

Support the RSF Village: Find great Mother's Day gifts, enjoy terrific food, music and more at RSF Street Faire May 9 – and win a fabulous prize from the Inn at RSF

A Mother's Day-themed Street Faire in will be held in Rancho Santa Fe on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Come on down to the "Taste of the Ranch" at Delicias, Mille Fleurs and Panty! All are offering "small bites" of delectable foods and beverages at a nominal price, with proceeds benefiting Kids Korps.

Enjoy entertainment by Ron Ebell of the Bell Pepperz, hang out with magician Kevin from the Magic Castle in Hollywood as he performs his slight of hand. Drop by the Studio M Photography booth where Michael will offer Mother's Day photos on the spot to place in a Mother's Day card. All proceeds will go to Kids Korps. The photos will be taken in a garden setting donated by Smith & Hawken in the Courtyard of Mille Fleurs restaurant. Gather the entire family and come on over to have your family photo taken!

All of the shops and boutiques are featuring great items for Mother's Day and graduation gifts, and Kids Korps will display their blanket making and greeting card crafts. If you haven't been to the Village recently, you have missed the

new boutiques that have popped up. Jakki's Closet features "high style" western wear, jeans, jackets, boots, jewelry and lingerie. Jakki's now carries "Bejeweled" and "Centre-ville," which are flying off the shelves. Daniela Boutique began as haute couture with Italian & French clothes and has now added a more casual line from Brazil. Come see her great bathing suits and cover-ups. Plume – a stationery store – also carries great gifts and a clothing line for moms and kids, and the Country Squire never disappoints with their classic clothing for kids & ladies, and hostess gifts for you or the hostess, or both!

At the Faire, you may also have an opportunity to meet the author and executive chef of the "Cookbook of the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe," John Beriker. He has compiled favorite recipes of the Inn, and many of his own from his international resume. McNally's beautiful, classic antiques are a gift to be treasured, and Marilyn Mulloy has a great line of handbags, clothing and fashion jewelry in addition to her fine jewelry items. While you at the Faire, be sure to

buy a beautiful flower arrangement for mom from RSF Flowers and stop at Beran's Jewelry to check out the latest Chad Allison diamond creations, vintage jewelry and the great cologne they carry.

The Kids Korps raffle will feature a "Mother's Day Dream Basket," which will include gifts from each of the participating merchants. One of the favorites in the basket will be Veuve Clicquot Champagne donated by the Village Market, along a gift certificate from Thyme in the Ranch. Jakki's Closet, Browtique and Daniela Boutique are all donating gift certificates as well.

Saving the best for last, you will be able to purchase a raffle ticket to win a fabulous prize from the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe! One lucky winner will walk away with a two-night stay at the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, in a beautiful room overlooking their beautiful gardens! All of this is coming Saturday, May 9.

See you on the sidewalk of Paseo Delicias from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.!

RSF gas station completes state-mandated air quality test

By Matt Liebowitz

On Thursday, April 30, the Rancho Santa Fe VP gas station completed a two-day air-quality test mandated by the state, according to Mark Rababy, station manager.

The station, located in the RSF Village, passed the vapor recovery test, said Rababy, and, as an extra measure, replaced its two gas pumps.

Santa Fe Irrigation District provides buildings for firefighter training exercise

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

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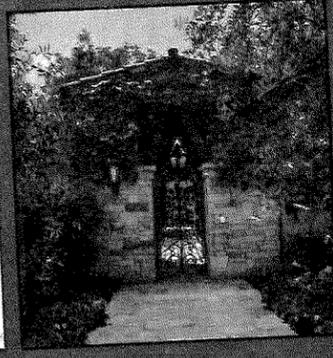
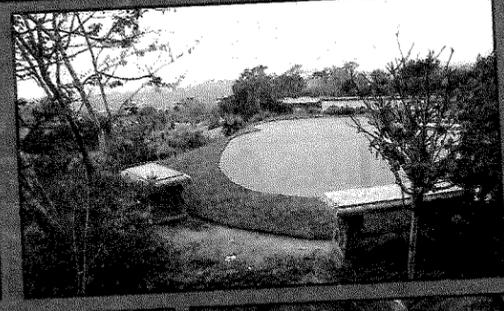
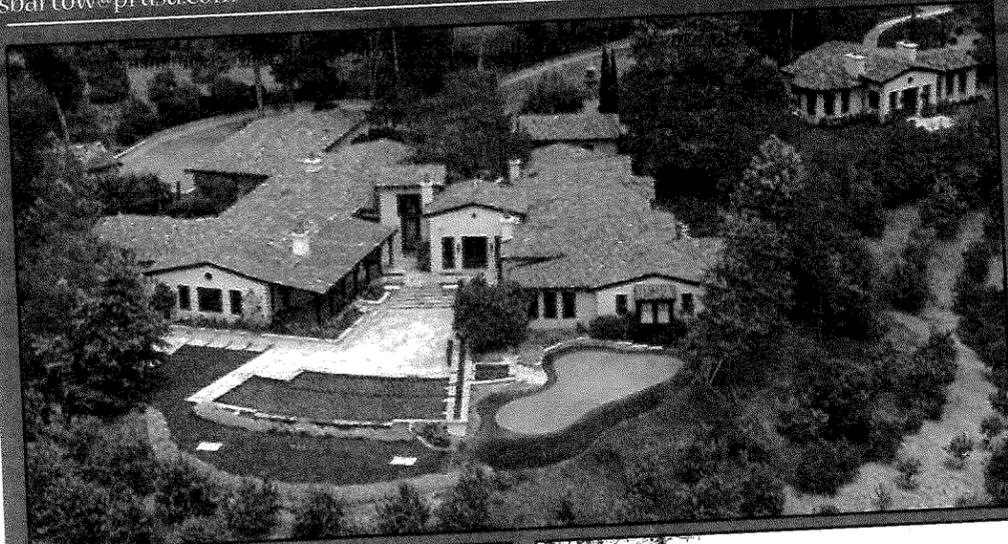
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The other agencies participating in the training exercise include Carlsbad, Encinitas and Solana Beach Fire Departments.

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

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by CHUCK SHEPHERD

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LEAD STORY

"Consensual Living" parenting, which was developed in 2006 and now has many hundreds of followers, supposes that every family member's needs are equally valid and respectable. Even pre-adolescents are assumed able to understand their own needs and respect those of others. When little Kiernen, 3, of Langley, British Columbia, hits another child, his mom told Toronto's Globe & Mail in March, she does not invoke authority but instead asks about his feelings and whether he'd like to express himself differently. If Kahlan, 18 months old, of Nanaimo, British Columbia, is grumpy at a time when her mother has made plans, Mom says she is obligated to consider other plans. And when Savannah, 6, insisted on wearing her Halloween cat costume every single day for several months, her mom in Burlington, Ontario, just shrugged, since she recalled how contentious the morning dressing rituals were, pre-Consensual Living.

