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# Cooperative effort earns local fire districts regional 'Golden Watchdog Award'

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, along with the cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, and Solana Beach, was recently recognized by the San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) for saving taxpayers an estimated \$1 million last year through their cooperative efforts agreement. The agreement, which was put into effect in 2009, provides for the participating agencies to share management services in an effort to cut back on operating costs. The agreement was modified last year and is now expected to save the agencies \$1.6 million. The recognition from the SDCTA came during their 16th annual Golden Watchdog and Golden Fleece Awards Dinner on May 19.

"This 'throwback' Golden Watchdog Award from the Taxpayers Association recognizes that we are at the front edge of government cost-savings," said RSF Fire District Board Chair James Ashcraft. "We are pleased the agreement has thus far been a success, to the extent that other agencies have contacted us to see about using our arrangement as a template for similar partnerships."

Tom Hickerson, RSF Fire District board member, added, "Our goal is to deliver the best services possible to all mem-

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#### Planning Commission recommends tiered equine regulations

BY JOE NAIMAN CONTRIBUTOR

The county's Planning Commission recommended a tiered ordinance as part of the update of the county's equine regulations.

The Planning Commission's 7-0 vote May 20 sends the recommendation to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, who are expected to hold a hearing June 29. The Planning Commission merely recommended the tiered ordinance from among the four options developed by county Department of Planning and Land Use staff; the actual ordinance will be developed after the Board of Supervisors provides direction regarding potential content of the tiered ordinance.

"I'm glad to see this is going in the right direction," said David Puchta, who is the president of the San Diego County Horsemen's Association. "It's long

A 5-0 Board of Supervisors vote March 2 directed the county's Chief Administrative Officer to work with the county's equestrian community and any other interested parties to investigate options which would protect and promote equine operations throughout unincorporated San Diego County. The options included the potential development of a tiered ordinance, similar to what the county has adopted for wineries, and the Chief Administrative Officer was directed to report back to the Board of Supervisors within 120 days.

Carl Stiehl led the effort on behalf of the Department of Planning and Land Use, organizing four stakeholders meetings and contacting community planning and

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"Salute to America" on May 27 at the RSF Golf Club. Lt. Duncan Lee Hunter (Ret.), a former member of Congress and a decorated U.S. Army Rangers veteran of the Vietnam War, was the special guest. Sheryl Chase, Congressman Duncan Hunter, and Program Chair Gerda Snell at the event.; Solana Santa Fe Elementary School recently held a third grade performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Taiko drummer Luke Polidor!; Helen Woodward Animal Center (HWAC) hosted a Patrons' Party on May 26 at the Del Mar Country Club, preceding its 23rd annual Spring Fling fundraiser, "Broadway Tails" on June 4. Theatrical animal trainer and author Bill Berloni attended the Patrons' Party. Sumrall Rees and Bill Berloni with Chico at the event; (Bottom row, !-r) Gabriella Cary, Sheila Kaiser, Sawyer Simo and Nina Budano at the R. Roger Rowe School Field Day on May 27; The Del Mar Country Club hosted Humane Society of the United States President and best-selling author Wayne Pacelle, who recently released "The Bond," for a reception, discussion and book signing May 27. Wayne Pacelle and Madeleine Pickens at the reception; Legendary performer Pat Boone at a special evening held May 26 at Tommy V's. The Memorial Day weekend event, which was sponsored by Sexton Advisory Group, celebrated U.S. veterans and active military. See more on all inside. Photos/Rob McKenzie, Karen Billing and Stacey Phillips.

#### Solana Santa Fe student earns Vic Kops Children's Challenge Award

BY KAREN BILLING STAFF WRITER

For the last 29 years, the Del Mar/Solana Beach Optimist Club has honored outstanding local students with its Children's Challenge Awards. This year's happy, inspirational ceremony was held at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club on May 18 with 10 honorees in six categories of fellowship, community service, arts, courage, humanities and science.

