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From left: Mary Miller, Joanne Marks, Franci Free, and Catherine Nicholas are honorees for the Distinguished Achievement Award. Courtesy photo

Ranch residents honored with awards

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — Recently, four Rancho Santa Fe residents received awards at the 10th annual Circle of Life 100 Distinguished Award Celebration. The festivities took place at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club and the honorees were Mary Miller, Joanne Marks, Franci Free, and Catherine

Nicholas.

Roughly 200 guests were in attendance.

"These four remarkable women co-chaired the Encinitas Gala last April 2014, to celebrate the opening of Leichtag Foundation Critical Care Pavilion. Together their leadership and commitment inspired our commu-

nity and raised \$2 million in support of Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas," said John Ciullo, Scripps Health director of development. He continued, "These four women and the Circle of Life 100 members have helped to bring awareness and financial sup-

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Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club hosts morning soiree

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe Garden club is home to those who appreciate horticulture, its beauty and learning more about the symbiotic relationship between plants and current drought conditions.

On April 15, Coffee in the Garden, a morning event hosted by the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club, invited members and prospective members to join together in an informal way to visit a member's garden.

The Wasserman Family opened the doors to their Rancho Santa Fe residence for a relaxing morning and tour.

"In a humble way, we're proud of our garden," said Fred Wasserman, co-president of the RSF Garden Club. "We've always been interested in growing things from oranges in the San Joaquin Valley, and up until a few years ago, we grew grapes and had a winery up in Sonoma."

When the guests arrived, they were directed outside to a lovely backdrop of drought-tolerant landscape and an attractive olive tree grove. Wasserman



Co-President of the RSF Garden Club Fred Wasserman hosts the Coffee in the Garden. Photo by Christina Macone-Greene

championed the tour and talked about their choices in landscape and how to nurture it.

"Gardening is an evolution," he said, adding that they would like to expand his wife's rose garden and his vegetable garden in the near future.

For Wasserman, planting is combined with passion. And when things bloom, with it comes a sense of pride.

While people enjoyed the tour, Wasserman wanted to highlight the types of plants and trees that were drought-tolerant and dis-

ease resistant.

A handful of these included pomegranate trees, melaleuca, rosemary, bougainvillea and lantanas.

"Lantanas are easy to grow, but a lot of landscapers don't necessarily like

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From left: Marjan Daneshmand, Dr. Sean Daneshmand and Marcela Lee, anchor from Channel 8 News who will be emceeing again this year at a previous Miracle Babies 5K event. Courtesy photo

Miracle Babies readies for its signature event

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — As Miracles Babies gears up for its 7th annual 5K, they are also reminding all that it is not too late to participate. Slated for May 3, with an Embarcadero Marina Park South backdrop, the location beckons runners, walkers and those who adore the outdoors to take part on this special day.

Founders of Miracle Babies are Rancho Santa Fe residents Dr. Sean and Marjan Daneshmand. The couple describes this 5K as an annual signature event for Miracle Babies. Co-founder and board member Marjan Daneshmand shared that 7 years ago it raised \$30,000 with 700 attendees. Last year, it had more than 2,000 participants and reached more than \$100,000.

"Each year, the walk gets bigger and better. It's not only a walk, but it's a run/walk and celebration of life," she said.

According to Daneshmand, the run begins at 8 am, the walk at 9 a.m., and then a diaper dash for the tots at 10:30 a.m.

Emceeing the event is channel 8 news anchor Marcela Lee.

She also wants everyone to know that there are many activities for the kids such as jumpies, face painting, and more.

"This year, the theme is 'Superheroes,' to celebrate all of the superhe-

roes that help bringing the 'Miracle Babies' into this world. Families show up with their babies in strollers and there are many superhero themed teams," she said.

Daneshmand said this year her team is called the "Mighty Miracles." In her team are about 50 participants with a goal to raise \$10,000.

Every year, this event is punctuated by awareness and hope.

"It's not only a walk, but it's a run/walk and celebration of life."

Marjan Daneshmand
Co-Founder, Miracle Babies

"The mission of Miracle Babies it to provide support and financial assistance to families with critically ill newborns in the neonatal intensive care unit; and, to enhance the well-being of women, children, and their families through education, prevention and medical care," she said. Daneshmand continued, "The walk helps bring awareness to this cause as many families come with

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Association holds health club town hall meeting

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe Association championed a town hall meeting at the Garden Club on April 16 with both a session in the morning, and then again later that same afternoon.

For the morning session, Association Manager Bill Overton and board member Heather Slosar were on hand.

The Town Hall meeting was for members to hear the latest developments for a potential health club in the Ranch while initiating discussion.

Overton started the meeting by saying they were in the planning evaluation phase. Next up, after all members have the information they need, another community vote will ensue.

Overton then addressed

that he had received letters citing concerns that this was not a true feasibility study since it appeared to be managed internally.

Overton said that was not the case.

“We’ve got a great cross-section of volunteers,” he said, noting liaisons from the golf and tennis clubs.

While staffing the feasibility process with volunteers was noted, he said, he didn’t think that was a bad thing and believed it could be done objectively.

Overton said he has received other several letters conveying it was irresponsible to build a pool during the drought.

“I personally don’t know if that’s true or not,” he said. “I’ve seen articles recently that pools waste far less water than turf and that people still need

to have recreational opportunities. I think those things should be taken into account throughout the process.”

While water conservation is required, Overton said, they wanted to let the feasibility process run its course for the existing votes.

“I don’t think everybody necessarily agrees with that, but clearly water conservation is going to have to be a part of what we review for this process,” he said.

Overton told the crowd there were going to be more opportunities on an ongoing basis for members to provide additional input.

The executive committee for the health club task force includes Heather Slosar, chair and Association board member; Ann Boon,

Association president; Jerry Yahr, Association board member; and Mike Licosati, Association member.

Branched from the executive committee are subcommittees in the areas of design, membership and marketing, and finance.

There are roughly 30 volunteers taking part in these subcommittees and task forces.

Slosar wanted to continue the transparency in the process. She said the goal is to build a strong, vibrant community.

“It will be our plan that we build together,” she said.

Slosar took center stage and highlighted how the idea of a health club and fitness center started with a survey in 2013. Roughly half of the members were interested in it and

the community approved a \$350,000 budget.

From there, a board was formed and Slosar became chair along with volunteers, researching potential locations and options.

“We held many open meetings including three town halls that were attended by approximately 250 members,” she said.

From the results of the votes received, now they are in the feasibility phase.

“As part of the phase, we need to figure out what amenities would be included in this facility,” she said. “We need to be able to tell the architect what we’d like him or her to design so that’s why we conducted a survey and held focus groups.”

Examples of these amenities include cardio machines, free weights,

lap pool, locker rooms and more.

Overton pointed out that throughout 2015 and into the early part of 2016, the feasibility phase will include a programming and site analysis, site planning, architecture and design, cost estimating, financial modeling and plan preparation, marketing and membership plan preparation, complete feasibility analysis, board review and approval, and community presentation.

And lastly, a community vote for an implementation phase.

“Going back to the historical surveys, what we’ve got to do is balance the desire for this,” said Overton, noting that this would encompass members in favor and others who have expressed concerns.



A project 15 years in the making that would put about 1.5 million cubic yards of sand on beaches in Encinitas and Solana Beach over a 50-year period recently cleared its last major hurdle when it received unanimous approval from the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Review Board. Photo by Bianca Kaplanek

Sand replenishment project clears hurdle

By Bianca Kaplanek

REGION — Plans to place more than 1.5 million cubic yards of sand on beaches in two North County cities over a 50-year span recently reached “the last significant major milestone,” Solana Beach City Manager David Ott said.

The Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Review Board voted 5-0 on April 21 to advance the Coastal Storm Drainage Reduction project, which has been in the works for more than 15 years by officials in Solana Beach and Encinitas.

“This is big for Solana Beach and all those who have served,” said Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner, who traveled to Washington, D.C., with Encinitas Mayor Kristin Gaspar to give a 15-minute presentation and answer questions before the vote.

They were accompanied by Ott, Encinitas Project Manager Kathy Weldon, who has worked on the project since its inception, and Encinitas Public Works Director Glenn Pruim. Solana Beach’s Leslea Meyerhoff was on hand via teleconference.

“So many people have worked on this — Tom Campbell, Joe Kellej, Mike Nichols,” Heebner

said. “I was just lucky enough to be mayor at this point in the project.”

“This project will provide enhanced bluff protection, improve public safety, reduce the need for more sea walls, protect public infrastructure and beach access, as well as provide mitigation measures for sea level rise,” Gaspar said.

“This is a critical project for our region and is a proud accomplishment of the entire project team,” she added.

Sand from offshore borrow sites will be used to renourish eight miles of beach beginning at the mouth of Batiquitos Lagoon in Encinitas and stretching south to include the entire 1.7-mile Solana Beach coastline except an area north of Tide Park.

The recommended plan is to replace 100 feet of beach every five years in Encinitas, beginning with 340,000 cubic yards of compatible sediment.

Following an initial placement of 700,000 cubic yards of sand, Solana Beach will receive about 200 feet of sand every 13 years.

The project will next be presented to the military chief of engineers, who will issue a report based on the result of the Civil Works Review Board hearing. That will be

followed by final environmental certification.

After that comes the construction document phase, for which state and federal money is already allocated. That will take about 18 to 24 months.

“During that time if another Water Resources Reform and Development Bill is authorized the project will be placed in that for eligibility for federal funding,” Ott said.

Although the majority of the cost, which could be up to \$50 million, will be paid with state and federal money, the Interstate 5 widening project will help with funding.

As part of that project, about 1 million cubic yards of beach-ready sand will be dredged from the San Elijo Lagoon.

That will be a big savings because there will be less of a need to bring in a large vessel to dredge sand from offshore, Ott said.

If all goes as planned additional sand could be placed on the beaches beginning in 2018. While that is a few years away and there are still several steps that need to be completed, Ott said the Civil Works Review Board “is the hardest and most important step in the plan approval process.”

RSF Association receives golf report

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — During a recent board meeting, RSF Golf Club Manager Al Castro reported to the Association its most recent numbers and happenings on the horizons.

As for golf membership numbers, Castro relayed that the number stood at 494 members, which included 31 former resident memberships. During the month of March, they added three new memberships, which included the categories of two junior executives and one regular membership.

“On the financial side, February was a strong month for the club. We’re well ahead of budget again for February,” Castro said.

Looking at the activity for March, Castro described it as a strong month.