Building a Risk-Free Society

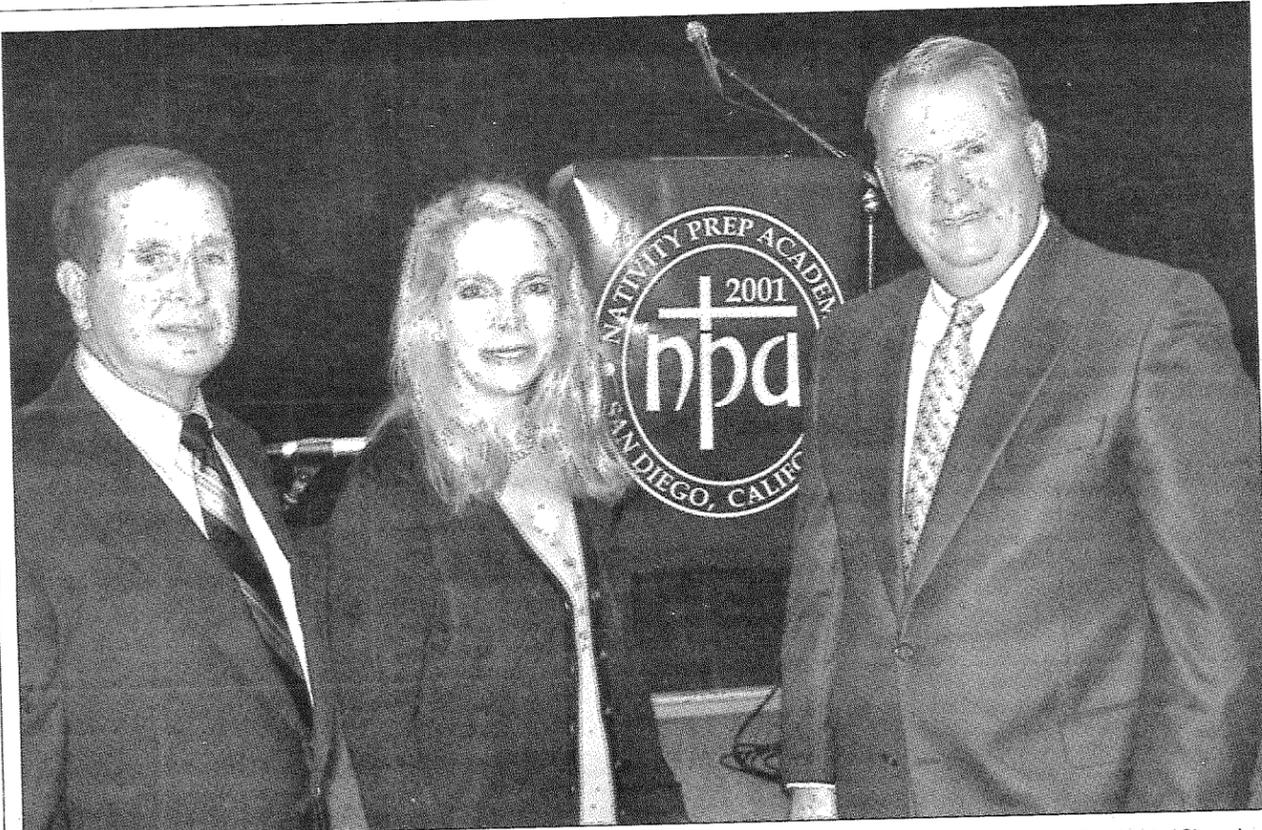
Safety First in Britain: (1) Recently, 118 local government councils conducted formal tests on their cemeteries' gravestones to see how susceptible they are to toppling over and hurting people, according to an April Daily Telegraph report. (2) In April, a circus clown performing in Liverpool was ordered not to wear his classic oversized shoes because he could trip and injure someone. (3) BBC producers, wielding a "telephone-book-size" set of safety precautions while making a recent adventure documentary, ordered Sir Robin Knox-Johnston (the first person to sail single-handedly and nonstop around the world) not to light a portable stove unless a "safety advisor" supervised.

Oops!

For 15 years, police in southern Germany have been futilely tracking a female "serial killer" whose DNA (but little other matching physical evidence) was found at 40 crime scenes, including six murders. Only in 2007 did they begin to consider alternative theories, and in March 2009, a state justice minister announced that the case had been solved: The DNA matched up in the tests because the cotton swabs used to collect it had been contaminated at the factory (but authorities still have not determined which female factory worker inadvertently supplied the DNA).

The Continuing Crisis

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BREAKFAST CLUB From left, Honorary Chair Robert Hoehn, Event Chair Jamie Carr and Deacon Mike Daniels at Nativity Prep's Breakfast of Champions event on April 22. Photo by David Wiemers

Breakfast honors student successes

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — Hosting an impressive group of approximately 500, Nativity Prep held its first annual Breakfast of Champions on April 22. The event was a fundraiser to benefit the college prep school, which alleviates the cycle of poverty through education.

Held at the Mission Tower Ballroom at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, the event raised awareness of the school, which was founded in 2001 by David Rivera. The school's mission is to provide a Catholic-Christian college prep, middle school education for the underserved children of southeast San Diego. "We've focused on 12 neighborhoods in southeast San Diego," Rivera said. "On average there was a murder a week there. At Nativity Prep, we replace gangs with role models."

Founder Rivera is living proof that education is the key to ending a destructive life. At the age of 25, Rivera was successful in real estate, yet he said, "I had a very destructive lifestyle ... (of) alcohol and drug abuse." After rehabilita-

tion, Rivera put himself through college and graduated from law school in 1999. He then set out to give something back to the community.

Together with a brain trust, Rivera founded the Nativity Prep School. Now in its seventh year, the school is making a profound impact on its students. Brendan Sullivan, principal of Nativity Prep Academy, said that the students put in a 10-hour day. School is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and then there are 1.5 hours of either study hall or athletic programs. Daily attendance is an impressive 98 percent and the parent/teacher conferences have a 100 percent attendance average. Sullivan quoted Mother Theresa, "We do small things with great love."

Several former students are now in college or about to enter colleges and universities. "You have a chance to change a life," former student Deon Randall said to the crowd. At age 11, Randall watched his father die of diabetes, yet he never let his grades falter. The inspiring young man is now being courted by several Ivy

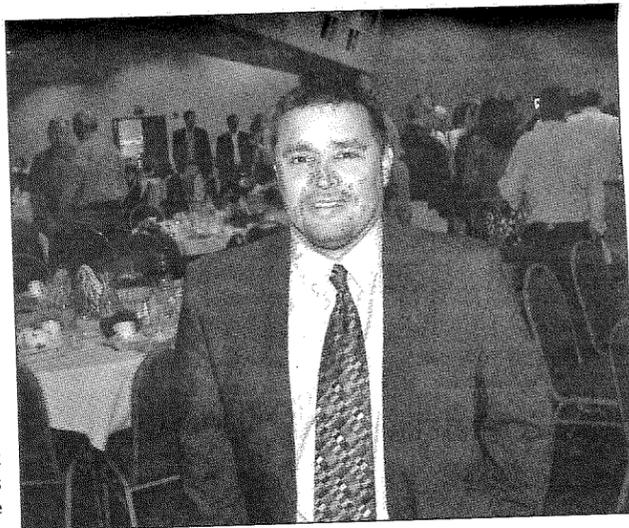
League universities to play football and receive scholarships. "You have sponsored my future," he told the Breakfast of Champions.

Nativity Prep Academy has high hopes for Randall and all students like him. Their expectation is that students succeed in high school and college and become role models and leaders in their communi-

ties.

The Breakfast of Champions was chaired by Jamie Carr and the entire breakfast was underwritten by Dawn and Michael House, Linda and Deacon Mike Daniels, and Judy and Tom Thompson.

To donate funds or volunteer your services, visit www.nativityprep.org.



LIVING PROOF David Rivera, the founder of Nativity Prep Academy. Photo by David Wiemers

Ranch gets ready for street fair with food, crafts

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe Village Street Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 9 along the sidewalk on Paseo Delicias.

The fair will feature Kids Korps, plus area merchants and restaurateurs. There will be live entertainment, plus arts and crafts, flower displays and gifts for Mother's Day,

with some merchants giving a percentage of their earnings to benefit Kids Korps.

Mille Fleurs, Delicias and The Pantry will offer a "Taste of the Ranch" with select bev-

erages and appetizers available for sale to benefit Kids Korps.

For more information, contact MaryBeth Brown at mbb@mbbrown.biz.

Firefighters practice skills on old buildings

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Chabad to host Aussie lecturer

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — On May 18, the Chabad at RSF will host Australian lecturer Rabbi Dr. Laible Wolf at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center. Wolf is an author and spiritual mentor who was a special keynote speaker at the Gawler International Mind/Body Conference and at the American Psychological Association Annual Conference.

Wolf will deliver "A Survivor's Manual: Be Strong in the Face of Crisis." The lecture gives five power tools to spiritual, mental and emotional strength.