"This is truly as good as it gets," said Susan Pfleeger, event co-chair.

Optimist Vic Kops created the awards 29 years ago as a way to find kids in a league of their own and encourage them by



The Del Mar/Solana Beach Optimists recently presented the 29th annual Vic Kops Children's Challenge Awards: Winners included: Back row: Jacob Brumm of Solana Santa Fe, Alyssa DeVries and Michael Stickels; Middle row: Vivienne Franke, Alexa Hatt, Ezra Bisom-Rapp, Danielle Rosenthal and Paige Geary; Front row: Isabel!a Hirst and Madison Dawson. Photo/Karen Billing

honoring them. The awards have carried on in his name since he died in 2007.

RSF's Solana Santa Fe School teacher Marsi Hays honored her sixth grade student Jacob Brumm in the area of humanities—"My only challenge this year is staying one step ahead of him," she said.

Jacob has a drive for excellence in the classroom and helps inspires classmates to give their very best, Hays said. He shows amazing focus despite a busy tennis schedule and as a loyal friend has a high level of respect for others.

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bers of our district. This agreement has allowed us to continue providing excellent service to our residents while saving

Del Mar City Council Member Mark Filanc said, "This is one of the programs that truly is a win for all. The City of Del Mar is very happy with the results and it's great to be recognized for our efforts.

The bottom-line of this agreement is that we are doing much more with much less and that means better public safety with better fiscal responsibility. We are committed to continuing to look for ways to improve service and reduce costs." says Encinitas City Council Member Jerome Stocks.

Solana Beach City Council Member Dave Roberts said, "In this day and age, we all need to do whatever we can to maximize efficiencies and save public money while providing top-notched customer service."

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sponsor groups. Stiehl and Claudia Loeber led a DPLU review of state law and of activities undertaken by other jurisdictions.

They were really cooperative. The county's been cooperative. Stiehl did a great job," said John Degenfelder. "It's really neat to get all this squared

Stiehl noted that the county's equine regulations consist of horsekeeping, which allows for private use on properly-zoned parcels, and commercial stables. Commercial stables include boarding and breeding operations, which do not involve visitors from the general public, and commercial stables also include public stables which provide riding lessons, training, trail rides, equestrian events, and other activities which attract members of the public. The equine regulations were developed more than 30 years ago as part of the county's Zoning Ordinance.

The update will focus on com-

mercial stables and is not likely to change horsekeeping zoning. Issues which will be considered include traffic, noise, flies and other vectors, stormwater, dust and grading concerns, size of the operation and parcel, and proximity to neighbors.

DPLU staff developed four options. Option A would allow horse stables with ministerial rather than discretionary permits. Option B is the tiered ordinance which based on the property size and number of horses would require a ministerial permit for some activities, an administrative permit (which involves notification to neighboring properties and public review but does not require a hearing unless one is requested by any party) for larger activities, and a Minor Use Permit or Major Use Permit for the largest operations. Option C would require discretionary permits for all commercial stables but would change some use permit requirements to the administrative permit process. Option D would maintain the current regulations with no

Option A or Option B would require a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report. A funding source for that EIR would be identified before the ordinance and the corresponding EIR are developed, and the Planning Commission hearing on the actual ordinance would not take place until the EIR has been circulated for public re-

The equestrian stakeholders didn't object to Option A but realized that Option B was the most reasonable measure and accepted the tiered ordinance concept. "A compromise on Option B is a very good plan," said Patty Morton of the Twin Oaks Valley Equestrian Association.

"A tiered ordinance would strike a balance," Stiehl said. "It addresses direction to the board and stakeholder concerns."

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one less ongoing project for future boards to worry about.

In addition to addressing several ongoing projects, the current board has had a good deal of success in setting the foundation for future boards as well. The list starts with the formation of a special Long Range Planning Committee to take a look at the needs of our community for the next 10 years.