Castro wanted the board and members to know that the management of the golf course has been very proactive handling its water costs.

“It has enabled us to save some substantial expenses on the water side on the golf course,” he said. “So again, we’re encouraged by what we see both on the revenue side but more importantly on the controllable side of expenses.”

In upcoming events news, Castro invited the community to its summer concert series. The first is slated for June 12 and will be featuring the band Diamonds in the Rough.

“It will be outside on the lawn, just outside the veranda patio,” he said. “If you are familiar with the music from the 1950s and ‘60s, the Diamonds were very well known for their music back then. It’s going to be a fabulous concert.”

Castro estimated the concert will be well attended and expected to draw more than 200 guests.

Before Castro finished his report, RSF board director Jerry Yahr wanted to know where the golf club was in finishing the completion of the turf removal project in terms of planter areas from the tee boxes to the fairways.

Castro answered that they opted not to do any additional work at this time and wanted to close the books on the turf removal project.

“That’s pretty disappointing,” Yahr said.

Castro went on to say that over time there would be a better definition once the preferred walk paths are used by the golfers. At that period, those would be deter-

mined and the planter areas could be based on those findings.

Castro did convey that currently carts are meandering through the area, but there is somewhat of a defined area, though incomplete.

President Ann Boon then chimed in, saying that this decision was being thought out too democratically.

“I think maybe you ought to get a little dictatorial to find the paths yourself,” she said.

Association Manager Bill Overton told the board and the members that this situation sounded like an open issue and a case where there could be some discussion and then a report back to the board.

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“Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Home?”

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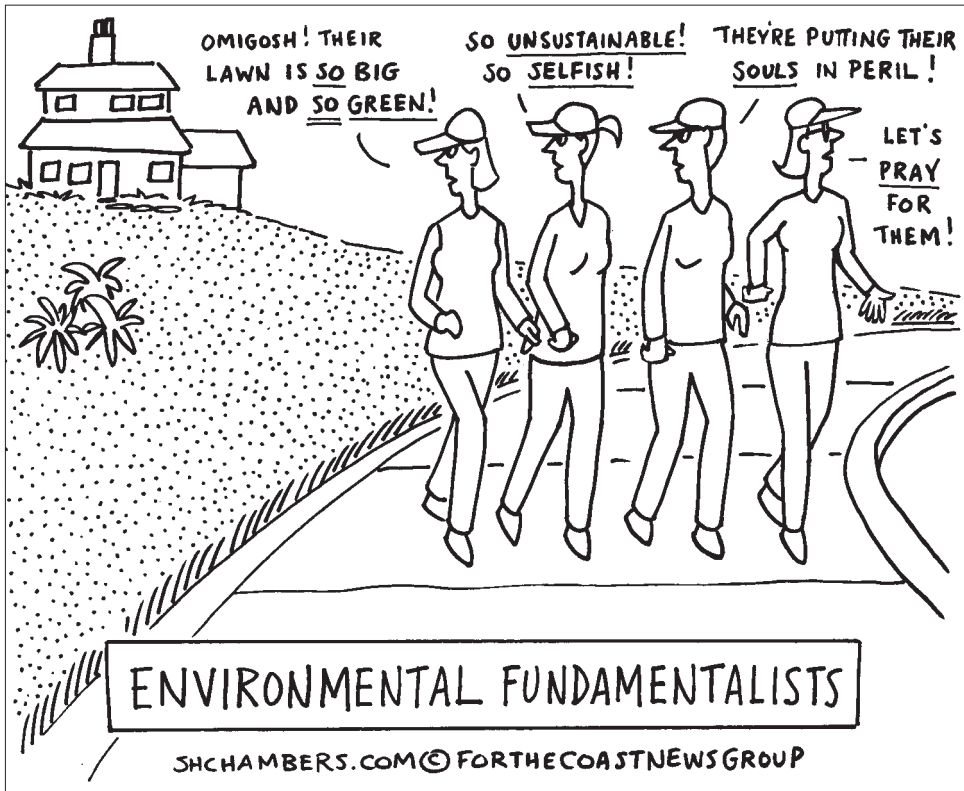
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Court frustrating the voters' will over 'Jessica's Law'

CALIFORNIA FOCUS
BY THOMAS D. ELIAS

It was no surprise when Proposition 83, the so-called Jessica's Law, passed in 2006 with better than a 2-1 majority. The issue, as stated in the ballot summary, was where convicted sex offenders should be allowed to live, no matter how long ago their offenses. The plain wish of the vast majority of voters is that these people become pariahs for life, unable to live anywhere near any potential victims.

Nobody likes sexual predators, especially violent ones, nor should they. But lawyers for some of them argue that once they've served their time and once corrections authorities rule they've been rehabilitated as well as possible, they've got to live somewhere. And the reality is that Proposition 83 allows them almost noplacement to live in any city or town.

That's what voters wanted, of course. No one wants a predator living nearby, and many parents have felt more comfortable since Proposition 83 passed.

As written, this law prohibits all registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of any school or park. The law also mandates far longer prison terms than before and allows the state Department of Mental Health to keep offenders in custody indefinitely after their prison terms are up, if psychiatrists determine they're still dangerous.

After release, the measure puts tracking devices on all of them for life.

No one is seriously challenging many of these provisions, which expand on the severe restrictions previously placed on violent rapists and child molesters.

The challenges have come to the residential limits.

On its surface, this proposition was a no-brainer, a gut reaction against a few crimes committed by paroled offenders who were not being thoroughly monitored.

Pre-existing rules even contained a tougher residential restriction than the initiative's 2,000-foot limit for some offenders, not allowing predators judged to be high risks to live within 2,640 feet of parks and schools.

But by voting as they did, Californians said they don't fully trust the judgment of mental health professionals; they said no one can ever be sure a onetime offender might not again act out an impulse.

Previous law took essentially the same point of view, having long required released sex offenders to register with authorities even decades after their crimes.

The legal problem comes in restricting where long-ago offenders can live, even after they are judged no longer a serious risk to anyone. This spring, the state Supreme Court in a ruling on a San Diego case, written by conservative retired justice Marvin Baxter, said the restrictions are too tough.

Those rules raised the rate of homelessness among the state's 8,000-plus registered sex offenders by a factor of 24, also hindering their access to medical care and drug and alcohol dependency programs.

While the beatdown of Proposition 83 residency rules applied at first only to San Diego County, it has already been made general by a state order lifting the distance restriction on offenders whose crimes didn't involve children.

The state high court's

decision was presaged years earlier by a federal judge in San Francisco, who said the day after the initiative passed that there was "a substantial likelihood" the law is unconstitutional, changing conditions of parole for persons convicted and released long before it passed.

That ruling came in a case where a former offender, identified only as John Doe, claimed Jessica's Law would force him to leave a community where he lived peacefully for more than 20 years.

That's just what Republican legislator Susan Runner, from the high desert region of Los Angeles County, wanted to do when she sponsored Proposition 83 and it's what voters wanted, too.

They simply don't trust prior offenders to remain impulse-resistant forever, and so they want even long-ago sex offenders with solid records since their release far from any proximity to children.

The last time voters felt as strongly about an initiative was in the mid-1990s, when a huge majority passed Proposition 187 in an effort to cut off health, education and all other public services to illegal immigrants. A federal judge struck down most of that one quickly.

No one seriously expects the surveillance and sentencing aspects of Proposition 83 to suffer a similar fate.

But voters can be excused if they feel frustrated by a court waiting almost nine years to strike down a much of a law they passed, one that provided peace of mind to many.

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Community Commentary

Save your sticks and stones

By Celia Kiewit

As the sick game of Whack-A-Mole drones on in the Middle East, I attempted to create a dialogue about this chaos by offering some background into the conflicts there and the consequences for the peace we take for granted here at home.

Exposing myself to public scrutiny in this way, I have been both criticized and complimented.

Hey, if we can't talk about it, we might as well quit right now so bring it on.

The U.S. interfered in Iran's internal affairs way back when we propped up the Shah. Again, damned if we do and damned if we don't?

My correction to the good professor's history lesson was merely that the CIA and Israel's Mossad did not create SAVAK to spy on the clerics, and I offered quotes to prove it.

Would anyone be so foolish as to argue that if we hadn't been (reluctantly) involved in what was a developing nation after WWII, Iran would be a democracy today?

I hate to point to bad behavior to justify other bad behavior, but Russia was also meddling in the Middle East, and still does, along with China and others now doing the same.

Mohammed Mossadeh, prime minister of Iran in the '50s was pushing for more and more power and the clerics were becoming wary of him.

The British developed their oil industry and conflicts arose over labor conditions and all that glorious oil money.

Today, Iran is a brutal police state, theocracy, exporter of terrorism, and a major meddler in the affairs of other countries.

The rest of what I wrote was about the generosity

and good our country is famous for.

I'm tired of the blaming, excuses, revisionist history, and attempts to silence debate.

If there is no objective truth and no respect for law and order, a lack of civility in our families and the "global family," no agreement and adherence to a universal moral code, all hell breaks loose and anarchy soon takes over.

Some have argued that the U.S. was a foreign invader in its formative history, prompting me to ask what North America would look like if the Indians, Mexico,

Freedom of speech and the right to peaceful assembly and religion permit us to say and do most anything, as long as we break no laws and do no harm to others.

No polygamy and no jehadi politics preached from the mosque!

Calling each other names might cause bad feelings, but rappers spew racist and bigoted crap all day long, Hollywood films are full of bad language, pornography, and violence, drugs and gambling are rampant and destructive, and some people even demand living by a different

I'm tired of the blaming, excuses, revisionist history, and attempts to silence debate.

or Iran were in control.

That's when I was accused of racism — that I would be offended if someone called me the product of "Prussian Nazi immigrants" because my grandparents were Austrian.

No, that would just make them ridiculous for saying it. Did you not see "The Sound of Music"?

Get the chip off your shoulder and your head out of the sand. If your community is a "No-Go Zone" like parts of Europe and the U.S. as well, that's not good.

These places are so godless that law enforcement simply won't go there!

When I need a policeman, I hope one will always come to my aid. Sometimes they're wrong, but I have never resisted arrest, looted, or shot anyone.

God help us if another officer overreacts and kills someone, or if he himself is ambushed as has happened in NYC and elsewhere.

kind of justice entirely — called Shariah Law. Is that OK with you?

Scores of Christians are being murdered for their faith all over the world.

