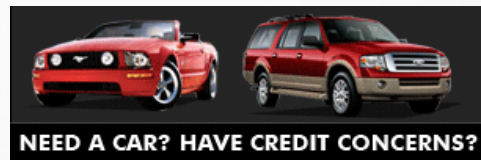


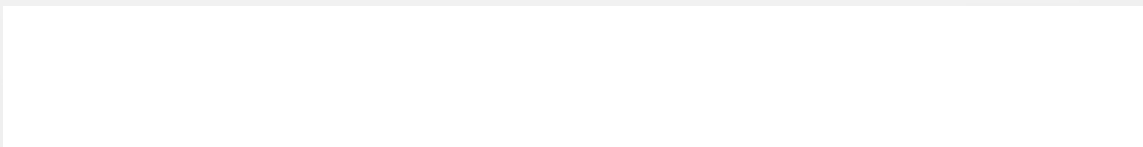


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## Accident closes Del Dios Highway in both directions

BY STAFF SIGNONSANDIEGO

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NORTH COUNTY — Del Dios Highway is closed in both directions Wednesday morning after a two-vehicle hit-and run injury accident, officials with the California Highway Patrol said.

One vehicle overturned in the crash that was reported at 6:40 a.m. at Date Lane, the CHP said.

The driver of the second vehicle, who was bleeding profusely from a head wound, got out and walked away, the CHP said.

He was described as Latino, 35 to 45 years old, about 6 feet tall with short black hair. He was seen getting into a truck described as "work truck," possible a white Ranger pickup with a black bed with multi-colored panels on the side with pipes coming off the bed, the CHP said. It was last seen heading toward Del Mar, officials said.

The CHP has issued a traffic alert and is conducting traffic control in the area.

Hospitals have been notified to alert authorities is anyone with a head wound comes in for treatment, the CHP said.

Further details about the crash have not been released.

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Auburn safety Zac Etheridge feels blessed to be able to walk after a serious neck injury and expects to play football again.

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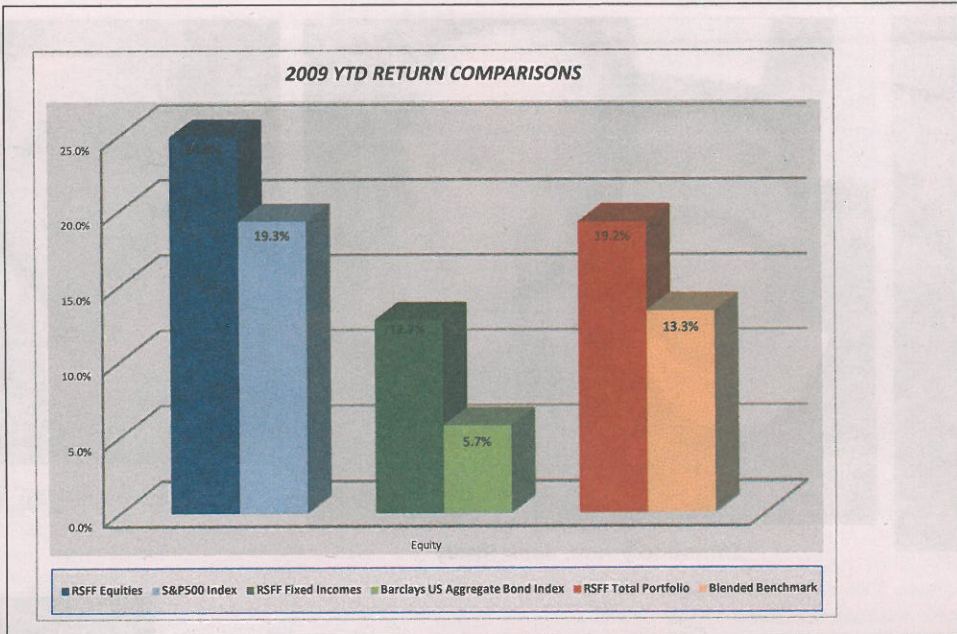
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ative attractiveness of various asset classes and shift assets accordingly, while always moderating risk. For example, this year we added a 40 percent position in bonds to the portfolio while last year we held 45 percent in cash reserves. We also went back into emerging markets in March. We have been able to take advantage of opportunities in the market because we are not encumbered with dedicated outside investment managers who charge higher fees and can be inflexible. We keep expenses low and spend our time evaluating investments, not picking new managers."

