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GIVE IT THE BOOT Stella Mikolajewski, 6, gives the soccer ball a good, swift kick during the final day of the Rancho Santa Fe Youth Soccer summer camp, Aug. 5. Photo by Tony Cagala

Kids' summer soccer camp winds down

By Tony Cagala

RANCHO SANTA FE — The little ones were literally getting a kick at being outside chasing down soccer balls and scoring goals during

the final day of their summer soccer recreation camp with Rancho Santa Fe Youth Soccer.

The camps, which are offered twice every summer,

revolve around activity, purpose and enjoyment, said Malcolm Tovey, director of coaching.

"We are very skill-based, but we do it in a fun, positive,

game-type environment," he said. "We really emphasize the fun because the most important thing for us really

TURN TO **SOCCER CAMP** ON **A15**

Enthusiasm lacking for underground utilities

By Patty McCormac

RANCHO SANTA FE — It took more than a decade and jumping through a lot of hoops by the Rancho Santa Fe Association, but finally it is ready to commence with under grounding utilities within the Covenant. Trouble is, not many people are stepping up for the chance because it is too expensive to even get started.

That was the conclusion of a survey mailed to property owners on June 20. Of the 1,759 sent, 778 were returned, the majority of them not enthusiastic about the process.

"The return is a phenomenal response so the margin of error will be very low," Planning Director Ivan Holler

told the Association at its Aug. 4 meeting.

Association President Jack Queen lamented at the lack of enthusiasm.

"It's taken 20 years of time and effort just to find out it's too expensive to do," Queen said.

Director Dick Doughty said residents need to understand that it is an expensive proposition and will not happen overnight.

"It will not happen in two or three years. It will happen over 20 years in bits and pieces," he said.

The survey asked respondents if there were overhead utility lines on or adjacent to their property. The next question asked if they would be willing to pay for the under

grounding of the utilities, to which 204 replied they would and 478 said they would not.

Holler said the survey, which identifies people by their address, shows there are pockets of those who are interested in under grounding.

"We will put this information into our GIS computer and find out where they are," he said.

The survey asked how many would like to be district captain to help their neighborhoods along in the process. Twelve said they would like to become a captain and 631 declined.

The under grounding project over the years has had to jump hurdles of creating a special assessment district

through the community service district and then approval by the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The next step is an application for under grounding in a district that is approved by an engineering assessment study, which will be prepared by an assessment engineer at a cost of \$2,000 per property owner.

If the CSD board rejects the application, the \$2,000 will be refunded and the process will not move forward.

Once the engineering study is complete and accepted by the CSD, the CSD board will adopt the study and conduct a public vote of all the

TURN TO **UTILITIES** ON **A14**

School board member resigns

By Patty McCormac

RANCHO SANTA FE — Rancho Santa Fe Board Member Jim Cimino resigned from the school board July 29. Cimino's job with Wells Fargo Wealth Management Group has taken him to Dallas.

"We are not only going to miss Jim as a board member, we are going to miss the entire family," said District Superintendent Lindy Delaney. "His wife Carrie was instrumental working on our foundation and they have two wonderful children. Jim has served us well on the board."

Cimino was elected to the board in November 2008. His term is up in November 2012, so someone will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Delaney said there will be a special board meeting in August to determine how the board wants to proceed at that time.

"We have 60 days (to appoint someone) before it triggers an election," she said.

She said she expects several people to step up for the position.

"We have a lot of wonderful community members who are interested in education," she said.

During a special school board meeting on July 26, the board also voted to pay general contractor C.W. Driver \$393,000, the final amount owed on change orders for the renovation and construction of the R. Roger Rowe School.

Delaney said negotiations are finished.

"We've been going back and forth," she said. "We're saying, 'No, we're not paying for that or we're not paying for that, you are.'"

"That means we are done?" asked Jim Depolo, board member.

"We're done," Delaney

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by CHUCK SHEPHERD

ODD FILES

Fun Funerals

For years, many traditional funerals in Taiwan — especially in rural areas or among working classes — have included pop singers and bikini dancers, supposedly to entertain the ghosts that will protect the deceased in the afterlife. According to a recent documentary by anthropologist Marc Moskowitz, some of the dancers until 20 years ago were strippers who did lap dances with funeral guests, until the government made such behavior illegal. Contemporary song-and-dance shows, like the traveling Electric Flower Car, supposedly appeal to “lower” gods who help cleanse the deceased of the more mundane vices such as gambling and prostitution (compared to the “higher” gods who focus on morality and righteousness).

Can't Possibly Be True

- California's state and local governments are rarely discussed these days without the pall of budget cuts looming, but apparently the Los Angeles County Museum of Art is safe because it is spending a reported \$1.5 million to move a big rock in from Riverside, about 60 miles away. It's a 340-ton boulder that the museum intends to display above a sidewalk (“Levitated Mass”). The move will require a 200-foot-long trailer with 200 tires, with one semi-tractor pulling and one pushing, at night, maximum speed 8 mph.

- Tennessee State Rep. Julia Hurley apologized in July and said she would pay for the refinishing of her desk in the legislative chamber after it was revealed that she had carved her initials in it during a January session. “It was like one in the morning on the last day of the session,” she told WSMV-TV. “I wasn't thinking straight.” Rep. Hurley, 29, who has a daughter, 14, unseated a nine-term incumbent legislator in 2010 with a campaign that touted her time as a Hooters waitress. “If I could make it at Hooters,” she wrote in the restaurant's magazine, “I could make it anywhere.”

- In June, the California Court of Appeals threw out the three counts of possession of child pornography for which Joseph Gerber had been convicted, even though what Gerber had done was paste face shots of his own 13-year-old daughter onto ordinary pornographic photos. The U.S. Supreme Court decided in 2002 that a conviction for making “child pornography” requires actual sexual abuse. (Gerber had also been convicted of supplying the daughter with drugs and the court ordered

TURN TO ODD FILES ON A11



NEWEST ROTARIAN

The Rotarians welcome a new member to the club. From left, is Alan Balfour, president; Patrick Galvin, sponsor; new member Mark Drewelow and Membership Chair Katie Hawkes. *Courtesy photo*

For crime analysts, numbers don't lie

By Tony Cagala

They are armed with analytical tools rather than pepper spray, tazers or guns. There are 10 of them in San Diego County and their ultimate goals for the community are crime prevention, reduction and disruption of crime.

They are crime analysts and they work in conjunction with law enforcement agencies in San Diego, including the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

Renae Flores is the crime analyst at the Encinitas Sheriff's substation. She is a civilian employee but has been a crime analyst for three years with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department; for the past nine months, she's been stationed in Encinitas.

“As a crime analyst, I incorporate information-led policing to assist the Encinitas Sheriff's Station,” Flores said. “My role includes locating crime series, patterns, trends and hot spots.”

“I analyze crime to determine the possible offenders, type of crime, when the crime occurs, geographic location, and the motivation. I create maps and written analysis to share with sworn personnel, and they develop strategies as a result of the information,” Flores said.

The Crime Analysis Unit is overseen by Noah Fritz, who operates out of the Sheriff's Main Office. The unit works with seven contract cities in San Diego, which includes Lemon Grove, Santee, Imperial Beach, Encinitas and the beach communities, San Marcos, Vista and Poway.

Fritz has been doing crime



WATCHDOGS Crime Analysis Unit Manager Noah Fritz checks out some “hot spots” of crime activity. Using some of the most up-to-date technology, crime analysts can help place law enforcement officials in the right place at the right time. *Photo by Tony Cagala*

analysis for over 20 years, which is up there in terms of how long crime analysis has been around.

Law enforcement is well over 100 years old — crime analysis can be traced back to the 1970s, Fritz explained. He added that it's still in its infancy, but has come a long way from the colored pushpins inserted into maps to using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and desktop mapping.

In the earliest stages in crime analysis, police in Cambridge, Mass., would use index cards with known offenders. Around the outsides of the cards would be all of the information on the type of crime, description of the suspect and a wide variety of factors related to the modus operandi. Along the border of each card were

they see crime or see something suspicious they would take action immediately. So that's more what we'd call an officer-generated call for service.”

The unit is able to access information on registered sex offenders, who is on probation and who is out on parole so that they can begin to look at and know who's getting out and moving back to a community, Fritz said. “We would monitor whether or not crime comes up, or did somebody get released.”

One of the challenges of intelligence-led policing is to take that volume of data and use the analysis process to come up with actionable decisions, he said.

“We get a burglary pattern developing out in Santee, how do we reallocate deputies or schedules? It's what I call having police officers at the right place at the right time. There may be a different nighttime pattern than there is a daytime pattern; there may be a different crime type during the weekends than there are during the week. You are constantly reassessing where those resources can best be used. And that's a key piece of intelligence-led policing — informed, evidence-based decision making and actionable decision making.”

“What do we want to accomplish? We have only so many police officers, a certain size budget, so many cars, so many radios; where's the best return for our investment? And the public expects us to spend

TURN TO ANALYSTS ON A14

'Game On' tournament benefits injured troops

By Bianca Kaplanek

RANCHO SANTA FE — Operation Game On will hold its annual golf tournament Aug. 15 at Morgan Run Club & Resort to raise funds for its golf rehabilitation program for combat-injured troops.

Shotgun play begins at 11 a.m.; but participants can register, practice on the driving range and compete in a putting contest starting at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies will include the presenting of colors and a military appreciation at

10 a.m.

Pizza Port will serve pizza, smoked ribs, salmon, chicken and roasted pig on five tee boxes. United Airlines is sponsoring the beverage carts.

Dan Giordano of Bob Baker Toyota donated all par-3 events and a chance to win a Toyota.

The daylong event will end with cocktails, a dinner buffet sponsored by National University System, a silent auction and raffle, awards and guest speakers.

Soprano Barbara Tobler will sing the national anthem and former KFMB News anchor Graham Ledger will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening.

The cost is \$300 per player. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, including \$1,000 that will allow four active-duty military members to play.

Created in 2008 by Rancho Santa Fe resident Tony Perez, Operation Game On is a program available to soldiers returning from Operation

Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom who are severely physically and mentally injured and going through rehabilitation at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Participating troops receive 10 one-hour golf lessons from PGA-certified instructors followed by a professional fitting session by Jim Flick and the staff at The Kingdom at TaylorMade Golf.

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TURN TO GAME ON ON A15

Patrol chief gives 'snapshot' of activity

By Patty McCormac

RANCHO SANTA FE — Chief Matt Wellhouser, of the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol, gave a report of its activities to the directors of the Association at its Aug. 4 meeting.

“This is a snapshot of our activity for six months,” he said. “For the most part, there is not a lot of difference than the previous year.”

He said for the first six months of 2011, the patrol responded to 1,568 calls for assistance, reflecting a 2 percent decrease from the same period last year.

Of those calls, there were 295 alarm calls, an increase of 17 calls, compared to the first six months of 2010, he said.

“Alarms account for about 18.8 percent of the total calls handled,” he said. “Of the alarms handled, one was an actual burglary, the remainder being false.”

Wellhouser said there was an increase of one burglary from last year, recording 14 so far this year.

“We had one hot prowl burglary when someone came in when someone was home,” he said. “I think a dog scared the crook away. Dogs are a great burglar alarm system. They are pretty fool proof and you don't have to turn them off and on.”

That statement evoked a few chuckles from Wellhouser and the board since silencing barking dogs account for a few calls to the patrol.

“The types of burglaries are broken down to 13 residential and one vehicle,” he said. “Suspects used force to gain entry in 30 percent of the residential burglaries.”

He said construction sites continue to be popular places from which to steal, with thieves taking tools and materials.

Grand theft decreased from five to four and vandalism calls were up from zero to three.

“Vehicle accidents jumped up a little bit,” he said.

Total traffic collisions increased by 15 incidents; minor injury accidents decreased by two.

“The increase is attributable to the wetter than normal winter and spring,” he said. “When it rains here, people slide all over the road.”

The number of trespassing calls went from 12 last year at this time to 16 this year. Many of those were non-residents using the trails.

Wellhouser said his officers completed 14,883 security and vacation checks for residents.

He said that 17.5 percent of the calls for assistance were generated by his officers who observed something out of the ordinary led to activity by the patrol.

Rancho Santa Fe Patrol

TURN TO SNAPSHOT ON A15

Stars of tournament aren't always center court

By Tony Cagala

"The best ball person is one that goes unnoticed, if you're noticed we're in trouble," said Saundra Cima, ball persons coordinator.

Unless, that is, they're doing something extraordinarily difficult.

One of those moments happened at the Mercury Insurance Open tournament during a Monday night match on the stadium court of the La Costa Resort and Spa. Ball person Katia Brunson, 17, was huffing and puffing while keeping up with CoCo Vandeweghe, one of the tournament's players. Katia single-handedly performed to every one of Vandeweghe's requests, handing her a towel at a moment's notice, taking the towel from her and all the while receiving tennis balls and placing them on Vandeweghe's racquet just right.

"It was exciting; CoCo kept me on my toes. I liked having a lot of stuff to do, it was tiring, but it was fun. And I felt really relieved at the end," Katia said.

The ball persons range in age from 10 to 21 — 10 being the minimum age a ball person can be, per tournament regulations, explained Ron Marquez, ball persons coordinator and tennis coach at Cathedral Catholic High School. He too was a former ball person.

"When they're on court, it's strictly business...they've



MULTI-TASKER Katia Brunson, 17, left, in her third year as a ball person for the Mercury Insurance Open at the LA Costa Resort and Spa, helps, among other things, to control the pace of the matches. Photo courtesy of Margery Squier

got to make sure the balls are picked up and the match runs smoothly, because they kind of do control the pace of the match," Marquez said.

Ball persons are contacted months before the actual tournament is slated to begin. Marquez said they always contact the kids who have

been ball persons with the tournament before first to see who wants to come back, and then they hold tryouts for new ball persons.

This year 111 ball persons were selected.

Tryouts include drills where speed, coordination and how still they are while on the court are monitored. "Basically what we're looking for is somebody that's not going to be a distraction on the court," Marquez said.