When will Pastor Saeed Abedini and US Marine Amir Hekmati be released from an Iranian prison? What happened to the 200+ young girls abducted a year ago in Nigeria by Boko Haram militants?

Are you safe from anarchy in your neighborhood? If we are a democratic nation founded on cherished freedoms, Judeo-Christian values, and the rule of law, how now shall we live?

The answer is through constant vigilance and courage and faith. I don't have kids but I care how I leave the place for you and yours!

Peace and perseverance.

Celia Kiewit is an Encinitas resident.

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Regarded vegetarian chef visits RSF Library

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — Those who took part in the “April Kitchen Hack” series at the Rancho Santa Fe Library were in for a special treat with vegetarian chef Acooba Scott. The theme, “Meatless Thursdays: Every Little Bit Counts,” was a savory success.

Scott, both an accomplished chef and author, shared with participants how switching to a meatless day only once a week can offer a beneficial impact on one’s health, weight and environment.

With genuine compassion, Scott provides a friendly and interactive atmosphere during her cooking classes and workshops. And the one at the Rancho Santa Fe Library’s Kitchen Hack was no exception.

Simmering on the afternoon menu was “Tofu



Acooba Scott, who specializes in vegetarian cooking, demonstrates some of her recipes during the Kitchen Hack series at the RSF Library earlier this month. Photo by Christina Macone-Greene

Pate” and “Pulled Pork”

delicious,” said Haley

Kwon, RSF Library branch

manager.

As Scott was prepar-

ing items for the meals, she

chatted about the Califor-

nia water supply. This is a topic that is in the forefront, considering the prolonged drought conditions in the state.

“Ten percent of the California water supply goes to the production of almonds, and after this, there is about an 80 percent growth of almonds,” she said.

“And 47 percent of our water goes to beef production and that only produces 1.4 percent of the meat.”

According to Scott, water usage for the cows goes

to their daily care, including any grass that needs watering for them to graze on.

As Scott interjected interesting environmental tidbits, her knowledge in the kitchen was inspiring.

Kwon said everyone was so impressed with Scott that they want her to come back again for another series. And according to Kwon, Scott can’t wait to return.

Until then, Scott invited those to visit her website to learn more about her and her recipes at acooba.com.

Historical Society honors Rea Mowery

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society will honor Rea Mowery for his contributions to the community and the historical society at a reception commemorating the “Rea Mowery Garden” at 10:30 a.m. May 2 at La Flecha House, 6036 La Flecha. For reservations to attend the tribute, call Sharon Alix at (858) 756-9291.

One of the historical society’s earliest volunteers, Mowery was instrumental in obtaining the historically significant La Flecha House for the society in 1988.

The home’s first residents were Sydney R. Nelson, the Santa Fe Land Improvement Company’s manager, and his wife, Ruth, and son.

“We will forever be indebted to the contribution Rea Mowery made to the historical society and to the community,” said John Vreeburg, president. “Rea was involved in creating and nurturing so many of the organizations in the ranch. It is to thank him for his foresight and spirit that we will be honoring him.”

La Flecha House was designed by Lilian Rice and

built by the Santa Fe Railroad in 1923 to house the Nelsons as the railroad’s SFLIC started to develop what is now the Rancho Santa Fe Covenant.

In 1960, E. I. (Bud) and Marguerite Reitz bought the property, which Bud used as an office for his lumber business. When they later decided to dispose of some assets, the couple initially offered the building to Mowery who instead suggested they donate it to the historical society in 1984.

In 1989 the Covenant received California historical landmark status for the community as a whole and La Flecha House was recognized as Landmark #1.

Mowery, who died at the age of 91 last year at his daughter’s home in Whittier, came to the ranch in 1968 as a cartographer for the Rancho Santa Fe Association after retiring as a U. S. Marine Corp. Chief Warrant Officer and Marine Gunner. “It was kind of interesting to come from Da Nang (Vietnam) and four days later start working in Rancho Santa Fe,” he once said, “It’s the best tour of duty I ever had. I came here

and never left.”

Because of a lapse in record keeping during the lean years of the Depression and World War II, the association found itself with some 500 homes with no street addresses. Mowery was tasked with updating and coordinating the Covenant and San Diego County records.

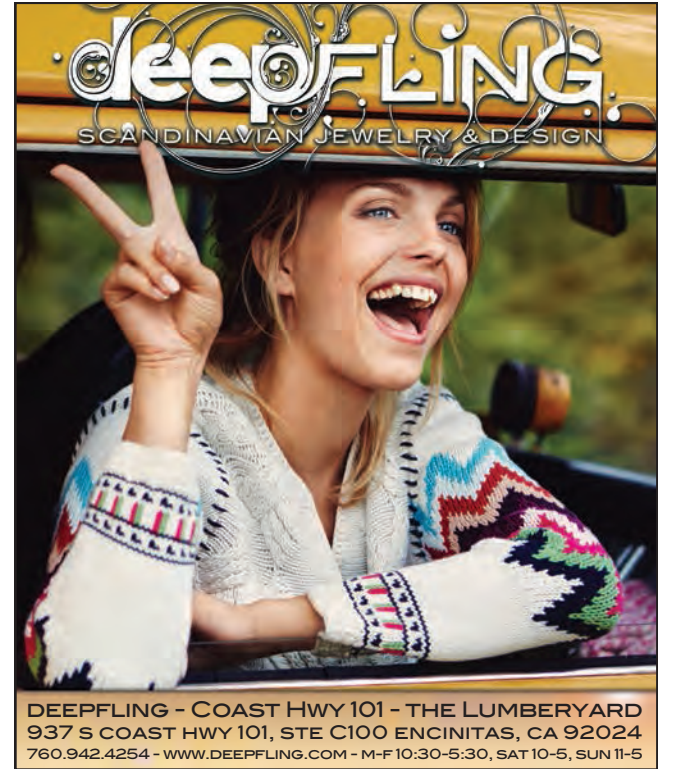
Another part of his job was to codify the Covenant and explain the rules to homeowners.

He later became building commissioner, manager of the association, and then a founding officer of the Rancho Santa Fe National Bank, serving there for 21 years as vice president and director of community relations.

When the bank held its grand opening celebration, he convinced the board to donate the funds they would have spent on the party to the newly-formed Rancho Santa Fe Foundation instead. Mowery also was a member of the Rancho Santa Fe Rotary where he served as president and on the board of directors. In addition, he served on the boards of the Rancho Santa Fe Library and Garden

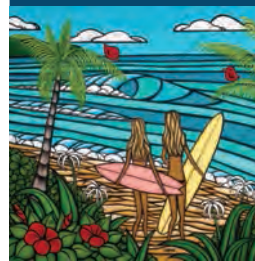
Club. When active in the Rancho Community Center, Mowery helped to start the Rancho Santa Fe Senior Center.

He even was behind the beautifully landscaped median strips on Paseo Delicias in the Village. Mowery’s volunteer efforts also included Children’s Hospital, Boy Scouts of America, and the American Red Cross.

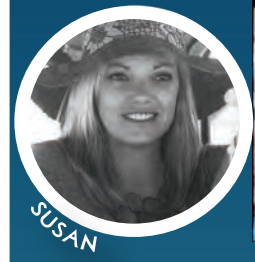


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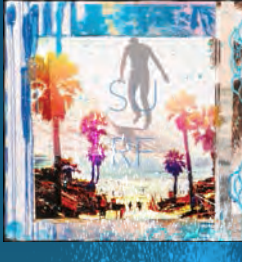
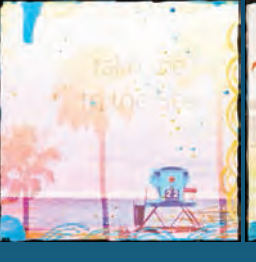
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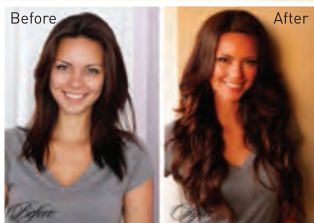
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RSF residents chair SPARK Gala to support cancer research

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — While the 34th annual UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center annual fundraiser, the SPARK Gala, was a night to remember on April 25, many thanks is extended to its co-chairs of the event.

Longtime Rancho Santa Fe residents Wanda and Cam Garner created a memorable event at the Grand Del Mar to raise funds for research, patient care and offering a helping hand to promote its new Cancer Immunotherapy Program.

Cam Garner is a member of the Board, and his wife, Wanda Garner, serves as an active volunteer for Patient and Family Support Services at Moores Cancer Center.

The evening carved out a special opportunity for its guests, including supporters, physicians, and cancer survivors to “ignite the fight against cancer.”

Guests also enjoyed a special performance by Broadway’s Megan Hilty, who starred in “Wicked,” as Glinda.

The couple called co-chairing the SPARK Gala as an exciting time in cancer research with



Longtime Rancho Santa Fe residents Cam and Wanda Garner serve as co-chairs of the 34th annual SPARK Gala fundraiser. *Courtesy photo*

so much promise for new-targeted treatments.

“The UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center is important to us as family members who’ve had to watch and support three family members who’ve had to travel long distances to receive the best cancer treatment available to them. We’ve seen how difficult it was for them and experienced how difficult it was for us to be separated at such a crucial time of need,” Wanda Garner said. “We do not want a San Diegan to ever have to leave San Diego to receive the very best cancer treatment. We want people to think of UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center first when they receive a cancer diagnosis.”

Garner went on to say that she does not want stem cell transplant patients to endure weeks of recovery in a single hospital room isolated from the world.

In the new Jacobs Medical Center, she pointed out, there will be an entire floor dedicated to stem cell transplant and patients will be able to access the entire floor which will be supported by special air filtration supported by specially trained

cancer nurses and staff.

In San Diego County, the sobering statistics are showing that cancer is becoming a leading cause of death.

The fundraising efforts of the SPARK Gala help the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center by addressing the needs of its community.

“We are excitedly looking forward to the new cancer hospital which will be a part of the new Jacobs Medical Center opening next year and its ability to treat community members here at home,” Garner said.

“As family members and friends to cancer warriors, we want to be a part of the solution to cancer care here in San Diego, so that no family will have to travel long distances and endure extended times away from family and friends at a time when they need them the most.”

Philanthropic efforts are needed more now than ever in San Diego to help those afflicted with this disease.

“Our community deserves a world class cancer center and we want to make that dream a reality,” she said.

Jimmy Durante roadwork nears completion

By Bianca Kaplanek

DEL MAR — Driving in and out of Del Mar along Jimmy Durante Boulevard will get a whole lot easier in about a month.