Wolf, who describes himself as an Australian mystic, is currently on tour in the United States. He'll arrive in Rancho Santa Fe after he completes engagements in Arizona; he'll also be giving lectures in Oceanside and Scripps Ranch.

For the past 32 years, Rabbi Laibl Wolf has been a spiritual mentor and a teacher of the mystical side of Judaism. Laibl draws his teachings from the 4,000-year-old, esoteric and encrypted texts of the Kabbalah, which provides a guide to the mysteries of cosmic and human consciousness. The Kabbalah is the source for much of the "new age" wisdom that he teaches today.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center and tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available online by going to www.jewishrsf.com.

Student named to Academy honor roll

RANCHO SANTA FE — Christopher A. Brown of Rancho Santa Fe, a member of the Class of 2009, has been named to the honor roll at Phillips Academy for the winter term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

Phillips Academy, also known as Andover, is a coeducational, nonprofit, independent high school of 1,100 students, known for its extensive and rigorous academic program. Founded in 1778, the academy is comprised of a diverse community of teachers and students. For more information, visit the Andover Web site at www.andover.edu.



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Rancho Santa Fe Fire District Receives Fireman's Fund Grant For RIT Equipment

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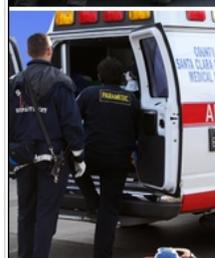
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RSF Library's Martha Glasgow Youth Services Wing offers unique programs and events this month

RSF Library's Martha Glasgow Youth Services Wing May programs will be:

•Preschool Story Times will be Tuesdays

@ 12:30 p.m. The themes are:

- May 19 - Chickens
- May 26 - Farm

•Craft Afternoons will be Thursdays

@ 3:30 p.m. The themes are:

- May 28 - "Be Creative" Craft
- WEDNESDAY, May 27

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•RSF Library Author Talk and Book Signing On Friday, May 22, at 1 p.m.

Local Author Maxine Van Evera Lupo will discuss her new book: "How To Master The Inner Game Of Golf." The book is illustrated by her husband Dom Lupo, who will also be in attendance. Maxine's new book is "intended to be a supplement to her popular first book, "How To Master The Art Of The Golf Swing."

"Maxine Van Evera Lupo has won 20 club championships as an amateur and has competed in the U.S. Women's Open. Formerly a teaching professional at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club and a faculty member at the San Diego Golf Academy, she lives in Ramona.

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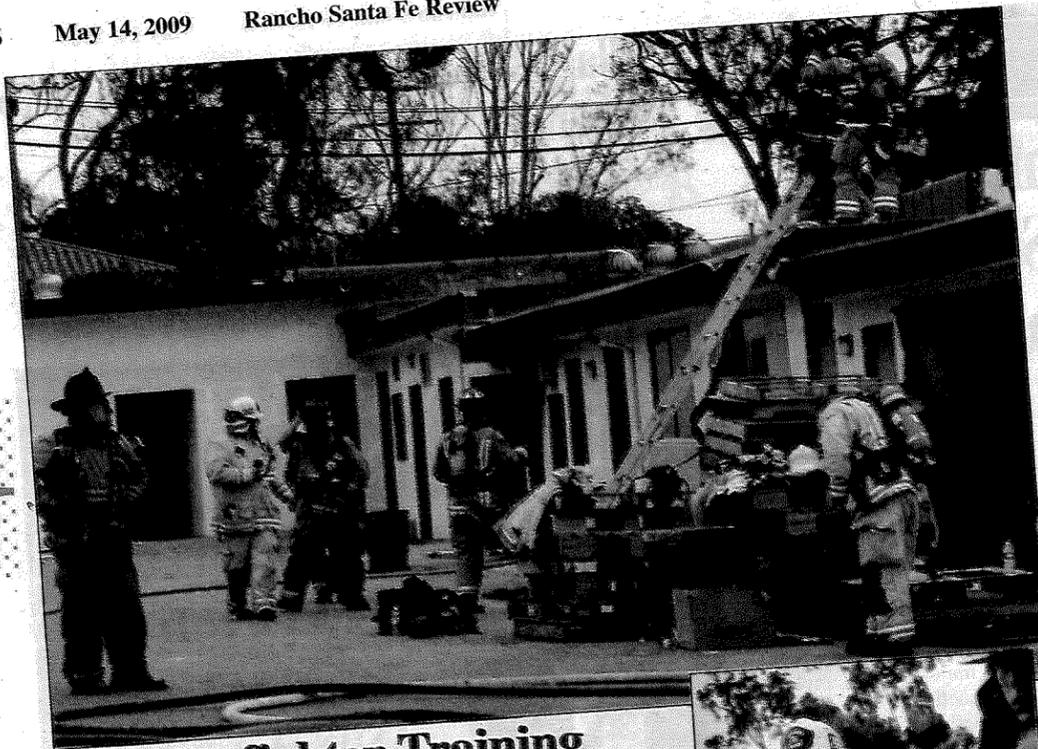
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Firefighter Training

The Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID) hosted fire training exercises that were conducted by the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, May 4-10.

SFID provided two adjoining structures, 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.

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The other agencies that participated in the training exercise include Carlsbad, Encinitas and Solana Beach Fire Departments. Photos/Jon Clark



Solana Beach School District recognizes Student Inspiration Award recipients

Once a year, the Solana Beach School District staff selects students from each grade level to receive the District Student Inspiration Award. Areas for selection include:

- Fellowship
- Courage
- Self or Academic Improvement
- Effort
- Community Service
- Leadership

At the regular Board of Education meeting on May 14 district staff and the Board of Education publicly recognized the following students for unique or exemplary achievements in their nominated category:

Solana Santa Fe School

- Kindergarten: Matthew Whitmer (Fellowship)
- Grade 1: Lucas Baumgartner (Fellowship)
- Grade 2: Wimmie Vos (Courage)
- Grade 3: Olivia Bertsch (Fellowship)
- Grade 4: Taite Jorgensen (Community Service)
- Grade 5: Brooke Regnier (Leadership)
- Grade 6: Bregje Vos (Courage)

Frances Hunter Music Memory San Diego County Finals to be held May 20

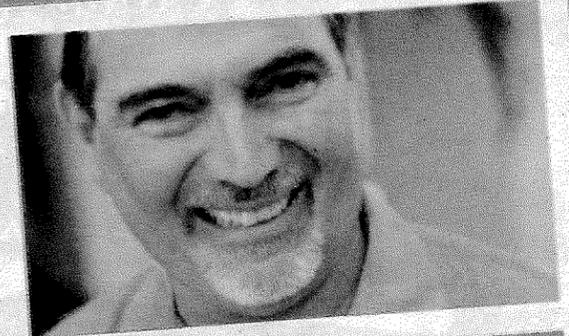
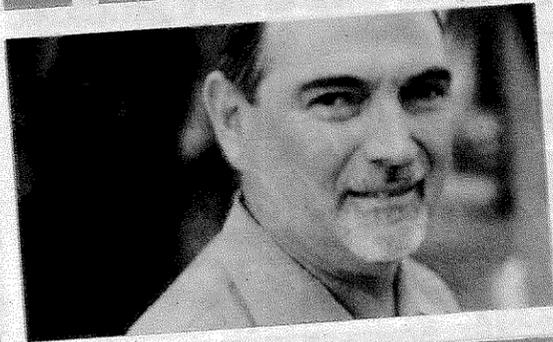
Last year, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund awarded \$45,000 to the San Diego Chamber Orchestra for the Music Memory program. The culmination of the program each year is a competition featuring the top students from participating schools.

Beginning in September 2008, nearly 4,000 3rd through 6th grade students in the county of San Diego schools have been listening to and learning about 16 pieces of classical music in a fun and interactive way. In this listening-based program, they have learned to easily identify works by such composers as Bach, Gershwin, Mozart, Beethoven, Vaughn Williams, Brahms and others.

On May 20, the top 10 students from each school will compete in a county-wide Music Memory concert/contest with a live performance by the San Diego Chamber Orchestra.