Marquez said that their ball kids have a good reputation with the WTA and the tournament's umpires.

"The unique thing about our kids, they all just love tennis — that's the key thing about all of them," Marquez said. It's a fun week, it's like camp; they get to see some of the best female pros in the world."

Some of the former ball kids have even come back as players to compete in the qualifying round of the tournament, including Rancho Santa Fe resident Gaby DeSimone.

"Our goal with them is that they have a really good time, but more than anything else, they learn how to be young adults and how to have good work ethics," she said.

"And we get the kids coming back and they'll say to us 'this was the best summer experience I've ever had,'" Cima added.

Annie Squier, 21, started as a ball person when she was 10. She's now a team manager

TURN TO **TOURNAMENT** ON A15

Thieves are targeting unlikely sources for the value of materials

By Patty McCormac

RANCHO SANTA FE — Rancho Santa Fe Patrol units have been alerted to thefts in the area since residents began reporting the thefts of back flow preventer valves, including two that were reported stolen on July 19.

The back flow preventers serve as a safety check valve, said Matt Wellhouser, chief of the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol.

He said they are being stolen for the value of the materials they are made from.

Damian Garcia, an

inspector with the Rancho Santa Fe Irrigation District, said the devices are made of brass, are connected to the system with copper and weigh between five and 10 pounds, depending on the size of pipes to which they are connected.

Metal recyclers pay near-

ly \$4 per pound for copper, and \$2.20 per pound for brass.

"What happens is people come home and find out they don't have water. They call the water district thinking it's a water distribution problem," Garcia said.

When they learn their device has been stolen, they have to go to the expense of getting it replaced. He said it can cost about \$200 for the device itself and then there's the cost of a plumber to install it.

"It can reach \$500 pretty quickly, plus not having water in your house," he said.

Wellhouser said these types of thefts are happening all over the country, not just in Rancho Santa Fe.

"They've stolen statuary, copper wire for telephone lines, copper pipes out of air conditioners," he said. Construction sites are also a popular place from which to steal these metals.

He said because of the rise in these kinds of thefts, the state has stepped in and now requires metal recyclers to get the person's informa-

tion and wait for payment until the transaction has been run by local law enforcement.

"No surprise. There are metal dealers who don't go through the proper channels to make sure they are not selling stolen metals," Wellhouser said.

He said thieves will go to great lengths to steal these types of metals.

A few years back in Rancho Santa Fe, there was a couple who was caught in mid-cut trying to bring down a flag pole for the brass eagle ornament on the top.

As it turned out the eagle was plastic.

Wellhouser said there are ways to protect your back-flow device, like enclosing it in a metal cage that can be locked.

And residents should keep their eyes open for suspicious people or cars loitering in the middle of the night. "They like the more rural areas because they can go undetected," he said.

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AUG. 12

MOVIE SCREENING See the 8 p.m. Aug. 12 screening of "It's Why We're Here," along with a book-signing and luminary event at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living in Encinitas followed by a post-screening panel discussion with many of the film's teachers and creators. Tickets are \$75 to \$125. For information, visit seasidecenter.org or call (760) 753-5786, ext. *851

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PRINCESS TIME Register now for the Encinitas Community Center Fairy Princess Dance Camp from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 22 through Aug. 26 for princesses ages 3 to 6. Participants will participate in a daily ballet and creative movement class, followed by snack and dress-up play time. Camp culminates with a performance dance party and award ceremony. Call (760) 943-2260 or visit Encinitasrecreg.com to register for Course No. 16103.

AUG. 13

NIGHT JAZZ St. Tropez Bakery & Bistro in Encinitas will continue to sponsor open-air, live entertainment, featuring jazz saxman Keith Jacobson from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday nights through September in The Lumberyard 947 S. Coast Highway 101.

STORY TIME Chef and storyteller Miss Mary will share the story of the Little Red Hen while she teaches children to measure, mix, knead and bake bread from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 13 at Alta Vista Gardens, 1270 Vale Terrace Drive. Fee per session per child is \$5 (cash or check made out to Alta Vista Gardens).

PURE DIAMOND Enjoy a free concert with Diamond is Forever, a Neil Diamond tribute band at Hollandia Park, 12 Mission Hills Court at 6 p.m. Aug. 13. Pre-show activities start at 5 p.m. Beach chairs or blankets are recommended for lawn seating. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. For further information, call (760) 744-9000 or visit san-marcos.net.

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The Wall Street Journal ranked Catherine and Jason #26 in the United States in the "Top 100 Teams by Sales Volume" in 2009.

Catherine and Jason ranked #1 in Rancho Santa Fe in 2009, as they have in previous years, based on the Journal's rankings of the "Top 100 Teams".

Note: The Journal's rankings for 2010 will be published later this year.

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The short end of the stick: What did we learn from Cummins vs. Encinitas?

Leaders like John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were fed up with an aristocratic government that ignored them. When their calls for participatory government fell on deaf ears, they took action. As my dad would say, "they were tired of getting the short end of the stick."

A similar struggle for participatory government is happening in Encinitas. Residents claim city staff and elected officials suppress information and limit community participation. While it would be easy to dismiss their concerns as exaggerations, the facts show that there is merit to their claims. Consider the lawsuit the city lost in failing to release a road report.

In February 2009, the city paid the Nichols Consulting Firm about \$96,000 dollars to produce a road report. Nichols delivered their completed report to the city in March 2010. When residents asked to see the report they were denied access and city staff and council members began calling the completed Nichols report a "draft."

Encinitas resident Kevin Cummins wanted to see the Nichols



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report so he filed a lawsuit. Rather than release the report, the council paid city attorney Glen Sabine over \$23,000 to argue against the citizens. Does this make sense to you?

The city lost the lawsuit and a judge ordered the Nichols report released.

It was reported in the July 20 North County Times article, "Council will review policies following lawsuit decision," that Deputy Mayor Stocks said future requests for drafts, studies or reports will be made on a case-by-case basis saying staff members would have to weigh the benefits versus the harmful effects of releasing the information.

What is harmful to the public is a city council that won't release reports. What needs to be reviewed is why Mr. Stocks plans to rely on

the recommendations of unelected city staff while ignoring the recommendations of citizens he is supposed to represent.

So what have we learned from Cummins vs. Encinitas?

We learned that the city will complete reports drafts if it benefits them and not the public. In the future, completed reports should be made available to the public by linking the documents on the city's website.

We learned also that the council majority will waste taxpayer money to keep the public from reviewing reports we pay for.

Voters don't vote for city staff — they vote for city council. City Hall belongs to citizens — not city employees. Encinitas needs to elect leaders who demand open government, not followers who hide behind city staff. What is the point in electing candidates who would work against the public's right to know?

Citizens in Encinitas say their calls for open government are falling on deaf ears. They are beginning to take action. It seems like they are tired of getting the short end of the stick.

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Now is the time to have a diversified portfolio

By Bob Fagan

As I write this, the U.S. Congress and the President are "negotiating" a solution to our current economic crisis. Never in my recollection has the economic fate of our nation come down to last minute political posturing with such potentially disastrous consequences.

As you read this, fortunately our "representatives" in Washington came together and developed and agreed on a compromise plan.

I am no expert. I don't know the solution. I'm not sure that anyone can say for certain that they know the solution, for only history will tell us if what is tried worked or didn't.

I do know this: the stock markets of the world, already volatile and having major swings on global economic news, are watching closely as the U.S., the "bastion of economic stability," teeters on the unknown.

It is now perhaps more important than ever before to have a well-diversified portfolio. Many people are heavily invested in the stock and/or bond market and should be prepared for a possible downturn.

It is important to have diversification across multiple asset classes with minimal risk correlation. In a perfect world, if a person could have their money invested in 10 asset classes that were totally independent

and did not correlate to one another, they would have lower overall risk.

Each investment would have risk, but since the risks are different and not overlapping, a disaster in one area would not necessarily affect the performance of another.

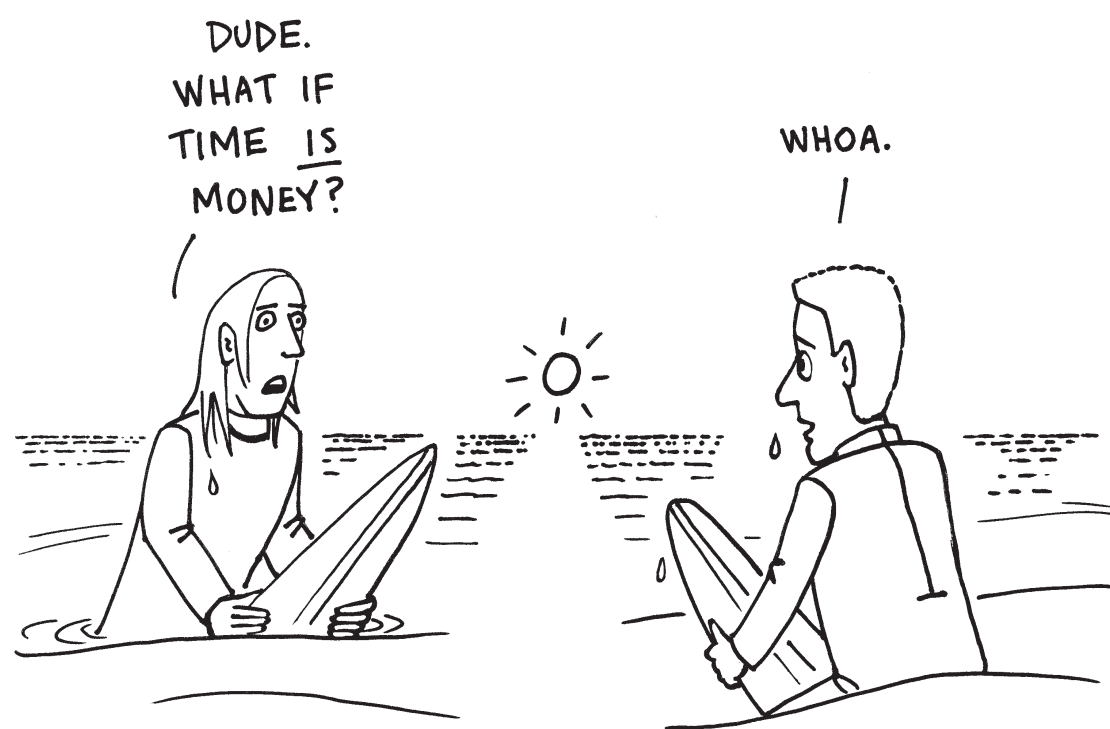
I am not certain if there is true non-correlation, but I do know that there are places you can invest your money that are minimally affected by the economic events that would affect another.

My goal as a financial advisor is to distribute my clients' portfolio into as many different asset classes as makes sense for that individual, thus reducing overall portfolio risk.

For those who believe they are preserving their capital by being in "risk free CD's" they need to understand that if they are not growing their money by at least the rate of inflation, they are losing their purchasing power. Traditionally bank interest rates lag inflation.

None of us can predict the future. We can only do the best we can to prepare for whatever may occur.

Bob Fagan has 42 years of financial services experience. He is a financial advisor and alternative investment specialist for Fagan Financial Group, based in Encinitas.



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When push comes to shove, Obama folds

By Gene Lyons

The mystery has always been why any Democrat would have wanted to follow the catastrophic presidency of George W. Bush. To understand why, it's necessary to revisit ancient history, specifically 2001. Given today's TV-and Internet-shortened time horizon, that's almost like invoking the Napoleonic Wars, but bear with me.

Thanks partly to his skill at "triangulation" — seeking middle ground between left and right — President Clinton left a legacy of prosperity and balanced budgets. Republicans impeached him anyway.

Yeah, yeah, I know. Clinton's spectacular folly gave GOP hardliners the excuse they'd spent his entire presidency looking for. That's not the point. To the Limbaugh-led, Confederate-accented Republican right, all Democrats are illegitimate. President Barack Obama often acts as if he doesn't understand that.

Anyway, let's stick to what's relevant today: taxes, spending and the U.S. economy. According to Congressional Budget Office projections, had the nation maintained the

fiscal course the Clinton administration laid out, the national debt everybody rants about would have been retired by 2009.

See, that's the real cost of George W. Bush's magical thinking. By any rational accounting, Bush and the GOP Congress that gave him everything he wanted from 2001 to 2007 should be held responsible for the entire \$10.6 trillion national debt — along with the \$1.3 trillion yearly deficit they handed to Obama, as well as the Wall Street crisis and bank bailouts. It's that simple: With no Bush income tax cuts, no unfunded Medicare drug benefit, and no off-budget Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the U.S. balance sheet would have been in fine shape for his successor. Then government investment needed to rescue the economy from the doldrums wouldn't have seemed so alarming.

See, that's how Keynesian macroeconomics is supposed to work. Pay down the debt in good times, spend on job creation and tax

TURN TO OBAMA ON A15

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Association director resigns his position

By **Patty McCormac**

RANCHO SANTA FE — Citing business reasons, Rancho Santa Fe Association Director Jack Dorsee has resigned, leaving an opening on the board of directors.

He said board business was taking longer than he expected and that he needed to concentrate more on his own business. He was elected to the board in 2010.

The Association will consider Dorsee's replacement at its Sept. 15 meeting, said Peter Smith, the Association's manager.

Also at the Aug. 4 meeting, Shannon Mountain and Chaco Clotfelter received special recognition from the board for their work on the July 4 parade and picnic and making it such a success.

"There was no heat stroke or casualties," Clotfelter said. "If there is no one hurt or injured at the end of the day, it is a success. Shannon was a tremendous help tying up some of the loose ends."

Also receiving kudos was the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol.

"It took about 23 of us that day," said Matt Wellhouser, patrol chief. "It took quite a bit because we wanted to make sure the road was safe for the parade."

Association President Jack Queen thanked the three for "taking the helm" of the event.

"For all its organized, disorganization, it is a joyous event," Queen said.

