

Firefighter Combat Challenge held during Viejas Fire Expo

On June 20, 2009 The 19th Annual Burn Run was held at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. Even with wet weather throughout the day, firefighters, as well as the guests, seemed to enjoy the festivities as they were well displayed in the Chevy Del Mar Arena.



The Firefighter Combat Challenge started at 11:30 a.m. with over thirty firefighters from all over the United States who competed in full turn out gear. Participants competed in events that included running structure close packs up three flights of stairs, dragging a life-like human body out of a structure and pulling a fully charged attack line.

At 1:30 p.m. the parade of fifty plus emergency units from all around the county arrived mode 2, coming in the south entrance of the Chevy Del Mar arena. Brush 25 from Viejas Fire Department led the parade of emergency units while a crowd of more than two hundred plus guests greeted the firefighters with smiles and laughter, waving and in great spirits.

Shortly after the parade, the Miramar Fire Department performed a simulated vehicle rescue with an extended extraction of rescuing a patient trapped. The manager of the Del Mar Fair Grounds played the victim. Rescue 61 MSM rescued the victim within ten minutes of arriving on scene.

After the vehicle demonstration, Rancho Sante Fe Fire Department conducted a simulated/pyrotechnics vehicle fire. Engine 2621 arrived code 3 and the firefighters rushed out the engine pulling two quick attack lines, surrounding the vehicle and quickly extinguished the fire.

With each year, the emergency services becomes more equipped in educating the public on safety awareness. In the display area directly outside of the Chevy Del Mar Arena, there were three safety trailers from San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, El Cajon Fire Department and the San Diego Life & Safety Fire Department.

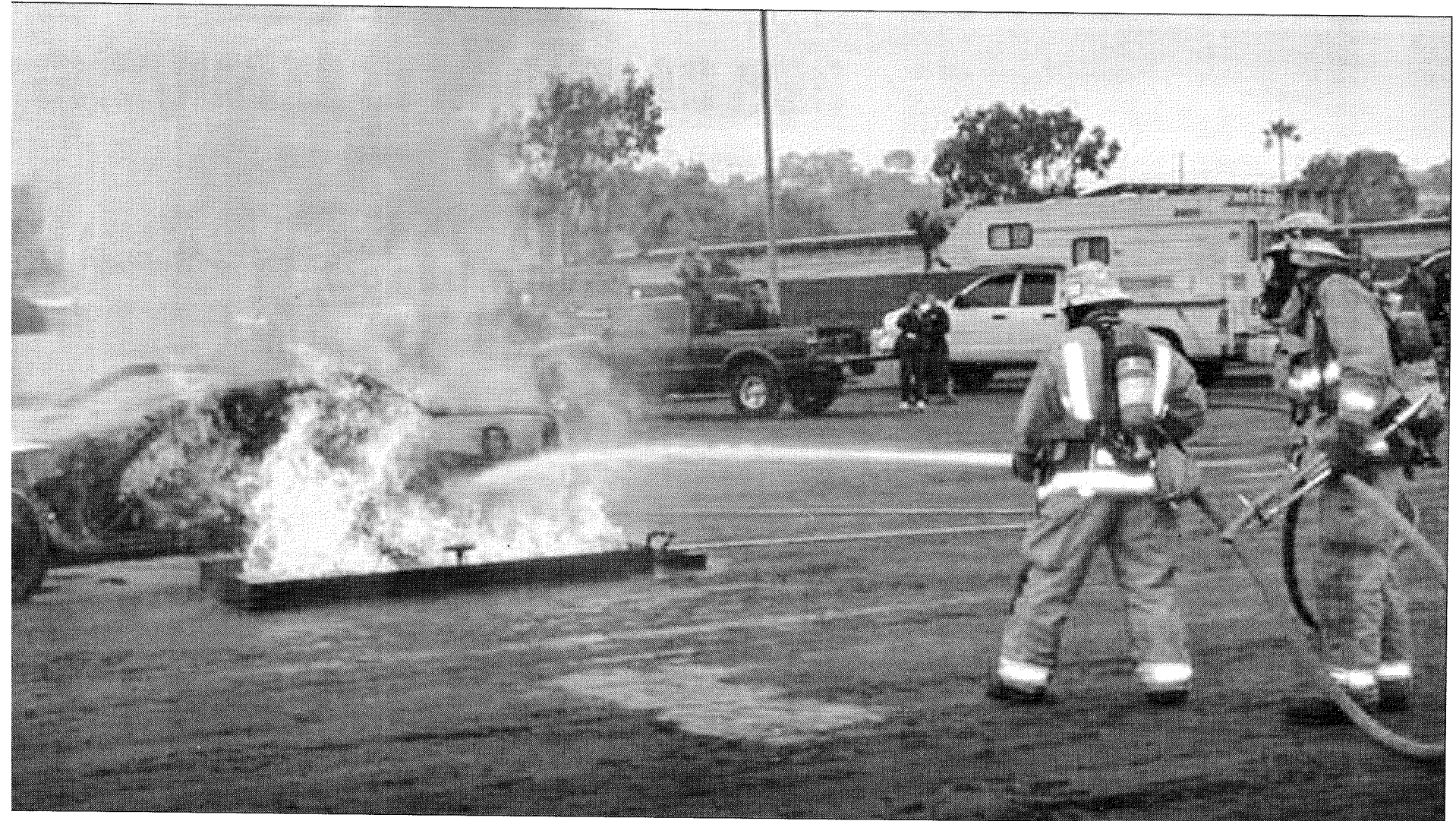
Along with fire videos teaching onlookers how to stop drop and roll, there were also brochures teaching the parents how to educate their children in fire safety.

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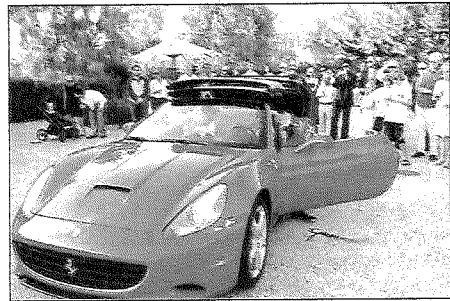
Los Angeles Co. firefighter pulls an attack line.

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Rancho Sante Fe Fire E2621 extinguishes the vehicle fire.

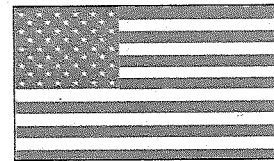


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Drought, insect infestations make it more important than ever for RSF residents to take home protection precautions against wildfires

By Joe Tush

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is urging homeowners to remove dead and diseased trees and take other precautions to protect their homes from wildfires, in the face of the ongoing California drought and related landscape watering restrictions.

"The homeowners need to do their share so if a fire does come through the community, they can protect themselves and their homes," said Cliff Hunter, the district's fire marshal. "Potentially, because of the drought, if we have a fire it could be a bad season."

While the official start of fire season was June 1, in Southern California, officials don't let their guard down at any time, even during the winter.

"We really look at fire season as year-round," said Hunter.

In June, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, working with the local Fire Safe Council, which includes representatives of the Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch homeowners associations, began a campaign to identify dead or diseased trees throughout the community. When such a tree is spotted, homeowners are sent a letter asking them to remove the tree. So far, about 200 notices have been issued.

If the homeowner wants to keep a tree that has been identified as

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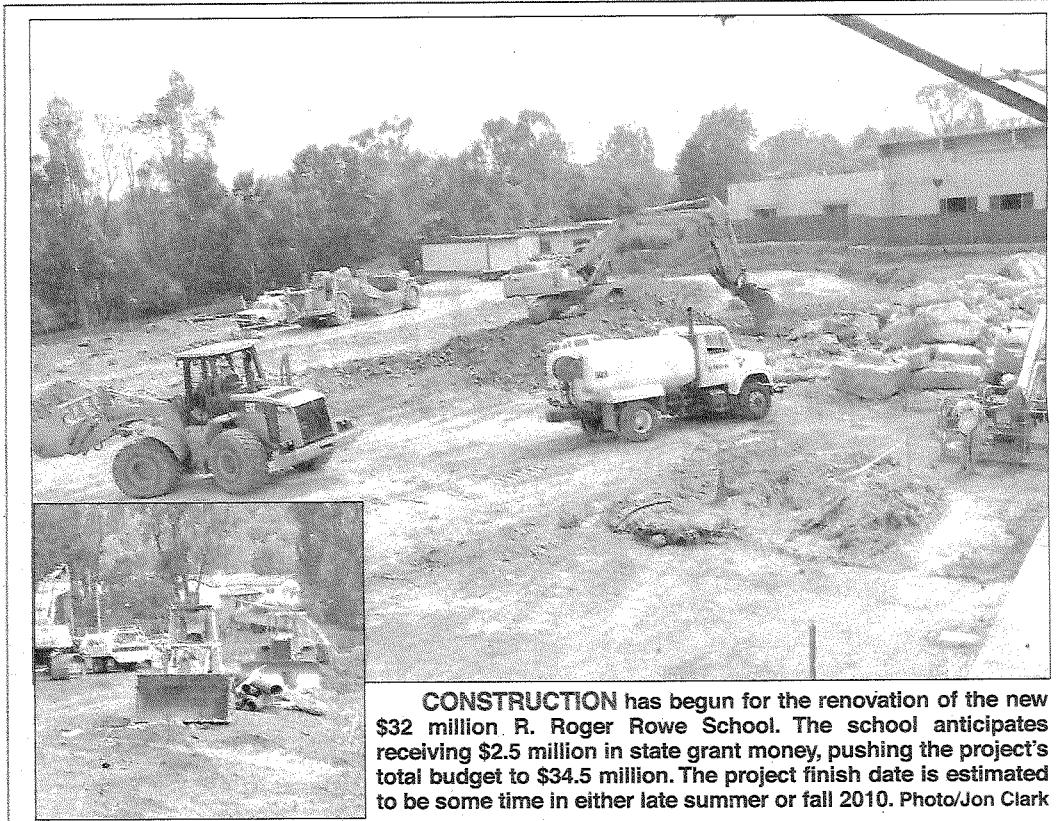
RSF School grad and TPHS senior Jennifer Birks receives Erik Scott Sorensen Service-Above-Self Award

The Rotary Club of Del Mar presented the Erik Scott Sorensen Service-Above-Self Award to Torrey Pines High School senior Jennifer Birks at its June 25 meeting held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The award includes a \$1,000 check to be used for educational purposes.

The Erik Scott Sorensen Service-Above-Self Award has been presented every year since to a Torrey Pines student who, though physically challenged, is an inspiration to fellow students because of his/her positive approach to life and readiness to volunteer, capturing the spirit and principles of Rotary.

Jennifer has been in the Transition Alternative Program (TAP) at Torrey Pines for the last three years. Jennifer, who has received special education services since the age of 3 and has a diagnosis of autism, participates in the classes to learn functional life skills that will help prepare her for her life after high school. Jennifer is always volunteering her services and artistic abilities when needed for class and school

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CONSTRUCTION has begun for the renovation of the new \$32 million R. Roger Rowe School. The school anticipates receiving \$2.5 million in state grant money, pushing the project's total budget to \$34.5 million. The project finish date is estimated to be some time in either late summer or fall 2010. Photo/Jon Clark



At the the recent Erik Scott Sorensen Service-Above-Self Award presentation (l-r): Rob Mullaly, Cathy Birks, Marlene Gotz, Jennifer Birks, Chris Birks. Photo/Jon Clark

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diseased or dying, he or she must submit a letter from a certified arborist, which states the tree can be saved with proper treatment and maintenance, Hunter said.

"The goal is not to remove every tree in Rancho Santa Fe. We only want to remove dead, dying or diseased trees," Hunter said.

Residents will also be asked to remove peeling bark and dead limbs from their trees.

"This year they seem to be extremely cooperative," Hunter said of local residents. "I believe the understanding (of fire dangers) has been enlightened because of the 2007 fires."

Devastating wildfires struck San Diego County in 2003 and 2007, causing a number of deaths and destroying thousands of homes. In the 42-square-mile Rancho Santa Fe Fire District,

which includes Rancho Santa Fe, 4-S Ranch and surrounding communities, 61 homes were lost in the 2007 wildfires. The district has a population of 29,500 residents.

The area's eucalyptus trees have been especially hard-hit, suffering not only from the drought, but from insect infestations, Hunter said.

According to Hunter, the most important step residents can take is to create a 100-foot defensible space around their homes. In the first 50 feet, he said, all dead plants should be removed, and fire-resistant trees and plants such as jacarandas and olive and sycamore trees should be planted. All weeds and grasses should be cut to no more than six inches high, and ground cover such as mulch and wood chips should be no closer than 12 inches from the home.

Some varieties of pine trees, along with avocado, juniper and Italian cypress trees, are more

flammable and can become fuel for a wildfire if they are not properly maintained and watered, Hunter said.

In the next 50-foot ring, native vegetation acceptable, but it should be thinned out by 50 percent and all dead plants should be removed.

Following are additional measures homeowners can take:

- Thin out and remove combustible native vegetation and flammable materials within 30 feet of roads and driveways.

- All roads should have a minimum vertical clearance of 13 feet, six inches, free of any tree limbs or other vegetation.

- Regularly remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from rooftops and rain gutters.