The purpose of the Ad-Hoc Committee was to take a hard look at the issues that are currently impacting our community and concerns that potentially could impact us in the future. The committee's first step was to survey the membership on the issues that are a concern to the members and to solicit feedback on new and existing projects and programs. The results were both interesting and enlightening and will be the foundation for future projects. Based on the survey results, there are two new areas that community has a great deal of interest in and want us to devote time and resources to address. The first is improving broad band coverage in the Covenant and ~ the second is to develop a system for electronic communication with our members. The Long Ranging Planning Committee is working on their final report and will have their recommendations ready for the board by the end of June. The report will outline a suggested plan for implementing the new programs. Although both programs appear to be fairly easy to implement on the surface, as I mentioned earlier, nothing is ever easy. To make sure they are done correctly and address the needs of the members to the greatest extent possible, both programs will be time consuming and expensive to implement. It will be the challenge of future boards to build on the foundation that is currently being

established on these projects and carry them forward to re-

I look forward to the day when I have high-speed internet access anywhere in my home and read the latest information from the Association on my e-mail.

In addition to picking up the ball on existing projects and setting the foundation for future community enhancements, the board also addresses special projects that come up during the year and priorities established by the board at the beginning of the year. In August the board established a list of priorities to complete this year and I am pleased to report that we will have addressed all of the top priorities by the end of the year. One of these projects that has very little curb appeal but will greatly enhance our ability to serve our members is the electronic filing of all Associations property files. Currently, the files are maintained in their original form dating back over 80 years. Once the filing is complete every member will have access to their property and building files electronically and future submittals may be made electronically. The end result will be greater access by members to their information and a significant savings in time and money for our members. Additionally, the electronic filing will protect the integrity of the files and significantly reduce the area

needed to store files. Another priority of the board was to review the community's Open Space Program that dates back to 1996. The first step in that process was to include questions in the survey about the program to poll the members on thoughts about continuing to acquire open space. It was clear from the survey results that Open Space Program is still popular with a majority of the members, but the board believes that it is due for an overhaul. Again, the foundation has been laid through the survey and the

task will now fall on future boards to pick up the ball.

This year we have updated our website, explored the possibility of recovering fees for the additional traffic enforcement that is funded by the Association, and completed the subdivision process on the Osuna Ranch.

All this has been accomplished while keeping a very close eye on the financial condition of the Association. It is no surprise to anyone that these are very difficult economic times for everyone and homeowners associations throughout the state are being hard hit. The overall strength of any homeowners association is directly reflected in the value of homes within their community. Inadequate reserves or lack of funds for maintenance has a direct impact on individual property values.

Our Finance Committee, under the leadership of our Association Treasurer Jack Queen, has kept a close eye on our finances. We started off the year with an overall net drop in property values for the first time in our history. This drop decreased our budgeted assessment revenue by over \$150,000. The assessment loss combined with our historically high delinquency rates presented an early challenge for us to stay on budget. However, during the year we were able to reduce our budgeted expenses, including a reduction in staff, by almost 5 percent which more than offset the loss of revenue. To adjust to changing market conditions, we reassigned staff and focused our attention to staying on top of our receivables and making sure we minimized the impact of foreclosed properties. These efforts, combined with our receipt of funds from the sale of ees. A job well done. York property, resulted in a projected operating surplus for the current year of \$505,000 — an unheard of achievement for a homeowners association in these difficult times.

As for foundations for

next year's board, we have sent out a proposed budget to the membership that has controls on expenses including some wage freezes, a reduction in staff and a reduction in benefits for new hires. At the same time the proposed budget maintains our current assessment rate of 14 cents.

As you can see the State of the Association is very good and is well positioned to take on future challenges.

In closing I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts of the paties.

the efforts of the entire Associ-ation board and staff this year. In addition to my comments, regarding Jack and Deb, Dick Doughty has been rock solid on the board and a tremendous help to the board and staff. Dick's attention to detail is unsurpassed and his courage to take a stand on issues, even if the vote is 6 to 1, is commendable and has earned him the respect of his fellow board members. We had three new board members this year in Anne Feighner, Roxana Foxx, and Jack Dorsee. All three have been more than willing to give up their time and talents to serve. All of them not only have completed their responsibilities as board members but have each volunteered to serve as liaisons to standing committees and help with special projects.