"It truly is a community event," Smith said.

Also speaking at the meeting was Lee Timmons of Timmons Galleries, which opened recently in the village.

She wanted the board to be aware that her gallery is sponsoring Thursday Evenings in the Village, which will be dedicated to fine art, live music and wine tasting.

The events will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Sept. 1, with different musical artists appearing each week.

"There is a lot of parking after 5 p.m.," she said.

She said she has hosted the event for four weeks

TURN TO **DIRECTOR** ON **A14**

Tournament a big draw despite lack of deep American presence

By **Tony Cagala**

With the professional tennis circuit having taken center court at La Costa Resort and Spa for the Mercury Insurance Open, much has been made of late on the lack of a strong U.S. presence in women's tennis.

Nine American players were featured at the tournament, including Rancho Santa Fe resident and hometown favorite CoCo Vandeweghe. Three of the American players were eliminated in the first round, two in the second round and three in the third round. The only American still in the field in the fourth round was Sloane Stephens who ended up retiring her match to

Bosnian Andrea Petkovic in the second set. "Tennis is an international sport," said Tournament Director Raquel Giscafne. "People in the USA are used to seeing many nationalities: Navratilova, Sharapova, Clijsters, Ivanovic and so on."

It was Germany's Sabine Lisicki who efficiently dispatched CoCo Vandeweghe 6-4, 6-3, in a third-round match that saw Lisicki serving hard and fast, and despite the fact that she admitted she wasn't playing her best tennis.

"It's never easy to play a hometown girl," she said, but stressed that this wasn't her first year on tour, nor was it the first time she had faced Vandeweghe — Lisicki had beaten her in their two previous matches, the first in 2008 in Miami and the second at the 2010 U.S. Open.

"The story of the match is I didn't get any rallies going," Vandeweghe said. Serves for both players remained strong but Lisicki said she was able to read Vandeweghe's serve pretty well during throughout the match — a byproduct of her experience playing against Vandeweghe.

"Both of us like to hit it big," Vandeweghe said. "She was kind of trouncing my second serve...but when I hit the returns back, the rallies didn't last very long. I wish I could've maybe moved my positioning around on the return or something to give myself a better opportunity to go for the points a lot more."

For sure, the match was a disappointment, Vandeweghe said. "I wanted to make it to quarters again; I like playing here, I like playing on these courts. I like playing...at home or at least my home country."

Vandeweghe said she'll continue to work on second serves and try harder to impose her game upon her opponents.

Attendance for the run of the tournament reached 30,025. "The fact Americans are not in the top 10 does not impact tickets sales," Giscafne said. "It will be great to have the next

Capriati or the new Venus and Serena. It all happens in cycles, we will get there again. The USTA is investing lots of resources to get the new stars of U.S. tennis and they will be here in a blink."

The tournament did see some young American talent in 17-year-old Escondido resident Zoe Scandalis, who received a wild card invitation to the MIO after winning an opportunity tournament in Laguna Niguel. She was beaten by fellow American Christina McHale in the first round of the main draw.

Rancho Santa Fe resident Gaby DeSimone also competed in the tournament's wild card qualifying draw, losing in the first round to Japan's Rika Fujiwara.



MATCH POINT Rancho Santa Fe resident and professional tennis player CoCo Vandeweghe makes it to the third round of the Mercury Insurance Open in Carlsbad before being eliminated by Sabine Lisicki. Photo by Tony Cagala

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'Friends' benefits help restore lifeguard station

By Bianca Kaplanek

Friends of the Powerhouse held what could be its final fundraiser for the city's new beach safety center and lifeguard station Aug. 3 at En Fuego Cantina & Grill.

Billed as a Midsummer Night of Fun and Frivolity, the sold-out event featured a buffet dinner, live and silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle. There were 150 \$50 tickets available.

Friends of the Powerhouse partnered with the city to replace the antiquated, degrading lifeguard station that was built in 1964.

The existing building has a cramped area that doubles as an administrative meeting room and a first aid station, a shower and locker room used by men and women and a restroom that is not compliant with federal disability laws.

Construction is expected to begin this fall on a 2,644-square-foot facility that will feature a 753-square-foot lifeguard space, administrative offices, new restrooms and a garage area.

Total project cost is estimated to be between \$2.7 million and \$3 million. Friends of the Powerhouse held a variety of annual fundraisers for the new facility.

In January, Friends of the Powerhouse presented the city with a \$160,000 check for the project that included \$35,000 raised last year at the En Fuego event. Overall the group has raised more than

\$500,000.

Funding for the 17th Street beach safety center got a major boost from last year's \$4.4 million sale of a city-owned lot on Balboa Avenue. Most of that money was used to retire the debt on the Shores property the city purchased in 2008. But about \$500,000 was earmarked after the sale for the new lifeguard tower.

The organization also offers Power-to-the-Tower bricks and accepts cash donations. Visit friendsofthepowerhouse.org for more information.

The Del Mar Foundation recently announced it would match dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,000, every donation made by the community. Email contributions@delmarfoundation.org for more information.



FOR THE TOWER Attendees include, from left, City Councilwoman Lee Haydu, Community Services Director Pat Vergne, County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, Kathy Finnell and interim City Manager Mark Ochenduszko. Photos by Bianca Kaplanek



ALL SMILES City Councilwoman Lee Haydu, right, shares a laugh with Friends of the Powerhouse board member Susan Halenza.



THE GUARD GANG Selling 50/50 raffle tickets are Del Mar lifeguards, from left, Terry Tinley, Hunter Henson, Chelsea Buser, Steffi Bryson and Johnny Seiber.

Who's NEWS?

Business news and special achievements for North San Diego County. Send information via e-mail to community@coastnewsgroup.com.

Going to the dogs

RANCHO SANTA FE — After nearly four years here with Legoland California, Beth Chee will join the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Rancho Santa Fe as public relations manager, as of Aug. 10. Contact her at bethc@animalcenter.org or (858) 756-4117, ext. 335.

Military scholarship

OCEANSIDE — Brooke Babcock of Oceanside was the recipient of a Salute to Spouses Scholarship, a scholarship that Bryant & Stratton College Online offers spouses of active duty military personnel as an opportunity to advance their education and become more competitive in today's job market.

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ENCINITAS — The deepFLING jewelry store has acquired Vintage KumKum jewelry and will host a special KumKum event at 9 a.m. for loyal customers on its mailing list, and 10 a.m. for general public on Aug. 13, 466 N. Coast Highway 101. The items can be also purchased through the website at deepfling.com.

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Still time to tone

ENCINITAS — The Encinitas Fitness Bikini Blast Boot Camp runs through Aug. 31 at the Moonlight Beach Snack Bar and at Encinitas Fitness, 345 S. Coast Highway 101, Suite K. E-mail to info@encinitasfitness.com for information.

Crush offers Italian

SOLANA BEACH — Featuring Italian cuisine, Crush Restaurant & Wine Lounge at 437 S. Coast Highway 101, held its grand opening Aug. 9 with specialty wine pairings and live entertainment.

Crush has Happy Hour daily from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., dinner nightly 4:30 to 10 p.m., and Late Night Happy Hour Wednesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight.

For more information visit solanabeachcrush.com

TURN TO **WHO'S NEWS** ON A13

Vista man selected to lead grand jury

By Shelli DeRobertis

Each summer, 19 people that reside in the county are randomly selected from applications to serve on the San Diego County Grand Jury, and this year Vista resident Jim Lewis, 67, was chosen to lead the grand jury.

"I'm thankful to have this opportunity to go through

this for the next year," Lewis said.

He said he applied last year to become a grand juror after a friend, who had served previously, told him she thought he might be interested.

He was selected out of a total of 86 applicants this year, according to officials.

Lewis served on the Salt Lake City, Utah police department for 10 years, then worked for the Utah Crime Bureau for a couple of years before moving his family to Southern California, he said.

He worked in a management position with the United Parcel Service before retiring.

Lewis said that the mission of the grand jury is to represent the citizens of San Diego by investigating the actions of local government and special districts, but it

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Gadgets for making life on the road easier

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Hit the Road

I'm always on the lookout for gadgets that make traveling easier for gadabouts. Here are some I've discovered:

I'm not one to say the sky is falling when it comes to bedbug infestations, but if the idea of carrying home tiny, six-legged hitchhikers that suck blood doesn't appeal to you, there's a possible solution. As soon as you arrive at your hotel, entomb your suitcase in a BugZip, a heavy plastic, zippered cover that you'll open only to retrieve your items. When it's time to leave for home, unzip your suitcase and leave the BugZip cover for disposal. Several sizes are available, including drawer liners. \$14.99 to \$24.99. Visit bugzip.com.

Speaking of things that go zip...How did travelers ever get along without plastic bags? They've become a travel staple, and now there's a new version of this convenience. Called EcoZip, these plastic bags have a three-zipper system. This allows travelers to carry two items separately in one plastic bag — like two foods you want to keep separate until consumption. You can also use the middle zipper to make a larger bag. The women who invented them wanted to decrease their plastic consumption, though not going totally without. There is a convenient quart-size EcoZip that meets TSA requirements for your 3-ounce bottles. Also handy for the items you need when traveling with children. The bags come in three sizes: snack/sandwich; quart; and gallon. \$3.99/box or three for \$9.99. Visit ecozip-bags.com.

Want to know all the facts about California's parks and beaches and take the information with you? There's an app for that. It's called CalParks. The free app is available for iPhone and Android users. It provides the histories of the state's parks, and lets hikers navigate trails using detailed maps that include points of interest, photos and audio.



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BABY B'AIR The Baby B'Air harness allows adults to safely share their airplane seatbelt with infants and toddlers. *Courtesy photo*

The design of the app was in collaboration with EveryTrail, a website and app that allows travelers to plan trips based on others' experiences. Download CalParks at the App Store or find it on iTunes. Visit EveryTrail.com.

Going "bye-bye" with baby? Every traveling parent knows what a challenge it is to fly with infants toddlers.

You can buy a separate ticket and lug the car seat, or baby can fly for free if you are willing to hold him/her the entire time. Most parents do this, but there is always a concern for safety since there are no seatbelts for babies. What if you hit that dreaded air pocket? Baby B'Air is the answer. This in-flight safety vest allows parents to seat their babies and toddlers on

their laps during the flight and be safely secured. The FAA-approved harness attaches easily to the adult via the seat belt, and it comes in two sizes. \$34.95. Visit babybair.com.

The words "children" and "challenge" seem to go together when it comes to traveling (see previous item). When the kids are a bit older, though, and the flights or road trips are long, the name of the game is distraction. Enter Wikki Stix Travel Kits, an updated, jazzier version of pipe cleaners made of non-toxic wax and acrylic yarn sticks that can be twisted into any shape.

Made in the U.S. of A., these brightly colored play sticks contain no lead, latex, peanut or nut oils. They stick to any surface but come off easily, and best of all, leave no mess.

The makers promise they'll keep a kid occupied for miles, and that even adults may be tempted to create a dinosaur, flower or spaceship. Some parents say they are ideal for kids with special needs. Wikki Stix comes in kits of all sizes and for all seasons. \$3 to \$95. Visit wikkistix.com.

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ODD FILES

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Unclear on the Concept

• Georges Marciano, co-founder of the clothing company Guess? Inc. and ostensibly in no trouble with IRS, nonetheless demanded in 2009 that the agency audit him over the previous several years. IRS turned him down, and he sued the agency in federal court in Washington, D.C., but in July, a judge rejected the case, declaring that federal law and the U.S. Constitution do

not give anyone a "right" to demand that IRS collect more taxes from them. (Marciano perhaps hoped for IRS to uncover cheating by his former employees and accountants, whom he thought were stealing from him. Paying higher taxes might have been worth it if the agency had made it easier for him to sue any cheaters.)

• A Singaporean army draftee caused a public stir in March when he was photographed by a visitor as he underwent physical training in army fatigues but with his

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Can you believe that schools starts in Rancho Santa Fe in less than two weeks? As I watch each store pile up more school supplies in their front aisles, it's apparent the summer sand crystals are washing away with the tide of the season. Most commercials you see on television are bombarding you with last minute school specials. We're almost not allowed to enjoy the last two weeks because we are being constantly reminded that the school calendar is already upon us.

Then let's go back to school! Let the line-ups at Ranch schools begin. Watch out you late sleepers. You're in for a shocker. If you are running a couple of minutes behind schedule, yes your child will be marked late. Why? Because in the last week of August, the Ranch will be clogged with families and teachers vying for the best parking spot, dashing for last minute lunch items at Stumps Market, and the quick coffee grab at Café Positano on Paseo Delicias.

I'm sure the line will be around the corner. Are you ready for the rush? If not, that's OK. You'll find your groove. The early morning commute will find that familiar routine, as the scattered fall trees in the Ranch begin to drop their leaves.

On that note, what better way to begin the "Back to School Madness" than to remember a few of the summer events in 2011? Here are some some of the few exciting social gatherings that happened "Around Town," while the kids were at the beach.

Around Town

In June, Deana Carter of Carter Financial hosted Ladies Night Out. If you were lucky enough to be in on one of Rancho Santa Fe's most familiar faces guest list, than you enjoyed an evening of pampering. According to my sources, the luxurious night included make-up artists, jewelry, samples of exotic olive oils, delectable chocolates, wine and fun networking.

One of the highlights of the party that evening was an introduction to Fresh Start



NAVY SEALS Rancho Santa Fe Rotary look joyous on their trip to visit the Navy SEALs. *Courtesy photo*



LOVELY LADIES A celebration at Mille Fleurs after Opening Day at the Del Mar races. *Courtesy photo*

Surgical Program. Fresh Start Surgical program is a charity that helps raise money for children born with deformities, or have been disfigured by child abuse, accidents or disease. The money raised by Fresh Start goes directly to reconstructive plastic surgery for these children. For more information, check out their website at freshstart.org. Thank you Deana for sharing photos from your fabulous event this summer. I'm sure we will see more of Deana this fall, too.