- No illegal dumping of yard clippings, trash or debris.

- The home's address must be prominently displayed from the street.

- Private gates must be equipped with an approved fire district gate access switch or strobe sensor.

- Keep trash cans at least 10 feet from the home, and keep them covered, both to protect the contents from wind-borne embers in the event of a fire, and to keep rodents out.

For more tips and information about fire prevention, how to prepare for a wildfire and what to do if a wildfire does occur in your community, visit the Rancho Santa Fe Fire district's Web site at www.rsf-fire.org.

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events, according to Rotary officials.

Jennifer works off campus once a week during the school day at Eli's, a local grocery store in the Highlands Shopping Center. Her Job Coach and WorkAbility Coordinator state Jennifer is an excellent worker as well as mentor to other students with special needs working at Eli's.

She is currently enrolled in an Advanced Placement Art class at Torrey Pines. She has played the Wicked Witch in the "Wizard of Oz" and Mrs. Gloop in "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center, and is currently taking piano at the Encinitas School of Music and has performed in several recitals. Jennifer also takes riding lessons at the Helen Woodward Center and recently completed her first horse show.

In 2007, Jennifer's artwork was displayed at the San Diego Institute of Art in Balboa Park as part of a student display where she received a "Special Achievement Award" for her "Hands" tempura. (Jennifer's art that was entered at the San Diego Institute of Art can be viewed at http://www.sandiego-art.org/archive_local/2007/ by clicking on March April 2007 and then clicking on youth.)

She also received a medal/award for her art at the Rancho Santa Fe School when she graduated from 8th grade. She recently created all the signs and posters for the newly launched "TAP Falcon Coffee

Co.," which sells coffee, iced coffee, and iced tea to staff and teachers during break to help raise money for the district's WorkAbility program.


In addition to her art courses at school, Jennifer has also been involved with art classes through the San Diego Zoo and photography classes at the San Diego Wild Animal Park and has attended camp at Sea World.

Scott Jay, her TAP teacher at Torrey Pines, says this about Jennifer:

"During the past three years that Jennifer Birks has been a student in the TAP program I have continually been amazed and inspired by the passion and drive that lies within her. She truly is an inspiration to her peers and those who work with her. Her actions in life not only remind us to be the best we can be, but her ability to overcome the obstacles she faces on a daily basis helps remind others of the potential that lies in all of us. For these reasons, I nominate Jennifer Birks to receive the Erik Scott Sorensen Service-Above-Self Award."

Erik Sorensen was the son of fellow Rotarian, past president, John Sorensen and his wife, Cindy. Erik faced the progressive degeneration of Muscular Dystrophy and was the only wheelchair-bound student at Torrey Pines High School (at that time). Erik was greatly respected by both students and faculty for his amazing attitude and accomplishments and really by everyone he touched with his warm and caring way. After Erik's death in 1995, the Rotary Club of Del Mar named this award in his memory.

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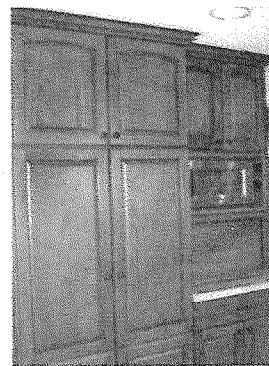
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Maisie is a sweet 7 month old white and tan Pit Bull puppy. She is a strong and energetic girl, looking for an active and experienced family who can keep up with her. She can't wait to get lots of practice being a "good girl" on leash walks, lots of fun playtime, and of course, becoming your forever friend.



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OUR VIEW

Getting the word out on fire readiness

We've said it before and we're saying it again. Fire season is upon us. This time, though, if we're willing to pay attention and to pitch in, help is on the way in the form of a DVD that will help you prepare for — and maybe avoid — the worst.

The effort builds on a program called "Before the Threat," developed last year by East County's San Miguel Fire District with the support of Farmers Insurance. While it is aimed at preparing residents for the event-

ality of wildfire, the advice is applicable to other natural and man-made disasters as well.

Farmers footed the bill to develop the DVDs, which the fire district and volunteers handed out to 10,500 residents in a door-to-door campaign. This year the company is teaming up with the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services and the San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association to get 400,000 of them into the communities mostly like to

be in fire danger.

Known as the wildland urban interface, the areas are those where houses are intermingled with or abut vegetation which are most susceptible to wildfires — and they're not all rural areas. One only has to look at our local hillsides and envision a rapidly spreading fire to understand the potential.

"During the 2007 fires, we saw that defensible space works," said Ron Lane Director of the San Diego County Office of Emergency Ser-

vices. "The homes that were still standing in the fire perimeter area all had defensible space. The 1,700 homes that burned had a flaw in their defensible space, and that's what we are hoping to address with our campaign."

The campaign also stresses having information and paperwork ready in case of emergency and includes home inventory software.

But to get the DVD in the hands of those most likely to benefit, our fire officials

need help. They're looking for people to help them walk their neighborhoods on the weekends of July 25 and Aug. 1.

Volunteers will include members of area Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and fire safe councils as well as others who care about their neighborhoods.

If you're interested in pitching in go to www.volunteersandiego.org or contact your local fire station.

COMMUNITY LEADER'S VIEW

Water restriction in effect in SFID

BY MICHAEL J. BARDIN
General manager, Santa Fe Irrigation District

On July 1, mandatory restrictions on the use of potable water took effect within the Santa Fe Irrigation District. We at the district ask for your full cooperation in this communitywide effort to conserve water and ensure a reliable and sustainable supply of water in the months and years to come.

This is not an action the district wanted to take, but it became necessary due to the ongoing drought conditions. For the foreseeable future, water conservation will be a way of life for those of us living in this semi-arid region we call home.

The quickest and least expensive way to reduce overall demand and safeguard our water supply to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public is through conservation. That's why the SFID board of directors, on May 21, declared a Drought Response Level 2 Condition for the district's service area.

The declaration placed mandatory restrictions on water use for residential and business customers within the city of Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch. Similar restrictions are being imposed

throughout San Diego County and much of the Southwestern United States.

Why do we need to conserve? Because of the drought, water deliveries from our primary supplier, the San Diego County Water Authority, are being reduced by 8 percent for fiscal year 2010. Since the SFID also draws water from Lake Hodges and does not rely entirely on imported water, the district set a modest conservation goal of 6 percent.

While there are penalties for violating the mandatory water-use restrictions, we at the district hope it doesn't come to that. For a first violation, the customer will be notified by letter and asked to fix the problem.

Looking forward, the district is committed to protecting its water sources and investigating ways to increase its local supply of water. Programs include desalination, recycled water, and community outreach and education.

For news updates as well as information on water conservation and the Level 2 restrictions, visit the district's Web site: www.sfidwater.org/drought2009. You can also follow district news and get water conservation tips on Twitter at twitter.com/SFID.

COMMUNITY VIEW

Community center launches Web site

BY ARLENE SCHAG

Rancho Santa Fe Community Center is proud to announce its new Web site: www.rsfcc.org. It has taken almost two years of testing and troubleshooting, but finally this week the public will be able to register for programs online, register for membership, manage their personal profile and stay abreast with upcoming events. Business associates are also welcome to partner with the community center via the Web site.



Arlene Schag

In a grand opening gesture on June 24, an e-mail blast was sent to all community center contacts. The message contained a private user name and password to log in. If you are a member of the center, don't forget to check your profile to ensure that all of your information is correct. You can also update important medical and dietary information for your children.

"If you have previously participated in center programs and have not received your



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user name and password, please contact us at (858) 756-2461," Executive Director Pamela Meistrell said.

The convenience of using the community center's Web site may bring in more members and participants, which will in turn help develop bigger and better events and help keep the doors open every day. New members are welcome to visit the center and pick up their free canvas tote bag with "Rancho Santa Fe" emblazoned across the front.

YOUR VIEW

On the 5/56 plans

In this article ["One 5/56 option show," June 26], "Caltrans continues to study four alternatives for 5/56: the direct connector, an auxiliary lane, a hybrid connector and a hybrid with flyover."

It's easy to lose sight of this since most of the discussion angst centers on the

four build alternatives, but Caltrans is actually studying FIVE alternatives: The four "build alternatives" you mention in the piece, plus a fifth "no build alternative."

This is more than just a distinction without a difference. The forthcoming EIR/EIS environmental review document will study the likely impacts of doing nothing to address the missing connection movements in every degree of detail as

they are doing for the build alternatives. It is important (and a requirement under CEQA and NEPA) they do this because the ultimate decision makers have to understand the negative case just as they do the positive case, that is: What is likely to happen if we do nothing?

Thanks for continuing to cover this ongoing story.

Scott E. Tillson
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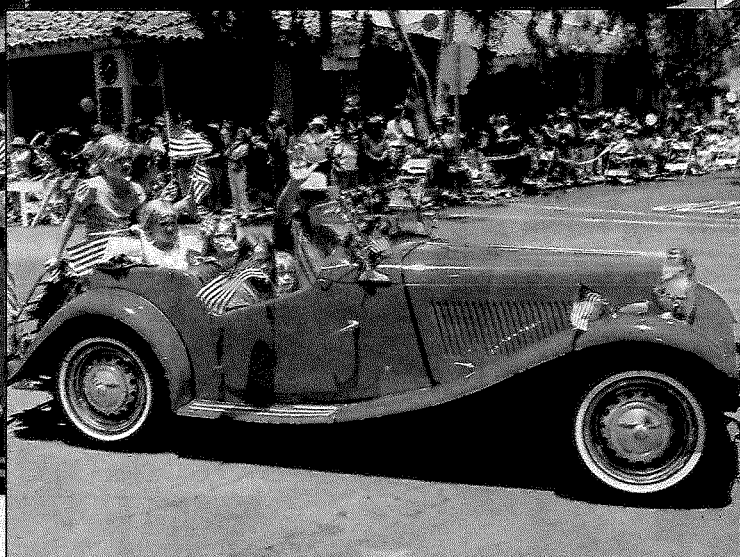
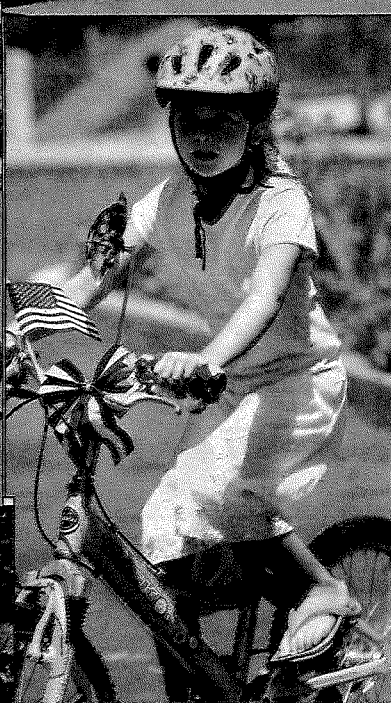
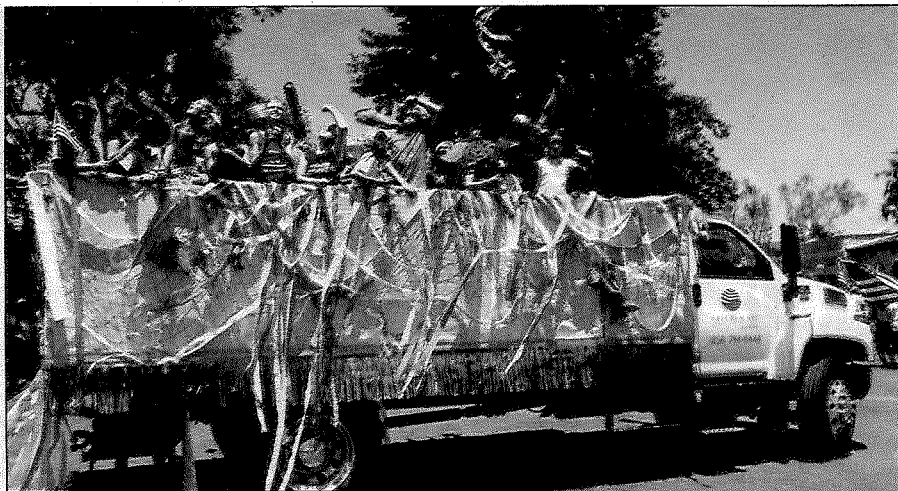
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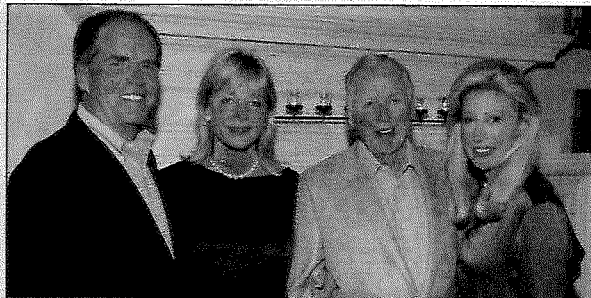
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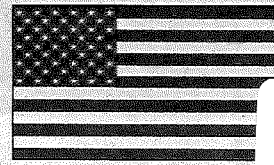
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RSF Association proposes parking structure to house RSF Patrol, provide parking for RSF Fire District, RSF School, The Inn

By Matt Liebowitz

At its July 2 meeting, the Rancho Santa Fe Association Board of Directors presented a proposal to build a parking structure to house the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol, and to provide parking for the RSF Fire Protection District, The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, and R. Roger Rowe School.