Carlson also noted the investment committee has a 20-year history of superior performance and has continuity of membership. "When we are so fortunate to have a great group of professionals, we do not let them leave. Some have been on the committee for over 10 years. We enjoy our professional discussions and reach consensus quickly.

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tant to the San Diego region and beyond. We are confident our investment approach will continue to be successful in the years to come," says Carlson.

If you would like to learn more about placing charitable assets with the Foundation, please contact Christy Wilson at 858 -756 -6557 or christy@rsffoundation.org.

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the chimney to protect from fire and keep mice and other pests away.

- Cover the chimney with a proper 1/2 inch mesh screen spark arrester.

Injury prevention is another concern when using fireplaces. Both gas fireplaces and wood-burning fireplaces

pose a safety hazard. To help avoid injury:

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use long fireplace matches to light the fire.
- Never place painted or stained wood in the fireplace.
- Keep the metal mesh screen in front of the fireplace closed at all times.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Remember that gas fireplaces can be hot before, during, and after the fire.
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## BANK

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SDSU's Ely.

In the political climate of the early 2000s, the government encouraged the banking industry nationwide to invest in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac stocks, noted Yates. Most bankers considered the housing giants to be quasi-government agencies, and therefore "prudent" investments, he said.

However, that view has now changed. "A federal agency is not the same as investing in the federal government — meaning U.S. treasuries or funds," said Yates. "You have to look very closely at those passive investments and prevent (investing) a significant percentage of your capital in one security."

The exact percentage depends on the risk level of any particular investment, he

said. But no one thought of Freddie or Fannie as risky.

### Banking community

Yates noted that San Diego National Bank was a strong member of the community, involved in many charities in San Diego.

"It's a loss for the community to see a positive group of business leaders exit the scene. I have a great deal of respect to (SDNB chief executive officer) Robert Horseman," said Yates. "It's hard to be critical of this type of loss."

### Depositors

But the affect to the bank's customers are minimal, due to FDIC insurance up to \$250,000, said Ely. "Even though a bank may not exist, people don't have to worry about the safety of their deposits... the service will continue."

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## College Admissions Essay Contest offers Scholarship Award

EssayEdge, a leading college application essay editing service, announced recently that it is launching its Tell Your Story College Admissions Essay Contest, which will award a grand prize of \$1,000. The contest will run from Nov. 3 through Dec. 1, 2009. For more information and complete official rules for the Tell Your Story College Admissions Essay Contest, and to get help to make your admissions essay shine, visit [www.Essayedge.com](http://www.Essayedge.com).



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by CHUCK SHEPHERD **ODD FILES**

**Lead story**

Procter & Gamble announced in October that it will once again create and host a public restroom for the holiday season in New York City's Times Square as a promotion for Charmin tissue. Last year's installation was merely specially outfitted toilet facilities, but this year P&G will upgrade by hiring five bloggers ("Charmin Ambassadors") to "interact" with the expected "hundreds of thousands of bathroom guests" and write about their experiences with Charmin tissue on the company's Web site (and include "family-friendly" photographs). P&G is calling the campaign "Enjoy the Go."

**Compelling Explanations**

— "Therapeutic" Sex: (1) The U.S. Tax Court ruled in September that William Halby, 78, owes back taxes because he improperly tried to deduct \$300,000 over a five-year period for "medical" expenses that were merely purchases of sex toys and pornography and payments to prostitutes. Halby said the activities relieved his "depression," in that he had no other sexual outlets. The court reminded Halby (a retired New York tax lawyer) that prostitution is illegal in New York. (2) James Pacenza, 60, of Montgomery, N.Y., who was fired by IBM in 2003 after he continued to visit an Internet sex-chat room during work hours, renewed his challenge to the termination in September, telling a federal appeals court that his Internet sex "addiction" is a result of post-traumatic stress disorder from combat in the Vietnam war.

— Robin Magee, a law professor at Minnesota's Hamline University, was charged with state income tax evasion in September for failing to file in 2007 and for filing returns for 2004, 2005 and 2006 only very recently. Magee told the St. Paul Pioneer Press that she was "unable" to file on time because she has "extreme" attention-deficit disorder. Among the lapses of attention, according to prosecutors, was Magee's claim of eight tax exemptions, even though she is single and has no dependents.