In July, The Del Mar Race track opened to the crowd, the hats and to the women and men wearing them in high style. While those lucky enough that made it to Opening Day squeezed into the Turf Club and other sections at the track, the rest of North County happened to BE stalled in their cars and staring at the bumpers on the 5 freeway. And yes, I do have one more photo to share (some events are so big you can never give them enough coverage) from one of the

most anticipated days in San Diego.

These lovely women featured were seen looking fabulous at the Mille Fleurs after party. Who said you had to live in Hollywood to find beautiful women?

Later in that month, a separate party did occur at the Turf Club, too, by one of Rancho Santa Fe's well known residents, Elaine Gallagher. Elaine celebrated her birthday with family and friends in a private box all to themselves, while watching and betting on the ponies. I must share with you that Elaine ranks up as one of the prettiest blondes in Rancho Santa Fe, along with the Holcombe sisters.

But more importantly she is a genuinely sweet person, and I count myself lucky to know Elaine. Here are two photos from that party bash. If you are looking to buy real estate in this area, check out listings here: gallagher-gallagher.com.

Rounding out July's calendar happens to be The



BEVY OF BEAUTIES Elaine with her girlfriends pose for this fun photo at the Turf Club on July 29. *Courtesy photo*

Ranch's very own Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club. Besides tracking through the Grand Canyon earlier in the summer, this dynamic group hung out with some Navy SEALs! Wow, now check out this photo sent to me from



CALORIE BUSTER Try chocolate covered strawberries with one cupcake in the center for a party instead of a high calorie sugary birthday cake. *Photo by Machel Penn Shull*

Rancho Santa Fe's very own patrol chief, Matt Wellhouser.

In August, Lemon Twist fruit stand promoted their infamous chocolate covered strawberries by offering a free berry giveaway to customers that spend just \$10 on their shopping spree there. And, did you know that eating high calorie desserts is totally out and eating healthy fresh sweets is the current trend?

Well, at Lemon Twist it surely is. And, if you happen to be in involved in the "World of Dating," you better be watching your mid-section, too. Here is an example of what one Ranch resident opted for her birthday cake celebration with friends: one cupcake for the candles and handy light delectable dipped berries for all of the guests. Let just say the strawberries went fast, and no one had a sugar crash under the hot sun.

If you are wondering, the chocolate is imported from Europe in three flavors; white, milk and my favorite, the dark chocolate. Heavy in antioxidants and low on the

glycemic index, check out lemontwistfruitstand.com to place an order, or just swing by Lemon Twist, located in Rancho Santa Fe across from Cielo and The Crosby on Del Dios Highway. You might even catch me there helping out my husband sometimes on the weekends!

With school starting at the end of August, I have some exciting news! For you Ranch moms out there looking for a nanny this school season, I have found a recommendation. A former employee of Mille Fleurs, Nina Hunt sent some exciting news to me regarding her good friend that she met in Germany, Liza Jehle, who is a nanny-for-hire.

Yes, that's right. Now I know I have your attention. Liza has experience in Germany and the United States as a full time live-in nanny, caring for children between the ages of 6 to 11-years-old. Liza also attended UCLA for one semester. She is fluent in German and English. If you are looking for some much needed help, you can e-mail Liza at lizajehle@gmail.com.

She also has a list of referrals and references upon request for any family seeking her for employment. I have featured a photo of Liza here. Thanks Nina for putting me in touch with Liza and supplying me with some much needed excellent information for someone needing help.

If you have a fun event you would like Machel Penn to cover, contact her at mpenn@coastnewsgroup.com.



NANNY FOR HIRE Liza Jehle, a college student from Germany, is available for hire as a nanny in Rancho Santa Fe. *Courtesy photo*



FRESH START Director of Major Gifts for Fresh Start Surgical Michell Pius, left, with Dina Grant. *Courtesy photo*



CELEBRATING Elaine Gallagher, third from left, and husband Michael, center, celebrate with close friends. *Courtesy photo*



LADIES NIGHT From left, Michell Park, Joy Paeske, Deana Ingalls, Hali Henderson at Deana Carter's of Carter Financial. The encore Ladies Night Out event was complete with make-up artists, a chocolatier, jewelry, exotic olive oils and sea salt and of course yummy food, wine and networking. *Courtesy photo*

WHO'S NEWS
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or call (858) 481-2787.

Pillow protection

OCEANSIDE — North County resident and Oceanside Chamber of Commerce member, Pamela Hayes, owner and manager of Paradise by the Sea vacation rentals in Oceanside, announced the launch of her new business, Pamela's Pillow Protectors.

Pamela's Pillow Protectors are 20 percent cotton and 80 percent polyester for durability.

For more information, visit pamelaspillowprotectors.com.

Smith joins Rosen

CARLSBAD — La Costa Family Dental welcomes Kevin C. Smith to the Carlsbad area. Smith will be joining Elliott Rosen at La Costa Family Dental, a family dental practice in La Costa Resort for 25 years. Smith is relocating to the area with his wife, Leanne, and their two young sons from the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

For cleaner beaches

ENCINITAS — Pro Surfer Jesse Heilman has begun his "1man, 1month, 1 mile" project, raising awareness and inspiring action for the ongoing trash problem on our beaches.

For the month of August, Heilman will be cleaning up beaches in Encinitas. He aims to collect enough trash to fill 10, 30-gallon trash barrels.

New faces at firm

CARLSBAD — Carlsbad resident Alan Scott and Douglas Wilson have rejoined Douglas Wilson Companies, a real estate services firm, to execute sales within both a judicial and traditional context.



ALAN SCOTT

The company is headquartered in downtown San Diego.

For further information, call (619) 641-1141 or visit douglaswilson.com.

Gandolfo on board

CARLSBAD — Union Bank announced that Richard Gandolfo has joined the La Costa Priority Banking unit, 6988 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, as the priority banking relationship manager, responsible for providing individual consultation and offering a suite of specialized financial services to affluent individuals, families and small business owners.

Gandolfo joins Union Bank after serving 19 years with Wells Fargo Bank. Visit unionbank.com for more information.

Promoting best talent

CARLSBAD — Pacific Ridge School promoted Jennifer Bjornstad to dean of faculty.

Bjornstad, a founding faculty member and mathematics teacher, has served as the school's ninth- and 10th-grade academic dean.

As dean of faculty, Bjornstad will oversee school-wide academics, and professional development and growth of faculty.

The promotion of Bjornstad follows the April promotion of Bob Ogle, former assistant head of school, to co-head the school with Eileen Mullady. For more information, visit paciftridge.org.

Student star

COAST CITIES — Bianca Marie Bassell, a senior from La Costa, is on the spring 2011 honor roll in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas.

She is the daughter of Edith Bassell from La Costa and GM Bassell.

Dean's list

CARLSBAD — Margaret Nelson, of Carlsbad, was named to the Spring 2011 Dean's List at the Minnesota College of St. Scholastica.

Nickel saved

COAST CITIES — Solana Center for Environmental Innovation, has been selected as a recipient of Jimbo's Naturally stores' Wooden Nickel Program.

Bring reusable bags donate your nickel to the Solana Center.

MORE ODD FILES

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maid following behind him carrying his backpack on her shoulders. (Army officials told reporters the draftee had since been "counsel(ed).")

• **Helping Disaster Victims:** (1) In May, following near-record floods in fields south of Montreal, Quebec, farmer Martin Reid made sure to apply for his fishing license because he had learned the hard way that when his land gets flooded, he can-

not remove the fish washed onto it unless he is a licensed fisherman. After flooding in 1993, Reid and his father failed to secure a license and were fined \$1,000. A second offense brings a fine of \$100,000. (2) Two weeks after the catastrophic April tornadoes hit Alabama and neighboring states, Bailey Brothers Music Co. of Birmingham offered to help. To soothe those suffering depression and grief from devastating property losses, Bailey Brothers sponsored weekly drum circles.

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their money wisely.”

Instead of receiving a call and hoping to get there in time, they are using a lot of the data information to do directed patrols where law agencies will target certain bars, events or concerts.

Flores said that some of the most prevalent crimes occurring in Encinitas are the crimes of opportunity, such as thefts from vehicles, where victims leave their vehicles unsecured, or leave property in sight. Property crimes along the coast are another issue that the Encinitas department deals with.

“Suspects target beachgoer’s vehicles during the day-time since there is a long window of opportunity to commit the crime. Suspects count on there being no witnesses or surveillance, making it an easy offense.”

“Thefts from vehicles are a preventable crime with the community’s help,” she said. “It is important to always secure your vehicle, and take valuables with you. Even an empty backpack or bag is bait to a thief.”

Flores and the Sheriff’s Department have a very integrated and respected relationship.

“The San Diego Sheriff’s Department Crime Analysts

join criminology theory with criminal justice practice to analyze crime and disorder in support of prevention, intervention and suppression strategies,” said Capt. Sherri Sarro of the Encinitas substation. “Crime Analysts assigned to our contract city stations focus on the tactical analysis of crime trends and patterns, as well as known offenders in their community. This information is provided to the Sheriff’s Station Commander so that I may set priorities and direction to the deputies within my Command.”

Sarro said that because of the technology and their ability to view crime trends

and patterns and keep track of known offenders in the region has made dramatic changes in how law enforcement conducts business every day.

The Sheriff’s Department provides access to maps detailing crime in any of their contracted cities to the public. The maps may be found at

crimemapping.com.

“Crimemapping.com is useful for the public to be aware of criminal activity in their community. It gives citizens the knowledge in order to be proactive in crime prevention,” Flores said.

“The public can assist the crime analysis unit by getting involved in their Neighborhood Watch

Program, and being proactive in crime prevention. By being involved in the community, and being aware of crime within, it creates a stronger alliance against criminals. Also, if suspicious activity or a crime is witnessed, be a good observer. Gather as much information to report to law enforcement so the crime will be solved.”

GRAND JURY

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also includes reporting on the good things.

“Most people think we’re only looking for bad things that go on, but that’s not true,” Lewis said.

Last year, for example, the law and justice committee found the county’s detention facilities to have good food, good health care and clean facilities, he said.

The San Diego County Grand Jury is not part of trial juries. They are regular citizens who have the power to investigate public agencies such as health and human services and environmental public works, and make sure they are serving honest and fair.

They do not handle criminal activity, but civil issues.

“They are kind of referred to as the watch dog of the community,” said Laura Nicks, San Diego County Grand Jury coordinator. “They look into local government entities to be sure they are running properly.”

Nicks said it’s essentially a full-time commitment for a year, and the jurors are paid a daily stipend of \$25 and mileage to and from the courthouse.

She said that anyone who meets the criteria could apply each mid-November to become a grand juror, and judges then interview applicants.

The names of potential grand jurors are placed in five hoppers — one for each of the county’s supervisory districts — and jurors are selected by lottery.

The Superior Court’s presiding judge selects the

foreman of the jury. The grand jurors officially began service July 11.

During a grand jury investigation, if an agency is found to be out of compliance with something, a report is generated by the grand jury and that entity is required to respond within 90 days.

That entity has to indicate whether or not they agree with the recommendation, Nicks said.

Anyone can send in a complaint to the grand jury at any time, Lewis said. The grand jury will review it and check it for merit and see if the complainant should seek legal advice instead.

If it’s a grand jury-suitable issue, then a private investigation begins.

To read public reports, to file a complaint or for more information, go to sdcounty.ca.gov/grandjury/.

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PAVILION, 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos. Speakers are Jack Doxey, a Korean War draftee, and David Gapp, a retired lieutenant colonel fighter pilot. For details, call (760) 744-9233.

AUG. 14

ART, MUSIC AND MORE

The 13th annual Art in the Village, Artist and Artisans fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 14 on State Street and Grand Avenue in the Village of Carlsbad. For more information, call (760) 434-2553.

AUG. 15

PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), a support and information group, will meet on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the choir room of First Presbyterian Church, 2001 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Call Larry Gerling at (760) 224-2178.

AUG. 16

ASIAN GARDENING Bonsai and Beyond Club meets in the Ecke Building at the San Diego Botanical Garden every third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The club’s activities include Tray Landscapes, Bonsai, Hon Non Bo, Viewing Stones (Ishi Atama), and other related Asian art.

AUG. 17

‘HAIRSPRAY’

The musical “Hairspray,” will be at the Moonlight Amphitheatre, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista, Aug. 17 through Sept. 3. Tickets are \$22 and \$50. For ticket information, call (760) 724-2110 or visit moonlightstage.com. Pre-show dining options include patrons bringing their own picnic suppers into the theatre, or a reserved table on the patio and a buffet dinner. For buffet dinner reservations, call (760) 758-1063.

AUG. 18

BACK IN TOWN

2 Pianos 4 Hands returns Aug. 18 through Aug. 28 to North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach. Tickets are \$30 and \$47 at North Coast Repertory Theatre box office. For ticket information or reservations call (858) 481-1055 or visit northcoastrep.org. Box Office hours are noon to 4 p.m. daily and noon to Curtain day of shows.

AUG. 19

GO GOLFING

Registration is available for the sixth annual Boys & Girls Club of Oceanside and KOCT golf tournament with a 1 p.m. shotgun start Aug. 19 at the Marine Memorial Golf Course on Camp Pendleton. Cost is \$175 per player. Sign up at

UTILITIES

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property owners in the proposed assessment district. Then there will be a public

hearing, which will help decide if the formation of the district should proceed.

The total cost could be anywhere between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

It is estimated there are 39 districts with 48 properties each.

In cases where the Association owns the proper-

ty, the Association would pay the fees.

The recent survey also asked if residents had natural gas on their property to which 311 answered yes and 235 no. More than half said they would be interested in expanding natural gas to their property if there was an opportunity to do so.

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DIRECTOR

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and is seeing a rise in participation.

“Some people are coming out after dinner,” she said.

Timmons said she wants people to get over the ideas that there is no place to park in the village, calling it a “mindset.”

“They think there is no place to park and there is no solution,” she said.