The one-story parking structure, explained Randy Hanna, principal with Hanna Gabriel Wells Architects, would be at the corner of El Fuego and Linea del Cielo, on a piece of property currently owned by The Inn and used for parking and tennis (there is one tennis court on the lot):

The structure would total 72,870 square feet, reported Hanna; the Patrol office, on the upper level, would be 3,365 square feet.

There would be 85 parking spaces on the lower level and 74 on the top level, for a total of 159. The project also includes a plan to improve neighboring street La Sendita, to allow emergency access for the Patrol.

Total cost of the proposed project was estimated at \$4,171,313, with \$2,878,239 for the parking structure, \$1,069,933 for the Patrol office, and \$224,141 for improvements to La Sendita.

Association board president Bill Beckman said with soft costs added in, such as contracts for architects and permit fees, the project would total between \$4.6 and \$4.7 million.

For providing the property, at no cost, The Inn would receive 108 spaces, explained Beckman. The Fire Protection District would own 35

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RSF Association, RSF Foundation reactivating Forest Health Task Force to help save eucalyptus trees

•Volunteers wanted to serve on task force

The RSF Association and RSF Foundation are reactivating a Forest Health Task Force to devise a forest management plan to help battle the deadly impacts of the lerp psyllid on RSF's eucalyptus trees.

David Shaw, a farm advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension, appeared before the RSF Association board July 2 to present an update on the current status of the lerp psyllid infestation.

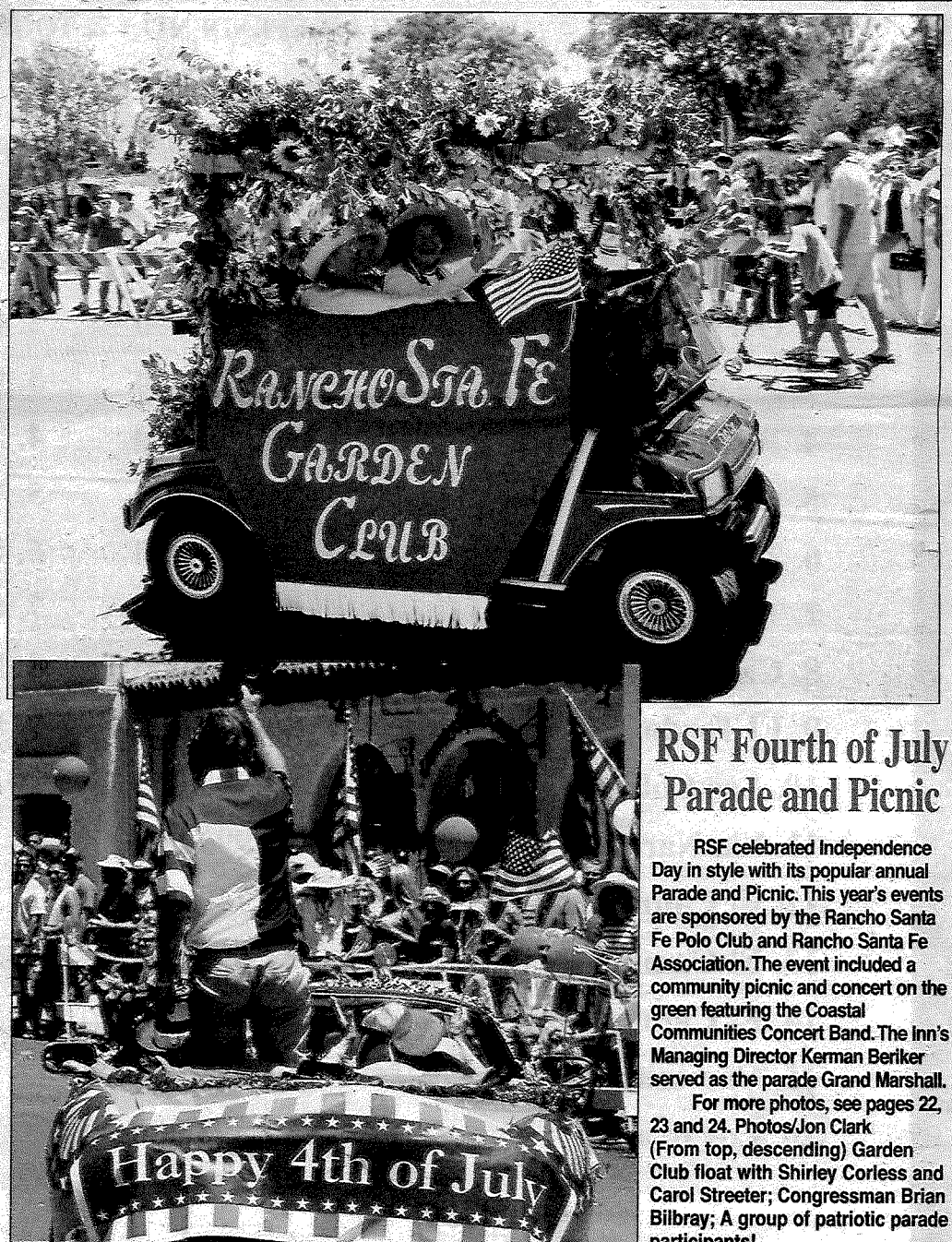
The psyllids, which are small insects that suck sap from leaves, are, like the eucalyptus, native to Australia. They cause leaf damage and drop which may stress the trees and make them susceptible to fatal attack by other insects. Psyllids also produce a sticky substance called honeydew, which drops to the ground on cars and sidewalks.

The infestation of the psyllids, combined with the impact of the drought, has been deadly for many of RSF's eucalyptus trees.

The lerp psyllid infestation first hit RSF almost a decade ago. At that time, a predatory wasp was introduced to the area as part of a plan to combat the problem. This approach helped for several years but now the lerp psyllids seem to be multiplying faster than the wasps as the psyllids tend to start multiplying earlier in the year, when it is cooler, and the wasps arrive in warmer weather.

"We are not sure why the predatory wasp is no longer working as well," RSF Association Manager Pete Smith said. "There is some indication the lerp psyllid is building up a defense mechanism and the wasp population is not what it once was." Smith added that all but one iron bark tree in the Village park has had to be removed because of the

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RSF Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

RSF celebrated Independence Day in style with its popular annual Parade and Picnic. This year's events are sponsored by the Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club and Rancho Santa Fe Association. The event included a community picnic and concert on the green featuring the Coastal Communities Concert Band. The Inn's Managing Director Kerman Beriker served as the parade Grand Marshall.

For more photos, see pages 22, 23 and 24. Photos/Jon Clark (From top, descending) Garden Club float with Shirley Corless and Carol Streeter; Congressman Brian Bilbray; A group of patriotic parade participants!



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spaces, at a cost of \$1.6 million. The Association would own the Patrol building and retain the use of approximately 15 spaces, at a cost of \$2.5 million, and the school, at a cost of \$600,000, would own no spaces, but be allowed the use of The Inn's spaces on a shared basis.

The proposal was the result of nearly 20 meetings since January of the Site Development Committee (SDC), formed to address the office space and parking needs of the four entities—the Association, The Inn, the RSF Fire Protection District, and RSF School. The SDC is comprised of: School District President Charlie Headapohl, and Vice President Richard Burdige; Fire Chief Nick Pavone, Fire Protection District Board President Jim Ashcraft and Director Nancy Hillgren; RSF Association Manager Pete Smith, RSF Association Board Members Tim Sullivan, Bill Beckman, and Deb Plummer (Plummer took over for outgoing Association president

Lois Jones); and Kerman Beriker and Duncan Hadden from The Inn.

"This is a revelation," said Beckman of the project. "It provides us an amazing opportunity to satisfy everyone's needs in a way no other solution had."

Reminding the board and audience that the project is still "very early in the process," Association Manager Pete Smith said, "This is far and away the best option we looked at. It meets everyone's needs and represents a compromise."

The parking structure's benefits, explained Smith, are that it would provide a permanent home for the Patrol in a central location, alleviate traffic and parking problems, make the Patrol a "visible presence," and resolve disputes with residents on Mimosa, who have continually expressed concern over the ingress and egress of the Patrol onto their residential street.

Backed by Association board members Kim Higgins and Tim Sullivan, Smith said, "It's an excellent opportunity for us. I see this resolving a lot of issues that

have concerned us for a long time."

Also in support of the project was Headapohl, who said, "There is no other option that accomplishes everything we need to accomplish. This is by far the best option," and Burdige, who, noting the gift of the property by The Inn, said, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We owe it to the community to pursue this option."

Not all Association board members were in agreement.

"I'm not sold on it," said board member Jack Queen, who thought the project is being driven by the growth of the Fire Protection District.

The project, Smith said, has not been formally submitted to the RSF Art Jury yet, and the SDC is still examining the approvals the project will need from the Association and the county of San Diego.

"So far everyone [the RSF School, Fire Department and Association] is conceptually on board," Smith said. "Once we have civil engineering and architectural input we will take it to the next level and go through the Art Jury and county process."

Association Planning Director Ivan Holler said were the project to go forward, construction could begin in October 2010, and finish in June 2011.

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infestation.

Shaw encouraged the community to develop a forest management plan; as part of that plan, Shaw recommended that the community remove dead and hazardous trees and develop a list of trees that show resistance to the pest. He said it is preferable to develop an "urban forest," which is a mix of trees. This helps prevent situations like the current one in RSF where one type of tree is predominant and a pest can come in and devastate the forest.

Shaw also recommended a systemic called Merit that can be injected into the trees, but RSF Association Manager Pete Smith said arborists have told the Association that treatment has only had mixed success and it is expensive — about \$30-\$100 per

treatment.

Smith said the community is also seeing the resurgence of the borer beetle, another deadly tree predator.

"Our goal is to get information out as quickly as possible to people on how they can combat this problem," Smith said.

Anyone who has an interest in serving on the reactivated task force is encouraged to call either Pete Smith at the RSF Association (858) 756-1174 or Christy Wilson at the RSF Foundation (858) 756-6557.

When the last task force was formed its mission was stated as: "to preserve and enhance the unique quality of life throughout the Rancho Santa Fe area by designing and implementing a sustainable and cost effective management plan to ensure that the full benefits of the forest can be realized with fire and other hazards minimized."

— RSF Review Staff Report

Finding common ground in competition

By Coach Kathy Kemper

Tiger Woods' AT&T National Tournament, hosted at the historic Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland, is all about excellence in competition. Tiger and his fellow PGA professionals don't compete so much against each other as they do against a common opponent: the course — in this case, Congressional's mighty Blue course. I asked several of the players how that could be the case. How could they all be so sportsmanlike? How could they all respect and admire one another?

Fred Couples told me, "We share common opponents — wind and heat." Vijay Singh agreed, saying that "We bond every week going up against the course, the rain, you name it. We share our gripes. We all joke with each other. The guys realize how lucky we are to be out here. People take time off of work to see us. How bad can it be?"

Jim Furyk said, "We bond in our banter everyday about the course and conditions." Tiger put it best. On Saturday, after his par-70 round tied him for first place with young Anthony Kim, he said, "It was a tough day out there. The wind was all over the place. It was hard to figure out not just the intensity, but also the direction. As I was saying earlier to some of these guys, Pamps and I got fooled a few times today. It was just one of those things where you had to grind it out and get through it." That he refers to his playing partner Rod Pamplung as "Pamps" shows the camaraderie that they share in attacking their common opponent.

In most sports, athletes view their competitors as enemies. Roger Federer and Andy Roddick weren't joking around in the locker room before or after their final at Wimbledon this year — I'm certain. You don't see professional swimmers schmoozing with one another at swim meets, or elite bikers making small talk at the Tour de France. What makes golf so extraordinary is that the athletes' sportsmanship doesn't take away from the fierceness of the competition — just look into Tiger's eyes when he's getting ready to tee off or watch how he pumps his fists when he sinks an impossible putt.

Our elected leaders could learn a lot from golf's leading lights — they, too, share common opponents, at home and abroad. Indeed, the problems that our nation faces increasingly transcend party lines. Start at home. Our infrastructure is crumbling. Unemployment is almost 10 percent, and almost one in four teenagers can't find a job. It's getting harder for children to go to college because tuition rates are soaring. America's losing its edge in scientific and technological innovation. The list goes on and on. The story's no different when we look beyond our own borders. There's the financial crisis, climate change, and the war in Afghanistan. Iraq could slip back into chaos now that our troops are leaving. Pakistan's growing more unstable by the day. North Korea's threatening us and its neighbors with missile attacks. Again, the list continues.

These problems don't matter to just one party; they're common opponents affecting all of us, a message that we ought to take to heart as we leave Independence Day behind.

More and more people are getting the message — that's why you see organizations like the Bipartisan Policy Center and the Center for a New American Security gaining prominence. But is that message — that we need to fight the country's common problems rather than each other — getting to the politicians in Washington?

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Man robs Ralphs at Del Mar Highlands

A man carrying a handgun robbed the Union Bank in the Ralphs grocery store in Del Mar Highlands Town Center on July 5, police said.