— Parenting Made Simple: The father of the baby is only 13 years old, but his own dad told reporters in Manchester, England, in October that the kid "will make a good father" and "is taking his responsibilities very seriously." He is "mature for his age" and "knows what he's about." The new dad said he plans to quit school

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**SCHOOL SKELETON**

Halloween season is a time to take a peek in all the hidden places. Hidden from view along La Granada is the construction of the R. Roger Rowe School renovation. Taking a peek behind the scenes shows the skeleton of a new school is emerging. And it's scary how quickly it's all coming together. "We're pretty much on schedule," Tim Ireland, project manager for the school renovation, said at the last school board meeting. Challenges have arisen due to last minutes changes in architectural plans that were suggested by the Art Jury. The school is scheduled for completion in October 2010. Photo by David Wiemers

**Fairground expansion review planned**

By Bianca Kaplanek

**COAST CITIES** — With only 90 days to review the master plan and draft environmental impact report for expansion at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, officials in Del Mar and Solana Beach will spend much of their time during the next two months examining the document before a Jan. 8 deadline to submit comments.

Meetings were held almost immediately after the 4,500-page report was released Oct. 9. Staff in both cities outlined their review process and initial concerns during scheduled City Council meetings the last week of October.

Redevelopment plans, which have been in the works for the past decade or so, include near- and long-term projects during the next 15 years. Initially, the expansion will include a 330-room hotel condominium with an 18,000-square-foot ballroom, new exhibition halls, rooftop sports fields, a 1,560-vehicle parking structure, a health club and an office and administrative building.

Long-term plans feature a seasonal train platform and

a multilevel parking structure on the east parking lot.

In Del Mar, where most of the 340-acre facility is located, the in-house review team will include directors and managers of the Planning, Public Works and Clean Water departments, city and traffic engineers, the city attorney, the fire marshal and representatives from the Sheriff's Department.

An ad hoc citizens advisory committee was revived to provide input. The 12 members, who meet weekly, have been assigned different portions of the document to review and assess based on their expertise. They will also seek input from other community advisory groups.

To increase the efficiency of its review, staff will contact other agencies affected, including the county Air Pollution Control District, the cities of San Diego and Solana Beach and resource agencies such as California Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Caltrans. City officials had hoped to receive input from the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Coastal Commission, but those agencies said staff is

not available.

Brian Mooney, interim planning director, said initial concerns include inadequate data to assess the individual projects in the plans and several mitigation measure strategies that can't be implemented because they are identified as the "responsibilities of other agencies," such as traffic control measures and replacement of the fire station.

There is also a failure to address dedicated freeway access ramps, and there are concerns about intensity of development close to the lagoon.

Solana Beach has also formed a technical team comprising in-house staff and is sending a mailer to residents encouraging them to comment on the voluminous document since there isn't time to form a citizens advisory committee.

Council members also authorized staff to spend up to \$75,000 from the general fund for additional technical expertise to review the report. The initial request was for \$25,000, but council members and several residents said that amount wouldn't be

enough.

"We need to do whatever it takes to hire outside consultants and work with staff to ... get a comprehensive and complete analysis done," Gary Martin said. "If we don't do it I think in the long run we're going to be losing all the leverage we might have to influence what that project ultimately looks like and its impacts on our community."

"I'm the last person for wasteful spending," Martin said. "In this case, we need to make the investment. ... This is all about the character of our community. This is going to have impacts far beyond what we can even understand at the initial level. If we don't act now and don't act decisively I think we're going to be making a mistake."

Councilman Joe Kellejian said he sees the current expansion plans as an opportunity to finally mitigate the negative impacts the fairgrounds has on Solana Beach.

"Because of the positioning of the fairgrounds, the impacts to Del Mar (are) no place near what the impacts

TURN TO FAIRGROUNDS ON 26

**Ranch Community Center plans November fun**

**RANCHO SANTA FE** — Kindergarten age through second-graders are invited to join the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center for an evening of bowling while older siblings are at Cotillion from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 6.

The cost is \$30 per member; \$40 per nonmember. Bring extra money for

snacks and arcade games.