“We are on schedule for a May 24 substantial completion,” Public Works Director Eric Minicilli said during a project update at the April 20 City Council meeting.

By then workers should be off the roadway and completing “touchup work,” Minicilli added.

Street, sidewalk and drainage improvements along a southeast portion of Jimmy Durante began in

mid-February.

Since then a stretch of the roadway has been subject to closures and slowdowns to accommodate the work, which includes construction of about 2,500 feet of new curbs and gutters, 16,000 square feet of sidewalks, 2,200 square feet of retaining walls, seven pedestrian ramps and 87,300 square feet of pavement rehabilitation.

Wastewater and water main pipelines are also being replaced and new underground storm drain infrastructure added.

Before the beginning of next month the water line should be back in service and connected to the rest of the city, Minicilli said.

He said there are tentatively no plans to close the northbound lane for the next few weeks, but shut downs will begin again in the middle of May to complete the guardrail work and a lot of the paving.

“That’ll involve major closures to get the roadway repaved, restriped and ready



The inconvenience of driving in and out of Del Mar along this stretch of Jimmy Durante Boulevard should come to an end in about a month. Street, sidewalk and drainage improvements that started in February are expected to wind down by May 24. *Photo by Bianca Kaplanek*

for summer season,” he said.

Stone coverings are currently being installed on the retaining walls.

“Part of it is up,” Minicilli said. “I think it looks great. Take a look as you drive by.”

The improvements are part of a more than \$4 million citywide street, sidewalk and drainage project that is being implemented in phases. Most funding is com-

ing from a financing plan offered by the San Diego Association of Governments.

The city is using the money it receives annually in TransNet funds — about \$200,000 — to pay the debt.

TransNet is a voter-approved half-cent sales tax given to cities for use on transportation projects.

The project initially included the addition of a roundabout at the intersection of Jimmy Durante and San Dieguito Drive.

In response to concerns raised by several residents, the traffic-calming device was severed from the improvements.

An informational meeting regarding proposed changes to the intersection is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. on April 30 in the City Hall Annex.

RSF Association approves golf membership category

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — The board of directors at the Rancho Santa Fe Association approved the former resident golf membership category for another consecutive year.

Golf Club Manager Al Castro presented it as an agenda item.

According to Castro, there are currently 31 former resident members.

Every year, toward the end of March, this membership category is up for review and approval per the board of directors’ discretion.

Castro reminded the board that this specific membership group was enacted back in 2011.

“This will be our fourth year requesting the membership category be extended an additional year,” he said.

Board President Ann Boon wanted to clarify for members in the audience not familiar with this topic that this membership was available to former covenant residents who lived in the Ranch for 10 years or more.

Upon selling their property, they had the opportunity to continue their Golf Club membership.

Castro concurred with Boon, adding that if they

wanted to continue their Golf Club membership, they did have to pay a premium.

“These members have no voting rights, and they have no other use of any Association facility other than the Golf Club,” he said.

Boon then asked Castro to confirm the premium.

He told her and the board that they pay 10 percent over the regular membership fees.

“Do they pay a difference in enrollment fees from when they first join or they just continue on?” Boon asked.

Castro wanted the board to know that these former covenant residents have 180 days from the time they sell their real estate to convert their membership.

If this is done within this window of opportunity there is no additional enrollment fee.

“However, if they leave and then come back after that 180-day period, they do pay the difference between what they initially paid in enrollment fees and the current enrollment fee,” Castro said.

“We haven’t had too many of those, but have had one or two in the last few years that paid the difference,” he added.

The board wanted to know if there was a cap for this membership category.

Castro pointed out that the boards for the Golf Club and Association did discuss a cap.

Both elected not to place a cap, but rather, every year request a continuation of this membership category.

Castro then thanked the board of directors for extending the former resident membership category for another year.

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Tour allows public rare view of historic homes

By Ellen Wright

ESCONDIDO — The Escondido Historic District staff is gearing up for their popular annual Historic Home tour, where very Mother's Day, private residential homes in Escondido open their doors to hundreds of visitors.

Different homes are selected each year and five homes will be featured May 10.

Carol Rea, president of the Old Escondido Historic District said the homes are reflective of the community's history.

"It was a small farming community so our homes aren't all large grand queen Victorians like some neighborhoods in San Diego but we do have an interesting mix of everything from Victorians to California bungalows and even some marvelous mid-century homes," Rea said.

She said each home on the tour is unique so there is something to fit everyone's individual taste.

"We've got a little bit of everything for everybody," Rea said.

The largest home is a two-story craftsman-style bungalow built in 1928. The interior was recently remodeled with an open concept interior.

The oldest home is Italianate-style Victorian built in 1892. It was at risk of being demolished until its current owners purchased it and restored into a bed and breakfast.

This is the only time of year the homes are open to the public, which Rea said is a unique opportunity because of Escondido's heritage.

"As one of the oldest cities in the county, we do have some unique homes," Rea said.

Docents will be at each home for the entirety of the tour, which lasts from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Rea said it takes about two hours to comfortably see all the homes, which are within walking distance so as long as visitors begin by 2 p.m., they'll have plenty of time.

Refreshments, including lemonade and cookies will be served in the garden at one of the homes featured on the tour.

Many visitors have made the tour a Mother's Day tradition, Rea said.

Model-T cars will also be on display for the event.

Tickets are \$20 before the event and can be purchased online at oldescondido.org or in person at Rosemary-Duff Florist on 101 West 2nd Avenue or at Major Market on Centre City Parkway.

Tickets are available the day of the tour for \$25 each and can be purchased at 537 South Juniper.

Tickets come with a 24-page booklet with photos and a map.

The ticket proceeds go towards the Old Escondido Historic District's mission of protecting, preserving and promoting Escondido's oldest neighborhoods.



Five historic homes will be on display Sunday May 10 for Mother's Day. Tickets are \$20 before the event and \$25 day of. Photos by Carol Rea



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So how was my son's wedding weekend in Philadelphia? Why, thanks for asking. It was perfect. I feared all the predictable disasters. I was gloriously wrong.

Truth be told, it would have taken a tornado hitting the church or maybe a swarm of locusts to make even a small dent in the wonderfulness of the entire weekend.

Small miracles happened all along the way. Everyone got there and home safely, and there were about 30 of us flying in for the nuptials.

The couple is even home safely from an exotic honeymoon in Guatemala, which ended with a three-hour drive from Newark to Boston. (Of course I worried. It's my job.)

Remember, Philly is just creeping out from a heinous winter. It drizzled the day before and the day after the wedding, but on Wedding Day, the clouds departed and we had blue skies and 75 degrees.

The 100-year-old, stone church was exquisite. There were no wardrobe malfunctions, and make-up, hair and half-Windsor knots for the 12 in the bridal party were, yes, perfect. The bride's dress was, in fact, gorgeous and quite perfect on her. Bridesmaid dresses actually did flatter each bridesmaid in color and fit. The young men were dashing in handsome, dark suits. And I, the ridiculously nervous mother-of-the-groom, in the much-discussed dress and self-styled hair, managed to garner a delightful number of compliments. Like I said. Perfect.

Yes, I cried and my nose ran, but nobody seemed to care. The entire gathering was a combination of people who loved my children, loved each other and loved (or at least liked) me. It was a giant bubble of love for three days — the kind you can't buy or force.

I can add, with great relief, the bride's large family was gracious and lovely, so no in-law issues. My family behaved well, even me.

My gift to my son was that I did not give a toast at the reception, which greatly lowered the risk of em-

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It's Pixie Season in Ojai every April and as long as the Pixies last.

I'm talking about Pixie tangerines, the small, seedless and super-sweet fruit grown mostly in the Ojai Valley, about 25 minutes east of Ventura.

"You can grow Pixies anywhere but it's hard to grow a good-tasting Pixie anyplace else except here," explains Emily Thacher Ayala, standing in the Pixie grove on Friend's Ranch, property that has been in her family for five genera-



Sister and brother Emily Thacher Ayala and George Thacher operate Friend's Ranch in the Ojai Valley east of Ventura. The ranch was established by their great-grandparents, who called their brand of citrus "Rancho Escondido." Their grandfather planted the first tangerine trees, and their parents still live in the house next to the fields. *Photos by E'louise Ondash*

tions. "Pixies grown elsewhere just don't deliver on the flavor. You need the hot days and cool nights and the fog that comes in here."

Ayala and her brother, George Thacher, run the groves where they grow a dozen types of tangerines on the land that their

great-grandparents homesteaded in the 1920s — although, says Thacher, Anny Friend didn't believe in taking anything from the government, so she actually paid for the acres.

Today the family has about 300 acres of citrus, including 16 acres of Pixies.

The people of Ojai have known about the virtues of Pixies for years.

That goes for the Japanese, too, who have been buying thousands of pounds for a while.

It's just in the last couple of years that the Ojai Pixie Grower Association (OPGA) is getting the word out to the rest of us.

Walking through the Shangri-La-like grove, it's easy to see why citrus growers in this part of the state love their land.

Not that being a grower doesn't have its challenges.

There's the cost of water; bagging ("expensive but that's what the stores want") and workers' bene-



Pixie tangerines are the perfect fruit, say some. They are small, sweet, seedless and easy to peel. Visitors who come to Friend's Ranch for the tour can sample many types of citrus, then fill their bags for \$2 a pound.



It's never too early to eat ice cream. That's the philosophy at Noso Vita, a recently opened indoor-outdoor café near Ojai's center that serves locally grown cuisine. Guests will have a difficult time telling this gluten-free French toast from "regular" toast. Noso Vida happily accommodates special dietary needs.

fits; disease that can wipe out entire groves of trees; long hours in the packing house; and dealing with tourists who ask silly questions like: How do you know when the fruit is ready

to pick?

"We eat it," Ayala says. "We sample every tree."

Unlike some of the large growers who pick all the fruit at once, Friend's Ranch and other OPGA members pick only when the fruit is ripe, so harvesting can be protracted. Friend's Ranch, for one, offers only "export" grade tangerines — the highest classification.

Of course, the proof is in the tasting, and once you've sampled a ripe Pixie immediately post-picking, there's no going back. It's heaven in a small orange orb, and Ojai growers are entitled to every bit of bravado.

The 52 Ojai Valley growers harvest and market about 3 million pounds of Pixies annually.

During picking season, tours at Friend's Ranch are \$12 for adults; \$7 for children 4-10 years; under 3 years free. Includes tastings; "U-pick" fruit \$2/pound.