The man entered the store at 3455 Del Mar Heights Road at approximately 10:40 p.m. and wanted cash from a manager, San Diego police said.

The manager gave him the money and the thief ran off with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said. Witnesses described the gun as looking like a toy, according to some reports.

Police described the suspect as white, about 35, wearing a blue baseball cap, a dark hooded sweatshirt and faded blue jeans.

No one was injured in the robbery.

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duces championships as well as top prospects.

"Our goal every year, regardless of whether or not we've won the year before, is to win a league title and a CIF title so maybe that's just a pressure that we put on ourselves," Lee said. "Our goal will be the same next year and after conceding the title this year, I'm sure the desire will be even stronger — or at least I hope it will."

But for Lee, winning comes second to instilling her players with a real appreciation for the game. Lee said that she doesn't know how long she will continue to coach soccer but that the day isn't anywhere close. Lee loves everything about her job from the Cathedral tradition to the girls that come through the soccer program.

"It's hard to step away from something that your dad built 23 years ago," Lee said. "Seeing all the girls at the alumni game, hearing from them through e-mails, texts and Facebook, going to their weddings, their birthdays, and their college games...all of that is what keeps me going."

"My love and passion for the game and wanting to pass that on to my players will keep me in for a while as well."

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Sulser, Blake Drake, Brandon DeCastro, Josh Monks and Garrett Reese. Not pictured: Sam Bakken, Josh Benke, Brit Bastow.

The coaches are Jason Litt and Keith Jones. Dinerman (3 tournament wins) pitched the Gamers to a 7-3 semi-final victory over the San Diego Hustle with six plus innings, Kreeger closing it out. Matt Malott took the hill in the final, throwing a one hit shutout (8-0) vs. the San Diego Storm. Hynes led the Gamers offense (14 for 21, with 3 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run, 9 RBIs). Brian Thene went 6 for 16, as the Gamers outscored their opponents 64-22. Morrison pitched 6 scoreless innings during tournament play. The Gamers will continue playing throughout July and close out the season defending their 2008 USABF Wood Bat Championship from July 27-August 2.

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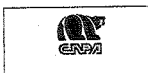
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California's mutual-aid fire system may buckle



IOUs could undercut network, chiefs worry

By [Michael Gardner](#)
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SACRAMENTO — Without even thinking about the cost, local firefighters routinely race to respond to mutual-aid calls across California knowing they are needed to save lives and property.

But with the debt-saddled state issuing IOUs instead of providing cash reimbursements, a growing number of fire chiefs are warning that the day may come when they have to check their bank balances first before dispatching crews far from home to assist Cal Fire.

In short, fire chiefs say, the IOUs threaten to undermine the state's vaunted mutual-aid network credited with battling some of the most horrific firestorms of the past decade.

“At the end of the day, I need to protect the citizens of San Diego,” said retiring San Diego Fire Chief Tracy Jarman.

The state already owes the city \$1.5 million for expenses responding to fires from Chico to Santa Barbara over the past year. Statewide, officials estimate the debt is at least \$15 million, which might be reimbursed with IOUs if the state's budget crisis persists.

As a result, fire chiefs are pondering how to preserve the mutual-aid system if IOUs pile up too high for districts that cannot afford to, in essence, float loans to the state.

Fire leaders are weighing whether to limit commitments, such as capping how far their forces can travel. Others, mostly small districts, could be forced to drop out altogether.

“There is talk among fire chiefs across the state of being very careful on how we use mutual aid,” said Pat Dennen, San Bernardino County's fire chief.

“The real test of the system will be if there's no guarantee of reimbursements,” said Dennen, adding that his county is owed about \$350,000 by the state.

The system has to be reciprocal for big and small participants alike, Dennen said. “If I send mutual aid,

then when I have a fire, I expect them to come and help me as well.”

Kim Zagaris, fire chief of the state Office of Emergency Services, urged local officials to “have faith.”

“The state has always paid its bills,” Zagaris said. “And we apologize profusely for the anxieties.”

Zagaris said he is confident that fire agencies can ride out the crisis and will continue to respond to calls for mutual aid without hesitation.

“When the chips are down, the firefighters are going to go” wherever needed, Zagaris said.

Perhaps, but the crisis is unsettling to ground forces as the long fire season threatens to ignite at any moment.

Jarman, after a recent gathering of chiefs in San Diego County, said larger agencies expect to come under intense pressure to commit additional reinforcements to cover the demand if smaller agencies cannot answer Cal Fire's call.

Jarman said that would be a gut-wrenching decision. “Once a fire is burning and houses are threatened, all fire chiefs will have a difficult time saying no.”

The bills can add up. Local fire districts front personnel and most engine costs when responding to a mutual-aid call. At the same time, backup crews keeping stations open on the home front usually are paid overtime.

“The question is, are we willing to accept the IOU program?” said Steven Foster, fire chief for the Cosumnes Community Services District, protecting Elk Grove and Galt, south of Sacramento.

The district has large-enough reserves to cover the \$20,000 owed, Foster said. But, he added, “I have no guarantee that the state will have the money to pay it back.”

Foster has issued the first known limits on fully responding to a mutual-aid request from Cal Fire, saying he will seek further guidance from his board of directors tonight.

While the Cosumnes district will most likely remain a full participant, Foster said the larger question is the fate of mutual aid.

“When there's an incident, we all respond. But if we all can't, will that system fall apart?” he asked.

California over the years has built a nationally respected mutual-aid network that helps others overwhelmed by natural disasters, from earthquakes to floods to fires.

For example, crews from Northern California rushed to battle the 2003 and 2007 firestorms in San Diego County. In return, San Diego-area agencies released convoys to help contain the infernos that enveloped vast swaths of Northern California last year.

Once firefighters return home, local agencies compile the bills and are eventually sent reimbursement checks from the state.

But with cash running short, the state has been forced to issue IOUs instead of checks until Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger and lawmakers can close a \$26.3 billion deficit.

Moreover, private contractors are also in line for IOUs, adding to fears that some may not be able to be counted on if a major fire breaks out before the state budget deadlock is broken.

City and county budgets are severely strained, and may be squeezed even tighter if the state sets its sights on local property tax, transportation or redevelopment revenue. Moreover, many of the larger banks are refusing to cash the IOUs.

Already, some fire agencies are closing stations and scaling back services.

San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob is sharply critical of the state for not having enough in the bank to cover its public-safety bills.

“The cash the state has should be preserved to make sure life and property are protected,” Jacob said. “This is a disgrace.”

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RSF School District approves 'Guaranteed Maximum Price' for new R. Roger Rowe School

By Matt Liebowitz

At its July 9 meeting, the Rancho Santa Fe School District approved the "Guaranteed Maximum Price" (GMP) for the new \$32 million R. Roger Rowe School.

The total GMP of the project came to \$33,264,448, explained David Christensen, senior project manager with C.W. Driver, the project's general contracting firm.

The approval of the GMP allows C.W. Driver and Gafcon Inc., the construction management company, to proceed with finalizing all its contracts and applying for state modernization grant money, of which the school anticipates receiving \$2.5 million. (The anticipated \$2.5 million would push the original

\$32 million budget to \$34.5 million, still above the GMP).

The GMP of \$33,264,448 included about \$2 million in value-engineered items, including aluminum clad wood windows (\$350,000), access controls at all exterior doors (\$400,000), and a two-piece clay tile roof (\$42,777).

Tim Ireland, Gafcon Construction manager, informed the board that it was important to take the step in approving all the value-engineered items. Not every construction bid has been awarded, he added, and the district still has the ability to make deductive change orders should it need to.

Begun in June, the construction is scheduled to be complete by the fall of the 2010-2011 school year.

Wetlands Restoration Project adds visitor service

As the San Dieguito Wetland Restoration Project enters its final stages, project team members Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) have agreed to fund a new ranger service to be managed by the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority. Uniformed rangers are being added to patrol the almost 500-acre site, providing education for the public, maintaining the new trail system and directing people to approved areas in order to protect sensitive habitats.

The additional project fea-

ture is an outgrowth of the growing number of visitors to the site. An unexpectedly large number of people are using the new trails and viewing the flourishing wildlife even though the project will not be complete until later this year.

"The response of the public to this oasis in an urban setting is very encouraging," said Cecil House, senior vice president at SCE. "We've created the ranger program because we want residents and tourists to be able to enjoy the new wetlands preserve without adverse impacts on our

primary goal — creating a new habitat for coastal fish and birds."

Several endangered migrant birds already have been spotted at the site, and new species are colonizing the wetlands more rapidly than predicted. Minimizing interference with these new residents and their habitat will be an important part of the project's success.

California Coastal Commission scientists independently have documented nature's positive response to the new wetland habitats. After opening the 43 acre,

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Hiker in Cielo rescued after becoming ill

At 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District responded to the 8000 block of La Milla in the community of Cielo after receiving a call that there were hikers stranded in the area. The firefighters were able to locate the three hikers and a firefighter/paramedic was able to reach their location.

After assessing the situation, it was deter-

mined that one of the hikers, a 16-year-old male who had fallen ill, should be air-lifted out of the canyon. San Diego Fire's Copter 1 assisted with the rescue while the firefighter/paramedic helped the other two hikers reach the road. The ill hiker was treated at the scene but was not transported to a hospital.

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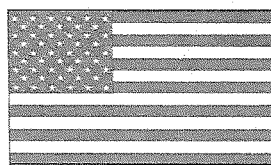
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RSF School District supports proposed parking structure on Inn property

By Matt Liebowitz

The board members of the Rancho Santa Fe School District, at the district's July 9 meeting, voiced their support of the parking structure proposed for the Inn property, which would house the RSF Patrol and provide parking for the RSF Fire District and school.

The one-story, 72,870-square-foot parking structure would be at the corner of El Fuego and Linea del Cielo, on a piece of property currently owned by the Inn and used for parking and tennis.

The Patrol office, on the upper level, would be 3,365 square feet.

There would be 85 parking spaces on the lower level and 74 on the top level, for a total of 159. The project also includes a plan to improve neighboring street La Sendita, to allow emergency access for the Patrol.

Total cost of the proposed project was estimated at \$4,171,313, with \$2,878,239 for the parking structure, \$1,069,933 for the Patrol office, and \$224,141 for improvements to La Sendita.

For providing the property, at no cost, The Inn would receive 108 spaces, and the Fire Protection District, at a cost of \$1.6 million, would own 35 spaces. The Association would own the Patrol building and retain the use of approximately 15 spaces, at a cost of \$2.5 million, and the school, at a cost of \$600,000, would own no spaces, but be allowed the use of The Inn's spaces during the weekdays—between 30 and 40, reported Superintendent Lindy Delaney—on a shared basis.

It's a solution that pleased many of the board members.

"We're super excited about this," said Delaney. "It really frees up the Dacus property to not have the Patrol on it."

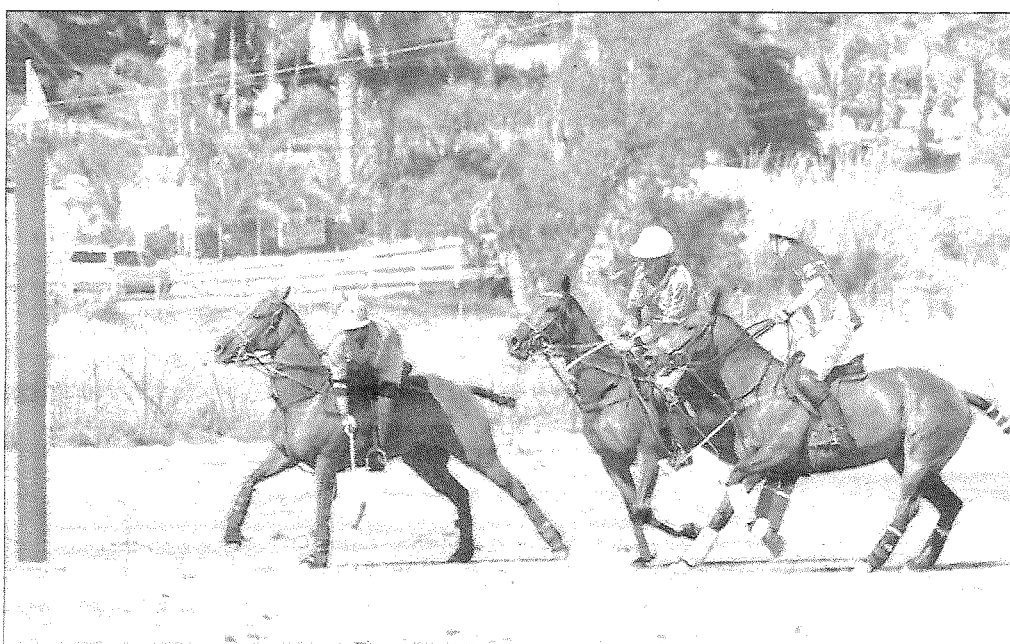
"It's really a win-win," said board president Carlie Headapohl. Calling it a "synergistic" solution between the four entities—Fire District, Association, School, and Inn—she said, "It gives everyone flexibility and really takes a lot of parking off the street."

RSF Association Planning Director Ivan Holler said were the project to go forward, construction could begin in October 2010, and finish in June 2011.