If you love "Star Wars," you will love an adventure to Ultra Zone Laser Tag for grades 2 through 4, where the group will launch laser lights from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 14. The aircraft will take off at 5 p.m., followed by dinner, and on to Ultrazone. The price is \$45 per member; \$70 per nonmember.

Are you a "Twilight" lover? Join the Community Center for the premier of Twilight's "New Moon," Team Jacob vs. Team Edward from 6 to 11 p.m. Nov. 20. A bus will be chartered for 50 seventh- and eighth-graders to Sammy's Woodfired Pizza and after dinner, arrive at Del Mar Heights Movie Theater

where they will find out who will fight to the end for Bella, Jacob or Edward. Bring extra money for snacks and drinks. For further questions or information about all these events, contact Teen Club Coordinator Erica Anderson at (858) 756-2461, ext. 310 or via e-mail at eanderson@rsfcc.org.

**Teen killed in late-night car crash**

By David Wiemers

**RANCHO SANTA FE** — Yet another late night accident claimed the life of teenager William Wardrip on Oct. 25.

At 3:35 a.m., Rancho Santa Fe Firefighters responded to the report of a traffic collision in the 17000 block of San Dieguito Road in Rancho Santa Fe.

The firefighters found a gold SUV 1999 Lexus GL 470 off the road with three boys outside, yet a fourth boy needed to be extricated from the SUV.

Three of the boys suffered moderate injuries and were taken to the hospital. A fifth boy, William Wardrip, 16, was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. All occupants were under the age of 18.

Three fire engines, two ambulances, and a Battalion Chief responded to the scene.

According to California Highway Patrol Sgt. Mike Morgan, it was determined that alcohol and drugs were not a factor in the accident, although it is known that Wardrip was not wearing a seatbelt, which allowed him to be thrown from the vehicle that overturned many times before coming to a halt.

Morgan stated that the driver had failed to turn, hit an asphalt curb and lost control of the vehicle.

Wardrip was a junior at Santa Fe Christian School where he played football and lacrosse.

Upon hearing news of the accident, school administrators cancelled classes on Oct. 26 and a prayer service was held on campus.

According to Sgt. Morgan, the accident is still under investigation.

"We're piecing it all together; interviewing passengers, searching for witnesses," he said.

"We'll present our findings to the District Attorney to see if any charges will be filed against the driver," he said.

Under California law, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 with a provisional license to transport other passengers under the age of 20.

Nor is it legal for anyone under 18 to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. without the supervision of an adult over the age of 25.

Wardrip's death comes just weeks after teen Alex Capozza was killed in a similar accident in Rancho Santa Fe.

In that accident the teens had been drinking and the 17-year-old driver has been charged with driving under the influence and vehicular manslaughter.



# Remember safety when using fireplace

## BY RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

As temperatures drop, many homeowners will try to make their homes warm and cozy by using their fireplaces, but with fireplace and wood stove use comes responsibility.

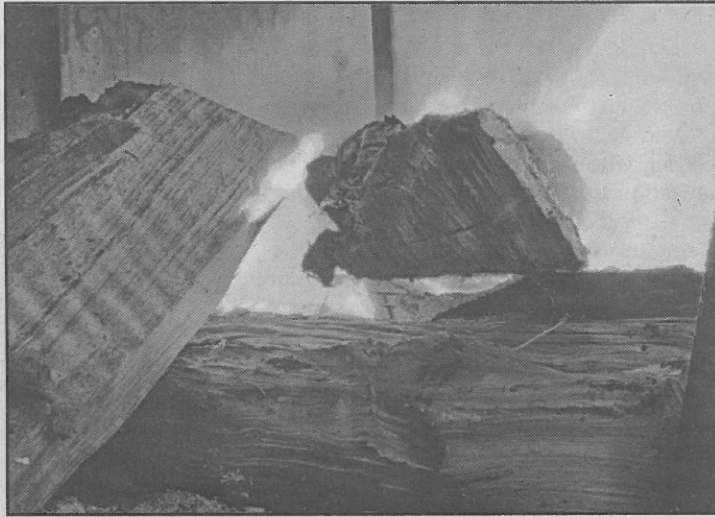
The National Fire Protection Association states that 64,100 home-heating fires were reported in 2006. The fires resulted in 40 deaths, 1,400 injuries and \$943 million in property damage. From 2003-06, 39 percent of all home-heating fires involved fireplaces and chimneys.