I also would like to thank Pete Smith and the entire Association staff. They have collectively provided the Association board with a tremendous amount of support. They have also taken on additional work to make up for employees that have departed. Simply put they have performed their jobs with consistent sustained professionalism. My compliments to Pete, Steve Comstock, Robert Green, Dick Brockett, Matt Wellhouser and their employ-

A friend asked me about my experience on the board and if three years was too much? My immediate response was that it was "just



#### TPHS alum and NYU grad meets former President Bill Clinton

Torrey Pines High School alumni and NYU journalism major Erin Noonan recently discussed future plans with former President Bill Clinton prior to graduation ceremonies at Yankee Stadium. Former President Clinton was the commencement speaker. (Above) Erin (center) with former President Bill Clinton and the Noonan family. (Inset) Erin, former President Clinton and Erin's dad, Dan Noonan, in the foreground.

#### RSF firefighters to host community spaghetti dinner and rescue demonstration June 18

The Rancho Santa Fe Firefighters Association Local 4349, in conjunction with the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Live Rescue Demonstration on Saturday, June 18, from 4-7 p.m. at Station 2, located at 16930 Four Gee Road in 4S Ranch. Tickets are \$6 for adults / \$4 for children and will be available

In addition to providing dinner, fire-

fighters will be on-hand to demonstrate rescue techniques and offer informative displays including:

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#### Participate in RSF 4th of July Parade & Picnic

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#### **Moores Center's Carson stepping** from leader's role back to lab

**BY DAVE SCHWAB** Staff Writer

Dr. Dennis Carson is giving up his post as director of the renowned UCSD Moores Cancer Center, and doing anything but retiring.

"It's time for me for step down and return to the laboratory," said Carson, who will turn 65 this year. have two anti-cancer drugs in development and I'll now have a lot more time to be in the lab."

Involved in every step of the disease-treatment process, including actually making, bottling and labeling the first treatments, Carson is perhaps best known for discovering and pushing through to clinical use a novel anti-cancer agent now marketed as Leustatin. It is the therapy of choice for cancer patients with hairy cell leukemia, producing a decade or more of diseasefree remission in eight of 10 new patients, often after just a single infusion.

During his career, Carson has published more than 485 peer-reviewed papers and trained scores of new physician-scientists. He owns 69 patents based upon his research and has founded six biotechnology companies to pursue these discoveries.

As director of the UCSD Moores Cancer Center one of only 40 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the nation designated by the



Dr. Dennis Carson

Carson has created or supported new and innovative programs that mesh the talents and resources of academia and industry to push promising cancer treatments into clinical trials faster and more effectively.

At UCSD since 1990, Carson was brought in to help recruit new faculty. He acknowledged he's presided over the cancer center during a formative time in its history.

"When I started in 2001 the center really wasn't comprehensive," he said, noting that all changed with the help of John Moores, other donors and especially, the university.

"Together we put up a truly unified building in 2003 to house the center and its clinicians, researchers and educators," he said. "I think it set a (new) standard for the university."

A total of 675 people are now employed at Moores Cancer Center. "The number of pa-

tients has doubled and we're

in the top 20 in the country in National Cancer Institute grants," added Carson.

Dr. Thomas J. Kipps, a hematologist who's worked together with Carson for 25 years, will become the acting center director while the university does an exhaustive search to find Carson's permanent replacement.

Cancer is not a single malady but a class of diseases in which cells display uncontrolled growth invading, intruding upon and destroying adjacent tissues and sometimes spreading to other parts of the body. Carson said steady progress is being made in fighting the disease though it's a time-consuming process.

"Cancer is actually more like a 100 different diseases," he said, adding the biggest risk factor is age, though children can get certain types.