First meeting of reactivated Forest Health Task Force to be held July 20, volunteers welcome

The first meeting of the newly reactivated Forest Health Task Force will be held at the RSF Association offices on Monday, July 20, at 9 a.m.

Representatives from the RSF Association, RSF Foundation, RSF Fire District, RSF Fire Safe Council and UCSD Extension will be present. The Task Force is seeking volunteers from the community to join the conversation. If you are interested please feel free to join us. Questions? Please contact Christy Wilson at 858-756-6557.



Summer fun at the Polo Club

The feature match at the San Diego Polo Club on July 12 spotlighted the Star Meadows/Jaybird team playing against the Hanalei Bay/Sorteogames team. The San Diego Polo Club is holding a variety of events all summer. The club is located at 14555 El Camino Real, on the edge of Rancho Santa Fe. (858) 481-9217; www.sandiegopolocub.com. Photo/Jon Clark

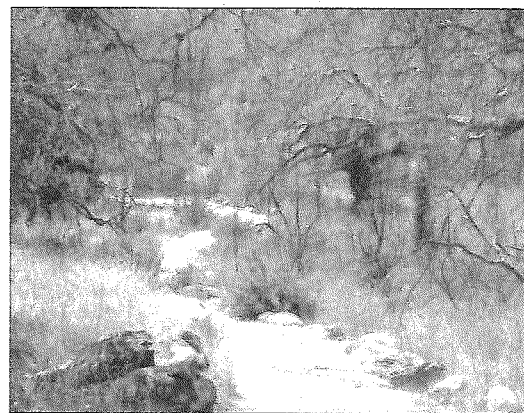
San Dieguito River Park progress exceeds expectations

By Joe Tash

The restoration in the 1980s of 75 acres of habitat in the San Dieguito Lagoon west of Interstate 5 in Del Mar proved so successful that residents of the North County coast began imagining an even bolder plan—restoring a 55-mile corridor from the beach to the base of Volcan Mountain, north of Julian.

"If you want a vision, you might as well dream big," said Karen Berger of Solana Beach, one of the early volunteers in an effort that eventually created the San Dieguito River Park, a park and trail system that will one day provide a path for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders to traverse the entire 55-mile length of the San Dieguito River from its source on Volcan Mountain to its mouth at the Pacific Ocean.

Berger and a group of like-minded residents started meeting at each others' homes in the mid-1980s, and the outgrowth of those gatherings was the establishment of three organizations: The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority, and the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. Together, Berger said, the three groups have formed a "three-legged stool" that has propelled the creation of the park.



This section of the Coast to Crest Trail, in the Del Dios Gorge, was completed about three months ago.

This year, the joint powers authority—an independent government agency formed by the

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50 YEARS AS A CITY

Del Mar looks back on choice to incorporate

By Bianca Kaplanek

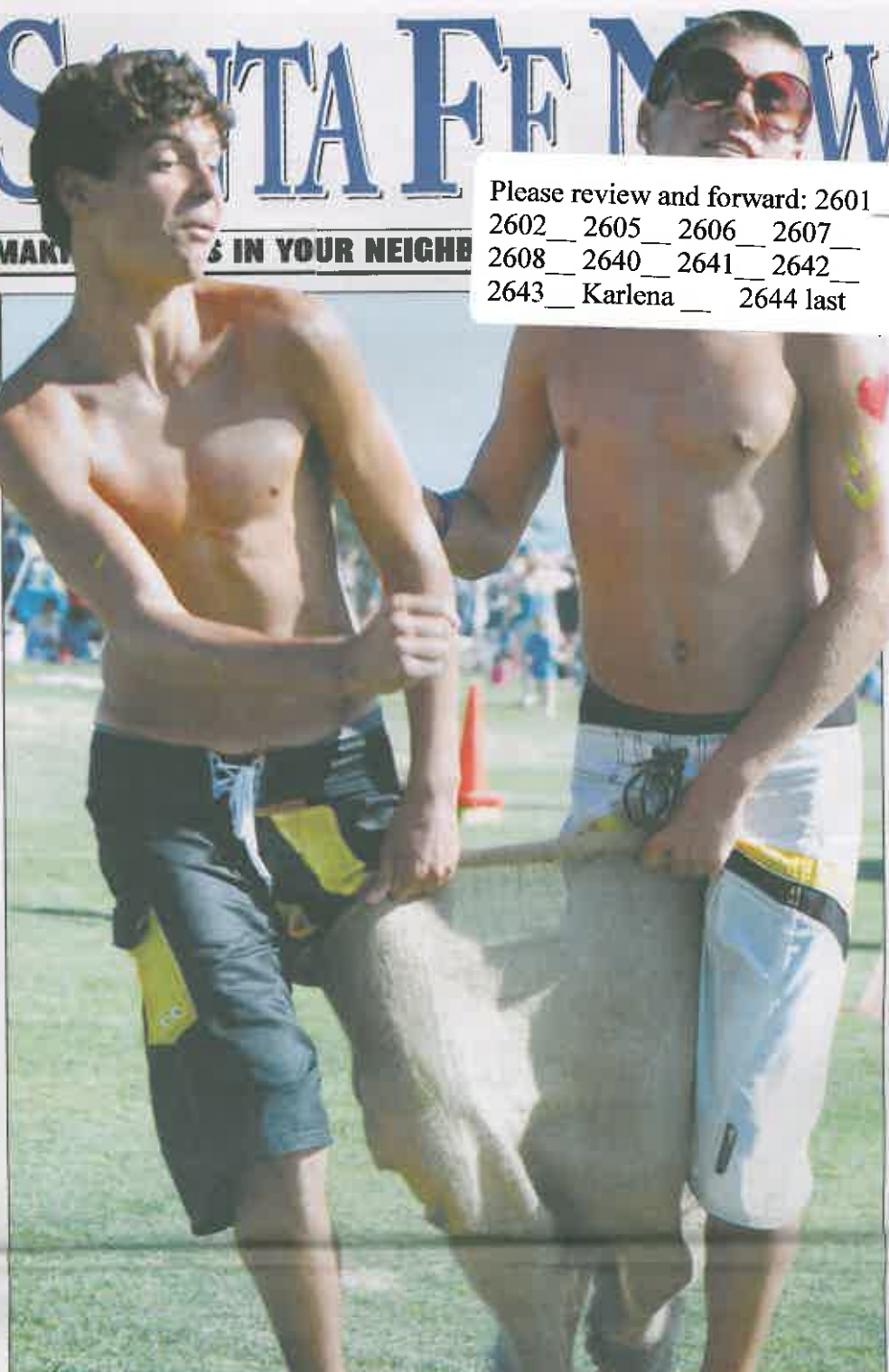
DEL MAR — Children's games, a family barbecue, music, dancing and a handful of poodle skirts were all part of the July 12 celebration to mark Del Mar's 50th year of incorporation.

On hand were residents from Del Mar and many neighboring cities, Assemblyman Martin Garrick, County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and several past and present City Council members and mayors, including Coast News columnist Bill Arballo, who held the top post from 1962 to 1963.

Arballo once noted that incorporation didn't come easy. Slightly more than 1,000 residents participated in the election on July 15, 1959. With many fearing the city would be unable to afford the high cost of providing services, the decision passed by less than 100 votes.

"They clearly chose the right thing to do," said Slater-Price, a Del Mar resident.

The city's history can be traced back to 1882, when the railroad tracks from San Diego to San Bernardino



went through the area. Theodore Loop, a contractor and engineer who worked on the project, built a tent city on the beach. His wife, Ella, called it Del Mar, a name she took from the poem "The Fight on Paseo Del Mar."

That same year Col. Jacob Taylor met Loop, who suggested they build a town

there. Three years later, Taylor bought 338 acres from homesteader Enoch Talbert

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HOP TO IT!

Bruno Roberto, left, and Jason Robinson won their heat in the sack races, perhaps because at age 15 and 14, respectively, the Westview High students were twice the size and age of their opponents. Photo by Bianca Kaplanek

Ranch patrol to get home

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — Association Manager Peter Smith and Association President Bill Beckman announced the proposed site for the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol Facilities at the July 2 Association meeting.

In January 2009 a Site Development Committee was established to address office space and parking needs required by the Association, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department, Rancho Santa Fe School and Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Over the past six months, in more than 20 meetings, numerous options and variations have been explored. After much consideration, the most feasible choice is now called Option A.

"The proposed project is still in the very early design phase," Smith said. "The planning is still conceptual and the project has not been formally submitted to the Art Jury. But the site satisfies the

TURN TO PATROL ON A16

District adds on upgrades to school remodel

By Bianca Kaplanek

RANCHO SANTA FE — Thanks to the confidence and generosity of its general contractor, the Rancho Santa Fe School District board of directors was able to include all but one upgrade in the reconstruction of R. Roger Rowe School.

After receiving final state approval last month, C.W. Driver put the project out to bid. At the July 8 meeting, senior project manager Dave Christensen told board members the construction cost estimate came in about \$1.1 million below the approved preliminary guaranteed maximum price of \$3.4 million.

That allowed the board to apply the difference to any of 12 value engineering items, or upgrades, which totaled \$2.6 million. Eliminating the approximately \$1 million synthetic turf field allowed the board to include almost all of the other 11 upgrades.

Some choices required little discussion. For \$369,000, everyone agreed to upgrade the stucco finish so it

TURN TO SCHOOL ON A16

Problems persist with Ranch's Aussie trees

By David Wiemers

RANCHO SANTA FE — The red gum eucalyptus trees in the Covenant are once again under attack by the pesky and persistent red gum lerp psyllid. The small insect sucks sap from the eucalyptus leaves, which can damage and, in many cases, kill the tree. The problem began in the 1980s, became a large problem in 2001, and returned again last year.

Natural predators, wasps from Australia, were bred in a controlled environment and then introduced into the Covenant to remedy the problem. The wasps kill the parasite by boring into the white cone and laying their eggs inside, thus killing the lerp psyllid. It was hoped the wasp could control the problem, but it appears the red gum lerp psyllid is ultimately winning the battle.

The Rancho Santa Fe Association board of directors

asked expert David Shaw, a farm adviser with the University of California Cooperative Extension, to study the problem and advise accordingly. Working with Timothy Paine from the University of California Riverside, Shaw studied the problem and gave his report at the July 2 Association meeting.

"Other insects are part of the infestation," Shaw said, identifying part of the problem. "There is now a barrage of insects." Besides the red gum lerp psyllid, there are

beetles scalloping the leaves of the eucalyptus trees. Other hyper parasitoid insects are also doing damage.

Shaw said there are many remedies, but all require trees to be monitored. "We need to look at these trees one by one," he said.

That is a daunting task with the large number of eucalyptus trees in the Covenant.

Besides insect infestation, another part of the problem is that the eucalyptus trees, which were planted nearly 100 years ago by the Santa Fe Land

Improvement Company, are now at the end of their natural life cycle.

"We need to replace trees," Shaw said. "There are not enough trees being planted to replace the dead ones being removed."

This prompted responses from Ranch residents attending the meeting, including longtime Association member Ann Sensibaugh.

"I've lived here for the past 100 years," she said jokingly. "And it's time for a plan for rebeautification." Sensibaugh said she felt strongly that it is a community problem for all of Rancho Santa Fe.

Ranch resident and school board president Charlie Headapohl voiced her concerns, too, for she and other Covenant members have received letters from the Fire Department telling them to remove dead trees within the

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New CEO takes helm of Encinitas chamber

By Wehtahnah Tucker

ENCINITAS — The Chamber of Commerce has its third CEO in as many years with the hiring of Marshall Weinreb.

His contract began July 1, with an annual salary of \$40,000 and bonus incentives to be reviewed annually.

Weinreb's appointment comes five months after the abrupt resignation of former CEO Gary Tucker, who served in the position for approximately two years.

In Tucker's resignation letter sent to the board Jan. 23, he cited declining revenue from returning members, loss of faith in the board's leadership and the executive committee's refusal to follow the bylaws of the organization as reasons for his departure.

Weinreb, 66, said he is familiar with the lingering doubts and hard feelings some have expressed about the chamber. He said it is part of what intrigued him about the position. "I want to uncover where the problems stem from," he said. "There is an opportunity to bring a new level of cohesiveness and understanding between all of the relevant players."

Weinreb's task of repairing damaged relationships won't be an easy one.



NEW CEO The new Encinitas Chamber of Commerce CEO Marshall Weinreb (left) shakes hands with Board President Ken Gross. Weinreb officially began his new duties overseeing both the chamber and the Visitor's Center on July 1. Photo by Wehtahnah Tucker

Several board members resigned within the last months and longtime contractor Mike Andreen, who was responsible for bringing in new members and marketing, has launched a new chamber this week focused on the businesses within the El Camino Real corridor.

As a self-described "people person," Weinreb said one of his main objectives is to "offer a truce."

"All differences can be resolved when we are working towards the common good," Weinreb said. "We should put personal differ-

ences aside to make this the best business climate possible."

Several business and civic organizations exist to support the five communities that comprise the city. Weinreb said he wants to understand what the needs are in each business community to help the city thrive as a whole. "We're trying to redefine partnerships," he said. "At the end of the day we're all part of the same community."