Clotfelter said some solutions are to get employees in the village to park in peripheral areas away from the main streets, look into putting parking on some vacant lots in the area and perhaps ask for help from the Christian Science Church on La Flecha.

Queen said that new Association board member Larry Spitcaufsky has been appointed to chair a committee that will help solve the parking dilemma.

“There has to be an answer there somewhere,” Queen said.

The Association will not meet Aug. 18 in observation of a traditional summer vacation. The next meeting will be Sept. 1.

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FIELD OF DREAMS The new soccer field at R. Roger Rowe School is under construction and is due to be finished when school opens. The new field will feature artificial turf. Photo by Patty McCormac

SCHOOL BOARD

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said. “Anything more that needs to be done does not come out of the district’s pocket.”

She said the district is still withholding a contingency fund of \$1.2 million.

“We want to make sure the punch list items are taken care of. We still have an issue with the stairs and until we get that resolved, we are not completing all the payment.”

Some outside stairs were ordered galvanized, but were installed without the treatment. While it is not a safety issue for students, it is a

financial issue in that the stairs will not last as long as expected. Metal experts have visited the school and are seeking solutions to the problem.

Also discussed at the meeting was the construction of the new soccer field, which is right on schedule, Delaney said.

“When the excavation is done, the major part of the ‘unknown’ is over,” she said.

She said some soil testing has been done, which has come out fine.

“We did some redesign on some retaining walls. Now we’re in the phase of doing the underground preparation for the turf,” she said.

The project is due for completion by Aug. 19, she said.

Delaney said she continues to interview teachers for music and drama and for the maintenance departments and that the applicants are very high quality.

“People are sending us people so that is good,” she said.

She said she has narrowed down the maintenance applicants to four for final interviews.

“We would do fine with any of them,” she said.

Anyone interested in applying for the vacant board seat should call Delaney at (858) 756-1141.

BALL PERSONS

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who supervises the kids on the court and helps teach them. It’s something she loves to be a part of every year, she said.

“I love the experience, I love feeling like a part of a team, and I love being able to help people that are younger than me feel like they’re part of a team, as well.”

The hardest things about being a ball kid are the same ones that make a good ball kid, explained Squier. Some of the best traits a ball kid can have are leadership, attentiveness, which is probably the biggest thing about being a ball kid and being able to sit still.

Those who do exhibit those skills are rewarded by making it to the finals’ matches.

Some of the players can be challenging to work with, too.

“Sometimes, when the players get aggravated, they’ll take it out on the ball kids, and that makes us look bad,” Squier said.

“Players are superstitious,” Marquez said. Oftentimes the two coordinators will go over a list of idiosyncrasies of the players — how they want to receive the tennis balls, how they’ll take their water bottles, even to how they’ll receive their towels.

For example, CoCo Vandeweghe will always get her towel from the Deuce side (the right side of the tennis court); and she’ll always take three balls but always return two, Marquez said.

“For us, it makes it a lit-



TEAM PLAYER Annie Squiers, 21, began as a ball person and is now a team manager, supervising and coaching the newest ball persons to hit the courts. Photo courtesy of Magery Squiers

tle tougher to train and pay attention to, but it makes the kids better as a group and look more professional, they know what they’re doing...that is probably the toughest thing the kids have to pick up on that,” he said.

Matt Eisendrath, 16, is in his second year as a ball person. At times the job can get risky, he said. “And you don’t want to mess up the pros.”

His favorite experiences during this year’s tournament have been on the Zoe Scandalis matches, he said.

“She was really nice, and every time I handed her the towel she would say ‘thank you.’”

“(Ball persons) take a lot of pride in what they do, and we take a lot of pride in the fact that they have a lot of fun, but we expect a lot of work out of them,” Cima said.

Kids interested in becoming ball persons may contact the Mercury Insurance Open tournament office at (760) 930-7032 or go online to mercuryinsuranceopen.com.

OBAMA

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cuts when people are hurting and the private economy’s sucking wind. This mysterious “confidence” everybody talks about? What it amounts to is money in people’s pockets. Economically speaking, there’s no other kind.

Instead, heeding Dick Cheney’s observation that “Reagan proved deficits don’t matter,” the Bush administration topped-up Scrooge McDuck’s bullion pool. Now Scrooge funds think tanks paying store-bought “scholars” to argue that the massive debt they created is all the Democrats’ fault for seducing grandma with socialist schemes like Medicare and Social Security.

Alas, history is notoriously unjust. Supremely confident, a shape-shifting opportunist like all truly gifted politicians, Obama came along at precisely the right time. Had the September 2008 Wall Street bubble burst even one year earlier, you couldn’t find one of these tea party jokers north of Richmond, Va., with a search party.

Instead, Republicans pinned the blame on him. At times, Obama’s acted the perfect pigeon, a high-minded poser who won’t take his own

side in a fight. Democrats hoping he’d confront Republicans holding the nation’s economy hostage were kidding themselves.

When word of the president’s debt-limit capitulation came down, historian Rick Perlstein (“Nixonland”) posted a friend’s hostile appraisal on Facebook: “He’s a one-trick pony, always has been, and that trick is performing judiciousness, reasonableness ... being able to agree with those with whom he supposedly disagrees and to disagree with those with whom he supposedly agrees.”

“He’s the LeBron James of American politics,” I commented. “Comes up awesome in the second quarter of game two.” As a basketball fan, I’m sure the president would know exactly what I meant: When push comes to shove, he folds.

More substantively, Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman wrote about “an inverse miracle of intellectual failure.” Everything learned about macroeconomics since the Great Depression has gone for naught. Krugman predicts further economic stagnation as governments embrace austerity in the face of joblessness. Here in the United States, economic recovery ground to a halt after Obama’s inadequate stimulus money

ran out.

But maybe we’re being too melodramatic. To continue my own metaphor, Obama might say that losing game two needn’t mean losing the series. The agreed-upon budget cuts are back-loaded, hardly taking effect until 2013 — after the next presidential election. They’ll have little near-term economic effect.

In the meantime, no election-year hostage dramas. What Obama gave Republicans, they pretty much already had. Enacting progressive policies was impossible, given GOP control of the House.

Politically speaking, now they own the deficit. Wild talk about Obama the socialist big-spender will be limited to the Michele Bachmann/Froot Loop wing of the GOP. Also, the expiration of the Bush tax cuts, adding far more revenue than the White House’s agreed-upon cuts, is built into the deal’s baseline numbers. Obama holds a veto.

Not for nothing did Obama invoke President Dwight Eisenhower the other day. He’s basically governed as a moderate Republican all along — definitely not the kind of change his starry-eyed followers once believed in, but probably the best they can hope for come 2012.

SNAPSHOT

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officers assisted the fire department 336 times, the

sheriff’s department 173 times and the California Highway Patrol five times.

And there were several sightings of mountain lions

reported in the area, one that appeared to be a mother with her cubs.

GAME ON

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Operation Game On they also receive golf equipment that includes custom-fitted TaylorMade clubs, bags, Adidas shoes, gloves and balls, as well as playing opportunities throughout the county. There is no cost to the

soldiers, hospital or military. Doctors, prosthetic specialists and counselors at the Naval Medical Center found that golf has become an essential link to the rehabilitation process for combat-wounded military personnel with extreme physical and mental disabilities.

“Their minds and bodies

are messed up,” Perez said. “Golf helps them focus on something different. It helps them gain confidence and get back into society,” he said.

Visit operationgameon.org or contact Perez at (619) 997-0773 or pgapop@gmail.com for more information.



STRONG LEAD Jase Scarvaci leads the kids in story time, just before the take to the field. Photos By Tony Cagala

SOCCER CAMP

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is that the kids have a great time, they learn skills and they want to come back and play more soccer.”

With soccer being such a large part of the Rancho Santa Fe culture, starting the kids on the game early on helps make the game become second nature to them, Tovey added.

“We’ve got an outstanding coaching staff,” Tovey said. “Really, the things we stress are, number one, the coaches are good people,

they’re good teachers and then they’re good coaches.”

Jase Scarvaci was a former member of the Rancho Santa Fe Soccer Club before going on to play soccer at Sonoma State University. He’s now back and coaching in the Camp and Recreation Programs.

What sets this camp apart from others, Tovey explained, comes from the philosophy of developing the players — the skills and the techniques — and the winning will take care of itself.

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JEAN GILLETTE

Small Talk

Garden 'Armageddon' no pretty sight

Yesterday was the day. It was time for my annual summer garden renovation project. Or as the rats and spiders around my house are calling it, "Armageddon."

By the time the sun went down, I had forcibly evicted a 12-by-12-foot, 6-inch-thick tangle of honeysuckle and all its inhabitants. It required my longest extension cord, my electric hedge trimmer, a pair of ratchet pruners and some very timely help from my son and his handy upper-body strength. He made the strategic mistake of coming home to get his swim trunks.

For an hour, I had been climbing up and down our tallest ladder, whacking away at the mass of greenery that had grown atop our deck overhang. I valiantly chopped and tugged, in hopes of getting it loose but made minimal headway. I had just resorted to the desperate tactic of wrapping myself in vines and leaping from the ladder when my child strolled in.

"Would you just help me move this ladder around?" I said plaintively from beneath a hunk of vines. This was no cover of Home & Garden operation, with some fetching female decked in capris, a spotless white shirt, brightly colored gloves, tiny pruners and a wide-brimmed sun hat.

Instead, my child beheld me covered in leaves in my pajama bottoms, a pair of old sneakers and an older T-shirt, with a shower cap and visor covering my hair and a bandana over my face. Yes, I was a sight to make a strong man scream. I did manage to keep the spiders and leaves out of my hair and mouth... mostly. Once he stopped laughing, he knew what he had to do if he ever wanted another Christmas present.

He climbed atop the patio cover, (I had 911 on the speed dial), made a few passes with the hedge-trimmer, gave a couple of strategic yanks on the mass of vines and it was free. I then made

TURN TO **SMALL TALK** ON B6

Historical society looks to join digital age

By **Patty McCormac**

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society recently celebrated 25 years of collecting and preserving documents, photographs and artifacts connecting Rancho Santa Fe to its past.

While it's certainly the job of the historical society to look back, it also recognizes the importance of looking forward. That is the mission of

of the items in the archives digitized as possible and to make the records more accessible to the community," said John Vreeburg, president of the historical society.

They want the community to feel welcome, especially the children.

"We tell school children, this belongs to you," said Museum Administrator Dana Evanson, as she motions around the room. "This is your building."

Vreeburg said a lot has already been done on the organization of the archives. He said there are boxes of items in which the contents have been organized. Now comes the ongoing process of digitizing what is inside, such as newspaper clippings, photos, maps, documents and other records.

For example, when a long-time newspaper in the area went out of business, it donated rolls and rolls of film that needed to be inspected and digitized.

David Brooks, vice president of the historical society, said they use the triage method to organize the project by first scanning the most important items, then the second most important items and in the third category they will decide if they need to be digitized at all. Some items



HUMBLE ABODE La Flecha House is the headquarters of the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society. It welcomes visitors several times a week. Photos by Patty McCormac



PLAQUE MARKS THE SPOT

La Flecha House serves as the headquarters of the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society. Here a plaque marks it as a historical landmark.

the current membership and board of directors.

They are working diligently to bring the society into the digital age, update their website, educate children about preservation and make the Rancho Santa Fe La Flecha House a friendly place to do research.

"We want to get as many

can remain in marked boxes in the archives.

A fireproof room was built in La Flecha House in the mid-1990s to serve as the archives, Vreeburg said.

There are many good photographs on record because when the Rancho Santa Fe Rail Road was turning the area into a housing

development, they hired a professional photographer to document it. Many of the photos are already available for viewing or purchase.

But keeping the historical landmark and the operation going costs money.

"We are nonprofit, so our operating funds come from membership fees, donations,

grants and several fundraisers," Vreeburg said.

One of the main fundraisers is the annual home tour, which allows the public inside some of the gorgeous homes of the area.

This year six homes were featured. It took 38 docents

TURN TO **HISTORY** ON B6



CONTROL ROOM Administrator Dana Evanson oversees the day-to-day operations of the society and the historical landmark.



FOR THE FUTURE David Brooks, vice president of the historical society, stands in front of a collection of Indian artifacts inside La Flecha House.



SAFE AND SECURE John Vreeburg stands inside the fireproof room inside La Flecha House that contains the archives.

Gas leak prompts evacuations of 10 homes in Ranch

RANCHO SANTA FE — Firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, Encinitas Fire Department, and Solana Beach Fire Department responded to the report of a gas leak Aug. 4,

in the 6100 block of Paseo Delicias.

When crews arrived on the scene, they found a recently filled 400-gallon propane tank with a broken valve, allowing gas to escape.

Firefighters quickly secured the area and evacuated approximately 10 homes in the immediate vicinity as a precaution. Paseo Delicias was also closed to traffic between Via de la Valle and El Tordo.

San Diego County's Hazardous Materials Team was also called to assist with the incident. Once the leak was secure, the gas company was able to safely remove the tank for repairs.

Residents were allowed to return home several hours later. Firefighters continued to monitor and test the air quality to make sure it was safe. Paseo Delicias was then reopened. No injuries were reported.

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City eyes parking plan

By Bianca Kaplanek

City Council is supporting a plan to allow general public parking in developed lots during nonoperational hours, but not enough to turn it into law, just yet.

Council members directed staff at the July 25 meeting to modify a proposed ordinance amendment so it's less bureaucratic.

"I would like to assume that most people have enough common sense to put this in place in a good way for the community and not spoon-feed this process to death," Councilman Terry Sinnott said.

"I agree," Councilman Carl Hilliard said. "If you make things so burdensome and cumbersome people won't do it and you defeat the purpose."

Viewed as another step in the revitalization process, the amendment would allow a property owner or business operator to make off-street spaces available to the general public when they are not being used by operators, patrons or employees of the businesses at that location.

"A shortage of parking downtown is often cited as a barrier to revitalization," Planning Manager Adam Birnbaum said. "There are a number of underutilized parking lots."