"Research is very hard," noted Carson. "Some of the treatments are difficult."

Though cancer may never be completely "cured," Carson foresees the disease becoming more manageable with treatment over time.

"We will continue to make steady progress, though I don't think there will be one magic bullet," he said. "The trend in mortality is down, which I see increasing until the time when cancer will be much less a problem than it is now."

Fundraiser to be held at Premier Martial Arts for Rady Children's Hospital
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of Encinitas, the Rancho Santa Fe Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary is holding its first annual Board Break-a-Thon June 4 to raise money for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children's Hospital.

Karl and Santhi Courage, owners of Premier Martial Arts, sponsored a similar event for St. Jude's Hospital several years ago and their students raised over \$10,000.

'As individuals, and members of the community, Santhi and I like doing things that are good for the community," said Courage, who with his wife Santhi, has owned the karate studio for almost 12 years.

Students enrolled in classes at the studio are soliciting sponsorships to break boards for

Help raise funds for Rady's Children's. Hospital at June 4 event.

the June 4 fundraiser. Courage said the event is open to non-members as well. "It's a good opportunity to teach the children about doing for others, to learn about do-

ing unselfish deeds for others, and to think about those who are less fortunate," said Courage. "It's part of what we teach here at the studio.

Community members and supporters of Rady Children's Hospital can sponsor karate students in their efforts to break boards. Sponsorships to purchase the boards are also available. The event will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Premier Martial Arts studio located at 1516 Encinitas Blvd. in Encinitas.

To be a board sponsor, contact Karl Courage at 760-522-2091 or encinitaskarate@gmail. com. To sponsor a student, contact Shaunna Kahn at 760-420-1262 or sksalzetti@sbcglobal.

#### DEL MAR: Firefighters roar into San Diego County Fair

#### By MANNY LOPEZ For the North County Times | Posted: Saturday, June 18, 2011 7:39 pm

By all accounts, the 21st annual Farmers Insurance Firefighter Expo and Demolition Derby held Saturday in conjunction with the San Diego County Fair was a smashing success.

Fire and rescue crews representing just about every fire agency in the county descended upon the Del Mar Fairgrounds to participate in the expo, which according to organizers is the biggest of its kind in Southern California.

With horns blaring and emergency lights flashing, a caravan of more than 20 fire trucks and engines, led by the California State Firefighters Associations 1902 American steam fire engine, meandered throughout the fairgrounds in the Burn Run Parade. Thousands of spectators young and old lined the route and cheered as the impressive display of fire apparatus rolled by.

"It was super seeing Ol' Betsy again," said Tom Humphrey of Vista, referring to the 1926 American La France fire engine owned by the Escondido Fire Department.

"My father was a member of Escondido's volunteer fire department in the late 1920s and '30s, and it was a real honor for me to witness this."

The exposition, which benefited the Burn Institute, a local nonprofit working to reduce the number of burn injuries and deaths, netted more than \$60,000 in 2010, said James Floros, executive director of the organization.

Floros said that money raised at the event will fund fire protection and survivor support programs such as Camp Beyond the Scars, a healing camp for severely burned children.

Live firefighting demonstrations were conducted throughout the day.

Members of the Solana Beach Fire Department conducted a rappelling and fire-rescue exhibition, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department extinguished a vehicle fire and the Carlsbad Fire Department demonstrated how to extricate a person trapped in a vehicle.

"This event is very family oriented, and it teaches kids about fire prevention through hands-on demonstrations. There's nothing else like it," said Penney McGuire, who attended the event with her daughter from Carlsbad. "This venue really shows kids the danger of fires. It's a great educational venue and fun at the same time."

For many people, the highlight of the event by far was the firefighter demolition derby. It was standing room only as an estimated 5,000 people packed into the 3,500-seat Chevrolet Del Mar Arena to watch the heart-pounding, car-crashing and metal-smashing action.