The San Diego Chamber Orchestra invites you to the first annual Frances Hunter Music Memory San Diego County Finals on Wednesday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University. Parking is free: simply let the attendant in the information booth know that you are there for the contest and they will direct you to the parking lot adjacent to the chapel.

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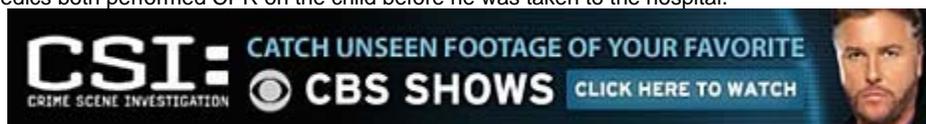
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Malachi Gardner of New Bern died about 6:30 a.m. at Children's Hospital, according to the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

Gardner was pulled by a neighbor from a pool at 10215 Winecreek Court around 7:30 p.m. Saturday and rushed to the hospital, according to the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

"Incidents like this are difficult for all involved," said Deputy Chief Tony Michel of the district. "Practicing water safety, especially when children are around, is extremely important. Securing pool areas and providing adult supervision are essential to prevent pool accidents."

Authorities said Gardner, who had been babysat by his grandmother for several days, fell into the deep end of the pool. A sheriff's deputy and paramedics both performed CPR on the child before he was taken to the hospital.



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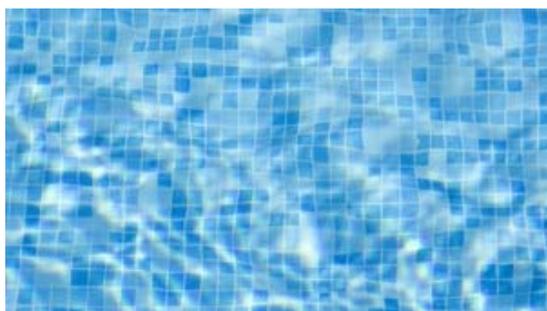
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Child Visiting Grandma Drowns In Pool The toddler was from North Carolina and staying with his grandmother

By [SUSAN TAYLOR](#)

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His grandmother called 911 call and emergency crews took the boy to Rady Children's Hospital where he died early Sunday.

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5-year-old drowning victim identified



By [Debbi Baker](#) Union-Tribune Staff Writer

12:18 p.m. May 18, 2009

A 5-year-old boy who died after being pulled out of a pool in 4S Ranch over the weekend has been identified as Malachi Gardner of New Bern, North Carolina, the Medical Examiner's Office said Monday. Malachi, who was visiting San Diego with his family, was being babysat by his grandmother at a home on Winecreek Court Saturday when she found him in the deep end of the pool about 7:30 p.m., sheriff's Sgt. Greg Rylaarsdam said.

The woman, who was unable to swim, jumped into the pool and tried to get the boy out by herself but was unable to reach him, Rylaarsdam said.

She screamed for help and then ran and got a neighbor who pulled the child from the pool.

Sheriff's deputies and emergency personnel performed CPR on the boy, who at one point was said to be breathing on his own.

He was taken to Pomerado Hospital and was later transferred to Rady Children's Hospital where he died Sunday at 6:30 a.m.

Malachi was in San Diego with his parents and his younger sister, the Medical Examiner's Office said.

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May 21, 2009

By Karen Billing

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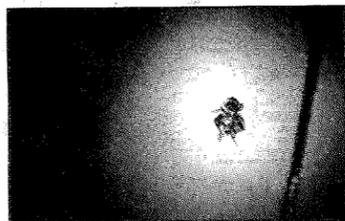
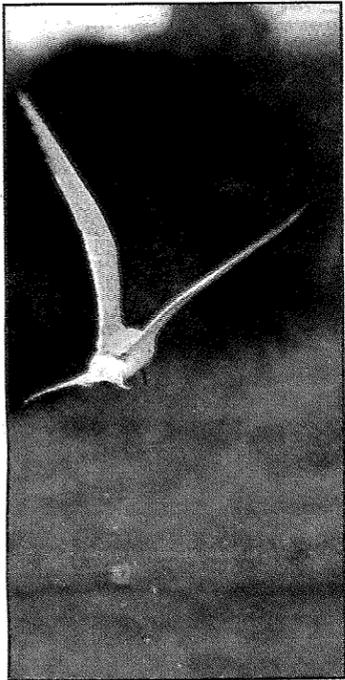
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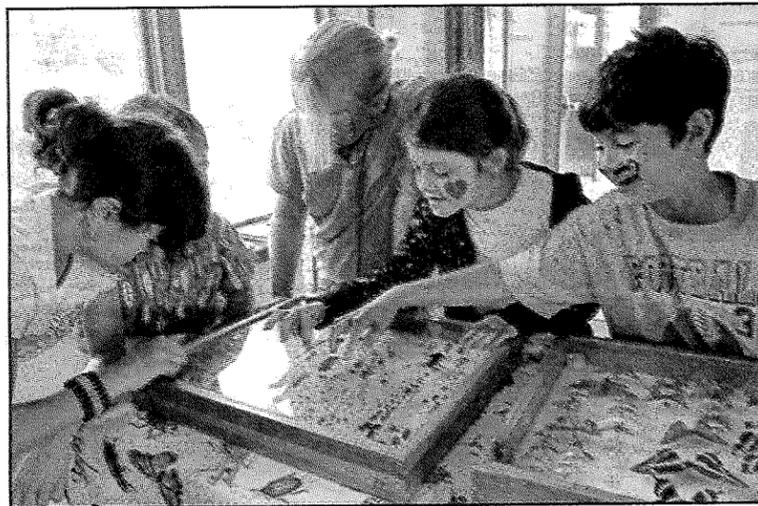
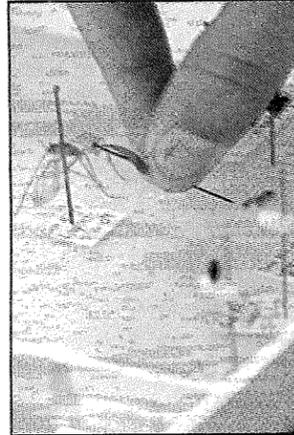
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Scientists, visitors tally lagoon life in BioBlitz



Almost 900 visitors participated in the 9th Lagoon Day at the San Elijo Lagoon — three times as many participants than in years past. The main attraction this year was the BioBlitz, in which scientists raced to identify as many species of living organisms in the lagoon as possible within 24 hours.

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Top right: A participant places an insect in a specimen collection. Above: Children enjoy the strange insects in one of the collections at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. Top left: A bird takes flight from the lagoon. At left: A visitor's flashlight spots a cricket in the night at the San Elijo Lagoon on May 15. PHOTOS BY WILL PARSON

Arnold's proposal opposed

State to examine benefits of letting go of fairgrounds

BY LAURA PETERSEN
Staff Writer

The Del Mar Fairgrounds could be put up for sale if a revised budget plan proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is approved by the state Legislature.

Schwarzenegger suggested selling seven state-owned properties in order to raise more than \$1 billion to help close the state's \$15.4 billion budget gap.

The fairgrounds, at 350-ocean-front-acres, is estimated to raise \$650 million.

"I wish Sacramento would leave us alone," said Tim Fennell, general manager of the Del Mar Fairgrounds. "We're a state agency that creates \$400 million of economic activity for the region. Why would you want to tamper with that?"

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Four seek seats on association board

BY KAREN BILLING
Staff Writer

Four candidates are vying for two spots on the Rancho Santa Fe Association's board of directors. Ballots were mailed last Thursday to all Covenant members and are due back by 5 p.m. June 15.

Candidates Steve Shillington, Dick Doughty, Jack Queen and Susan Marr had the chance to address members at last week's Annual Meeting. Here is a look at the candidates:

Steve Shillington

The incumbent is coming

off his first term on the association board. Shillington has 25 years of business ownership and management experience and supports conservative budget restraints. His focus lies on preservation of the historic Village by prevention of commercial overdevelopment, the development of an alternative irrigation source and a member review of any projects or purchases over \$1 million.