According to the staff report, the new law would increase the stock of parking spaces downtown by allowing broader use of spaces that typically aren't used at night or on weekends.

Owners or operators could charge a fee.

The new law would apply only to established

TURN TO **PARKING PLAN** ON B8

Student film contest set for Aug. 27

The Solana Beach Parks and Recreation Commission is featuring a student-produced filmmaking contest, with the winner receiving an HD GoPro Hero Camera and a screening of the film at the Beach Blanket Movie Night event, Aug. 27.

The film must incorporate the city of Solana Beach as either the setting of the story or as a major character of the film.

All productions must be family-friendly, be three to five minutes in length and in DVD format.

The deadline to enter the contest is Aug. 15. For full details and an application, visit cityofsolanabeach.org, click on the "Parks and Recreation Events and Info" tab and then on "Student Film Contest Form."

RANCH HISTORY



FINE DINING Enjoying the cuisine in the elegant Don Quixote room are Patricia Manion and her daughter Holly. The room was painted with scenes from the novel "Don Quixote." All of the wall paintings, wood and stained glass detailing in the hotel were designed by artist James Hubbell, whose mother, Julia Larrea, owned the hotel.

WISHING WELL HOTEL

EL RANCHITO GUEST RANCH The guest ranch was known for greeting its guests with genuine California hospitality. Later it became known as the Wishing Well Hotel. Eventually the property was sold and subdivided. Today, Los Eucalyptus is the name of the street that leads to the many houses that occupy this beautiful setting.

Photos courtesy of the Manion family, and taken from "Rancho Santa Fe," \$21.99. The book is available at local retailers, online bookstores, or at arcadiapublishing.com.

Autographed copies of the book are available at the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society, 6036 La Flecha. Call (858) 756-9291 or e-mail rsfhistorical@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Restaurant is a trip to a better time



DAVID BOYLAN

Lick the Plate

We all have our time travel fantasies, and one of my top five favorites would be to transport back to pre-1975 Encinitas when people like Bobby Cardosa ran establishments like Fish House West (where Yogi's is today) in Cardiff and where buying fresh fish from the last of the Cardiff Dorymen was still in practice.

Pure, old school Cardiff with the fresh fish purchased right off the beach — sounds like a great time to be around these parts to me.

Bobby went on to open Fish House West Seafood Products on 2nd and I streets in Encinitas and the first Peabody's in Mission Valley in 1995.

His daughter Brie started



LIKE OLD TIMES Sara Powell serves up delicious fish and chips at Mr. Peabody's. Photo by David Boylan

and has been a partner since 2005 and runs the day-to-day operations at their current Encinitas location.

I love places rooted in the community like that. These are not restaurant carpetbaggers, popping into town and claiming to capture the local vibe. These people have been around and survived, which is saying something in the restaurant world.

The fact that Mr. Peabody's is not easy to find (being tucked in an Encinitas strip mall between a laundromat and a dentist's office) yet is full on a regular basis, is another sign that they must be doing something right.

It's an old school bar and restaurant that features some of the area's best live entertainment which can vary, depending on the night.

On a recent visit around dinnertime, the crowd was plenty diverse with a mix of after work people at the bar, young hipsters in for the

SARA NOEL



Frugal Living

Pizza dough alternatives for not a lot of dough

Pizza is a family favorite. Making it at home is easy enough, but you might not have time to prepare the dough. Luckily, there are plenty of options to use for a crust. You can use English muffins, bagels, French bread or tortillas to name a few. You can substitute a traditional crust, too.

Visit completelypizza.com/cauliflower-pizza-crust.html for a recipe for cauliflower pizza crust and blog.yourlighterside.com/2009/05/zucchini-pizza-crust-recipe.html for a zucchini pizza crust recipe. The first reader tip offers another alternative.

Pita pizza: I usually make my own pizza dough from scratch, but one night I wasn't feeling so ambitious. I decided to use up the pita bread going stale in my fridge.

I put the pita on a flat baking pan, topped with leftover spaghetti sauce, chopped onion, red pepper, leftover lunch meat and a mix of mozzarella and cheddar cheeses. I grilled it under the broiler for a few minutes, and it turned out great! I just needed to watch the edges of the pita to keep it from burning. To fix that problem, I now bake the pita at 450 F for a few minutes longer and not under the broiler. Both ways work well.

It turns out that pita pizzas are so easy to make that they are "husband foolproof" and easy to make on a trip. I just pre-chopped the toppings (black olives, mushrooms, peppers, onions, cheese) and kept them in little reusable containers. Back home, I discovered that I could put all the pitas in a large freezer bag and just take out one at a time to use, no defrosting needed!

They're cheap; I bought a large can of spaghetti sauce on sale, which is even cheaper than a smaller can of plain tomato sauce, and an 18-pack of pitas with a coupon. I have found that the pitas are cheaper in bulk, probably because no one imagines that they can all be eaten before going bad. They freeze great. Also, thin pepperoni slices are cheap at my deli, and I only use three slices per pita. One pita pizza with a side salad, or two pita pizzas on their own make a very big meal! — K.K., Canada

Shop bread outlets: I have been hitting the

TURN TO **LICK THE PLATE** ON B8

TURN TO **FRUGAL** ON B5

Bacchus reigns in the Gaslamp District



Joe Morris
Baby Boomer Peace

Figuring out where to retire

I'm turning 62. A member of a generation that thought we had it all figured out. We were going to be rich and retire young with lots of gold. But instead, if there's gold, they may be handcuffs. My generation is an independent lot. We worked our tails off most of our lives. We experienced the roller coaster of life. We are Baby Boomers.

We ducked under desks for nuclear drills in the '50s. We were brazen and independent during the '60 — doing our own thing. The '70s brought decisions, adaptation and growth. The suburban '80s — a time of relative peace, growth and young families. Softball, baseball and soccer games. Then came the new world of technology and the get rich '90s. And now, the harrowing rise and fall of the "double oughts." The bizarre 2000s. The years of the burgeoning and vanishing dreams.

It is now "uh-oh" time. Time to paddle our longboards out into 82 degree water and perfect waist to head high powder puff waves, or lounging in a boat with a casting line, a French farmhouse or a mountain retreat. We have been dreaming of this time. We've spent vast sums visiting the Great Wall, the Caribbean, the tropic of Mexico, Hawaii, and South America, the deep forests of the great Northwest, the neighboring state, the neighboring town.

We are an adventurous generation. We weren't just visiting. We were studying. Saving moments and places in our minds like a file drawer.

For most of us we have watched our retirement savings/equities vanish into thin air. All this when it is now time to open the file

TURN TO **BOOMER** ON B5



Bacchus is the God of Wine in Greek mythology. Also known as Dionysus, he represents the intoxicating power of wine, and its social and beneficial influences. He is also known as a liberator, bringing an end to care and worry.

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One week it could be Italy, next the Rhone Valley, then Chile and Argentina; or big Zinfandels and unusual grapes.

Karin brings years of study and training to the table and is a Certified Wine Educator.

"We offer something different and want the customer who wants to try something new," she said. "As wines grow in popularity, we grow with that success. We look for a wine that is not a household name, but carefully choose one that has cultivated the highest quality while keeping case count under control."

I asked her what she drinks at the end of the day.

"It changes a lot. I have a wide-ranging palate. Right now, I'm on a Bordeaux kick but it could change next week when we do our next tasting. I may find a new favorite."

I asked then if her customers still search around for value with a low price.

"Not as much as last year," she answered. "Our customers want to find a rela-

tionship with a great bottle of wine. Most of our wine events are offered with wines under \$20 a bottle."

The event I attended was a Rhone-Style Blend Flight, with seven beautiful wines for just \$15.

Most wines reflecting this style were from the south of France, with my favorite being a 2009 Domaine des Escaravilles Cotes du Rhone with 70 percent Grenache, 20 percent Syrah and 10 percent Carignan (\$14.99).

Hours are Monday thru Saturday noon to 9 p.m and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Call (619) 236-0005 or visit bacchuswinemarket.com.

Wine Spectator Restaurant Awards

The leading wine/food trade publication, Wine Spectator, just released its 2011 awards for their excellent wine programs.

The Addison at the Grand Del Mar was a Grand Award Winner, with Wine Sellar & Brasserie in San Diego.

Other awards went to the following restaurants in San Diego: Acqua Al 2, San Diego, Amaya Bistro at the Grand Del Mar Bertrand's at Mr. A's San Diego, Clay's La Jolla, Donovan's Steak & Chop House San Diego, Mistral Coronado, Ruth's Chris Steak House San Diego, Toast Enoteca and Cucina San Diego.

North San Diego County included: Argyle Steakhouse Carlsbad, West

FRANK MANGIO

Taste of Wine



GOOD POUR Bacchus is a true Wine Bar and Market in downtown San Diego that offers many wine discoveries. Courtesy photos



THE DIRECTOR Jesse Rodriguez is the wine director at Addison and Amaya Bistro at the Grand Del Mar, both 2011 award winners from Wine Spectator Magazine.

Wine Bytes

• Viva Vino Tapas Wine Bar in Old Town Temecula has Dylan Carbonne and the Latin Connection Aug. 13, from 8 to 11 p.m. Thursdays are Salsa Nights. \$10 a les-

son after 8 p.m. (951) 506-5953.

• Sage Grill Encinitas presents d'Arenberg wines from Australia,

TURN TO **TASTE OF WINE** ON B8

Newcomers have chance to view school

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe School District and Education Foundation will be hosting their annual Newcomers' Welcome BBQ and Orientation Aug. 26 as a way to introduce new fami-

lies to the R. Roger Rowe School.

Parents will be welcomed by the district superintendent and introduced to the teaching staff. Students can also use the opportunity to tour and

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Graduates from the past few years are attending universities that include: MIT, Rutgers, Penn State, NYU, USC, Colorado University, United States Military Academy at West Point, University of California (UCLA, UCI, UCR, UCSB, UC Davis) and many other prestigious institutions of higher learning.

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All students are required to develop their physical abilities as well as their personal leadership skills through the Academy's

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bread store about every three weeks.

I find great deals on Mondays. One week I got 32 hamburger buns for \$1.49. I took that home and bagged them and froze them in packs of eight. I've also bought four bags of bagels for \$5. Sometimes I get them on the markdown table for 50 cents. I wanted to share with you my bagel recipe: I took a bagel — it's already split — and hollowed it out with a spoon. I actually took the "guts" and pressed them back into the body of the bagel and filled the hole too. It looked like a little bowl when I finished. We have put a spinach cheese mixture in them and pizza stuff in them. We put a breakfast egg mixture in them and covered them with cheese. We put the bagels in the oven until the cheese melts and the bottoms are brown. The bagels were really delicious, like little deep-dish pizzas.

You could also brush these bagels with water and nuke them in the microwave for bit and make them into solid little dipping bowls. — Louise, Georgia

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Dangerous waters ahead with new ways to pay

By Consumer Reports

While Americans are still using plenty of cash, checks, credit and debit cards to pay their bills, new electronic methods such as paying by cell phone or digital wallets are emerging. Before jumping in, consumers should be aware of the disparity of protections they offer, according to Consumer Reports.

CR's latest investigation into these new payment options finds that banks and technology companies are jostling for a greater share of the \$50 billion a year in fees generated by everyday transactions. Some services by PayPal, Obo Pay, Square, Zong and FaceCash already allow you to pay for purchases with your cell phone, and so-called digital wallet services are hitting the market.

Google said in May that it planned to launch its version this summer. At least three competing digital wallets are planned for launch

later this year and in 2012: from Visa in partnership with more than a dozen banks; Isis, a joint venture of AT&T Mobility, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless; and PayPal Mobile's point-of-sale technology.

Despite all the hype, consumers don't seem to be clamoring to pay with their phones yet. According to a recent representative survey by the Consumer Reports National Research Center, only 5 percent of respondents questioned said they used their cell phone to pay for day-to-day purchases in the previous month. Somewhat more used other fairly new forms of payment, including billing to their home or cell phone account (10 percent).

Things often go wrong during the processing of 300 million non-cash payments each day. In CR's survey, one in four Americans said they had an unauthorized charge, billing error, non-credited

payment or other problem in the last year when paying for purchases or paying bills.

Consumers' right to get their money back when something goes wrong — errors, goods not delivered as promised and fraud — varies by the payment option used. Again, the underlying method of payment tied to your mobile device will govern their rights in such instances. Cell phone and digital wallet payment services linked to credit cards offer consumers the most protection. However, there is a large disparity in protection for services that link to prepaid debit cards and direct billing to a consumer's phone bill.

Prepaid cards offer no guaranteed protections against unauthorized transactions. The cards may have some protections in their contracts, but they're essentially voluntary and can be rescinded at any time. Visa and MasterCard prepaid-

card holders may get assurances from those brands' zero-liability policies, which protect against unauthorized use and require issuing banks to give provisional credit for losses from unauthorized use within five business days of notification. But those policies have loopholes. Visa's doesn't cover ATM or PIN transactions not processed by the Visa network.

MasterCard's policy offers no protection if a consumer reported two or more unauthorized events in the past 12 months, and it doesn't cover ATM or PIN transactions.

CR offers this advice for those considering any new form of digital payment service:

— Before signing up for a new payment method, read the fine print and check the transaction costs.

— Pay by credit card to get the best protections whenever you buy online or

pay by cell phone, make a major purchase in a store, or worry that a seller might not deliver as promised. Avoid prepaid debit cards and billing to your telephone account.

— Take convenience claims with a grain of salt. Consider new payment choices, but separate true benefits from marketing hype. Keep your mobile shopping tools independent from any branded digital wallet you might choose.

— You can control the risk of loss by knowing the threats with each form of payment and taking steps to protect yourself.

Don't share your personal identification and account information, use security software and procedures for your e-commerce, and always keep cash and payment cards in a safe place.

Visit the Consumer Reports website at consumerreports.org.

