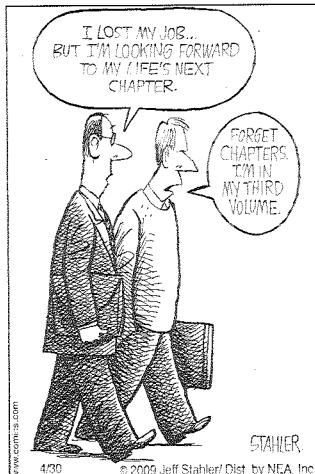
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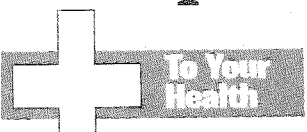
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Occupational therapy helps to foster life skills



To Your Health

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by Jessica J. Martinez, OTR/L,
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Occupational therapy, often abbreviated as "OT," is the skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all facets of their lives. Occupational therapy doesn't just treat medical conditions, it helps people stay engaged in the activities that give them pleasure or a sense of purpose, despite challenges.

According to the American Occupational Therapy Association, therapy assists people in developing the "skills for the job of living" necessary for independent and satisfying lives. Occupational therapists work with individuals, families and groups to facilitate health and well-being by addressing the impact of social and environmental factors that contribute to exclusion and occupational deprivation.

Some of the health conditions that benefit from occupational therapy include work-related injuries including hand injuries or repetitive stress injuries, limitations following a stroke, traumatic brain injury or heart attack, arthritis, multi-

ple sclerosis, or other serious chronic conditions, birth injuries, learning problems, or developmental disabilities, burns, spinal cord injuries, or amputations, broken bones or other injuries from falls, sports injuries, or accidents and vision or cognitive problems that threaten the ability to drive, to name just a few.

Therapists achieve the desired outcome with their patients by enhancing the individual's ability to participate, either through modification of the environment, or by adapting the activity to better support their participation.

Traditionally, an occupational therapist will fully customize their treatment programs to improve a patient's ability to perform daily tasks. They also do a thorough home and job site evaluation to provide instructions on how to adapt the environment to better suit their patient's needs. OTs also master and train their patients on special equipment and offer instruction and support to family members and caregivers.

In a hospital environment, the unique perspective of occupational therapy focuses on a holistic view of individuals where many factors can influence the success of recovery, and it plays an important role in facilitating early mobilization, restoring function, preventing further decline, and

Differences (and similarities) between OTs and PTs

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| Occupational therapists | Physical therapists |
| • Improve a person's functional abilities in their home, community and work or school environments | • Work on strength, balance, range of motion and swelling, as well as pain, to encourage independence |
| • Optimize independence | • Diagnose and treat the physical source of the problem |
| • Improve life skills | • Help to prevent injuries |
| • Build adaptive tools and provide environmental recommendations | |

The two health care professions have distinct differences, yet they have crossover as well. Both play very important roles and, in many situations, health-care professionals from both fields are involved in injury and illness recovery.

coordinating care.

If a patient is hospitalized and/or critically injured, an OT will typically evaluate the patient for splints and positioning devices to both preserve joint integrity and protect skin from breakdown due to prolonged pressure. They also perform evaluations to determine safety in eating and swallowing and they make dietary recommendations. They also train families and caregivers to assist with range-of-motion exercises, safe transfers, and skin checks.

For patients who have had surgery, therapists provide training in basic self-care and mobility and evaluate the need for adaptive aids and medical equipment. They also fit their patients with wheelchairs, depending on patient readi-

ness, and assess them to promote endurance and mobility. OTs also help medical and surgical patients with safe discharge planning and provide recommendations for transitioning to the next level of care.

Patients who have had strokes or neurological illness or surgery nearly always need neuromuscular re-education, trunk stabilization, and balance activities to improve their ability to move in and out of bed and maintain a functional upright posture necessary to perform self care and home management activities. They assist with corrective therapy to alleviate weakness and/or abnormal muscle tone through exercise, relevant simulated activities, and preventive splinting to preserve muscle

balance and range of motion.

Post-orthopaedic surgical patients are trained by OTs in the areas of self-care activities such as bathing and dressing, and with special equipment that can support their healing and rehabilitation process. Therapists also provide instruction on appropriate weight bearing and/or postsurgical precautions. In addition, occupational therapists are the people who, many times, make and provide "custom" assistive and protective devices to promote healing and maximize independence.

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Experts talk climate change at Cal State San Marcos

By Gideon Marcus

SAN MARCOS — The question is no longer whether human-caused global warming exists, but what humans can do about it. That was the message of the panel of experts that assembled for the "Tackling Climate Change" lecture at Cal State San Marcos on April 9.

According to the panelists, global warming is tied closely to "the greenhouse effect," the property of the atmosphere that keeps heat from radiating out into space after the sun has

warmed the Earth. The effect is a natural one and it keeps the planet in a tolerable temperature range. However, over the last century, mankind has pumped carbon dioxide through power generation and from the tailpipes of billions of automobiles. This CO2 has intensified the greenhouse effect, raising temperatures worldwide.