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Next column: Ojai's other offerings.

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Leichtag farmer wins major food writing award

By Aaron Burgin

ENCINITAS — The Leichtag Foundation's "Farmer D" has won a major food-writing award.

Daron Joffe, the foundation's director of agricultural innovation and development, won an award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals — one of world's two major food-writing awards — for his book "Citizen Farmers: The Biodynamic Way to Grow Healthy Food, Build Thriving Communities, and Give Back to the Earth."

"I am honored and humbled by the IACP award," Joffe said in a news release.

"Everyone can be a

farmer and make a contribution to a better and more sustainable world.

This book was written to empower people to find their soul in their food and share it with their community."

In the book, Joffe writes that the "citizen farmer" movement is about "taking actions that foster a healthier, more sustainable food system and passing these values to the next generation."

Joffe has helped to spearhead Leichtag's development of the former Ecke Ranch property into an educational community farm inspired by Jewish agricultural traditions.

One of the farm's goals

is to improve the local food system, according to a news release from the Foundation.

He has also been actively involved in the discussions of the city's urban agriculture ordinance, which seeks to make the regulatory climate in Encinitas more hospitable to farming and agriculture.

Joffe will be speaking and signing books May 17 at Eco-Fest at 450 Quail Gardens Dr.

Theater hosting play auditions

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Village Church Community Theater announces auditions from 4 to 7 p.m. May 28 at the Village Community Church, 6225 Paseo Delicias for the role of Amahl in the production, "Amahl & the Night Visitors."

The play will be fully staged with a live orchestra. Amahl is the lead role for a boy soprano, approximate 10- to 12-years-old. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5 p.m. Dec. 6. Audition Requirements are to perform a memorized

1- to 2-minute song of your choice and a musical excerpt from the opera. An accompanist will be provided if needed.

For more audition information, which will provide the excerpt for the audition and an appointment, contact margiew@villagechurch.org or call (858) 756-2441, ext. 128.

Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young crippled boy named Amahl who lives in poverty

with his widowed mother near Bethlehem.



Mystery authors highlight book event

REGION — The San Diego Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee will hold its annual Book and Author Luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. May 6 at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort. Cost will be \$65, \$75 or \$90.

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All proceeds will go to the "Sustaining the Mind" campaign, which provides scholarships and research in neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's at Brandeis University.

This year, the chapter presents three award-winning authors, all California mystery writers.

Alan Russell is the

bestselling author of 11 novels, from whodunits to comedy to suspense.

Russell and his works have been nominated for most of the major awards in crime fiction.

Aline Ohanesian's great-grandmother was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide, which provides the background for her first novel, "Orphan's Inheritance."

Taffy Cannon is the author of 14 mysteries and including the "Booked for Travel," mystery series under the pseudonym Emily Toll.

The moderator will be Caron Golden, radio personality, blogger and social media manager, editor, and award-winning journalist.

In loving memory of Frederick William Steese

April 15, 2015



Frederick William Steese, a noted North County CPA and a former president of the Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club, died April 15.

Cause of death was an apparent heart attack. He was 63.

He was born in Burbank on October 17, 1951, graduated from Granada Hills High School and earned his undergraduate degree at San Diego State University and was a Certified Public Accountant in California.

He won numerous awards in golf, wrestling and baseball in high school. A local newspaper in the San Fernando Valley dubbed him "Slugger Steese" for his wrestling skills at Granada Hills.

Steese joined Leaf and Cole, a public accounting firm in San Diego, shortly after graduating from SDSU. He later joined with Dick Wehmeyer to form Wehmeyer & Steese, a public accounting firm in Rancho Santa Fe.

Following Wehmeyer's retirement, Steese opened his own firm, Frederick Wm. Steese, in Encinitas in 2002.

"To know Fred was to love him. He was fun, engaged and a marvelous raconteur. He could cite sports statistics and dates faster than anyone I've ever known," said Bob Page, a former owner of the Rancho Santa Fe Review, and a long-time personal friend. He was an Aztec for

Life, whose love for San Diego State was contagious. If you asked him to name the starting lineup for any Aztec basketball team, no matter how many years ago, he could. He always said statistics came easily for him, "after all, I spend my life in numbers!"

The irony of his death on America's tax day seems hard to fathom. True to his dedication to his clients, he resisted his wife Vicki's insistence that he check himself into a hospital prior to his death. He was struggling with chest pains. Unfortunately, he put work before his health.

"Fred was the ultimate Aztec. He loved his alma mater," said Steve Thomas, a Rancho Santa Fe resident who shared season tickets with him.

Mike Phillips, a Rancho Santa Fe resident and longtime client of Fred's, said Fred was "a consummate professional, wonderful friend, and perennially frustrated Aztec, Charger and Padre fan."

He took great pride in Vicki, his life partner for 30 years. When she returned to school to earn her certificate in psychological counseling he was so proud of her. And when he needed assistance in the office, Vicki was always there for him.

In addition to Vicki, he is survived by his sister, Jackie Dahlgren, and her husband, William, of Saline, Michigan; nephews Michael Dahlgren and his daughter, Scarlet, of Saline, and Eric Dahlgren, his wife, Erica, and their son Jonathan of Chicago; and cousins Rick, Tom, and Carol Farrell from Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herald and Mary Jane Steese.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Village Church in Rancho Santa Fe on Saturday, April 25, at 4 p.m.

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Fritz continues to climb the junior tennis ladder



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Kathy May Fritz, like any mother, is pleased her teenage son landed a summer job.

"I'm very proud of him," she said.

Even if he doesn't get paid?

So it goes if you're Taylor Fritz.

Fritz, among the world's top junior players, is joining forces with the San Diego Aviators of Mylan World Team Tennis.

At least Taylor, 17, won't have a far commute with the home matches at Carlsbad's Omni La Costa Resort & Spa.

Taylor remains an amateur and he'll be playing as such across Europe and at the French Open before slapping on an Aviators jersey. Ranked fifth among junior players, Taylor is seen as one of the young Americans seeking to make a mark on the men's side.

"I continue to work on and off the court," said Taylor, who won the CIF San Diego Section title as a Torrey Pines High freshman and now takes classes online. "I'm trying to get stronger so I can compete against the top players."

The 6-foot-4, 180-pound Taylor has the frame.

With a booming forehand and massive serve, Taylor has the game.

With his mother, and father, Guy Fritz, a former University of San Diego All American, being former pros, Taylor has the genes.

Guy Fritz is Taylor's coach, with his wife adding her tennis knowledge, too.

But the will has to come from Taylor, and he's all in.

"I love the completion," Taylor said. "I just love playing someone one-on-one."

He was among four left standing at last summer's Wimbledon junior event. He also had a solid run at this year's Australian Open, reaching the quarterfinals. In January, he advanced to the semifinals of a Futures tournament in Los Angeles.

It's all part of the pro-

TURN TO FRITZ ON 18

Golf program expands to help veterans

By Bianca Kaplanek

DEL MAR — Although there are few, if any, severely combat-injured active-duty troops currently going through rehabilitation at the Naval Medical Center San Diego or Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Tony Perez didn't see that as a reason to slow down Operation Game On, a golf rehabilitation program he founded in 2008.

In fact, the Rancho Santa Fe resident saw it as an opportunity to help more of the brave men and women who fight for our freedom.

"Our focus was on the troops still in the military with severe combat injuries going through rehab," Perez said. "Now our focus has shifted to the veterans still going through rehab for their severe injuries but now through the VA hospital system."

"It's the beginning of another chapter for our combat wounded veterans," he added. "They've

TURN TO VETERANS ON 18



Operation Game On founder Tony Perez presents Jack Stanfield, left, and Maj. Doug Cullins with their first-place prize, a \$25 gift certificate to Del Mar Golf Center. Photo by Bianca Kaplanek

RSF Tennis Club readies to launch new website

By Christina Macone-Greene

RANCHO SANTA FE — At a recent board meeting with the Rancho Santa Fe Association board of directors, Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club President Dave Van Den Berg shared that their new website is about to go live. The announcement was timely as the

club's membership numbers have skyrocketed.

Van Den Berg told the board that the opening visit to the website begins with a birds-eye view captured by a drone flying through the club and then over the courts at about 300 feet.

"It's like you are visiting the club for the very first time," he said. "There are beautiful aerial shots of the whole golf course and the tennis courts. It's choreographed to music so as you watch the players, the music picks up as the players hit faster and faster."

The music continues as the drone captures the site of equestrians riding their trusty steeds around the tennis club. The camera picks up the nuances of each scenario so viewers

get a glimpse into the facility and its beauty.

From there, website visitors are afforded the opportunity to learn about the activities for the year along with engaging videos.

And reservations can now be made online.

"Our whole reservation system is on there so that anybody can actually make reservations by themselves," Van Den Berg said. "They can see what courts are available and sign up."

Van Den Berg wanted everyone to know that he hoped that the website would be fully up and running by the end of April. Currently, testing is underway.

Van Den Berg then circled back to the online schedule, explaining how

there will be a list of lessons and clinics. Members will also have the opportunity to see what instructor is available and book appointment with them online.

Van Den Berg said this feature was really necessary because they have 184 tennis members, a number which continues to grow, and the court system must be in sync with those needs.

"We also have a database in there of every single member in the club," he said. "The reason this is important is because anytime we want to do a promotion of any kind, we can do it by gender, by age and by skill level."

This database is the pulse of communication to

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MAY 1

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Every Friday night this summer from 7 to 9 p.m., through July 31, the sidewalks of Grand Avenue, State Street and Roosevelt Street transform into an open-air concert stage. Enjoy free live music from street performers. Many of Carlsbad Village's retailers will stay open late to celebrate the series.

FOLK CONCERT Solana Beach singer/songwriter Ross Moore will perform at 11 a.m. May 1 at the Del Mar Library, 1309 Camino Del Mar, presented by The San Diego Bluegrass Society, and Friends of the Del Mar Library. For more information, call (858) 755-1666 or visit sdcl.org.

ART FLING Coastal Artists presents "Spring ArtFling" at the Carmel Valley Library from May 1 through June 30. A patio reception to meet the artists will be from noon to 2 p.m. May 23, and offer a light lunch buffet. Call (858) 552-1668. For more information visit coastal-artists.org.

'LES MIS' STAR Repertory Theatre presents "Les Miserables" through May 10 at the Avo Playhouse. Tickets are \$29 at Vistix Online Box Office at (760) 724-2110 or online at vistixonline.com. For more information, visit STARrepertorytheatre.com.