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She's late! Amelia Mabbutt, as the White Rabbit, complains of her lateness to Alice, played by Michelle Wakeman. KAREN BILLING

'Alice' delights community center

The Rancho Santa Fe Community Center put on "Alice in Wonderland" last Thursday night. The gym transformed into a theater for their lively production, with beautiful sets painted by Debbie Fitzpatrick.

Cheshire Cats Maranda Phillips, Greer Moseman and Hunter Csathy enthusiastically narrated the play, which featured numerous musical numbers such as "The Unbirthday Song" and "The Golden Afternoon" with flower girls twirling parasols.

Michelle Wakeman, Erin Roach and Molly Gillies all starred as Alice, to por-

tray the different sizes of the curious girl after the effects of eating magical cookies or drinking shrinking potions.

Young actors Seth Rossier and Chris Gaylord really got to ham it up as Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee and Amanda Mabbutt was a perfectly harried White Rabbit.

Next up is "Mary Poppins." Auditions will be held on July 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. for the Aug. 7 show. For more information, visit rsfcc.org.

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SFID lends buildings to firefighters

On May 9 and 10, firefighters from Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, Solana Beach and Encinitas participated in live fire training on two old buildings at the Santa Fe Irrigation District property on Linea Del Cielo. The demonstration allowed firefighters to experience a situation more realistic than what could be produced in a training tower.

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tion and during his term has spent great care researching the Osuna Adobe.

He believes the purchase of the Osuna Adobe by association members reinforced the community's interest in preserving Rancho Santa Fe's rich history. He said he worries about the overdevelopment of the Village and the "erosion of standards" prompted by the approval of the Lilian project. Shillington was one of the two votes against approving the Lilian, along with outgoing President Lois Jones.

"Large underground parking structures should not be permitted," Shillington said.

Jack Queen

His candidate mailer shows Queen with his eight grandchildren. To start his three-minute address, he thanked his "campaign manager," his wife of 45 years Patty.

Queen has 35 years experi-

ence with a major brokerage firm and owns a small manufacturing and sales incentive firm.

He is the current Art Jury president and has shown his dedication to the community through service on the road and traffic committee and the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation board. He is also on the boards of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, the San Gabriel Valley Council and the San Diego Education Foundation.

Queen spoke about what he called the "Dacus Fracas" and how few people knew what was going on until it was too late.

He also spoke about how the growth of the community outside the Covenant is forcing growth of Rancho Santa Fe agencies such as the fire department.

He suggested open meetings on issues such as the parks and a serious Covenant-wide survey.

"It's time for the board to



Association board candidates Steve Shillington, Susan Marr, Dick Doughty and Jack Queen at last week's annual meeting. KAREN BILLING

see what the residents feel about lots of different issues," Queen said.

Susan Marr

Marr has lived in Rancho Santa Fe for more than 10 years and is active in the community. She served on the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Golf Club board, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund, was part of the Rancho Santa Fe School's Superintendent's Advisory Committee in 2006 and is currently a Garden Club

member.

Marr was prompted to run for the association board after her recent dealings with the board regarding the Dacus property. She said that the association did not contact neighbors of the property until after the fact regarding the conditions of the sale to the Rancho Santa Fe School District and locating the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol on the lot.

"We can do better than that," Marr said of community outreach.

Marr said she is in favor of

more transparency on the board, bringing items out of closed executive session, increase the level of detail in meeting minutes and move some of the morning meetings to evening times to allow more members to participate.

Marr also believes the association has violated regulatory codes on the Dacus property.

"If the association ignores those rules, how can we demand individual homeowners follow them?" Marr asked.

Dick Doughty

Doughty is often among the few residents present at Rancho Santa Fe association meetings.

The 41-year Rancho Santa Fe resident said he believes the founders of the community bequeathed to everybody the legacy of the Ranch.

"The Ranch is my home," Doughty said. "Above that

it's the people, the land, the vision contemplated by the Rancho Santa Fe Protected Covenant."

Doughty is a retired architect and civil engineer, a former president of the Art Jury and a former member of the San Dieguito Planning Group. He is currently a member of the Library Guild, Garden Club, Historical Society and the road and traffic committee.

Doughty said he sees the Ranch as a unique gift that has evolved in its 81 years and should continue to be preserved.

Doughty said his strengths are competence and common sense and he is ready to apply them with service on the board.

He lists traffic congestion and parking related to construction projects, Del Dios roundabouts, space for playing fields and paying down the Osuna debt as some of the biggest issues facing the Ranch.

Home repairs you shouldn't ignore

By the Editors of
Consumer Reports

You might be tempted to put off fixing your home until the economy rebounds. Rebuild the patio? Sure, right after your 401(k) rallies.

But the editors of Consumer Reports warn that some problems, if left unchecked, can lead to thousands of dollars in repairs (rebuilding a foundation wall, for instance) and might even compromise your family's health, such as mold contamination.

The trouble signs are easy to spot, provided you know what to look for. What's more, contractors aren't as busy now, so they're likely to be more flexible on price.

Here is CR's list of the five biggest red flags of home maintenance, with advice on how to deal with them.

1. Runaway rainwater. Gutters, downspouts and leader pipes collect rainwater and channel it away from the house. In very wet regions, leaders should extend at least 5 feet from the house. Check the entire gutter system seasonally for proper pitch and for clogs, corrosion, broken fasteners and separation between connections and where gutters meet the fascia board. When inspecting gutters, extend straight ladders 3 feet beyond the roof at a 75-degree angle to the ground.

2. Roof and siding. Roofs are the most vulnerable to water infiltration, given their exposure to the elements and the laws of gravity. On a sunny day, use binoculars to spot cracked, curled, or missing shingles, which are signs that the roof is near its end of life. Also check flashing around chimneys, skylights and roof valleys, and the rubber boots around vents for cracks. Siding is also susceptible to leaks, especially where it meets windows and doors. A \$5 tube of caulk might save you thousands of dollars in structural repairs.

3. Pest infestations. Termites and carpenter ants gravitate to moist soil and rotting wood, another reason to make sure your gutters are in good shape and soil around your foundation is

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHOSEN

At the recent District Convention of International Lions District 4L6, with Lions Clubs from San Diego and Imperial County, delegates selected Encinitas Lion Julie Crawford as the new District Governor, above with her husband, Encinitas Lion and past International Director Bill Crawford. In the next year, she will work to strengthen and improve the 63 clubs in her district. Crawford has held all of the offices in her Encinitas Lions Club and served the past year as vice-district governor. For more information, contact Ron Zehr at (760) 753-0159 or rgzehr@cox.net. *Courtesy photo*

Changes in store for Ranch fire district

RANCHO SANTA FE — Since it was first formed in October 1946, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District has grown along with the community it serves. What started as a 15-member volunteer department that served 3,800 residents out of one fire station has grown to employ 54 full-time personnel who serve nearly 30,000 residents out of four fire stations within the 42-square mile district boundary.

As the area has grown, the needs of the community have changed, and the fire district has a responsibility to grow and change along with it. Rebuilding Station 3 and increasing the district's emphasis on fire prevention are examples of how the district has adjusted to better serve the area now and for years to come.

Station 3, on El Apajo near Fairbanks Ranch, was built in 1984 on 0.3 acres of land. Since that time, earthquake safety standards have changed and in 2000 it was determined by an outside engineering firm that the station does not meet the minimum seismic requirements for an essential services facility, such as a fire station, police station, or hospital. The district then investigated whether it would be better to upgrade the existing station to meet the requirements or to replace the station altogether. The results of the study, presented to the district's board of directors in June 2001, demonstrated that it would be less costly and more functional to rebuild the facility rather than upgrade it. However, the study also found the building's current site to be too small to rebuild on the same site while achieving the necessary functional-

ty of the station.