Most fireplace, chimney and wood stove fires are caused by the buildup of creosote, an oily liquid in wood that can remain inside the chimney and hard-

en. The built-up creosote can then catch fire. Rancho Santa Fe Fire said the best way to avoid this is to have a professional chimney specialist inspect and clean chimneys annually.

Other fireplace safety tips:

- Clear the area around the fireplace of flammable materials.
- Always use a metal mesh screen to keep embers from blowing into room.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or Christmas trees in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire in the fire-



place unattended.

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use long matches to light

the fire.

- Remember that gas fireplaces can be hot before, during and after the fire.

## BOARD, FROM PAGE A1

laughs from the rest of the board.

Robert Green, the association's building commissioner who works with the volunteer-based Art Jury, noted people often get most involved when there are items of contention before the board.

He said the slow recruitment process could be attributed to the "relative calm" that has overtaken Rancho Santa Fe.

## Osuna debt paid down

At its meeting on Nov. 5, the association board voted to put an additional \$400,000 toward paying down its debt on the Osuna property. In 2006, the association borrowed \$5 million to buy the 28-acre property, and it has steadily been paying off the loan in the years since.

"The finance committee feels strongly that the community consensus is to pay down the Osuna debt as quickly as possible," director Tom Lang said.

After the \$400,000 payment, \$700,000 will remain to be paid.

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auxiliary lane alternative, hybrid, hybrid with a fly-over and "no build."

Those at the meeting said they had hoped to see visual simulations for all of the alternatives since the direct connector visual had been shown in June. But they saw only a new auxiliary lane alternative and a replay of the direct connector's simulation.

Residents claimed Caltrans and the engineers were bi-

ased, since the direct connector alternative was shown to have virtually no traffic and the auxiliary lane showed jam-packed lanes.

Caltrans said it was not intentional.

"There is no perfect alternative," said Allan Kosup, Caltrans director. "We're not trying to sell anything."

Retaining walls and reconfigured on- and off-ramps prompted the most concern. Residents of Point Del Mar said they were worried about retaining walls being above

the roofs of their homes.

"In the direct connector alternative, it will be at the same level or slightly lower than the line of homes on the street," said Chris Johnson, project manager with Dokken Engineering.

In the direct connector alternative, walls range from 10 to 40 feet; retaining walls in the auxiliary lane alternative are shorter and lower, Johnson said.

An additional sound wall will be on top of the retaining wall and its height will

be determined by noise studies, Caltrans project manager Arturo Jacobo said.

The loss of Carmel Creek Road as a 56 on- and off-ramp in the direct connector alternative was a concern raised by both residents and the Carmel Valley representatives.

Caltrans said that the ramp has to be removed for safety purposes. With the direct connector, there will not be enough distance for traffic to safely merge to or from Carmel Creek ramps.

The Del Mar Heights interchange would also change significantly. It would only be accessible by a bypass on northbound I-5, and drivers getting on the freeway at Del Mar Heights would use a bypass headed to south I-5, east 56 or to get off on Carmel Valley Road.

Residents wondered aloud how the loss of Carmel Creek and portions of the Del Mar Heights interchange would affect surface street traffic as commuters and even emergency responders

seek alternate routes.

"That's what we've been worried about since day one," said Jan Fuchs, Carmel Valley representative on the steering committee.

Jacobco said all the traffic impacts would be included in the EIR. The release of draft EIR will be followed by a 60-day comment period and several community meetings.

View the visual simulations of the direct connector and auxiliary lane alternative at [keepsandiegomoving.com](http://keepsandiegomoving.com).

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Devon Brown recently set a course record in her Junior Club Championship win at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club.

## Golfer Devon Brown sets course record in win at RSF Junior Club Championship

By Matt Liebowitz

Devon Brown recently set a course record in her Junior Club Championship win at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club.

Brown, 18, shot rounds of 78 and 70 from the blue tees in the tournament held Sept. 12-13 (and she beat all the boys while playing from the same tees). At two under par for the second day, Brown's round of 70 set a course record for women.

It's an accomplishment that has been years in the making for the RSF resident and Cathedral Catholic High School senior.

Brown has been playing golf since she was 8 years old, and is currently the CCHS golf team captain. As a freshman, she finished

10th in the state CIF State Girls Golf Championship, and for the past three years she was named most valuable player on the team.