OK GO On May 1, OK Go will play House of Blues, 1055 5th Ave., San Diego. Tickets at <http://r.search.yahoo.com>

MAY 2

SATURDAY NIGHT POP UPS Join the Del Mar Village Association every Saturday evening in May for Pop-Up Culture. From 5 to 7 p.m. May 2, hear the "Rock Out Karaoke" live band at L'Auberge Amphitheater on the northwest corner of 15th Street and Camino Del Mar.

GLASS CLASS Take the four-part "Fun with Glass" with Kate O'Brien from 1 to 4 p.m. May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 23 at the Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas. For costs and registration, visit zelda1970@cox.net.

RADAKOVICH ART An opening reception for "Radakovich: A Retrospective, Yugoslavia to Encinitas, 1939 to 1992," takes place at the Encinitas Library Gallery 1 to 4 p.m. May 2. A film trailer for the upcoming feature documentary, "Forging Love and Wearing Sculpture," will screen at 2 p.m., followed by a panel discussion featuring other area artists. Live enter-

'Ex Machina' is a thrilling look into artificial intelligence

Ex Machina" delivers on the futuristic visual and philosophical level and ceases with an ending that lingers in your mind. *Courtesy photo*

By **Nathalia Aryani**

Ava, the AI in "Ex Machina," may be fictional, but the progress of artificial intelligence ("Her," "Transcendence") in the real world is accelerating at a rapid pace. So much so that Stephen Hawking ("The Theory of Everything"), a world-renowned astrophysicist, has recently warned that artificial intelligence poses a threat and could spell "the end of the human race." This sentiment is echoed by Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX and Tesla, as well Microsoft founder, Bill Gates. Earlier this year, AI experts signed a letter issued by the Future of Life Institute, pledging that they would safely and carefully monitor such progress so that its growth doesn't go beyond our control.

In "Ex Machina," a directorial debut by writer

Alex Garland, a young coder, Caleb (Domhnall Gleeson), wins an office prize for

Caleb learns that he's the human component in the Turing Test ("Turing"

The reveals come in pieces and they boggle the mind. Ethical quandaries of identity, humanity, freedom, life and mortality.

a weeklong retreat with Nathan (Oscar Isaac), the company's reclusive CEO and inventor of the world's most popular search engine, Blue Book. Reachable only by helicopter, the mountain cabin surrounded by pristine nature of remote Alaska, is actually a custom-built research facility. Nathan has been working on a secret project, artificial intelligence in the form of humanoid-robot named Ava (Alicia Vikander).

is simple. Caleb is to engage Ava with get-to-know-you conversations. They're separated with a transparent wall and their interactions are monitored by Nathan. With every session, Caleb and Ava learn more about each other and develop a relationship.

Alarming, during recurring power outages where the monitors are out, Ava reaches out to Caleb and tells him that Nathan cannot be trusted. She provides tidbits that seem to support her pleas. It doesn't help that Nathan is arrogant, controlling, eccentric

and sardonic. Parts of his interactions with Caleb are unintentionally, creepily humorous. It becomes clear why Caleb is chosen for the experiment.

You'd feel things are not what they seem and something sinister is going to surface, but you don't know what, when or how. It's tantalizingly thrilling. The removed and austere ambience of the glass-and-stone, sprawling facility adds to the undercurrent tension. The only other person there is a housemaid (Sonoya

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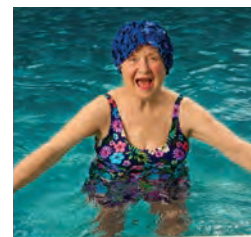




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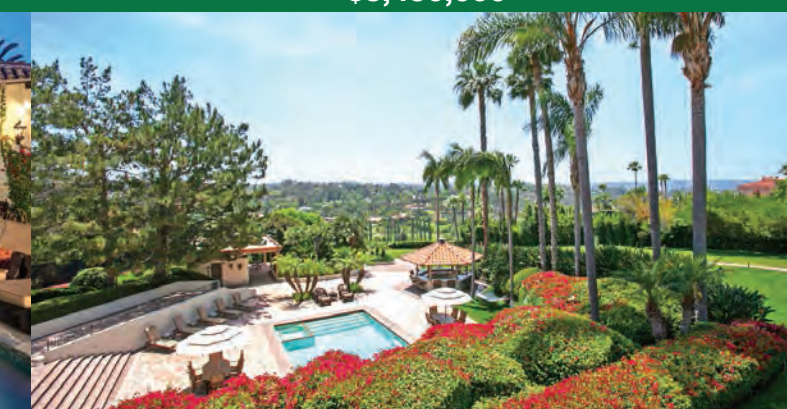
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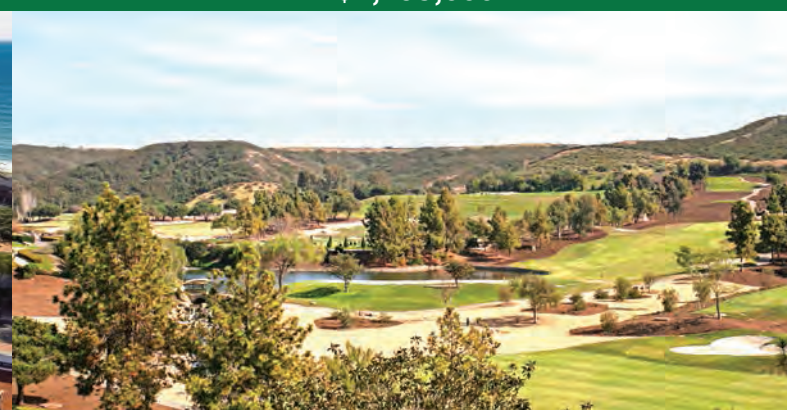
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Top right, The Bishop's School's Head of School Aimeclaira Roche, joined Vineyard Knights! auction event co-chairwomen Susie Piegza of La Jolla, Kathryn Hamon of La Jolla and Juliann Ford of Rancho Santa Fe, to celebrate the success of the April 18, 30th annual event which raises funds for the school's financial aid program. Annually, the school awards approximately \$3 million in financial aid support to 20 percent of its students. *Courtesy photo*

ODD FILES

By Chuck Shepherd

The Continuing Crisis

The February gun-and-baby-carrying workshop in Johnston, Iowa, was so successful that instructor Melody Lauer and CrossRoads Shooting Sports owner Tom Hudson plan more.

Lauer insisted that she does not necessarily encourage a baby-holding mother to arm herself, but if she chooses to, safety would of course require that she be familiar with the tricky procedure of drawing, aiming and firing even though she might be "wearing" a baby in a sling in front of her body. Hudson, noting the fast-growing market of gun sales to women, said scheduling the workshop "was a no-brainer."

What is believed to be America's only hard-nosed "gang" composed only of gay and transgendered African-Americans hopes to have its story told soon by filmmakers — who emphasize the group's transition from fighters to entrepreneurs working to establish their own clothing line, according to a March report on advocate.com. The gang, originally organized for protection ("We gonna get our respect one way or another," said one), hails from the violent Washington, D.C., Trinidad neighborhood, yet some of the 200 members (in their teens or early 20s) insist on stilettos, lipstick and mascara (while carrying knives, brass knuckles and mace).

Questionable Judgments

Pioneering British facial surgeon Ninian Peckitt, 63, facing a Medical Practitioners Tribunal in Manchester in April, was accused by a witness of "repeatedly" having punched one patient in the face during a procedure in order to straighten a fracture.

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Inexplicable

From Recent Florida Crime Reports: (1) Mohammed Almarri, 21, was arrested on multiple charges in Tampa on April 12 after illegally entering a neighbor's apartment in a high-rise and forcing the owner onto the balcony.

For reasons undisclosed in the police report, Almarri then allegedly microwaved the man's wallet in his oven. (2) Joseph Williams, 35 (and with several pending warrants), was arrested on April 5 in Fort Pierce, Fla., after entering the emergency room at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute, demanding an enema and refusing to leave until he got one.



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After that we will move to Solana Santa Fe Elementary School and hold our third camp the week of August 17-21.

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For those that are interested in signing up your child for our Fall Recreational Program, registration is OPEN and can be completed online or the forms can be downloaded at this time.

Walk-In Registration will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at Rancho Santa Fe School from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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The event benefited patient care and research at UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, including helping to launch a new Cancer Immunotherapy Program. Rancho Santa Fe residents and founders of the Garner Family Foundation, Wanda and Cam Garner, were co-chairs of the gala.

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pman, director of Moores Cancer Center.

SUN SAFETY

For the April 22 Earth Day, Oceanside Schools were honored as part of the premier of "Curiosity Quest Goes Green" featuring Oceanside and student Green Team ambassadors from Oceanside schools at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. The city of Oceanside hosted a special Earth Day assembly to thank and honor 750 Oceanside Zero Waste School Program student Green Team ambassadors.

BACKSTAGE MAGIC



Bonnie Druben, the Props Master for MiraCosta College recently visited Sid's Carpet Barn, San Marcos in search of the perfect rug for staging of "The Normal

Heart" running April 23 to May 3 at the MiraCosta College theatre in Oceanside. She was awed by the array of rugs and photographed a few selections to send to Set Designer, Zach Elliott. Sid's Carpet Barn so enjoyed watching the process, it donated half the price of the rug. The box office number is (760) 795-6815.

FOUR SEASONS CLUB

Four Seasons Residence Club Aviara, 7201 Blue Heron Place, Carlsbad, will introduce the completion of its three-month, \$6-million renovation May 5. The new property includes a newly redesigned lobby space, a boutique spa and the new Seasons Restaurant led by Executive Chef Jonathan Sudar.

HILTON BECOMES CAPE REY

On April 30, Hilton Carlsbad Oceanfront Resort officially welcomed visitors with a new name, Cape Rey, as part of a hotel-wide

rebranding effort to focus on the Southern California beach lifestyle. The name "Cape Rey" was inspired by the resort's location within the San Luis Rey River Valley. To learn more about Cape Rey, visit CapeRey.com.

NEW FITNESS CENTER

MILO, a fitness center, will open at the Del Mar Golf Center at 15555 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar.

The center has a 5,000-square-foot, completely outdoor, functional performance facility catering to children and adults interested in improving their fitness and health through strength built from proper movement.