Based on those findings, the fire district set out to determine the best course of action. After searching for six years to find a suitable parcel to build on but to no avail, the district purchased the land adjacent to the current location. The additional land will allow the district to rebuild the station on the current site and achieve its goals to maintain response times and improve the functionality of the station.

When considering the approximately \$5 million cost of a new station, the board looked to the county's Fire Mitigation Fee system. This system provides fire districts with funds to add infrastructure needed to provide services necessitated by growth. There are several constraints placed on the use of these funds, obtained through new construction fees.

First, the money can only be used for new capital facilities needed because of growth. In other words, it can be used to build a new fire station but not to remodel a station, except if you enlarge a station then the new additional area can qualify. Second, the money must be used within five years or it has to be returned to the county.

The fire district has used Mitigation Fee money in the past to build Station 1 in Rancho Santa Fe, the Training Facility at Station 2 in 4S Ranch, and other similar projects. Accordingly, our current budget reflects our plan to use Fire Mitigation Fee Funds and General Funds to replace the Fairbanks Station.

The rebuilt station will see the current 2,800-square foot, single-story building transform into a 10,000-

square foot, two story building. The new station will allow the Fire District to better meet demands for services, which have increased as the community has grown. The larger station will be better able to accommodate necessary firefighting equipment now and in the future. A much-needed, pull-through garage design will enable firefighters to drive the fire engine back into the fire station without having to stop traffic and back in, which is a much safer scenario for all involved. Engine companies will also be better able to assist with fire prevention activities for established communities of the district, specifically those within Station 3's service area such as the Covenant, Sun Valley, South Pointe Farms, and Fairbanks Ranch.

The communities surrounding Station 3 aren't the only ones of the district that continue to grow. Station 1, in the village of Rancho Santa Fe, not only houses a full-time engine company and two paramedics, but also serves as the RSFFPD's headquarters, which is staffed by administrative, management, and prevention personnel. A portion of the facility is shared with the North County Dispatch Joint Powers authority, the agency responsible for receiving and dispatching 911 calls throughout most of North County. Altogether, the buildings hosts approximately 25 personnel during business hours. That number could increase with the addition of a Fire Service intern this summer and the addition of an administrative staff member, who will be hired to help with the increase in administrative needs due to district growth.

As the district and staff

grow, space is becoming a precious commodity. Already, prevention personnel are sharing office space or have had small work stations carved out for them in what was once a small storage area. Parking is also an issue. Currently, the RSFFPD has only 21 parking spaces available for its staff and customers. Several staff members are parking their personal cars at outlying stations. Some have started carpooling. Others are being required to park at The Inn's employee parking lot, in Santa Fe Irrigation District's dirt lot adjacent to the fire station, or along the street in the village. The district's goal is to work with the Association, RSF School District, and other concerned agencies to find office space and parking solutions that will benefit all involved.

Fire prevention activities continue throughout the entire district. New construction continues in several areas, most heavily in 4S Ranch, The Lakes and The Crosby. Several rebuilds from the Witch Creek Fire are also under way. All construction activity requires Fire District approval to ensure buildings meet current fire code requirements. Weed abatement is a high priority as well as we move into the summer months. Every resident in the district received a notice to make sure brush on their property is being properly maintained to prevent vegetation fires.

The fire district will also be setting up fire prevention townhall meetings throughout the community, providing residents with an opportunity to learn more about how to protect their homes and property from wildfire.

DR. GOTT

Second Opinion

Rare breast cancer deadly

Dear Dr. Gott: A friend of mine was recently diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer. I have done some initial research online, and www.mayoclinic.com describes it as a "rare but aggressive type of breast cancer that develops rapidly." They also point out that the typical signs of breast cancer — a lump or suspicious area — are often absent, and it usually goes undiagnosed until it reaches Stage IV. Some very young women have lost their lives to this disease.

Could you please explain more about this disorder?

Dear Reader: I will certainly try, but because I am neither a gynecologist nor an oncologist, I must defer to more knowledgeable resources for information.

According to the National Cancer Institute, inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) is very aggressive yet rare. It accounts for 1 percent to 5 percent of all cases of breast cancer in the United States. It is called inflammatory because it often causes the breast to look swollen and red. IBC is more commonly diagnosed in younger women than are more common forms of breast cancer.

Symptoms may include swelling, warmth in the breast, heaviness, aching, inverted nipples, burning and an increase in breast size. The skin of the affected breast may also appear to be red, pink, red-dish-purple or bruised. Other skin changes such as ridging or pitting may be seen. In most cases, there is no distinct lump present.

The symptoms are very similar to those of an infection within the breast, but the main distinction is that symptoms will not resolve with antibiotic treatment. Therefore, it is vital to report any breast changes to your physician immediately. If you are currently being treated for a breast infection but it fails to respond in a timely manner to appropriate therapy, it is time to re-evaluate the diagnosis.

Treatment for inflammatory breast cancer is similar to that of other types of breast cancer. Chemotherapy, radiation and surgery are the main choices. IBC treatment often begins with chemotherapy and radiation rather than surgery; however, because IBC is so aggressive, many sufferers

TURN TO SECOND OPINION ON 19



She's late! Amelia Mabbutt, as the White Rabbit, complains of her lateness to Alice, played by Michelle Wakeman. KAREN BILLING

'Alice' delights community center

The Rancho Santa Fe Community Center put on "Alice in Wonderland" last Thursday night. The gym transformed into a theater for their lively production, with beautiful sets painted by Debbie Fitzpatrick.

Cheshire Cats Maranda Phillips, Greer Moseman and Hunter Csathy enthusiastically narrated the play, which featured numerous musical numbers such as "The Unbirthday Song" and "The Golden Afternoon" with flower girls twirling parasols.

Michelle Wakeman, Erin Roach and Molly Gillies all starred as Alice, to por-

tray the different sizes of the curious girl after the effects of eating magical cookies or drinking shrinking potions.

Young actors Seth Rossier and Chris Gaylord really got to ham it up as Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee and Amanda Mabbutt was a perfectly harried White Rabbit.

Next up is "Mary Poppins." Auditions will be held on July 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. for the Aug. 7 show. For more information, visit rsfcc.org.

MORE ONLINE
www.rsfirecord.com

SFID lends buildings to firefighters

On May 9 and 10, firefighters from Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, Solana Beach and Encinitas participated in live fire training on two old buildings at the Santa Fe Irrigation District property on Linea Del Cielo. The demonstration allowed firefighters to experience a situation more realistic than what could be produced in a training tower.

The buildings, an aging office and a caretaker's cottage, were scheduled for demolition. The fires and demolition will make room for new district buildings.

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

During the exercises, theatrical smoke was used to mimic actual fire conditions while firefighters complete their training. Live fires were lit and then extinguished.

"This is great opportunity for us," said Bret A. Davidson, battalion chief of 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 better be able to not only save structures but save lives."

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

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Firefighters receive live fire training on two old buildings at the Santa Fe Irrigation District property on Linea Del Cielo. WILL PARSON

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Richards said a quick peek around the station would also reveal why an upgrade is needed for personnel.

"We're pretty crowded in here," Richards said.

The firefighters' living space melts into their kitchen — the lounge's easy chairs rub against the kitchen table chairs. A stationary bike and stair-climber are also crammed into the lounge between big screen TVs. Not they have much time to lounge, Richards said, but when the crew is in the room together, it can get pretty noisy.

Their bedrooms are not



Capt. Mark Richards, Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Chapin and Engineer Phil Pieper at Station 3.

KAREN BILLING

much bigger, with barely enough space for the beds, firefighter and paramedic Nick Chapin said. Pieper is 6-foot 4-inches tall and when he's in the bed he can touch both sides of the room. He had to be careful

when he gets up not to knock the TV off the small shelf over his bed.

The truck bay is where they really need space. Pieper said he can't work on the truck without having to open the garage door. The new station will have a pull-through garage — currently the firefighters said they have to back their truck into their garage, which can be a challenge on the busy, one lane El Apajo with traffic from three nearby schools, two churches, a shopping center and the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

The new station's gym will also be an upgrade, Richards

said.