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drawer and stop dreaming. We ask, is there another next great adventure out there for me? Can we be happy and content in this crazy upside down world? We're broke. Will we have to work forever? Is there any hope? Do I have to live in fear of sick-

ness that wipes me out?

Some retirees are very fortunate with lavish pensions. Unfortunately, I am not one of those.

I'm among those that are, and were, more independent or just plain unlucky; experiencing different jobs and careers; taking risk and making it, losing, making it again and los-

ing it again. But there is hope.

In columns to follow you will read stories of Baby Boomers who have or are figuring out how to retire comfortably with their health on meager Social Security and a little ingenuity.

For a song and some pocket change I just closed escrow on a gorgeous/fur-

nished little condo right on Bucerias Bay in the seventh safest city in the world per Conde Naste — Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Yes, Mexico!

It took digging up some cash and some seller financing, but my total monthly overhead is now \$500.

That includes loan, cable TV, utilities, gym, ten-

nis, property taxes, trust fees and the bay with playful whales in my backyard. The adventure begins. Stay tuned! This may be what you're looking for.

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SMALL TALK

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use of my ever-increasing body weight to drag the dense tangle to the ground. Ah, life's little victories.

Gardening has always been something of an Extreme Sport for me. I haven't the time or the patience to regularly water, prune, fertilize, feed, spray, trim or any of the other dozen things that diligent gardening requires.

In its place, I lean toward Ninja-style. Now and then, without warning, I dig out my power tools and attack. It might be a day of power potting, involving bags of soil, a host of small seedlings and a dozen terra cotta containers of one shape or another. It might be a large, shaggy bush, an area that has grown three feet beyond its natural border, or a decade

worth of honeysuckle vine. It is a perfect combination of cardio workout, adrenalin rush and the deep satisfaction of checking one more item off my summer-to-do list. It takes me three days to lift my arms again, but anything worth doing is worth overdoing.

I am very much hoping my husband will be so impressed that I got the whole mess down, he will be willing to cut it up, bundle it for the trash and rake the mountain of dead leaves away. If he fails to appreciate how much work I've saved him, I'll be facing another afternoon of gardening as exercise.

Or maybe one of my children will stop by again for their bathing suit.

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Tournament features rising talent from the Ranch

By Tony Cagala

RANCHO SANTA FE — The USTA Girls' 16s, 18s National Championships began Aug. 5 with 15-year-old Carolyn Xie of Rancho Santa Fe competing in the field, winning her weekend matches and advancing to the Round of 32 after two wins during the week.

The championships are the premiere hard court tennis tournaments for amateur and professional American girls aged 16 and 18 and under in the U.S.

Xie advanced in her first match on Saturday with her parents and member of her coaching staff Vasileios Psyrras in the stands for support. Xie beat her opponent Hadley Berg in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

Psyrras said her game looked good, and referred to her strong serves and tough backhand.

She has the goal to go as far as possible in the tournament, he said, but added that, at the moment, the focus is to further develop

her game.

Xie also won her Sunday match against Quinn Gleason (12) of New York, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.

Many people have suggested Carolyn could become a professional, Psyrras said, though he tempered that thought by saying that it was still too early to tell.

By Tuesday, Xie had advanced to the round of 32 to face Madison Westly (17) of Oklahoma.

Another Rancho Santa Fe resident, Garbielle De Simone, was slated to compete in the girls' 18 draw as a wildcard, but had to withdraw due to injury.

The tournament, in its 22nd year in San Diego, serves as the largest junior girls' tennis event in the U.S. and is touted as featuring the future of American tennis.

At stake in the tournament is the title of National Champion and with it a Wild Card entry into the main draw of the US Open Women's Championships (for the 18s Champion) and a



WINNER Rancho Santa Fe resident Carolyn Xie advances in her matches in the USTA Girls' 16s Championships Photo by Tony Cagala

Wild Card into the US Open Junior Championships (for the 16s Champion).

The tournament runs Aug. 5 through Aug. 14 with matches taking place at SDSU's Aztec Tennis Center and the Barnes Tennis Center.

For more information and match results, visit ustagirlsnationals.com.

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and four drivers to pull off the event, but the 200 visitors were satisfied.

Brooks declined to say how much was earned from the event, but it was a substantial part of their budget.

They gave a special thanks to the corporate sponsors Wells Fargo Private Mortgage Banking and San Diego Private

Bank.

"We really appreciate them and need commercial support," Brooks said. "We need more than we are getting."

Book sales of "Rancho Santa Fe — Images of America," by Vonn Marie May are in great demand. Proceeds from it sales goes to the historical society.

"The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation has been a great help over the years," Vreeburg said.

The foundation recently donated a computer and scanner that will speed up the digitization process.

"In the past we had members taking things home and using their own equipment," Vreeburg said.

With the new equipment, he estimates the whole digitizing project will be finished within a year or so.

Grants from the county and from Supervisor Bill Horn helps maintain and freshen the adobe building.

The historical society was founded in 1984 by Pat



GRAND ENTRANCE The courtyard of La Flecha House provides a beautiful entrance. Photo by Patty McCormac

Cologne, Eleanor Shefte, Sandy Somerville, Marcia Van Liew and Gwen Whitehead who recognized the need for preserving the history of the community. They hoped to document the distinctive buildings and acknowledge the architects and planners whose visions became what today is historical Rancho Santa Fe.

They started small and eventually moved their operations to La Flecha House to serve as its headquarters. There are currently 450 dues-paying members.

La Flecha House is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The historical society is sponsoring a photography contest for all ages that will run until October. The photos can be of historical buildings or something that speaks to the essence of Rancho Santa Fe. The photos of the winners will be placed on the society's 2012 calendar.

To learn more about the contest or the historical society, call (858) 756-9291 or visit rsfhs.com.

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Tryouts held for b-ball league

The second and final session of Solana Beach Cats Basketball Club tryouts for boys and girls grades four through eight will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Aug. 13 at Santa Fe Christian, 838 Academy Drive.

The grade-level schedule will be:

— fourth- and fifth-grade boys, 3 to 4:15 p.m.

— sixth- and seventh-grade boys, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

— fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade girls, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

— eighth-grade girls and boys, 6:45 to 8 p.m.

The vision of the Solana Beach Cats Basketball Club is to inspire young men and women to realize their full potential. Its mission is to have fun, do your best, work hard, and get ready for high school basketball.

Cost to participate is \$445 per season. Additional costs include \$200 for new SBC members for liability insurance, uniform, and practice gear. All-Star teams cost an additional \$220 per season, for tournament entry fees, additional practice time and coaching Skills Night is \$200 per season.

For more information, visit solanabeachcats.com. The Solana Beach Cats Basketball Club was founded in 1999 and is a 5013c nonprofit organization. There are four girls teams and 13 boys teams. Team Skill levels per grade include Red/Elite, White/Advanced and Black/Intermediate. There are All Star Teams, for fifth-through eighth grade boys and for eighth-grade girls. A travel team is comprised of the top players per grade level and play six additional tournaments

Schedules are posted online every week. Wednesdays or Thursdays are Skills Night for all SBC players, grades and skill levels, and development team members. Saturdays or Sundays are game days.



NO FEAR CHAMPS

Carlsbad's own No Fear 12u baseball team, from left, top row, Coach Chad Waite, Reid Norberg, JoJo Wiest, Noah Hauptman, Connor Lunn, Nick Schove, Preston Stebel, Caide Waite and Coach Danny Garcia, with, from left, bottom row, Reece Anthony, Michael Lopez, Spencer Grant, Nick Ferenzy, Corey Boyce and Will Preatree, brought home the glory as champions of the Cooperstown, New York All-Star Village National Champions of 2011 — Week 4. The team thanked Big Fly Batting Cages in Carlsbad for their support, as well as Butch Smith, Kyle and Kory Smith, Danny Garcia and Chad Waite and The Crossings in Carlsbad. The trophy is proudly displayed in the lobby of Big Fly Batting Cages. *Courtesy photo*

Synchronized swimmer shoots for Olympics

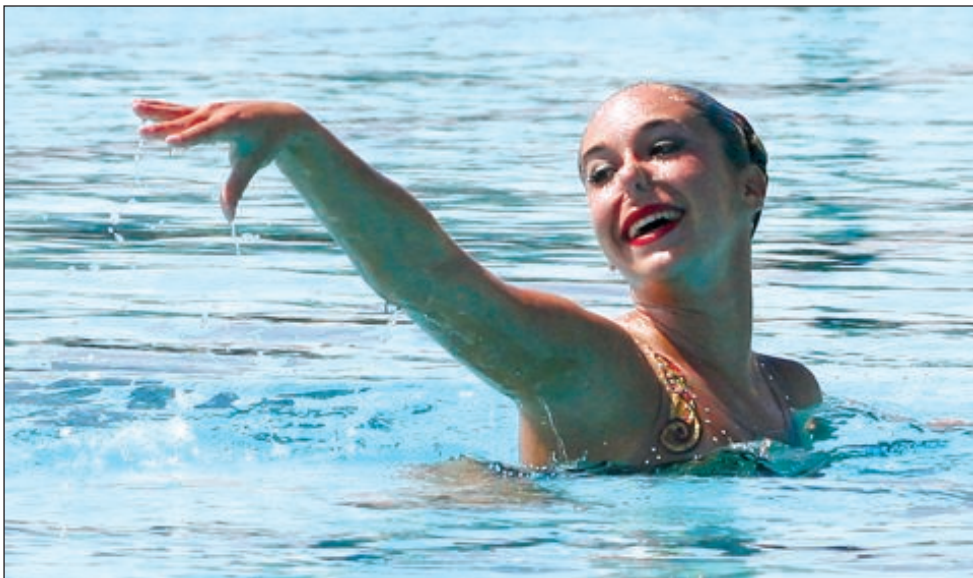
Cora Kohn, a junior at Torrey Pines High School in the fall, continues to earn victories in her sport of synchronized swimming.

Over the years, Cora has earned top honors in nearly every event she has entered, and continues to work hard toward her goals.

She is working to earn a spot on one of synchro's U.S. National teams, and plans to compete in synchro at the university level after high school graduation.

Earlier this month, Cora again competed at US Age Group Nationals, placing 15th in the team competition and 13th in the solo competition.

The 16-year-old veteran synchronized swimmer, who swims with San Dieguito Synchro Club, lives in Carmel Valley with her family and started swimming syn-



STYLISH SWIMMER Cora Kohn, a junior at Torrey Pines High School, performs during a solo competition in synchronized swimming. *Courtesy photo*

chro at the age of 9. Cora has qualified for the Synchronized Swimming

U.S. Age Group Nationals for the last three years, placing in the top 20 every year.

What makes Cora unique is her work ethic and desire to always improve her

skills.

She does all this with a light heart, inspiring teammates and younger swimmers along the way.

"Cora is a role model for others and a delight to coach," said San Dieguito Synchro Coach Barb Strenk. "She will serve as a counselor with other San Dieguito Synchro senior swimmers at our upcoming Synchro Summer Camp at Cathedral Catholic High School in Carmel Valley.

"Congratulations Cora," Strenk said. "We wish you continued success as you pursue your dreams. Your determination and hard work are admirable."

Swimmers interested in trying this sport are invited to visit sdsynchro.org or contact Barbara Strenk at (760) 633-3034.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

The Solana Beach father-and-son team of Alex and Adam Levie won the July 31 Maureen Connelly Brinker 82nd annual Balboa Tennis Championships in the Father/Son Division. Alex Levie is head pro at Surf and Turf Tennis Club. He and son Adam, age 16, won the finals 6-3, 6-4. Additionally, Adam won the Boys' 18s division with his partner Connor Eck, 6-3, 6-1. This is the second tournament of the summer Team Levie won, and the third tournament of the summer Levie and Eck won. *Courtesy photo*

Army and Navy Academy has new football coach

The Army and Navy Academy has selected Frank Henry as its head football coach for the 2011 season.

With more than 20 years of coaching experience, Henry has been athletic director and head coach for both football and track at Calvary Christian Academy San Diego.

Prior positions include coaching stints at Horizon Christian Academy High School, Laguna Beach High School and the H-Town Academy.

He is a graduate of the University of Utah where he played football.

Henry is rounding out his coaching staff for the



IN COMMAND 20-year veteran coach Frank Henry is taking over duties at Army and Navy Academy. *Courtesy photo*

2011 season, which so far includes Peter Hawken, a former assistant coach for five years at La Costa Canyon High School, and a newly hired academy faculty member.

"Coach Henry has an infectious enthusiasm and a relentless work ethic which he will impart to our cadet athletes," said Athletic Director Tom Tarantino. "He has a proven track record of success, and I am confident he will achieve outstanding results leading our Warrior football team this fall."

Henry succeeds Bert Ford who has left the academy for a new position.



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LICK THE PLATE

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solid happy hour food specials and a smattering of older folks enjoying fish and chips and the very reasonably priced rib eye steak.

There is nothing fancy about this place and that's kind of refreshing.

I felt like I was walking into a bar in the Midwest with shuffleboard, a good jukebox, live music and super friendly staff.

Mr. Peabody's turns into a lively bar scene later in the evening but the full kitchen stays open until 10 p.m. with a limited kitchen until midnight.

The fare coming out of the kitchen is solid and satisfying. We started with the fried artichoke hearts and

homemade potato soup.

The soup was hearty enough to be a meal in itself with bacon sprinkled on top and big chunks of potato in a creamy base.

All the starters are below \$8.

I took my son Quinn to this one as he is an eating machine and we wanted to sample as much as possible. We went for the fish sandwich, which was crisply Alaskan cod on a nice fresh bun with a side of fries.

The prime dip sandwich is Peabody's take on the classic French dip and it's quite good with thin sliced prime rib, pepper jack cheese, Ortega chili served on a ciabatta roll and au jus for dipping.

That was \$11.99 but most of the sandwiches are

under \$8 and they have daily sandwich specials for \$5.99 with a side. I should also mention the \$9.99 prime rib dinner on Friday and Saturday. And of course the \$13.99 rib eye is a great value, was cooked perfectly, and came with a choice of several sides.