Weinreb said his background as an entrepreneur and high-level executive

prepares him for the challenges that lay ahead in restoring confidence in the chamber. The native New Yorker moved to La Costa in 1999, after two decades in Dallas, Texas. He retired in 2005 to care for his wife, Marcia, who succumbed to a long-fought illness recently.

Chamber president Ken Gross said Weinreb will oversee the organization's implementation of adding "value" to what the members receive. "We take what the businesses can't afford to do and help them achieve it," he said.

Gross cited the marketing efforts of the chamber on behalf of its members. "Through the Encinitas First publication, our Sundowner events and the Web site, we help businesses reach potential customers without spending a huge amount of their budgets on marketing," he said.

Weinreb will also oversee the visitor's center, which is operated by the chamber with partial funding from the city's general fund. Gross said a manager will be appointed specifically to handle visitors center business.

City Council recently renewed the city's annual contract to fund the center to the tune of approximately \$80,400.

PATROL

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needs of all the groups."

The proposed site, located near Linea del Cielo and Inn Cottage Road, is owned by The Inn and currently houses a parking facility and tennis court. The Inn is donating the land, asking in return for the same number of parking spaces and permission for guests to use the tennis courts at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Course.

A 3,000-square-foot patrol facility will be a presence in the village, which will hopefully be a deterrent to crime. The land will also accommodate 159 parking

spaces to be used and shared by the school, Fire Department, Association and Inn.

After much consideration, the architectural firm of Hanna Gabriel Wells was hired to develop initial plans for the site. In addition to the patrol facility, plans call for underground parking, with 85 spaces below and 74 on top. Early estimates put the cost at approximately \$4.7 million.

The Association would own the patrol facilities building and be entitled to 15 parking spaces for \$2.5 million. The Rancho Santa Fe School would pay \$600,000 and be entitled to

parking spaces for teachers and staff. The Fire Department would be allocated 35 spaces and would pay \$1.6 million.

"Sharing this makes this a win/win situation," Beckman said. There were others attending the meeting, however, who felt differently, including new board Director Jack Queen. "This is a solution looking for a problem," he said. "This is driven by the needs of the Fire Department." Ranch resident Gordon Larsen agreed and offered his solution. "Do nothing."

The majority of those attending the meeting, however, disagreed. "Doing nothing is not an option," Carlie Headapohl, the school board president, said. "We have explored countless options. This is by far the most viable option. I give great thanks to The Inn."

"Doing nothing doesn't solve the problem," board Director Tom Lang said. "To come up with an entity for all four groups is hard. It has earned the right to proceed."

Should the project move forward, the financing and approval would need to be completed by September 2010 and construction would begin in October 2010. Completion and occupancy is anticipated to be June 2011.

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matched other buildings in the community. Most approved of spending \$350,000 for aluminum-clad windows that will match those at the golf club.

Board members all liked the idea of installing an integrated building system that would allow communication among all electronic devices. By making the new school a "smart" building, things such as air conditioning, heat and lighting could be controlled via computer.

It would save money in the long run and provide a security enhancement by allowing a complete lockdown in seconds. It currently takes about 90 minutes to open and close the school. Remote access would also eliminate the need for someone to unlock and lock restrooms for community groups that use the field and facility after hours. The district would

also save money by no longer having to rekey the building, which it does every four to six years.

Although the board had the option of wiring the school and adding the system later, board member Jim Cimino said it may be better to "do it right the first time."

"Doing it right the first time costs money," his colleague Jim Depolo said.

Seeing board members struggling to make decisions on that and some other items, Christensen offered to decrease his company's construction contingency by nearly 1 percent, which allowed the board to adopt all the upgrades except the field, which they said could be installed after the project is completed. The contingency is a fund used by the general contractor to cover costs for items that may have been missed during the bidding process.

"I'm that comfortable with my team's evaluation of

all the bids," Christensen said. "My boss will probably kill me though."

Although the board unanimously approved the upgrades, President Carlie Headapohl didn't support eliminating the field. She said the field would benefit the entire community more so than some of the other items in terms of use and aesthetics. "I think most people would value the field over windows," she said.

Headapohl said she was also concerned about applying all available funds to upgrades since any project has the potential to run over budget. Board members said they could always eliminate items such as cast-in-place concrete benches, enhanced concrete paving with color and etching and decorative steel fencing that will be installed in lieu of chain link.

Other upgrades that were approved include a two-piece clay tile roof, corbels under the walkway cover, cus-

tom solid wood doors on the administration and multipurpose buildings and some additional shrubbery.

The value engineering, or VE, items were included in the original construction estimate at a base price. Had the construction estimate come in at \$3.4 million or higher, those upgrades could have been eliminated without affecting the function or major aesthetics of the buildings, Christensen said.

"The VE process is a sound approach to building a project," he said. "It allows the school district to control the budget."

With soft costs such as permits, engineering and architectural fees, desks and other furnishings, the total cost is now estimated at \$39.5 million. The old school has been demolished and construction crews are on schedule to meet an Aug. 19 deadline for teachers to move into temporary portables for the upcoming school year.

MORE ODD FILES

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they were hiding in stalls after being chased by police investigating a stolen truck. Their ruse failed when they tried, using falsetto voices, to persuade the cops that the only people present were women. (2) WCBS-TV (New York City) reported (illustrated with the store's surveillance video) the unsuccessful robbery of Mohammed Sohail's deli in Shirley, N.Y., in June, in which Sohail surprised the perp with a shotgun. Suddenly, as Sohail recounted, the robber dropped to his knees, crying and begging. When the robber spontaneously even offered to convert to Islam on the spot, Sohail tossed \$40 at him and sent him on his way.

Recurring Themes

(1) In June in Xianyang, in China's Shaanxi province, a family hired a service for the equivalent of \$4,400 to dig up a female corpse for their recently deceased son to "marry." It's the latest incidence of trying to overcome a centuries-old curse that forecasts a bad afterlife for men who die unmarried. (2) In shootings in May (in Rodeo de Medio, Argentina) and April (Salvador, Brazil), victims of chest wounds survived when robbers' bullets were

partially deflected. According to Agence France-Presse dispatches, the Argentine man was an evangelical pastor who was holding a psalm book to his chest, and the Brazilian woman was protected by a wad of cash stuffed in her bra.

A News of the Weird Classic (January 2002)

Transsexual Tammy Lynn Felbaum (formerly Tommy Wyda), 43, was found guilty in December 2001 of manslaughter in the February death of her sixth husband, James Felbaum, from a botched castration. Tammy initially said James castrated himself, then admitted she did it but only at James' written request. The Butler County, Pa., judge reached his decision based on evidence that Tammy had pressured James into the removal as punishment for James' recent affair, and on testimony from one of Tammy's earlier spouses, Lynn (formerly Tim) Barner, who let Tammy castrate her (formerly him) because she was an "expert." Said Barner, "(Tammy) could castrate a dog in less than five minutes." Tammy was also known in the community for her career as a stripper, specializing in crushing soda cans between her breasts.

TREES

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next 30 days.

"How can we tell for sure if they're dead?" she asked. "And it's expensive to remove them. It's a difficult situation."

"Eucalyptus trees are dead if the trees have lost all their leaves and the bark shrinks," Shaw said. Otherwise, the trees should be pruned and cleaned. "We need to redirect the growth," he said.

Paul Flores, an arborist who has worked in Rancho Santa Fe for many years,

monitors many trees for Ranch clients. "We're having some success with injections and deep irrigation," he said. "But I recommend replanting and diversifying." Flores and Shaw recommended replanting, using eucalyptus that is resistant to lerp psyllid infestations.

The Association will continue to monitor the trees and seek solutions to this difficult problem. "The trees are an important part of our history and lifestyle here, so we need to stay on top of this," President Bill Beckman said.

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SAN DIEGO -- This weekend, San Diego County fire departments will hand out a fire preparedness kit that includes a DVD to help residents ready themselves for possible wildfires.

For the past six years, wildfires have wreaked havoc on many homes and lives around the county.

Rancho San Diego resident Greg Daunoras said he hopes his home does not become a part of that history.

"This is certainly a canyon, and looking down Willow Glen Road, that's a pass. We're in the line of fire," said Daunoras.

Daunoras said he has done whatever he could to prepare, especially clearing brush around his home.

"I've gone down another 90-100 feet," said Daunoras.

According to a new fire preparedness DVD called "Before The Threat," clearing brush is the first step towards protecting a home as firefighters need defensible space.

The free DVD was first distributed last year to 10,000 people, and with its success 400,000 more copies will go to county residents this weekend.

The DVD outlines what homeowners need to do before, during and after a fire.

Firefighters said the danger is high this year, and the county has more than 500,000 acres of dry brush that has not burned in more than 20 years.

"We have 170,000 acres of brush. Some of it 50 years old that is going from Mount Laguna right into Spring Valley," said Leonard Villareal of the San Miguel Fire District.

Residents who follow the DVD's instructions will also be helping fire departments that have been riddled with budget cuts.

"So more and more, we need to depend on our residents to know what to do when it all goes bad," said Villareal.

Daunoras agreed, and said it is the only way to protect his home from the county's wildfire history.

"Teamwork is what it's all about. We do what we're asked and then when it comes time for the emergency, we ask them to come out and help us," said Daunoras.

Firefighters need 300,000 volunteers to distribute the DVD throughout the county.

For more information on how to volunteer to distribute the DVD or to see what else is on the DVD, visit www.smgfire.org or www.farmers.com.

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Forest Health Task Force tackles RSF's lerp problem

BY KAREN BILLING
Staff Writer

Rancho Santa Fe's Forest Health Task Force came together for the first time in nine years on Monday morning, prompted by the red gum lerp psyllid's attack on eucalyptus trees this year.

The task force hopes to save as many trees as possible and help get the word out to the community by starting an informative Web site.

"Hopefully the second time around will be a charm," said Christy Wilson, the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation president and task force chair.

The group will next meet on Aug. 3 at 9 a.m.

Association Manager Pete Smith said that the association has been receiving three or more phone calls a day regarding the trees, when they usually average about five a month on a given issue.

"There is a lot of concern and confusion," said the association's Shannon Moun-



These trees in the park in front of the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe show signs of bark damage. KAREN BILLING

tain, who answers most of the calls. "I don't think anybody knows what to do."

Smith said they haven't yet seen a solution that really works. Injections of pesticides such as Imicide or Merit have been successful in some cases and not in others. The wasps that feast on the lerp psyllids are coming back with the warm weather but it's yet

to be determined whether or not they can keep pace.

"There is no quick fix," Smith said. "We need to address deterioration, minimize the impact and get a new healthier forest and that's going to be a long process."

The task force hopes to put together a fact sheet to send out to members to help answer a broad range of questions. For now they are advising members to try a course of action on key trees on their property, be it injections or increased irrigation.

Paul Flores of Rancho Tree Service said that in cases where injections have worked, it's often when trees have been "babied" with aggressive irrigation.

He does not recommend injecting trees in open areas without irrigation and he also said that after two or three injections to a single tree, owners find another al-

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Community calendar

Friday, July 24

• Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Social: 1 to 3 p.m. Rancho Santa Fe Community Center. Participants in the Rancho Santa Fe Library's reading program are welcome to celebrate their reading with ice cream.

Sunday, July 26

• Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club family buffet: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Golf Club restaurant. All association members are welcome to enjoy dinner at the club throughout the summer: \$25 for adults and \$10 for children.

Monday, July 27

• Rancho Santa Fe Rotary meets: Noon at the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Tom Gay from Monte Christo Ministries will speak about ministry work in South Africa.

Tuesday, July 28

• Rancho Santa Fe Library story time: 12:30 p.m. Children's room. The theme is dogs.

Wednesday, July 29

• Decanter Wine Lounge chocolate and beer tasting: 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant in Cielo Village. Enjoy unique pairings of Dallmann Confections chocolates and Stone Brewing Co. beer. \$30. For more information, visit decanterwinelounge.com.

Friday, July 31

• Children's Community Theater tryouts: 9 to 11 a.m. Rancho Santa Fe Community Center. This summer's show is "Mary Poppins," and everyone gets a part. The performance will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 7. Cost is \$235 for members, \$260 nonmembers.



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ternative or let nature take its course.

Flores said that he's not sure that the timing is right for injections — he'd prefer to do injections in early spring or late winter.

Water restrictions make it difficult to rely so much on watering, especially after Nov. 1 when the Santa Fe Irrigation District will impose only one day a week watering for homeowners.

"It's pretty hard for even a healthy tree to survive that, it's going to be tough for these trees," said Fran Lambert of Mariposa Tree Service. "I'm hesitant to be optimistic."

Lambert suggested that residents take advantage of the water district's free water audits to see where they could be unknowingly wasting water and how to irrigate their landscaping smarter.

Also in play in the Ranch is the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District's effort to remove dead or drying trees that pose fire risks.

The district issued 250 notices to property owners this year to remove dead and dying trees according to Fire Marshal Cliff Hunter. Fire district staff reviews trees that are within 30 feet of the roadway or within 100 feet of structures.

The fire department issues a first notice, followed by a second and third. After the third, the tree is removed and the resident is charged on their tax bill.

Association board member Dick Doughty said people are scared when they receive the notices, especially if they don't have the funds to cover a removal.

Smith said they are exploring options to help homeowners through Fire Safe Council grants.