Right now the station only has room for an engine and a brush rig but the larger garage would allow them to get a truck with aerial capabilities.

"A lot of the younger guys think that would be awesome," Chapin said.

Pieper said the Witch Creek Fire in 2007 has taught homeowners to be more pro-active with their brush management.

"It showed how important fire prevention is," Pieper said, noting that more and more residents understand that it's their responsibility to clean up the vegetation surrounding their property.

BOARD, FROM PAGE A1

tion and during his term has spent great care researching the Osuna Adobe.

He believes the purchase of the Osuna Adobe by association members reinforced the community's interest in preserving Rancho Santa Fe's rich history. He said he worries about the overdevelopment of the Village and the "erosion of standards" prompted by the approval of the Lilian project. Shillington was one of the two votes against approving the Lilian, along with outgoing President Lois Jones.

"Large underground parking structures should not be permitted," Shillington said.

Jack Queen

His candidate mailer shows Queen with his eight grandchildren. To start his three-minute address, he thanked his "campaign manager," his wife of 45 years Patty.

Queen has 35 years experi-

ence with a major brokerage firm and owns a small manufacturing and sales incentive firm.

He is the current Art Jury president and has shown his dedication to the community through service on the road and traffic committee and the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation board. He is also on the boards of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, the San Gabriel Valley Council and the San Diego Education Foundation.

Queen spoke about what he called the "Dacus Fracas" and how few people knew what was going on until it was too late.

He also spoke about how the growth of the community outside the Covenant is forcing growth of Rancho Santa Fe agencies such as the fire department.

He suggested open meetings on issues such as the parks and a serious Covenant-wide survey.

"It's time for the board to



Association board candidates Steve Shillington, Susan Marr, Dick Doughty and Jack Queen at last week's annual meeting. KAREN BILLING

see what the residents feel about lots of different issues," Queen said.

Susan Marr

Marr has lived in Rancho Santa Fe for more than 10 years and is active in the community. She served on the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Golf Club board, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund, was part of the Rancho Santa Fe School's Superintendent's Advisory Committee in 2006 and is currently a Garden Club

member.

Marr was prompted to run for the association board after her recent dealings with the board regarding the Dacus property. She said that the association did not contact neighbors of the property until after the fact regarding the conditions of the sale to the Rancho Santa Fe School District and locating the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol on the lot.

"We can do better than that," Marr said of community outreach.

Marr said she is in favor of

more transparency on the board, bringing items out of closed executive session, increase the level of detail in meeting minutes and move some of the morning meetings to evening times to allow more members to participate.

Marr also believes the association has violated regulatory codes on the Dacus property.

"If the association ignores those rules, how can we demand individual homeowners follow them?" Marr asked.

Dick Doughty

Doughty is often among the few residents present at Rancho Santa Fe association meetings.

The 41-year Rancho Santa Fe resident said he believes the founders of the community bequeathed to everybody the legacy of the Ranch.

"The Ranch is my home," Doughty said. "Above that

it's the people, the land, the vision contemplated by the Rancho Santa Fe Protected Covenant."

Doughty is a retired architect and civil engineer, a former president of the Art Jury and a former member of the San Dieguito Planning Group. He is currently a member of the Library Guild, Garden Club, Historical Society and the road and traffic committee.

Doughty said he sees the Ranch as a unique gift that has evolved in its 81 years and should continue to be preserved.

Doughty said his strengths are competence and common sense and he is ready to apply them with service on the board.

He lists traffic congestion and parking related to construction projects, Del Dios roundabouts, space for playing fields and paying down the Osuna debt as some of the biggest issues facing the Ranch.

Encouraging words for today and tomorrow



MACHEL PENN

Machel's Ranch

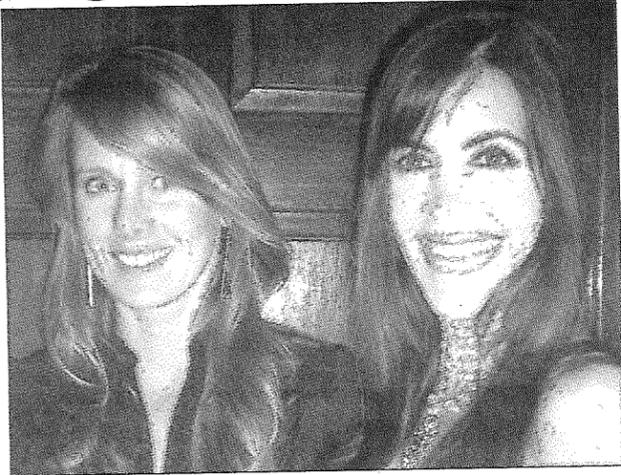
Lately, I have been in the mood to be ... positive! With the recent challenges in my own life I must look within to believe in the goodness of tomorrow. Life does not always make sense. Sometimes bad things happen to us and we try to figure out why. There are things that break us and there are moments that are magnificent. There is not always a reason for our letdowns. It could be as simple as life shifting beneath us and we are unaware of earthquake faults we cannot see. Wake up and make life yours anyway. Be excessive, bold and don't be afraid to let this life slide off of you unaffected and unscathed. Do you know what I mean by that?

You can't win them all. When you realize that there is a peace that penetrates your heart. There is a place that makes the moment easier when you realize you cannot control everything that happens to us or those we love.

Try to make peace with your immediate situation and where you are in terms of your issues. I'm speaking from experience, of course. I can't tell you how many times I wish I was achieving something more grand on a higher level than I am today. But we must be at peace with this beautiful life. The ups and downs, the heartaches and the disappointments, the boredom that can set in on occasion. Realize that it is a gift to feel such luxury as boredom.

Have you been to a Third World country? I haven't. But I know enough to appreciate the gift of my life today. I am so sick and tired of everyone griping about the economy. Get down on your hands and knees and be thankful for fresh fruit and penicillin. Be thankful for running water, toilets and hand sanitizer. Be thankful.

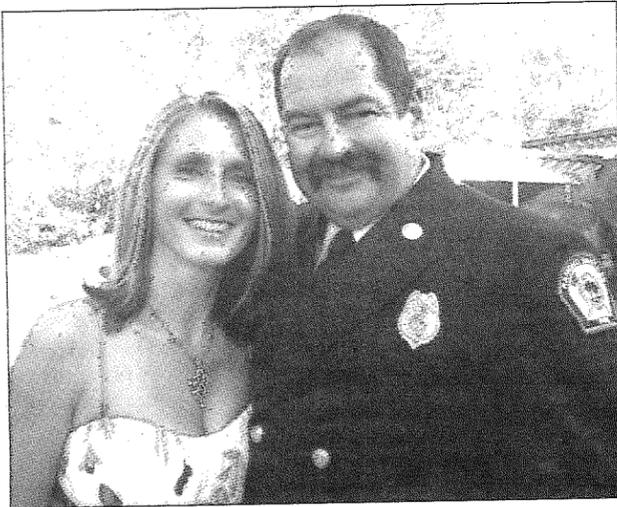
If someone is having a bad day, be polite to them. Do not feel it is a reflection upon you. Don't be so harsh to judge when we do not know what has occurred. I must say at this point in time, I've



CELEBRITIES AROUND TOWN Lara Grow and Meredith MacDonald at Mille Fleurs on a recent Friday. *Photo by Machel Penn*



SOMEWHERE IN TIME Author Dr. Doris Lee McCoy with Randy Beecher. *Photo by Machel Penn*