"The worry is not that there's a greenhouse effect," panelist Dr. Richard Somerville said. "The worry is that we're

changing it. Better than one out of four molecules of CO2 in the atmosphere today are there because we put them there."

Computer projections shown at the lecture predicted worldwide temperature increases of more than 7 degrees Fahrenheit, which would shift global rain patterns and turn the sub-tropics into vast deserts. If things go on as they have, Somerville cautioned, the world will be virtually unrecognizable by the end of the century.

California, at least, is committed to keeping that from happening. The California state government passed AB 32 in September 2006, which calls for a return to 1990 greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. An executive order, signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2005, calls for 80 percent reductions from the 1990 levels by 2050.

Getting there is the hard part. Current measures like the

Pavley tailpipe emissions standards, a mandated 20 percent renewable energy portfolio for power companies and the low-carbon fuel standards for automobiles should stop the rise of emissions but won't bring them down.

"We can get it down to flat," Dr. Nilmini Sivla-Send, a panelist and energy policy analyst with USD's School of Law, said. "We'll have to do a whole lot of small measures in order to get to that AB 32 target."

This is where private industry comes in, business professor and panelist Dr. Jim Hamerly said. Hamerly acknowledged the government's role in fostering research and generating plans, but said it will be for-profit businesses that drive emissions reductions.

"Unlike federally mandated programs ... my belief is that private investment does a much better job at measuring the economic viability of a technology or alternative and they do a

much better job of ferreting out what works and what doesn't," Hamerly said.

Hamerly said that the amount of venture capital invested in "clean tech" has soared from less than \$1 billion in 2005 to \$8 billion in 2009. Hamerly cited the fact as proof that "clean technology" is reaching the point of profitability and therefore practicality.

Thanks in large part to these investment companies, some 220 startup "clean tech" businesses have sprung up in San Diego county alone. Hamerly said he expected the county to become an early stage hub for efficient technologies, much as it was for the pharmaceutical industry a decade ago.

It will be these industries that will enable our state to meet its stringent environmental standards, Hamerly said, and in doing so, set an example for the rest of the country and the world.

Fire district asks residents to take care of hydrants in area

RANCHO SANTA FE — Each year the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District performs service on each of the 2,400 fire hydrants within districts for 42 square miles. The service performed is to ensure that the hydrant functions correctly and also that it is visible and accessible to fire crews during an emergency.

Recent servicing found an increasing number of hydrants are becoming obstructed by plants, trees

and other landscaping materials.

To help make sure that all hydrants are visible and accessible throughout the year, the district is asking residents who may have a fire hydrant on their property or adjacent to it in the public right of way, to ensure that the following requirements are followed during the year:

The fire hydrant should be visible from the road or driveway.

A 3-foot radius of clear

space shall be maintained around the fire hydrant.

A 4-foot vertical clear space from the top of the fire hydrant shall be maintained within the 3-foot circumference.

The finished grade of soil and any ground cover should not be higher than the base of the fire hydrant within the 3-foot radius.

For more information about fire hydrants and other fire-related topics, visit www.rsffire.org.

Low-cost brokers score high in service

By Consumer Reports Editors

Discount brokers did a better job shepherding clients through the stock market upheaval of the past year than traditional investment banks, according to Consumer Reports' recent survey of the most satisfying brokerage firm services.

Topping the list in overall satisfaction was USAA, available only to current and former military personnel and their families. USAA earned high marks for account service, Web site ease of use, transactions and phone services.

Vanguard followed closely in the Ratings and Edward Jones had high marks for phone service. Rounding out the list of brokerage firms that respondents gave high scores for service were Schwab, Scottrade Fidelity, TD Ameritrade and T. Rowe Price.


Consumer Reports National Research Center surveyed almost 9,000 online subscribers, asking them about their experiences with their brokerage firms regarding several services including transactions and general customer service, Web site ease of use, online transactions and their instances of problems with phone and personal service between January 2008 and January 2009.

Though half of survey respondents said their investment portfolios plummeted, most respondents were relatively happy with the level of service and advice they received. However, bigger brokerages, such as Merrill Lynch and Ameriprise, placed lower in the Ratings, earning below average scores for their Web sites. Ameriprise also received relatively low marks for phone service.

Advice and services
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Yet even among discount brokers there were some problems. E-Trade clients reported a higher number of phone-service problems and said they were unable to find information on the company's Web site 35 percent of the time. E-Trade, Scottrade and TD Ameritrade were among the lower-rated companies for advice. That isn't surprising because they're barebones discounters most suitable for investors who make their own decisions.