Guild presents a day for art and music in the Ranch



Donald Freymuth of San Diego works on a painting of the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe.

PHOTOS BY STEVEN HYDE



Jeff Basile, Peter Popping and William Wilson of San Diego prepare for their show.



Alice Wait of Carlsbad was escorted to the event by her son Dwight Wait of Rancho Santa Fe.



Pam Maclaird of Carlsbad poses with Ranch Santa Fe Art Guild President Dr. Tim Lueker, daughter Evelyn Lueker and friend Kristina Wavomba.



Plein Aire watercolorist Margot Wallace of La Jolla works on her latest image of Lake Hodges.



Ryan, 14 months, and mom Stacy Vorce of San Diego take a stroll around the gardens.



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RSF School District closes escrow on Dacus property; RSF Fire District opts out of parking structure proposal

By Joe Tash

The Rancho Santa Fe School District closed escrow July 24 on the 1.3-acre Dacus property on El Fuego, a parcel district officials hope will be part of a long-term plan to make the most of the school's Rowe campus in the Village.

Also last week, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District opted out of a proposal to build a parking structure on land at the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe that would have been shared by the fire district, the school and the Rancho Santa Fe Association.

The three entities need more parking and office space, but have been hard-pressed to find available land in the Village core, where nearly every square inch is spoken for.

Last week's developments give a glimpse of how the three organizations may ultimately end up dealing with their space needs.

At a special meeting July 23, the school board approved the purchase of the Dacus property from the Association for \$1.3 million. Initially, the property will be used as a construction staging area during the ongoing renovation of the Rowe campus.

The district, which serves children from kindergarten through 8th grade, has been discussing the purchase with the Association for about eight years. The acquisition brings the total size of the campus to 10.9

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As lengthy Dolan-King dispute draws to a final close, a look back shows case established legal precedent

By Joe Tash

Bill Clinton was starting his second term as president when the Rancho Santa Fe Association embarked on a legal dispute with Patricia Dolan-King and her husband, Richard, over the couple's plans to put up a wrought-iron fence and a two-story addition to their property on El Camino Del Norte.

Since then, two new presidents have moved into the White House, and well over a million dollars has been spent on legal fees in the Dolan-King litigation. After 12 years, the case is drawing to a close, as the Association negotiates for the sale of a New York apartment building it seized to satisfy legal

judgments against Patricia Dolan-King.

The case established legal precedent in disputes between property owners and homeowners associations in California, and its final resolution comes as Richard King awaits sentencing in Arizona on federal drug charges in an unrelated criminal case.

"It is far and away the largest, most protracted legal issue we've had," said Pete Smith, who has served as Association manager for the past 13 years. "From the Association's perspective, it was a challenge to our system, which is why we fought it so vigorously."

The case actually involved two

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Local engineer wrote software for Lunar Orbiter that took first photo of Earth from the moon

By Catherine Kolonko

A few years before the historic moon landing of 1969, a team of Boeing engineers working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Pasadena guided an unmanned spacecraft to the moon to map the landscape for future United States astronauts.

Research engineer Hub Knittel, a member of Morgan Run Club & Resort, wrote the computer software that managed electrical power on Lunar Orbiter 1. That spacecraft, one of five under NASA's Lunar Orbiter project, took the first photograph of Earth from the moon orbit.

Knittel was among a Boeing team of engineers selected by NASA to build a craft that could fly to the moon to make a map of its surface so that future Apollo 11 astronauts would know where they could safely land and walk. He monitored the satellite's batteries required to charge the camera and other electronics aboard the craft.

Boeing literature describes the spacecraft as a flying photographic laboratory that used heat to process the film in



(Above) Hub Knittel; (Above right) At the 40th anniversary of the Lunar Orbiter Spacecraft Project, Knittel received a medal engraved with the image of the spacecraft that he helped engineer. Photos above/Jon Clark

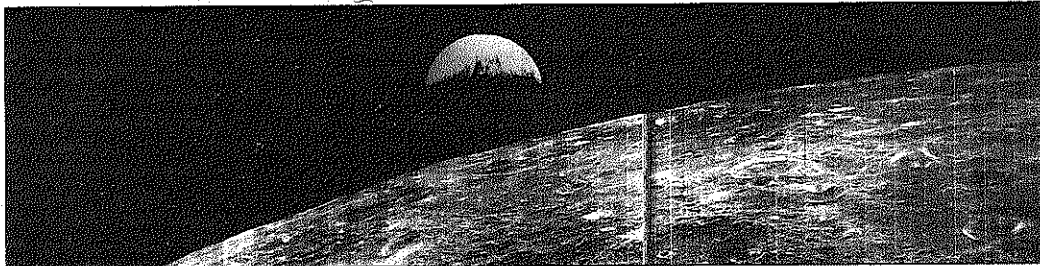
space. Everything was built with technology that was available at the time, said Knittel.

"We just pulled them all together."

The spacecraft electronics, including the camera and

transmitter, were powered by batteries that were charged by four large solar panels. Those panels didn't move independently so the entire craft had to be steered to face the sun as often as possible, Knittel explained. He remembers feeling comforted in knowing that no humans were onboard in case the spacecraft malfunctioned and didn't complete the mission, and the great satisfaction he felt with its success the first time around. All five missions succeeded with 99 percent of the moon's surface ultimately mapped out. However, the first was the most notable for

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Lunar Orbiter-1 view of the Moon and crescent Earth. This is the first image of the Earth taken from the vicinity of the Moon, 380,000 km away. The Earth sunset terminator runs through Odessa, Istanbul, and slightly west of Capetown. The center of the lunar surface corresponds to the location of the crater Pasteur. The horizon covers about 550 km, and north is to the right in this west facing image.

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RSF Fire District ends pursuit of Dacus property and participation in negotiations for parking structure

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) Board of Directors has determined that it is not in the best interest of the Fire District to pursue the acquisition of the Dacus property. The RSFFPD entered into a Stay Agreement with the Rancho Santa Fe School District and Rancho Santa Fe Association on March 30, 2009 with the hope that the parties would move in the direction of a mutually beneficial resolution, whereby the long-term parking and space needs of all three entities would be met. Unfortunately, that does not appear to be possible as the School District pursued the acquisition of the Dacus property without fulfilling their commitment to provide the Fire District with a satisfactory alternative plan. A letter has been sent to the School District and Association informing them of the Fire District's intentions to no longer pursue the acquisition of the Dacus property and to withdraw from negotiations for a parking structure on the property owned by The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe.

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 over 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. — Submitted by RSF Fire District

RSF School District acquires Dacus property

The Rancho Santa Fe School District has acquired the 1.3-acre parcel known as the Dacus property adjacent to the Rowe Campus on El Fuego. This acquisition increases the footprint of the campus from 9.6 acres to 10.9 acres.

The property was acquired because the School District determined it was in the best interest of the community to purchase the property. In the short-term, the property will support the voter-approved Rowe Renovation Project as a staging area, provide a place to house construction trailers, and provide a temporary home for the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol. After the completion of the Rowe Renovation Project, and after finding a new home for the Patrol, the School District plans to place parking on the property. Eventually, the School District hopes to acquire other adjacent properties along El Fuego for an additional playfield for student and community use.

Over the past five months, the School District has been negotiating with the RSF Association and the Fire District to reach a consensus on a plan that would accommodate the needs of all three organizations and would be in the best interests of our respective constituencies. The Rancho Santa Fe Inn agreed

to donate land on the corner of El Fuego and Linea del Cielo for parking and a small Patrol facility. This would have provided each agency with much-needed parking, as well as a home for the Patrol.

While endorsing the plan to jointly construct the parking facility, the Fire District expressed an interest in having an alternative. Unfortunately, alternate plans proposed by the Fire District were not acceptable to the other entities. The Fire District now asserts the absence of an alternative plan prevents them from moving forward with the new facility on the Inn property. Because the School District believes it is in the best interest of the community, and will reduce the need for our staff and parents to park on public streets, the School District is fully prepared to work with the Association and the Inn to move forward with construction of this facility.

While the School District regrets the Fire District's decision not to cooperate in the construction of a parking facility that all three entities had endorsed, the School District remains committed to developing solutions that reduce parking and traffic impacts in the village.

— Submitted by RSF School District

RSF School District board approves three-year contract extension for Delaney

By Joe Tash

The Rancho Santa Fe School District board of trustees has approved a three-year contract extension for superintendent Lindy Delaney.

The action came at a special board meeting on Thursday, July 23. The decision was unanimous, with trustees Jim Cimino and Carlie Headapohl

absent.

The new four-year contract supersedes Delaney's current contract, which still had one year remaining. The new agreement runs through the 2012-13 school year.

During the first year of the agreement, Delaney will not receive a pay increase, and will continue to

receive her current salary of \$181,000 per year. The contract states that no increase was granted for the first year because of the ongoing state financial crisis, which has resulted in stiff budget cuts for school districts across the state.

The school board will review Delaney's salary each year and determine whether to grant a pay increase, according to the contract.

At its meeting, the board also approved a new three-year contract for teachers, who also will not receive a pay raise for the first year of the contract. The contract includes a provision for "re-openers" on salary in the second and third years of the agreement.

During the 2008-09 school year, the district laid off the equivalent of 3.5 non-teaching staff members and eliminated four more positions through attrition. It also downsized its teaching staff by three positions by releasing temporary teachers.

The district anticipates additional cuts of \$400,000 to \$500,000 for the upcoming 2009-10 school year, but plans to achieve those savings through program cuts and the use of reserves, rather than additional layoffs, Delaney said.

"We're not going to lay off any more staff," Delaney said.

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acres.

Once construction is completed, the district will use the Dacus property for parking. Eventually, officials said, they would like to acquire other adjacent properties and build new athletic fields for use by the school and community members.

"This seems to be what the voters told us to do," said school board Vice President Richard Burdge, regarding a bond issue for renovation of the Rowe campus, which received 72 percent support by voters, and a vote by Association members to sell the property, which passed overwhelmingly with 86 percent of the votes.

Previous bond measures that would have provided funds to build a second district school at another site were rejected by voters.

"It's pretty clear. Everybody's saying to the school, this is where you're going to be forever. Do a good job with it," said Burdge.

The district is hoping to be reimbursed by the state for about

half of the \$1.3 million purchase price for the Dacus property.

The property closed escrow on Friday, July 24, the day after the school board vote.

Meanwhile, on July 23, the same day as the school board ratified the purchase agreement for the Dacus property, the fire district announced it would not participate in the proposed parking structure at the Inn, and had decided not to pursue any effort to acquire the Dacus property.

Last December, the fire district board took the initial step to use its powers of eminent domain to acquire the property from the Association. That effort was suspended in March, when the three entities — the fire district, the school and the Association — began working together on a mutual solution to their parking and space needs, including the proposal for the parking structure at the Inn.

Plans for that structure include offices for the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol, which is now working out of temporary trailers on the Dacus property after moving out of offices in the fire district administration building.

"We just decided other options were more prudent than

fighting over the Dacus property," said Fire Chief Nick Pavone.

The district's board of directors, which met Wednesday, July 22, also decided the proposal involving the parking structure at the Inn was too risky, said Pavone and fire board president Jim Ashcraft.

Among the fire district's concerns are the cost of the proposal — the fire district would have contributed \$1.6 million toward the project's estimated \$4.6 million cost — and the approvals needed for the project by the Association Art Jury and the County of San Diego.

Fire district officials also believe their agreement with the school district called for the parties to designate a "Plan B," or backup plan for the fire district, in case the parking structure plan did not work out, and that the school district failed to provide such a backup.

The fire district is also dealing with a \$1 million hit to its \$10 million budget due to the state budget crisis.

"We think it's too risky to be spending that kind of money when we don't have a backup

plan," Ashcraft said.

Instead, the fire district is pursuing several options for acquiring space, both in and out of the Village, said Pavone. Pavone and Ashcraft declined to specifically identify which parcels they are considering due to the ongoing negotiations. However, the options under consideration include the fire district moving its administrative offices out of the Village, Pavone said.

Other functions, such as the fire station and dispatch center, would remain at their current location, he said.

Pavone said one concern with the proposed parking structure at the Inn is that past proposals for parking structures have encountered resistance in the community, and that residents opposed to the plan could force a vote of Association membership.

Both school and Association officials said they were disappointed with the fire district's decision, but that they will continue to pursue the parking structure proposal, perhaps in a scaled-down version. The structure would provide parking for the school district and Association, along with a permanent

office for the patrol.

"I was sorry to hear they (the fire district) weren't going to participate," said Smith. The Inn's offer of property for the project, free of charge, is a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

The school district also wants to continue pursuing the parking structure proposal, and would look at either increasing its contribution or downsizing the project to make it work, said superintendent Lindy Delaney.

"The generous offer from the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe to help with that, we don't believe is something we should pass up," Delaney said.

Both Smith and Delaney said they didn't believe the school district was required by the agreement to provide a backup plan for the fire district.

Smith also said he is convinced the project can gain the necessary approvals from the Art Jury and the county, and that he is confident the Association membership would also support it.

"We believe that type of facility would solve so many community needs that the vote would be in favor of it," Smith said.

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sets of legal challenges, both of which involved the infamous wrought-iron fence, which still stands today, although it has been modified by the current owners of the property.