The locals there that night said the burgers and fish and chips were what brought them back on a regular basis, so I will make it a point to get back soon to sample those.

You can't go wrong with a half-pound burger for \$6.99.

Breakfast on the weekends looks equally enticing with a steak and eggs special featuring that rib eye plus a great looking selection of scrambles. Mr. Peabody's

sources their tortillas, buns, and a good portion of their menu ingredients locally and many of the dishes on the menu are made in house from scratch and the portions are hearty.

They are open for lunch at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m.

Live music is featured Thursday through Saturday and karaoke Sunday night. Check out their menu and band lineup online at mrpeabodys.net. Mr. Peabody's is at 136 Encinitas Blvd.

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PARKING PLAN

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parking lots since creating a new lot on a vacant site could impact the surrounding area, Birnbaum said.

Spaces that have been granted shared-use or off-site permits would not qualify.

The proposal received support from the Planning Commission and Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee.

Sinnott said the intent of the new law is very good.

"I'm not so comfortable with the requirements that we've laid out," he said. "I think it's too bureaucratic.

"We want to make it ... reasonably easy for a property owner to decide to use their spots for this kind of parking," he said. "I'm worried that we're putting more barriers to the process than are needed."

Hilliard said some of the provisions were overreaching, including a requirement that the property owner submit a written statement ensuring there will be no "substantial overlap in the operation hours."

He also said there was a problem determining whether

the applicant should be the business operator or property owner.

Councilman Mark Filanc said he viewed the ordinance as a way to protect the tenants and avoid confusion and problems later.

"I think we're just trying to force them to do the right thing up front," Filanc said.

Mayor Don Mosier said parking cars in a lot that for years was vacant at night is an intensification of use that requires the "full process" of public hearings.

"Some of these things you really can't shortcut," he said. But Mosier agreed a more streamlined, user-friendly version of the amendment was needed.

No residents addressed council during the meeting, but three of four e-mails received support the changes.

As it was written, the new law would expire in five years, but it could be renewed at that time if successful.

Staff will present a new version for a first hearing possibly as soon as Aug. 8.



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TASTE OF WINE

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San Diego State University resumes its schedule of extension wine classes with Exploring Wine Tuesdays starting Aug. 16 to Sept. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. on campus. The goal is the Business of Wine Professional Certificate.

More at neverstoplearning.net/wine/, or call (619) 594-6924.

Rossi's Pizza and Sports Bar in San Marcos has a Rotta Wine Dinner featuring owner Mike Giubbini, from Paso Robles, with award-winning Zinfandel and other wine varietals, Aug. 20 starting at 5:30 p.m. Four course dinner with four Rotta special wines.

Cost is \$40. Call (760) 727-4747 for an RSVP.

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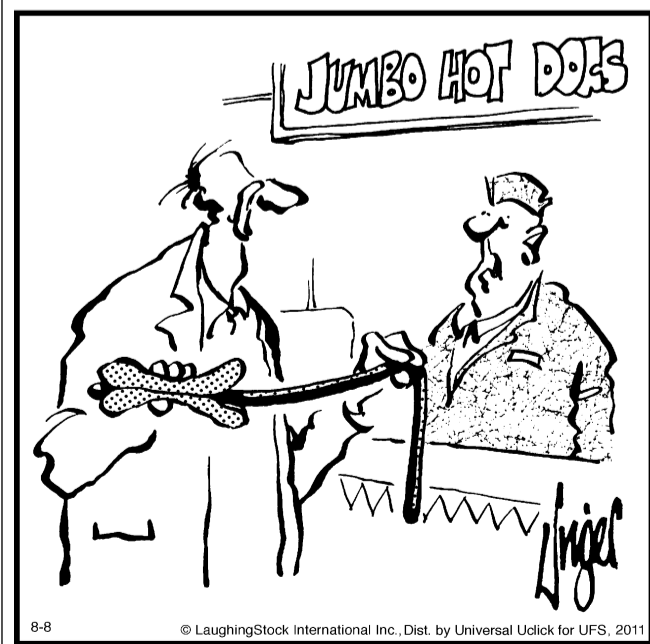
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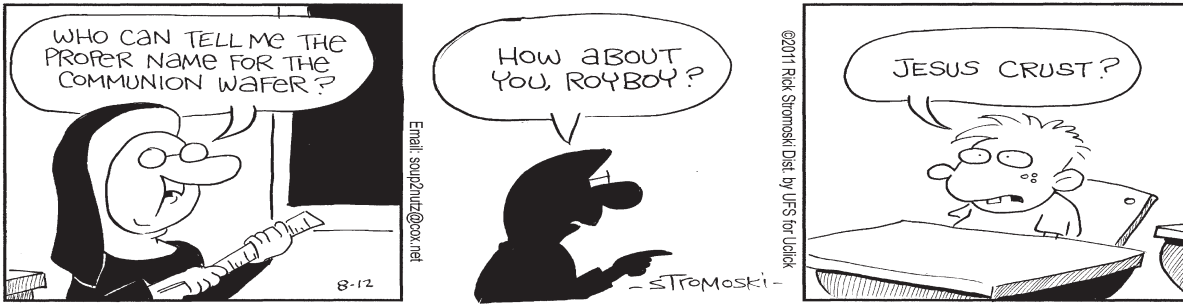
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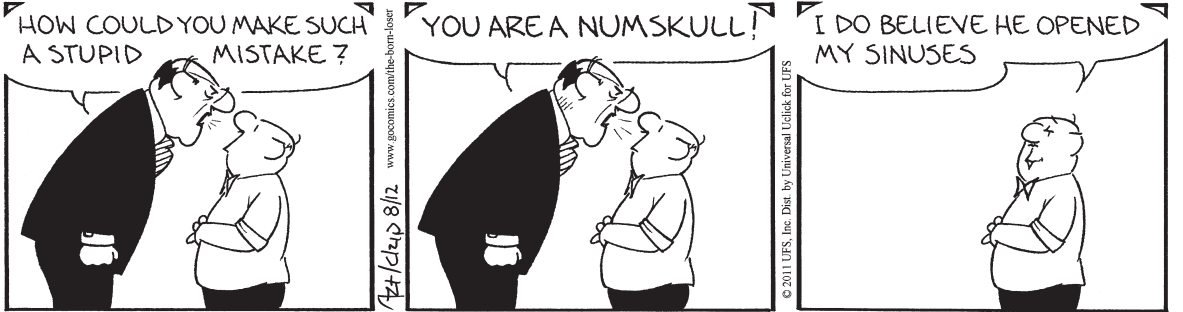
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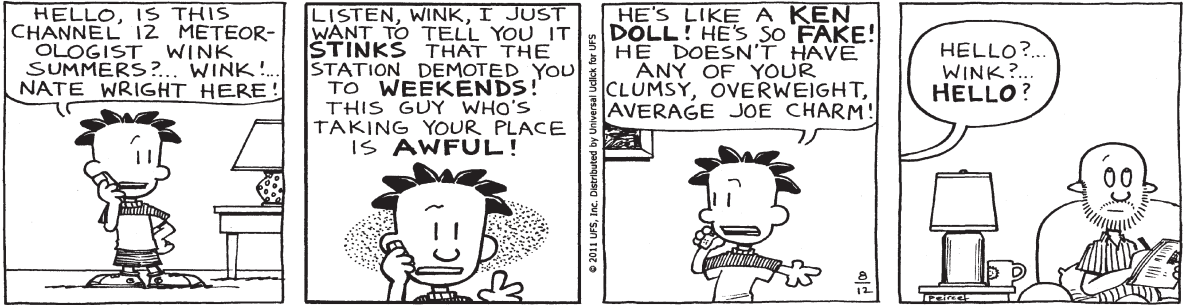
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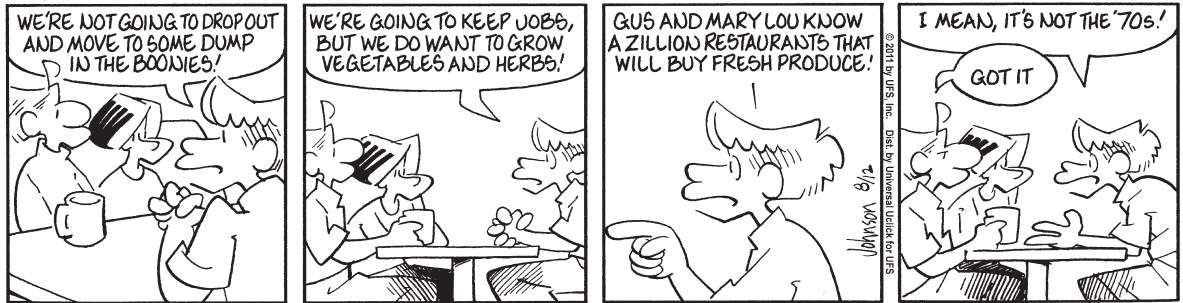
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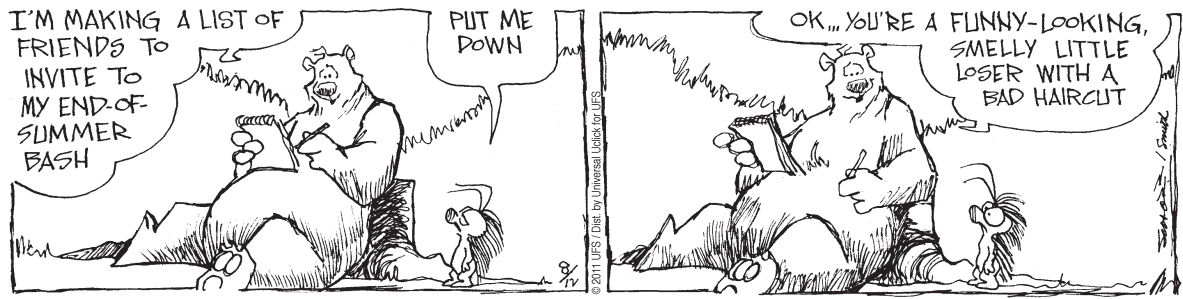
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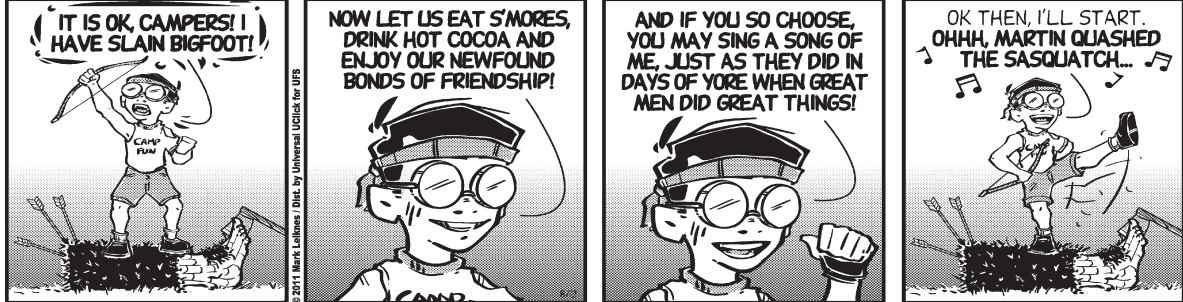
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - If you fail to think for yourself, you can bet your bottom dollar that there will be someone who steps up and thinks for you. Unfortunately, you may not like the results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Actions, not words, are what impress others, so all the talk in the world won't cut the mustard. Unless you are prepared to back up what you say, you may be viewed as just another blowhard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Generally, you're a reasonable person who looks before leaping. If you let your guard down, however, you might throw caution to the wind and gamble on what you shouldn't.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Important decisions need to be shared and resolved by both you and your mate. Each might see things differently and misinterpret what the other is thinking.

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be held accountable. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Adopting too indifferent of an attitude about your resources could create severe problems for you down the line, and cause you to wonder why your funds ran out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Common sense and logical thinking will work for you in ways that your rabbit's foot or four-leaf clover won't. Be sensible about how far you can go in pushing your luck. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - It's always important to see things as they are and not as you want them to be. Know the difference between optimism and pure wishful thinking that can lead you astray.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Enjoy yourself in ways that won't decimate your wallet. In fact, expensive activities are likely to provide the least amount of enjoyment for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Although there is likely to be an abundance of opportunities for you to partake in, you aren't likely to find the enjoyment in them that you normally would. Do something simple, and refresh your world-view.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Just because you got away with something in the past doesn't mean you will get to do so again. Besides, you should make a concerted effort not to repeat a major mistake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Avoid going out with friends who have plenty of discretionary funds to spend that you don't. It could be embarrassing for you if you can't keep up with them and need to leave early.

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by Luis Campos

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"DEU RENZI GEN D HSW DHI BNRD H UECIWVMNZ ZJMW HB PW JM XDWVW UHBC'X H FEI IJVWRXJCF? " - - PHNVWGC E'DHVH

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I cheated a lot because I just couldn't sit and do homework. I usually sat next to someone extremely smart." - Leonardo DiCaprio

ACROSS

- 1 Young foxes
5 Equator segment
8 Ply a needle
11 Ryan or Tatum
13 Give -- break
14 Unfold, in verse
15 Kind of ink
16 Got loose
18 RN assistants
20 Pains
21 Out of style
23 Spoil
24 Pants problem
25 Move gingerly
27 Doesn't continue
31 Flair for music
32 Instruction book item
33 Turkey meat choice
34 Indigo plant
36 Architects' wings

DOWN

- 38 Grandson, maybe
39 Fishing rod
40 Mask feature
41 Zoo staffer
42 Oz. or lb.
44 Scoped out
46 Relinquish a claim
49 Clammy
50 Flower oil
52 Unmanned spacecraft
56 Part of RSVP
57 Stag's partner
58 Names on pedigrees
59 - kwon do
60 Barracks off.
61 Aggressive and dynamic (hyph.)

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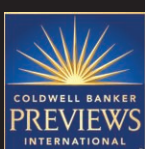
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