"This center will take many folks back to their childhoods," said Milo Bryant, the facility's founder and head coach. "It is filled with equipment that requires the body to push, pull, carry, jump, run, duck, twirl, roll, kick, throw, catch and much more. That's what

we have all of our athletes doing."

COASTLINE OPENS

L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, is debuting Coastline, an open-air restaurant offering views of the Pacific and seafood-centric Coastal Californian cuisine with products from local farms and ranches. Coastline's music fills the space with a California vibe with indie alt roots.

SUMMER AT GRAUER

The Grauer School is expanding its summer program to include additional enrichment camps. The enrichment camps include students as young as fourth grade and art camps that include adults. The sessions, from June 22 to July 10 and July 13 to July 31, offer a diverse set of UC approved summer school courses for students looking to get ahead and to explore a creative outlet. Enrollment applications at grauerschool.com/summerschool.

CHAVEZ SUPPORTS VETS

State Assembly-



member Rocky Chávez (R-Oceanside) stood with student Veterans, community college officials and leaders of Veteran organizations today to ensure 27,000 student Veterans studying in California's community colleges maintain access to their earned GI Bill Benefits. Current law must be changed by July 1st of this year in order to allow Veterans to finance their California Community College education. Assembly Bill 13 (AB 13) ensures California community colleges remain in compliance with federal law in order to receive Title 38 funding for Veteran's GI Bill benefits.

TIPS FUNDRAISER

Police officers across the nation took "protect and serve" to a whole new meaning on April 9 raising more than \$94,000 at Claim Jumper Restaurants during its annual Tip-A-Cop fundraiser. Law enforcement officers traded in their badges to tie on aprons and serve diners with all tips donated to local Special Olympics organizations that support sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Tip-A-Cop events are part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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Mixing it up with wine blending

Blended wines are rising quickly in popularity in the U.S. Cabernet, shown above, is the leading grape in most blends. Photo courtesy Daou Vineyard

taste of wine



frank mangio

In my many years of interviewing winemakers on their favorite winemaking experience, it's almost always blending.

Blending is the art of winemaking, an exclusive work for the world of wine to judge. Several finished wine varietals are brought together with the final creation more than the sum of the parts.

Three of the more sought-after blending styles are Bordeaux France (all their wines are blends, with Cabernet Sauvignon

the lead grape); Rhone Valley France with mostly Syrah; and Super Tuscan where blends are mostly built around Tuscany's Sangiovese grape.

I have talked to many wine sommeliers and thumbed through the national wine sales reports, and blends are one of the fastest growing wine categories in the U.S.

The historic, traditional guide for blenders is the Bordeaux model.

This famous district in France long ago developed production methods that wove Cabernet, Merlot and Cab Franc grapes from the finest vineyard sites, with aging in small oak barrels. Wineries were classified by the government as premier "first growth" or "grand cru" wines.

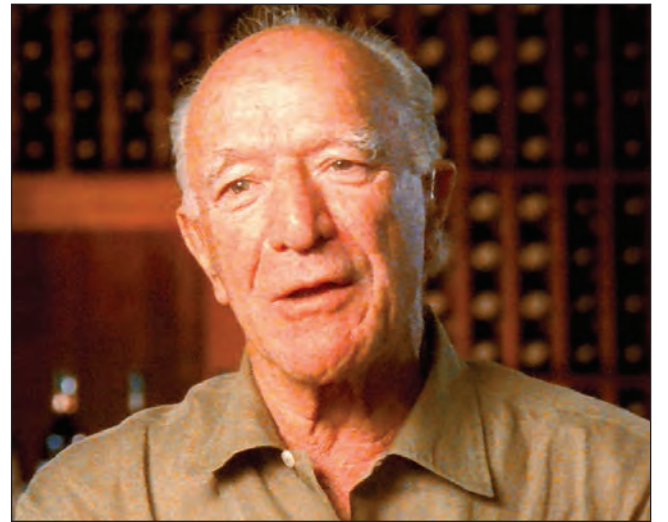
What evolved was a

model for the world's wineries that ventured into blended brands. Other Bordeaux style grapes included: Malbec, Petite Verdot and Carmenere.

Fast-forward to the Napa Valley in the late '70s when rising wine star Robert Mondavi caught the attention of French Grand Cru baron Philippe de Rothschild. The two wine heavyweights combined their genius to create Opus One, the first big-brand blend in Napa Valley, with Cabernet from the legendary Oakville To Kalon Vineyard.

To this day, Opus One is viewed as a masterpiece in fine wine blending. Others followed with their own creations, applying their own brush strokes to their own

TURN TO TASTE OF WINE ON 18



Robert Mondavi is credited with the first renowned red blend with Opus One. He collaborated with the French Bordeaux blend genius Philippe de Rothschild. Courtesy photo

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WINE OF THE MONTH

By Frank Mangio

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR – 2012



ABOUT THE WINE: The remarkable growing season of 2012 resulted in perfectly ripe

fruit with intense coloration and concentrated flavors; on the palate, flavors of boysenberry, chocolate and coffee — a truly Oregon-style of Pinot Noir, exemplified by the 14.2 percent alcohol, a bolder side of Pinot.

ABOUT THE WINERY:

The winery and underground cellar are carved into the top of an ancient volcanic flow; the soil is red from its oxidized iron content, and well drained. The unique terroir is similar to the red clay soil found in the Grand Cru Pinot Noir vineyards in Burgundy France. Owned by the original founder, Jim Nau in 1983, the vineyard has 53 acres under vine.

THE COST: The 2012 Willamette Pinot Noir is priced at \$30 at the winery. Visit willamettevalleyvineyards.com or call (800) 344-9463.



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TASTE OF WINE

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canvas. In Napa Valley in the year 2000, the harvest was difficult for Dave Phinney, so he took small amounts of Zinfandel, Cabernet, Syrah and old vine Charbono and created a big, bold blend the he called The Prisoner.

That year he made 385 cases. In 2008, he sold the brand, producing some 85,000 cases. That was considered to be the beginning of the red blend trend.

In the south, Justin Baldwin of Paso Robles fell in love with Bordeaux blends, so much so that he vowed he could do just as well, maybe better, with the unique soil content and coastal breezes of west “Paso.”

Founded in 1981, the turning point for Justin Winery was 2000 when the 1997 ISOSCELES was named one of the top ten wines in the world by Wine Spectator.

Most recently, the 2011 ISOSCELES (\$72) was awarded double gold as the

Best Bordeaux Blend at the San Francisco International Wine Competition.

The newest release, 2012, consists of: 77 percent Cabernet, 12 percent Merlot and 11 percent Cabernet Franc.

The “Super Tuscans” of Italy are generally a blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet, Cab Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot and occasionally Syrah.

A leader is Piero Antinori and his Tignanello (\$89.95). He adds 15 percent Cabernet to Sangiovese for power and density.

WINE BYTES

Westfield UTC shopping center is the place for Uncorked Wine Walk and Concert May 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. Temecula Valley’s finest vintages are ready for pouring in this self-guided wine walk to four wine gardens; unlimited chef-crafted bites from UTC restaurants, all complemented by live musicians. Ticket sales vary from \$20 to \$50. Call (760) 774-0030 for details.

Tuscany La Costa is celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a Jazz

concert by Jeff Moore & Daryl Johnson May 2 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$15 day of. Call (760) 929-8111.

Bottega Americano, downtown San Diego, is hosting a series of wine dinners, starting with Masi Agricola in a five-course wine pairing, May 3 at 8 p.m. Cost is \$120. Famous for their Amorone Valpolicella from Italy, Masi will have their U.S. director on hand for presentations. For details call (619) 255-7800.

West Steak and Seafood in Carlsbad presents a Silver Oak and Twomey Wine dinner May 7 at 6:30 p.m. These great Napa Valley wines will be paired with some of Executive Chef Arbella’s best menu achievements in a five-course dinner in the West Room. \$150. RSVP at (760) 930-9100.

Frank Mangio is a renowned wine connoisseur certified by Wine Spectator. He is one of the leading wine commentators on the web. View and link up with his columns at tasteof-winetv.com. Reach him at mangiompc@aol.com, and follow him on Facebook.

TENNIS

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its members.

While the website afforded much more, Van Den Berg said, he wanted to give the board and members a small glimpse of what it can do.

President Ann Boon added that she has seen the new website and said it is

quite professional looking.

“It’s like you’re watching ESPN or CBS,” she said.

As the website has been an ongoing project, so has the building of the Tennis Club membership. Van Den Berg told the board that the club was at 663 percent of its membership quota; 213 percent of its enrollment fees budget; and its revenue has increased 124 percent.

“And our new membership also guarantees that next year we start revenues at 30 percent higher than what they were this year, because a lot of our memberships have been in the last three months,” he said. “The club is truly becoming a community place for people to come and spend time, and that has been our goal all along.”

EX MACHINA

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Mizuno) who doesn't speak English.

Vikander is a wonder, walking a fine line between human and machine. Her Ava, partially translucent with wires and circuits and partially covered in human skin, is both mechanically perfect and surrealistically human. Brilliantly and elegantly designed, she's intellectually and emotionally intelligent, independent, intuitive, beautiful and powerful. But there remains a question whether her emo-

tions are real or simulated.

The reveals come in pieces and they boggle the mind. Ethical quandaries of identity, humanity, freedom, life and mortality. If you could create a machine with human consciousness, would you ... just because you could? What if artificial intelligence goes beyond artificial? Does it have the right to exist? How would it be integrated to society? What are the implications? What will become of mankind?

Strikingly compelling, cerebrally cool and eerily suspenseful, “Ex Machina” delivers on the futuristic vi-

sual and philosophical level and ceases with an ending that lingers in your mind.

Nathalia Aryani is a film columnist and has a movie blog, The MovieMaven: sdmoviemaven.blogspot.com. Twitter: #the_moviemaven.

MPAA RATING: R for graphic nudity, language, sexual references and some violence.

RUN TIME: 1 hour and 48 minutes

PLAYING: General release

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port to Scripps Encinitas and we are very grateful for their dedication.”

According to Ciullo, the soiree was to honor these ladies as well as to preview art for the new Healing Arts Collection at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas.

While guests enjoyed

savories and wine pairings, they also had the opportunity to meet with the artists. During the course of the event, guests learned how this artwork will be part of its permanent collection and also available for sponsorship.

Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$25,000.

Ciullo wants people to know that the Healing Arts

Collection is designed to showcase 29 original installations. An array of work will consist of paintings, mosaics, carvings and sculptures.