Patricia Dolan-King bought the property in Rancho Santa Fe in 1996, and soon after, the couple — who lived there with their two school-aged children — filed plans for the fence and addition with the Association. The Art Jury denied the application, as did the Association board when the Art Jury's decision was appealed.

That's when Dolan-King, with the support of her husband, sued. Since Richard King's name was never on the property deed, all of the legal actions were officially filed in Patricia Dolan-King's name. During Richard King's drug trial in Phoenix earlier this summer, prosecutors alleged that Richard King's real name is William Wallace Keegan, and that he has used a variety of aliases during a career as a drug dealer dating back to the 1970s in Florida.

The civil case went back and forth, as Dolan-King won at the trial level, but the Association prevailed on appeal. Ultimately, the Association won a \$311,000 judgment against Dolan-King, which was paid with a check to the Association.

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During the appeal of the first case, Smith said, the couple went ahead and erected an 800-foot-long wrought-iron fence on their property, which they said was needed to protect their children from traffic on a nearby street.

Because they had not submitted an application for the fence, the Association sued, leading to a counter-suit by the couple, and another protracted series of legal actions and appeals. In 2004, the Association prevailed, and won a judgment of \$426,000 for its legal costs. Patricia Dolan-King sold the property later that year and the family moved away. With interest, Dolan-King ended up owing the Association \$611,000 from the second case, known as Dolan-King II.

Patricia Dolan-King could not be reached for comment for this story. Her last-known address was her brother's home in upstate New York, said Smith. Robert Massey, a San Diego attorney who represented the couple during part of their legal battle with the Association, declined to be interviewed.

According to Smith, Dolan-King's first lawsuit against the Association challenged the Art Jury's decision regarding their fence and room addition as subjective and arbitrary.

In fact, said Smith, the Art Jury is supposed to make subjective decisions about property improvements based on Association

architectural guidelines and the determinations of the Art Jury's members, who are appointed by the Association board of directors.

"They get to make the call," Smith said.

However, he said, the process is not arbitrary, but is set out in Paragraph 46 of the Protective Covenant, the document originally drafted in 1928 which established the Association, and the Rancho Santa Fe community.

Paragraph 46 states that no changes to property within the covenant's jurisdiction can be of the Art Jury so as to insure a uniform and reasonably high standard of artistic result and attractiveness, in exterior and physical appearance of said property and improvements.

The beauty of the covenant rules, said Smith, is that when they were drafted some 80 years ago, they had the flexibility — some might say vagueness — that allowed them to adapt to changing times and the tastes of subsequent generations.

"The very state of the community today is proof that (the covenant) has worked very well," said Smith, adding that Rancho Santa Fe was named the most desirable community in the United States in a recent survey.

The covenant, he said, has helped preserve Rancho Santa Fe

as a rural community of understated elegance, with large parcels of varying size and topography, and lots of trees.

The Dolan-King lawsuits, he said, clarified the rights and responsibilities of both sides in a dispute between a property owner and a homeowners association, and established case law that has been cited in more than 110 subsequent legal cases.

"It's sort of become the standard in our industry when dealing with architectural issues," agreed Karen Conlon, president and CEO of the California Association of

Court rulings in the two Dolan-King cases put the legal burden on homeowners to prove that a decision by a homeowners association was unreasonable. But they also helped define the scope and limits of the authority of homeowners' associations, which set rules for about one-third of California homes.

As a result of Dolan-King, said Conlon, new homeowners associations have included language about setting "reasonable" standards in their CC&Rs.

Closer to home, Smith credits the case with reducing the number of lawsuits and appeals stemming from Art Jury decisions. In the past, he said, the Association averaged about three appeals each year, but since the second Dolan-King case was resolved, there's only been one appeal over the past three

years.

According to Smith, the key is to get the property owners to talk directly with the Art Jury and the Association, something that did not happen in the Dolan-King case. In that situation, the couple had architects and attorneys deal with Association officials.

While a few community members and Association directors voiced concerns over the years about pursuing the legal case against Dolan-King, most have solidly supported it.

But litigation is no substitute for cooperation, Smith said. (Dolan-King's) house submitted an application and modified the fence and the issue was resolved in 90 days," he said.

In seeking to satisfy the legal judgment against Dolan-King, the Association in 2007 obtained two apartment buildings in the Bronx belonging to her. One was recently sold, and the Association is negotiating for the sale of the second.

Documents from the litigation fills four cartons in Smith's office at the Association, and Smith said that in spite of the legal victory, he would not want to engage another such epic battle — which had enough twists, turns and intrigue to fill a novel — anytime soon.

"My hope is there's never another Dolan-King," he said.

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the historic photograph showing the Earth we live on from the faraway vantage point of the moon.

"The picture of the Earth wasn't the mission; the mission was to map the moon. But that was a pretty good by-product," chuckled Knittel as he looked at a copy of the historic black-and-white photograph.

A crescent earth appears suspended in black space in the upper portion of the image with the lunar landscape dominating the foreground. That image may have never been captured if not for a Boeing crew member who suggested turning the spacecraft around so the camera pointed toward Earth, a move not designed in the original mission playbook, explained Knittel.

"It was pretty awesome," Knittel recalled about the first time he saw the photograph which was taken Aug. 23, 1966. The image transmitted back to Earth from the satellite in several separate strips of

35-mm film and was eventually assembled side by side to create the finished photo. Since the picture arrived in pieces, at first the crew monitoring its arrival only saw the moon surface and were momentarily dejected believing that the camera on board the spacecraft had missed photographing the earth, said Knittel. Then the earth's round image slowly appeared.

"When they saw that picture, I understand that there were a lot of teary eyes," he said.

"It was sort of like birthing a baby, I guess. It was such a big event."

Knittel grew up in Salem, Oregon, where he graduated 12th grade and married his high school sweetheart Jozann. The couple had two children and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. At 18, he joined the United States Air Force with dreams of becoming a pilot. However, he soon discovered that married recruits were banned from flight school so instead he learned to repair radars.

The Air Force gave Knittel the initial training that led him to an

engineering degree from Oregon State University and ultimately the job with Boeing, he said. In 2006, Knittel and other members of his team were invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Lunar Orbiter Spacecraft Project. He received a medal engraved with the image of the spacecraft that he helped engineer. He later donated his 4-foot-by-2-foot framed photograph of Earth from the moon to a local museum.

In a file filled with booklets and data of his time at Boeing, Knittel has two color photographs that depict the 1969 astronauts moon landing that followed his time with the lunar mapping team. "After the astronauts landed they sent those to us to say thanks," said a smiling Knittel. With the recent celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and man's first steps on the moon, Knittel, now 74, is once again remembering his part in lunar exploration — the long hours of toil and the success that followed.

"It really was an amazing ride for a 30-year-old kid," Knittel said.

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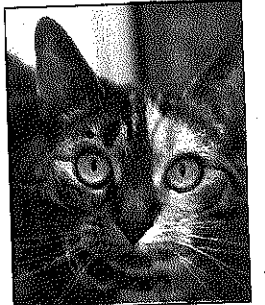
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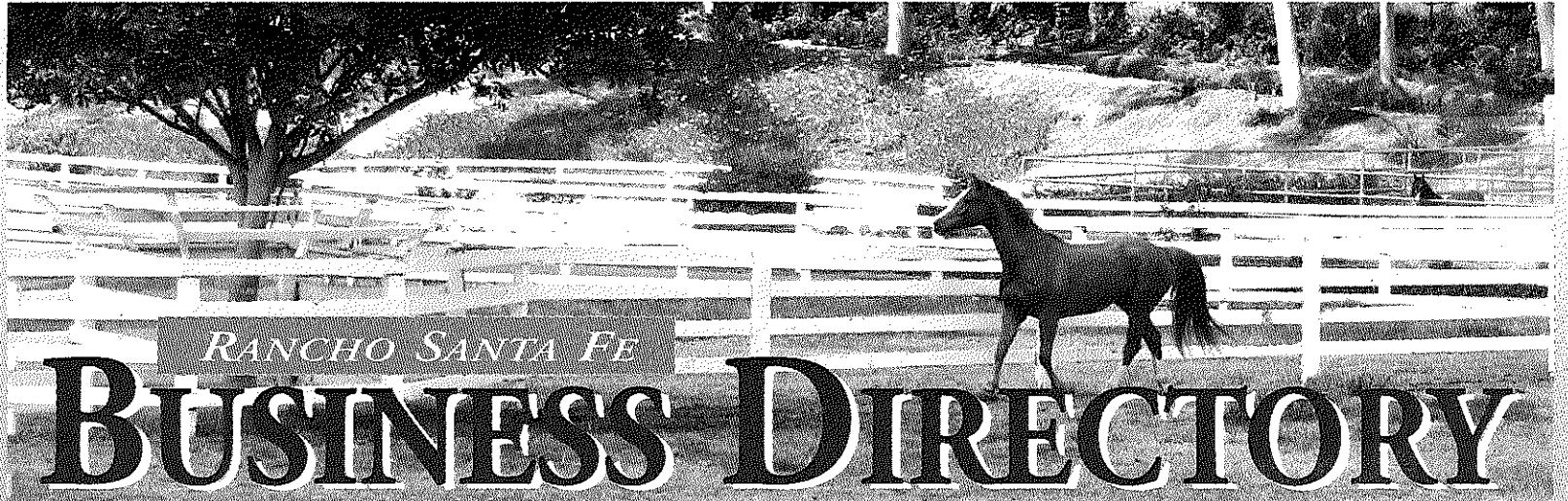
Fire dept. rescues stranded hikers

RANCHO SANTA FE — A group of hikers were rescued July 8 after becoming stranded near Cielo while hiking.

At 5:35 p.m. July 8, firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District responded to the 8000 block of La Milla in the community of Cielo after receiving a call that there were hikers stranded in the area.


The firefighters were able to locate the three hikers and a firefighter/paramedic was able to reach their location.

After assessing the situation, it was determined that one of the hikers, a 16-year-old male who had fallen ill, should be air-lifted out of the canyon. San Diego Fire's Copter 1 assisted with the rescue while the firefighter/paramedic helped the other two hikers reach the road. The ill hiker was treated at the scene but was not transported to a hospital.



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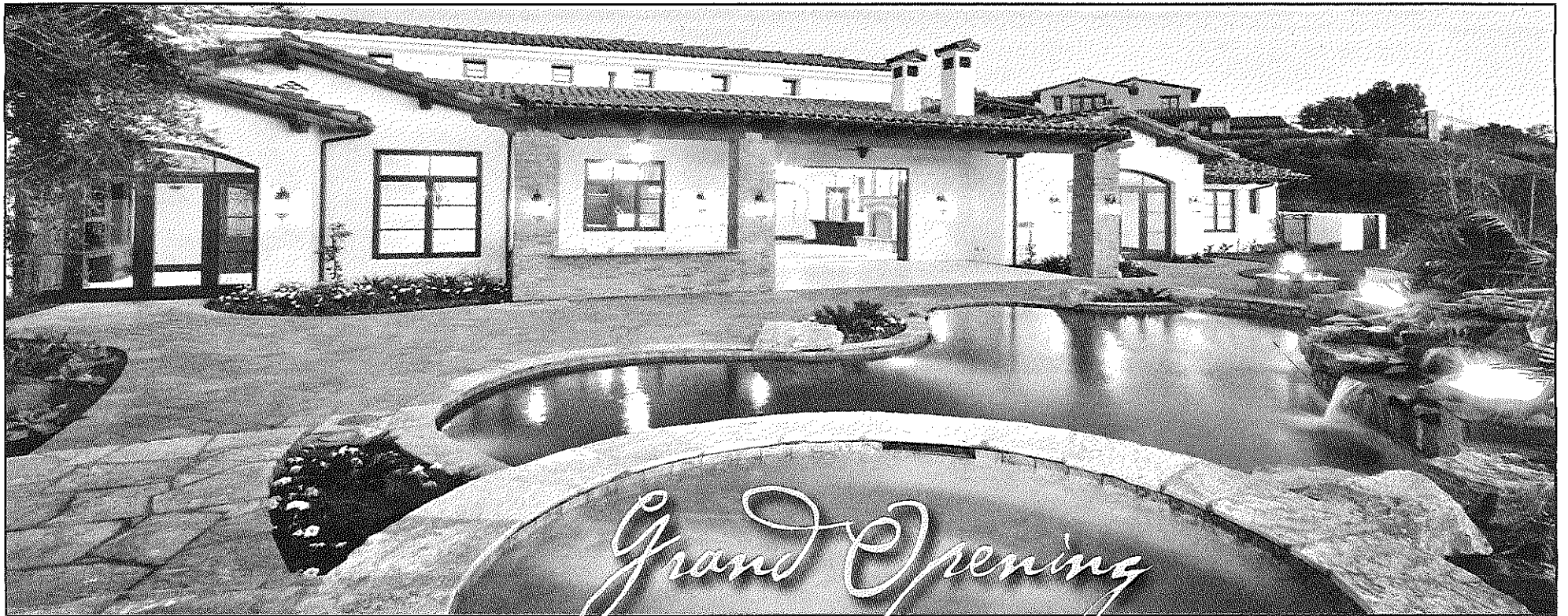
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