She has played in several major tournaments this year, including the 2009 Kathy Whitworth Invitational, the 2009 Rolex Junior Girls Championship, the 2009 SAP Junior Open, and the 2009 Bass Pro Shops /Payne Stewart Junior Championships.

With a handicap of +2.5, Brown is currently ranked 69th nationally in the American Junior Golf Association. Brown will attend Northwestern University next year on a golf scholarship.

## RSF Fire District recognizes community members

At the beginning of its Nov. 18 meeting (after presstime for this newspaper), the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District Board of Directors was scheduled to recognize several individuals for their contributions to the district. Leile Hazery, a student at Santa Fe Christian High School, was recognized for donating a piece of her artwork to the Fire District. The board then recognized Tim Matt Basham from the Village Market, Tim Cusac from Café Positano, and Hank Mendez from the Rancho Santa Fe School District for the support of the Fire District's recent Pancake Breakfast.

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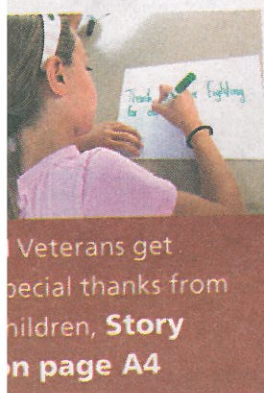


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Torrey Pines grad teaches hospitality in Cambodia, **Story on page B1**

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Group to study changing 5/56 requirements, **Story on page A3**



Solana Santa Fe students got in the autumn mood and learned about the changing leaves by creating water color paintings, such as this one by Hugh and the piece below by Melanie. PHOTOS BY KAREN BILLING

## Turkey making 101

We asked Solana Santa Fe first-graders to whip up their ideas of how to make a Thanksgiving turkey. Most agreed that turkeys are bought at the store, but they differed on cooking times, which ranged from 10 minutes to eight hours. **Feast on their adorable answers, found on page A2.**



## Group begins restoration off Del Dios Hwy.

BY KAREN BILLING  
Staff Writer

The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy began work on an ambitious restoration project last week off Del Dios Highway, removing 5.5 acres of non-native trees and adding plants for a new riparian habitat.

The Conservancy is using a \$143,750 grant to fund the project, which aims to restore the land for sensitive bird species that make their home in the river valley below Lake Hodges.

The grant money, from the National Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was a welcome surprise for the conservancy, said Leslie Woollenweber, resources specialist.

"It's a good start," Woollenweber said, noting that this is just a small portion of a larger effort.

They still have 1.85 miles of river valley where trees need to be felled and other areas that are more logistically challenging, some of which might require helicopters to get trees out.

"It will be a significant amount of funding because of the lack of access and the amount of material," Woollenweber said. "This portion is something we can show the success of. The progress we make here can help us get another grant."

Work began on Nov. 9

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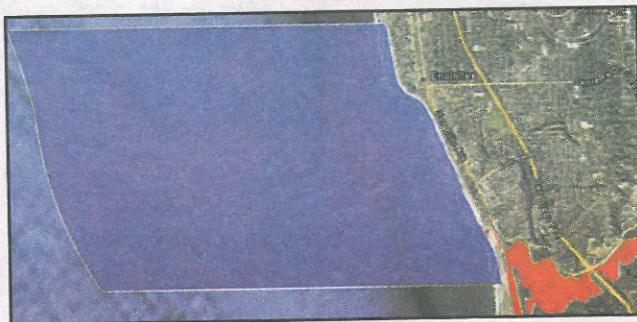
## MLPA panel selects hybrid plan

BY DAVE SCHWAB  
Staff Writer

Walking a tightrope between marine conservation and preserving ocean access, a five-member state Blue Ribbon Task Force last week chose a hybrid alternative to protect San Diego's coastline that lies between what fishing interests and environmentalists desired.

However, Del Mar Mayor Crystal Crawford sent a letter on Friday to Ken Wiseman, executive director of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, asking for a correction to the proposed map.