The type of broker you use depends largely on how you invest. If you follow CR's long-standing advice and invest regularly in a diversified portfolio of index stock and bond funds, which can help you weather volatility in the market, pick a company that sells a range of low-cost funds tracking domestic and foreign stock indexes, such as Vanguard, Fidelity, or T. Rowe Price. That way you won't pay



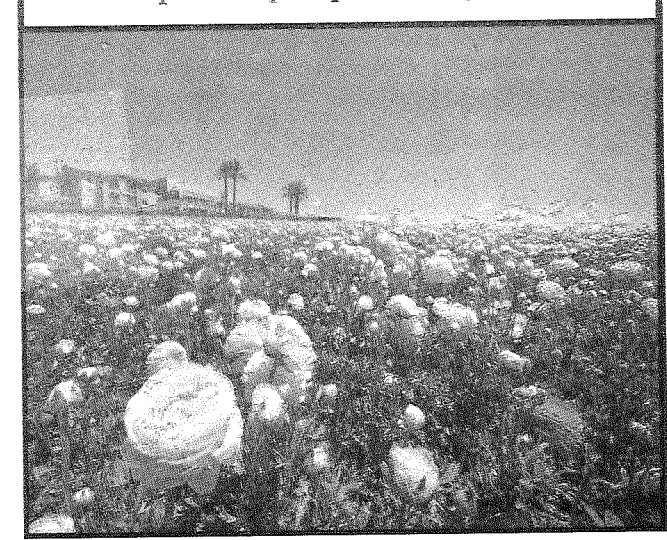
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Santa Fe Irrigation District Provides Buildings For Firefighter Training Exercise

By Cook & Schmid

Dated: Apr 29, 2009

Buildings slated for demolition to be used by Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and other agencies for training with new firefighting equipment

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.—The Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID) is hosting fire training exercises being conducted by the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, May 4-10.

SFID is providing two adjoining structures, which are scheduled for demolition, to RSF Fire and three other fire departments for use in training firefighters on new equipment and techniques that will help save lives.

The two structures, an aging office building and a caretaker's cottage, are to be demolished to make room for new District buildings. As such, the aging structures make for excellent training ground for firefighters.

"This is a collaborative effort that will improve the capabilities of our regional firefighting agencies," said Michael Bardin, general manager of the SFID. "We are pleased to be involved in this worthwhile program."

During the exercises, theatrical smoke will be used to mimic actual fire conditions while firefighters complete their training. On the weekend of May 9-10, live fires will be set and quickly extinguished.

"This is a great opportunity for us," said Bret A Davidson, Battalion Chief, RSF Fire. "We have acquired equipment that helps firefighters see through smoke and find people trapped in burning buildings. These structures allow us to conduct training under controlled circumstances so that when the time comes, we will be better able to not only save structures but save lives."

The other agencies participating in the training exercise include Carlsbad, Encinitas and Solana Beach Fire Departments.

Fire officials are notifying nearby residents of the fire training activities.

About Santa Fe Irrigation District

The Santa Fe Irrigation District provides water and related services to residential, commercial and agricultural customers in the communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach and Fairbanks Ranch. The District serves about 22,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area. The District supplies over 4.5 billion gallons (or 13,500 acre feet) of water per year to its customers, using a blend of local water from Lake Hodges and imported water purchased through the San Diego County Water Authority. The District administers and operates the jointly owned R.E. Badger Filtration Plant, a 40-million-gallon-per-day water-treatment plant. The District has historical rights to local water supplies from Lake Hodges and the San Dieguito Reservoir.

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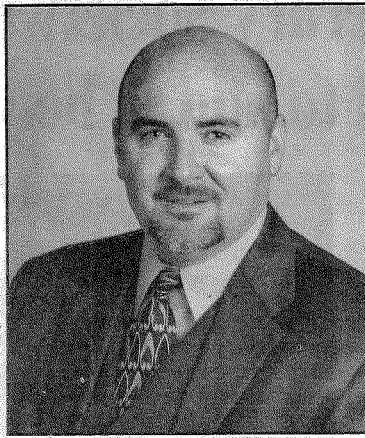
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Wine tasting, Mother's Day, children's menu and more offered at RSF Clubhouse

With so many Covenant members enjoying the spectacular Easter Sunday Brunch, reservations for Mother's Day, May 10, are at an all-time record high. Brunch hours are 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chef Larry has promised an even more lavish buffet for all moms. Price for adults is \$45 and children under 11, \$22. Reservations can be made at 756-1182.

The new children's lunch and dinner menu includes such items as Deep Dish and Thin Crust Pizza with cheese or pepperoni. Chicken Tenders, all beef hot dog, grilled cheese or Sliders come with a choice of French fries, coleslaw or fruit. Boneless Buffalo wings come with celery, carrots, ranch dressing with a choice of Teriyaki, Hot Wings or Barbecue sauce. All children's meals include a soft drink, milk or juice and a hot fudge sundae. Side dishes include garlic bread, onion rings or French fries.

All entrées from the Ranch Clubhouse Osuna Grille are available for take-out from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Lunch take out is available Tuesday through Saturday from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Sunday breakfast and lunch take out is available from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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Rancho Santa Fe Insurance will be presenting the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department with a **\$15,000 grant** to purchase much needed safety equipment through the Fireman's Fund Heritage Program. We will also be hosting an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** so bring the whole family to meet our local firefighters who protect you and your family every day. You will also have an opportunity to meet the President of Personal Insurance at Fireman's Fund, Darryl Page.

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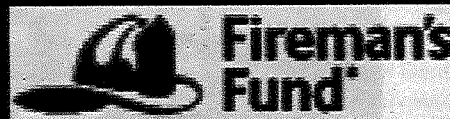
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