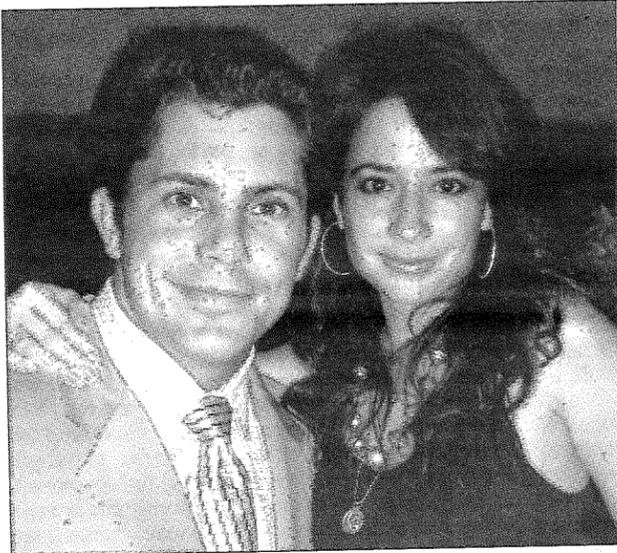
EVENING OF HONOR Carli Mertz, wife of Chris Mertz, with Mike Shore at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. *Photo by Machel Penn*



ALL SMILES From left, firefighters Tim Wood, John Jerome, Cliff Hunter, Troy Elliott, Brian Schmid at The Rancho Santa Fe Inn on May 8. *Photo by Machel Penn*



EUROPE COMES TO THE RANCH Gary and Bella Sanfir, owners of GSB Clothier at Del Rayo in Fairbanks. *Photo by Machel Penn*



SMALL SCREEN STAR ABC's "The Bachelorette" contestant Julien Hug of Rancho Santa Fe with good friend Janice Jaraicie. *Photo by Machel Penn*

never been more grateful for all those that are in my life. For this day, for last night, for the beautiful sunshine on my face, those I work with and my loved ones I cherish deeply. ?

Be thankful for what you have and I don't mean just your bank account balance. Good health, loved ones and friends. Be ever so grateful for

those blessings. Sometimes we do not know what is around the corner. Wake up and plan your attack but do not be dismayed if everything is not in order. Dare to be original. Have faith that this life is for you and not against you. Have faith that love can conquer more meanness and madness than wrong things can ever undo to your present

You never know, your smile or your kind words, could give them the hope to believe in their dreams for tomorrow.

Around town

On May 1, I met my girlfriend Meredith MacDonald at Mille Fleurs. It was a bit quiet that weekend due to the recent swine flu outbreak

TURN TO MACHEL'S RANCH ON 21

SOLD!

A list of what's been selling in the Ranch area, who's selling it and for how much - also available online. This information is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed. Source: DataQuick, last two months' transactions

Date: 05/12/2009; **Amount:** \$686,818; **Lender:** Bank Of America; **Buyer:** J Paffendorf; **Address:** 3624 Calle Juego, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$772,853; **Land:** \$400,498; **Tax:** \$8,075.26; **Built:** 1988; **Features:** 2-car garage, 3 bed, 3 bath, 2479 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$549,446; **Loan Type:** Conventional; **Rate:** Variable.

Date: 05/11/2009; **Amount:** \$0; **Buyer:** Ronald Waranch; **Address:** 6697 Calle Ponte Bella, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$2,787,279; **Land:** \$1,414,820; **Tax:** \$29,909.34; **Features:** 3-car garage, 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 6110 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$0; **Loan Type:** Conventional.

Date: 05/08/2009; **Amount:** \$2,300,000; **Lender:** Pacific Trust Bank; **Buyer:** Jill Kurz; **Address:** 16641 Ramblas De Las Flores, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$2,570,776; **Land:** \$1,623,648; **Tax:** \$26,742.78; **Built:** 2000; **Features:** 2-car garage, 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 3650 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$1,300,000; **Loan Type:** Conventional; **Rate:** Fixed.

Date: 05/06/2009; **Amount:** \$0; **Lender:** Bank Of America; **Buyer:** R Smit; **Address:** 6390 La Valle Plateada, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$1,530,000; **Land:** \$1,428,000; **Tax:** \$15,953.76; **Built:** 1951; **Features:** 2-car garage, 3 bed, 4 bath, 2522 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$1,327,500; **Loan Type:** Conventional; **Rate:** Fixed.

Date: 05/01/2009; **Amount:** \$1,850,000; **Lender:** Sierra Pacific Mortgage; **Buyer:** S & Salzetti Kahn Kahn; **Address:** 7271 Camino De Arriba, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$2,550,000; **Land:** \$816,000; **Tax:** \$27,926.24; **Built:** 2002; **Features:** 4-car garage, 5 bed, 5.5 bath, 7808 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$417,000; **Loan Type:** Conventional; **Rate:** Fixed.

Date: 05/01/2009; **Amount:** \$1,787,500; **Buyer:** Krisoff Family Trust; **Address:** 6973 Corte Lusso, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$2,900,000; **Land:** \$996,564; **Tax:** \$31,077.06; **Features:** 3-car garage, 5 bed, 5.5 bath, 5671 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$0; **Loan Type:** Conventional.

Date: 04/30/2009; **Amount:** \$0; **Buyer:** David & Stacy Harris; **Address:** 18566 Calle La Serra, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$2,950,000; **Land:** \$1,427,419; **Tax:** \$31,552.36; **Features:** 3-car garage, 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 5395 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$0; **Loan Type:** Conventional.

Date: 04/28/2009; **Amount:** \$0; **Buyer:** Jonathan Atun; **Address:** 16048 Via Viajera, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$747,150; **Land:** \$448,800; **Tax:** \$7,817.12; **Built:** 1982; **Features:** 2-car garage, 2 bed, 3 bath, 2119 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$0; **Loan Type:** Conventional.

Date: 04/22/2009; **Amount:** \$0; **Buyer:** Mrb 2009 Trust; **Address:** 18493 Calle Tramonto, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$5,258,385; **Land:** \$2,095,885; **Tax:** \$56,163.06; **Features:** 3-car garage, 4 bed, 5 bath, 9167 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$0; **Loan Type:** Conventional.

Date: 04/21/2009; **Amount:** \$2,085,000; **Buyer:** D & L Melbourne; **Address:** 5327 La Glorietta, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$2,381,350; **Land:** \$1,840,134; **Tax:** \$24,789; **Built:** 1955; **Features:** 2-car garage, 4 bed, 5 bath, 4170 sq. ft.; **Loan Amount:** \$0; **Loan Type:** Conventional.

Date: 04/21/2009; **Amount:** \$0; **Buyer:** Tennyson Hubler; **Address:** 16019 Via De Las Palmas, Rancho Santa Fe; **Assessed:** \$734,400; **Land:** \$484,500; **Tax:** \$7,759.36; **Built:**

TURN TO AFFORDABLE ON 17

TURN TO SOLD ON 21

City eyes condo conversions for affordable housing

By Bianca Kaplanek

DEL MAR — After hearing a proposal that could help bring its housing element into compliance with state requirements, City Council directed staff at the May 4 meeting to work with the Del Mar Housing Corporation to obtain data and identify potential affordable housing opportunities at the south end of Camino del Mar.

Don Countryman, representing the Housing Corporation, described a plan to create a perma-

nent stock of affordable units by allowing owners to convert apartment buildings into condominiums, the majority of which would be sold at market value. A small percentage would be designated as affordable for a minimum of about 55 years. Most of the properties Countryman referred to are legal nonconforming buildings at the south end of Stratford Court.

Current codes prohibiting the conversion of multi-residential properties with four or more units

into fee ownership. "With that conversion there's a large economic benefit to the owners," Countryman said. "(They) would see a very significant increase in the value of their property."

Countryman said the project would also benefit the city because it ties in with ongoing revitalization efforts, and it can be implemented using market-based funding so little or no public money would be involved.

Bud Emerson, a Housing Corporation

board member and the only resident to comment on the issue, said he supports the idea. "I love proposals that have multiple wins, and it seems to me this has the potential for a whole lot of people to win," he said.

"We can come out of this with something that we've always wanted, which is rental units that we can keep at an affordable level for people like teachers, city employees, firemen (and) students," he said.

Owners would have

an incentive to upgrade their properties, which would result in higher assessments and increased revenue for the city. The city would have control over those units designated as affordable, and the private sector would get condominiums at a good price, Emerson said.

Council members also supported the plan. "I would certainly like to see us do something here," Councilman Richard