"The map upon which a final motion to adopt a rec-



ommendation on the MPLA was made did not include the San Dieguito Lagoon and river mouth as a State Marine Reserve," Crawford wrote. The city believes the

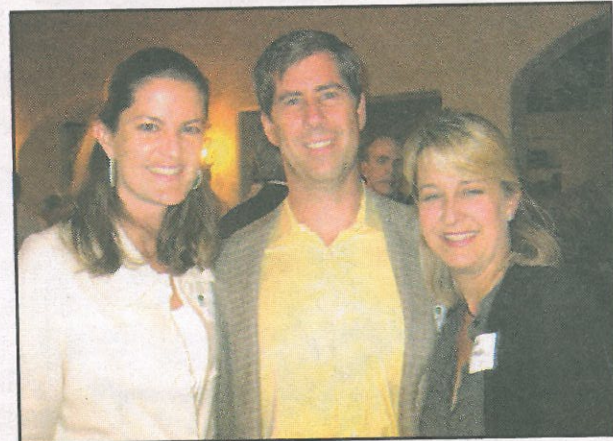
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## Cap and Gown honors donors



Guests of the Rancho Santa Fe Education Foundation celebrated their contributions to the R. Rowe School at the home of Minerva and Roberto Waltz with delicious tapas and sangria last Saturday. The event was sponsored by the foundation's community partner, Wells Fargo The Private Bank, and was for those who donated \$1,500 per child or more.

Above, K-4 Principal Kim Pinkerton stands with Steve and Michelle Hansen. For more photos, see page A10.

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## Donors support education



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Roberto and Minerva Waltz

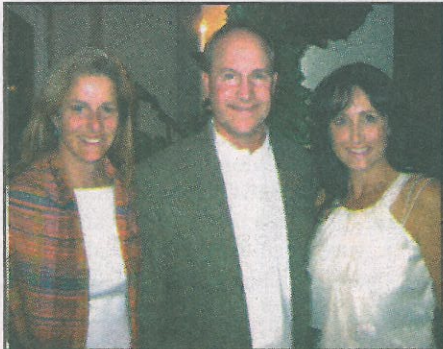


James and Kim King



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Becky McKinney and co-chair of the RSF Education Foundation Todd McKinney with event chair Allison Williams



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near Calle Ambiente, across from Cielo Village and below the Lemon Twist stand, now being rebuilt after it burned in the Witch Creek Fire.

The restored riparian habitat is expected to benefit the least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher, both federally endangered birds. The yellow warbler and yellow-breasted chat should also benefit.

Most of the trees to be removed are eucalyptus, which eliminate the dense cover that many species rely on for forage and nesting.

California Conservation Corps crews will continue to work on tree removal until Jan. 15, when they have to stop for raptor nesting season. From January to March 15, the conservancy plans to do native plantings but then they need to be out by Sept. 15 for another nesting season.

Woollenweber said the idea is for the thick cover of natives to grow back in, with native trees like willow and sycamores taking the place of eucalyptus. New plantings like wild roses, blackberry and wild grapes are ideal for the habitat as they create a dense cover, bear fruit and attract insects for food, she added.

Due to the challenging terrain, all of the work is being



The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy is restoring a riparian habitat off Del Dios Highway with the help of California Conservation Corps workers. KAREN BILLING

ing down by hand — workers hauling pieces of trees out on foot.

In some spots, where the vegetation is very dense and water runs in the riverbed, Woollenweber said they will use a herbicide to kill the tree instead of taking it down. The trees will die but remain standing for a long time, with their snags serving as a home for woodpeckers and beetles.

They will also use the herbicide method for some trees closer to the dam.

The restoration area is not meant for public access, but the trailhead to the longest continuous piece of the Coast to Crest Trail is nearby. The Santa Fe Valley Trail goes west for a little over a mile; another trail takes hikers east up the slope and all the way to Lake Hodges Dam. It then connects with a trail that heads to San Pasqual.

"This restoration will enhance the scenic value as well as improve bird-watching," Wollenweber said.

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community they were promised when they bought their homes.

"Residents wouldn't be forced to come to Carmel Valley if we had our own," said Dubey to applause by many neighbors in the audience.

Due to the language in the measure, any alternative to the direct connectors that Caltrans is considering — be it the auxiliary lane or hybrid options — would not allow the cap to be lifted in PHR since only a direct link would meet the Prop M requirements.

Last June, then-City Council President Scott Peters pro-

posed a change in the Prop M language that would have required only a ramp for west 56 with north 5 being constructed and operational.

The planning board did not support the change, and Peters dropped his request.