In an area about the size of a football field, 18 firefighters in customized clunkers attempted to immobilize the competition's vehicle by any means necessary and be the last car moving.

When the dust finally settled and all that remained were heaping piles of mangled metal, Danny Leetch of the Lakeside Fire Department walked away with the first place trophy along with bragging rights for a whole year.

"This was way too much fun," Leetch said. "Last year, my car blew up at the starting line, so this was just awesome."

Jerry Davies, spokesman for title sponsor Farmers Insurance said this year's demo derby was by far the best one yet.

"These firemen were very aggressive, and they really went after each other," Davies said. "It was just fantastic to see."

More information on the Burn Institute can be found atwww.burninstitute.org.

### Stanford-bound student earns numerous scholarships

BY KAREN BILLING Staff Writer

Stant Writer
Stand-out student Anisha Mudaliar has been accepted to a roster of heavyweight colleges, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Stanford and has racked up more than \$30,000 in scholarship

monies. The Pacific Ridge School senior with a 4.83 GPA is not only excellent academically but is extremely community service-minded, having gone on a service trip to Mexico last month, and she spent time building classrooms in Kenya in 2009. Anisha will head to India for a second time this summer to see a learning center be built for which she helped raise funds.

On June 12, she'll leave for Alabama to compete in the National Distinguished Young Women of America Finals, representing California. In the talent portion of the competition, she'll show off her Indian classical dance, which she's studied for the last 10 years.

By the way, she picked Stanford and will head



Anisha Mudaliar

there in the fall.

Anisha is a very driven teenager, even though she doesn't yet drive—she hasn't found the time to get her driver's license.

"I find that when you're passionate about something, you put all your effort into it," said Anisha. "I am passionate about service work and science and I pursue those passions wholeheartedly."

Most recently, she received the Kyoto Prize Scholarship (\$10,000), Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation scholarship (\$10,000), the Athena Scholarship (\$10,000), the National Merit Scholar (\$2,500) and

the Annette I. Baughman Scholarship (\$3,500).

To win the \$10,000 Coca-Cola scholarship, Anisha was selected out of about 71,000 entries. She was one of 250 who won the opportunity to travel to Atlanta and spend the week with fellow Coca Cola scholars, honored for their leadership in community service.

Anisha was one of just three San Diego County students to receive a Kyoto scholarship, earning hers in the area of advanced technology. She also won the opportunity to meet Kyoto Prize winner Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, an internationally famous stem cell scientist.

Her most recent service trip — to Punta Mita, Mexico in May — was a trip completely designed by Anisha and two fellow Pacific Ridge students. They spent 10 days with the PEACE (Protection, Education, Animals, Culture and Environment) organization.

While there were many colleges courting her, Anisha felt Stanford was the best fit. "I just like the spirit of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship; I liked the energy and I wanted to be around that energy," Anisha said.

energy," Anisha said.
As she is looking at studying international development and global health, Stanford provided the best interdisciplinary opportunities in both human biology and public policy.

She said the options for her are incredible and she is not ruling out attending Harvard later on for graduate school.

"I'm really excited about what's in store for the future," Anisha said.

Anisha will be among the first graduating class at Pacific Ridge School in Carlsbad. The school does not name valedictorians but Anisha was certainly the top of the class. She said she is appreciative of the "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to help build a school from the ground

"Pacific Ridge has definitely nurtured my growth over the past three years and I'm really glad I made the decision to attend," Anisha said. "They have a focus on ethical responsibility and global engagement...They supported me and made me feel confident in pursuing what I was passionate about and taking action."

#### Join the fun at next RSF GOP Women meeting June 15

Join the Rancho Santa Fe Republican Women (and men) for its "Get Out 'n Party" evening on Wednesday, June 15. This is a relaxing, always enjoyable outing with like-minded Republicans. The event will be held at 6 p.m. at Bentley's Restaurant, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas. Select from four entrée selections and any one beverage for \$25 tax & tip enclusive.

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