Caltrans reported that only 10 percent of the demand for all of the 5/56 alternatives comes from PHR.

Dubey pointed out that even as PHR's development remains capped and without amenities, communities to the north and east are not capped and continue to build and flow onto the 56.

"We're talking decades that this community is going to stagnate," said PHR resident Dan Gehlhaar, not-

ing how long it will take to build the freeway project.

The Carmel Valley board has also been asked to take a position on the 5/56 project, but their stance has always been that they would wait until the environmental impact report is released and all of the information available.

Board Chair Frisco White said as they have waited, other planning boards have become engaged in the project and started to weigh in.

"I think we need to start participating," board member David Bartick said.

Board member Scott Tillson, who also sits on the 5/56 steering committee, said that it is still too premature to take a position.



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The horseracing tracks identified by Hersch told the FBI that they have no contracts with him or All States ATM to provide financial services of any sort.

Hersch and others recruited more than 150 investors to invest approximately \$25 million. He also admitted, during his plea, that he conspired with others to structure 15 transactions, totaling \$141,500, for the purpose of evading the currency reporting requirements. Hersch and those working with him withdrew currency

from a Wells Fargo Banks Account in amounts between \$9,000 and \$9,500, because they knew that cash withdrawals that are more than \$10,000 trigger currency-reporting requirements.

Hersch is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 8, 2010, before Judge John A. Houston in the U.S. District Court in San Diego.

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# RSF resident Patrick Henry named 'Most Admired CEO'

Entropic Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: ENTR), a leading provider of silicon and software solutions to enable connected home entertainment, recently announced that Patrick Henry was named 2009 Most Admired CEO in the public small company category by the *San Diego Business Journal* during a VIP reception held on Nov. 18.

Since 2003, Henry has been at the helm of Entropic as CEO. He led the company as it emerged from a venture capital backed start-up



Patrick Henry

company, experienced significant growth both organically and via acquisitions, became a market leader in two complementary connected home entertainment technologies and evolved into a successful public company on the road to sustained growth and profitability. The publication's judging committee credited Henry's ability to lead the company through the many challenges of this metamorphosis with steadfast leadership skills, enthusiasm

and determination.

"I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award. It is really the entire Entropic team, our customers, suppliers, and investors that have made Entropic's success to-date a reality," said Henry. "Innovation has been a cornerstone of our success and will be a critical element of our future. This is a very exciting time for Entropic as we enter a new phase of growth with our silicon solutions in our target markets. I thank the *San Diego Business Journal* and all the sponsors for this recognition."

"The *San Diego Business Journal* is proud to honor Patrick Henry as one of San

Diego's Most Admired CEO's," said Armon Mills, president and publisher at the *San Diego Business Journal*. "Under incredibly challenging market conditions, Patrick shepherded the company from an early stage start-up to a thriving, publicly traded company that continues to build on its mission as the leader in enabling connected home entertainment solutions."

There were 61 finalists who competed in various categories. The winners as well as the finalists were announced at a Nov. 18 reception held at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. For more information, visit Entropic at [www.entropic.com](http://www.entropic.com).

## RSF Fire District honors Santa Fe Christian student, local individuals for their support



Among the RSF Fire District honorees were (left, l-r) Matt Basham, Tim Cusac, Hank Mendez and (above) Leile Hazery. (In photo at left honorees are with (second from right) Chief Nick Pavone and Fire District Captain Mike Shore.

By Matt Liebowitz


Four local residents were recently recognized for their contributions to the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

At its Nov. 18 meeting, the Fire District honored 18-year-old Santa Fe Christian student Leile Hazery for donating a piece of artwork to the Fire District. The painting commemorates the attacks of 9/11; in addition to an American flag, the piece reads, "Out of the Ashes, We will Never forget."


Also recognized for their contributions to the Fire District were Tim Cusac, owner of Caffé Positano, Matt Basham, store manager at Stump's Family Marketplace in RSF Village, and Hank Mendez from the Rancho Santa Fe School District.

All three lent their support to the Fire District's recent Pancake Breakfast— including food and utensils donated by Stump's, and 32 gallons of coffee from Caffé Positano—allowing the Fire District to serve 700 breakfasts in four hours.

"Without the support of Hank, Matt, and Tim, we wouldn't have been able to have the success that we did," said Fire District Captain Mike Shore.



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