“These pieces will brighten family waiting areas and hospital corridors, depicting images of health and well-being which are reflective of North San Diego County,” he said.

event is to create a fun family environment and encourage all to wear superhero related team costumes to boost awareness.

In addition to the walk and run, also on hand will be a galore of food, entertainment and about 50 children-related vendors on site.

And for those who want to tie up their laces and get some exercise, Danesh-

mand said it’s not too late to register.

“Please join us to support this wonderful cause. People can make a donation in honor of a Miracle Baby in their family,” she said. “This event is to help celebrate life of all these Miracle Babies and we look forward to seeing everyone.”

For more information visit miraclebabies.org or call (858) 633-8540.

VETERANS

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earned it.”

His first group of veterans recently completed eight weeks of beginner classes that culminated April 27 at the Del Mar Golf Center with a skills challenge consisting of putting, chipping and driver competitions.

Having never really played the sport before, Marine Corps Maj. Doug Cullins, who lives in Carlsbad and is actually still on active duty, was skeptical at first.

“I didn’t think I’d like it,” he said, adding that someone from the Wounded Warrior Project told him a couple of people found golf to be relaxing and rehabilitative.

“And I found that to be exactly true, for a couple of reasons,” said Cullins, who has served since 1998. “Golf is technically complicated and it requires 100 percent of your focus. It also helps me work on patience and not sweat the small stuff.

“A lot of guys here, including myself, are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, so this certainly helps,” he added. “It also helps with balance and coordination.”

Experts at the Naval Medical Center found golf is an essential link to the rehabilitation process for combat-wounded military personnel with extreme



Chris Andrieu, a Navy veteran who lost both legs during his third deployment — his second to Afghanistan — in February 2013, is supervised during the driving portion of the skills challenge by PGA master golf instructor Bob Knee. Photo by Bianca Kaplanek

physical and mental disabilities.

In addition to the free lessons from PGA-certified instructors who volunteer with the program, Operation Game On participants receive a professional session at The Kingdom at TaylorMade Golf for custom-fitted TaylorMade clubs, as well as bags, Adidas shoes, gloves and balls and playing opportunities throughout the county.

Since 2011 Perez has expanded the program to include lessons for troops undergoing rehabilitation at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton after that facility opened about a year ago, all spouses of the troops and veterans of the Vietnam War.

Cullins, who didn’t think he’d like the game, scored the first point of the day and tied with Jack Stanfield for first place in the skills challenge.

He and his fellow new golfers will attend their fitting session at TaylorMade this month, then begin the 10-week intermediate course.

Perez said he already has a waiting list for the next session for veterans, which begins June 1.

After four tours of duty in Iraq, Cullins said the game has made a difference in his life.

“There are a lot of hardships, especially with family,” he said. “But I come away from this smiling.”

FRITZ

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cess of shooting up the junior ladder, while preparing for the next step.

“I need to get faster and move better,” said Taylor, who won a qualifying match as a wild card at the recent BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells. “There is a big difference between the juniors and the pros.”

But Taylor, of Rancho Santa Fe, no longer wonders if he belongs. After his All England Club showing, Taylor eased the doubt which creeps into any player’s noggin’.

“That gave me a lot of confidence that I could compete at this level,” he said.

With his parents’ line of work, tennis was always nearby. Taylor first swung a racket as a tyke, but it wasn’t until he was 14 that the tennis bug bit.

“He really only started working hard three years ago,” Kathy May Fritz said.

Which makes his climb more impressive.

“Things have happened so quick,” he said. “I started to do well and then I thought I might be able to do something with this game.”

He’s still a teenager, of course, which means body surfing near Del Mar’s 15th Street and hanging with his buddies.

But Taylor’s tennis future is so bright he needs shades when not at the beach.

“He loves to compete and loves the challenge,” Taylor’s mother said. “He’s very talented.”

So much that a scholarship to USC awaits. But Taylor could turn pro before then or after dipping his toe into the collegiate ranks.

Just what does Taylor’s crystal ball show, 10 years

out?

“I would love to be in the prime of my professional career,” he said. “If I could make a good living playing tennis, that would be my dream.”

Every parents’ nightmare is a lazy teenager lounging on the couch all summer.

That won’t be the case in the Fritz household, as Taylor gallivants around the world, chasing a fuzzy ball and a goal, which couldn’t be clearer.

“I get to see a lot of new things and places that a lot of people my age don’t get to see,” Taylor said

His worn passport proves it. Him wearing out rivals confirms it.

Contact Jay Paris at jparis8@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter at jparis_sports and at mighty1090.com

GARDEN

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them, they’re an old-fashioned plant,” he said. “And roses are very easy to grow and they’re not heavy water users. You have to feed them a fair amount, but they grow roses in Phoenix, Arizona — the hottest part of the country.”

A drip system works perfectly fine for roses, Wasserman said. Today, gardens in California need to be efficient in terms of watering.

While everyone enjoyed the one-hour tour, Wasserman said he was fond of sharing the information about their plants

and how he and his wife, Pam, selected them.

They worked closely with their landscaper.

“We picked every plant that we put in and we had all the descriptions of them,” he said, adding that it was fun for them to do.

For those who want to redesign their landscaping, Wasserman suggests researching drought-tolerant plants that are easy to grow. Also on this list are succulents.

Wasserman wants people to know that succulents don’t need much water and they can be very pretty.

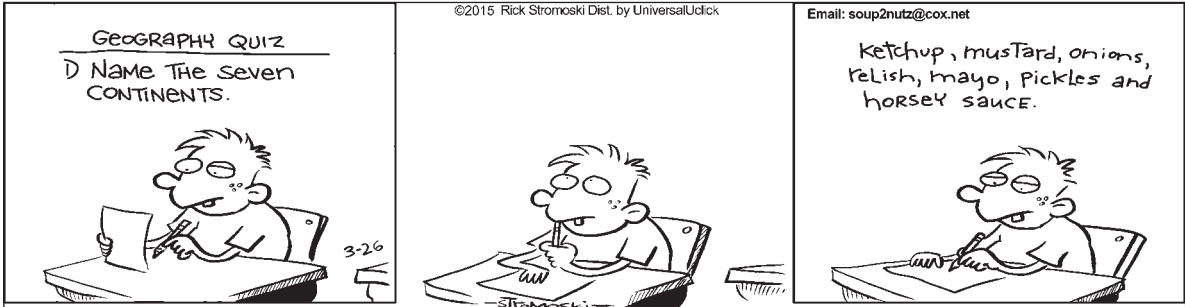
He said he has seen some beautiful succulent gardens.

Wasserman admits having a vegetable garden is incredibly fun. And for families with younger children, he said, planting a small garden can be wonderful.

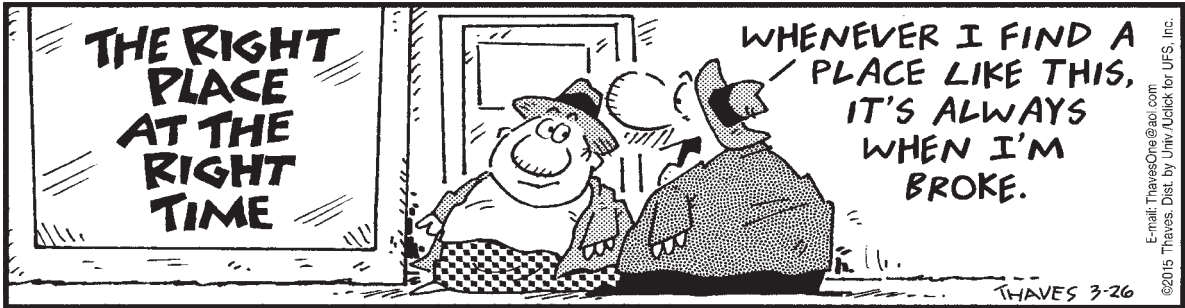
Coffee in the Garden is best described as both a relaxing and fun event in which up to 30 guests participate. While everyone can take in the surrounding beauty, there is also an educational component to it.

To learn more about the next Coffee in the Garden event, email gardenclub.browne@gmail.com or call (858) 756-1554. More information can also be found at rsfgardenclub.org.

SOUP TO NUTS by Rick Stromoski



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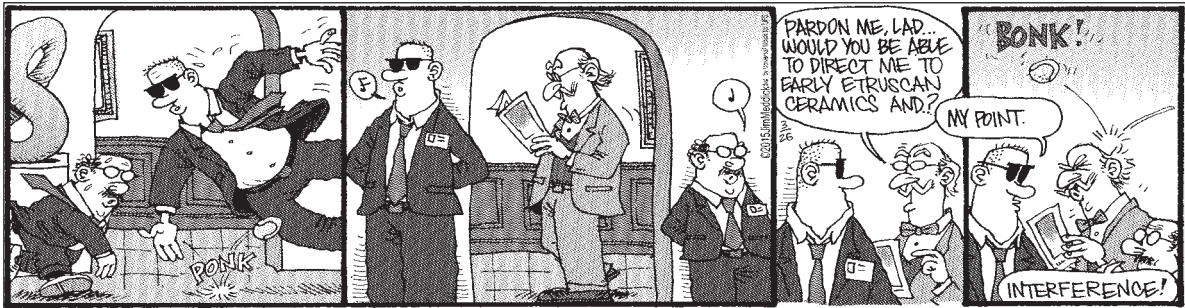
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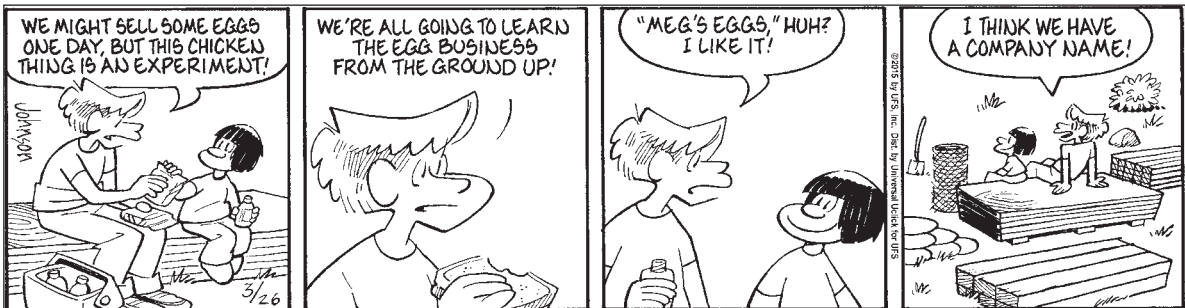
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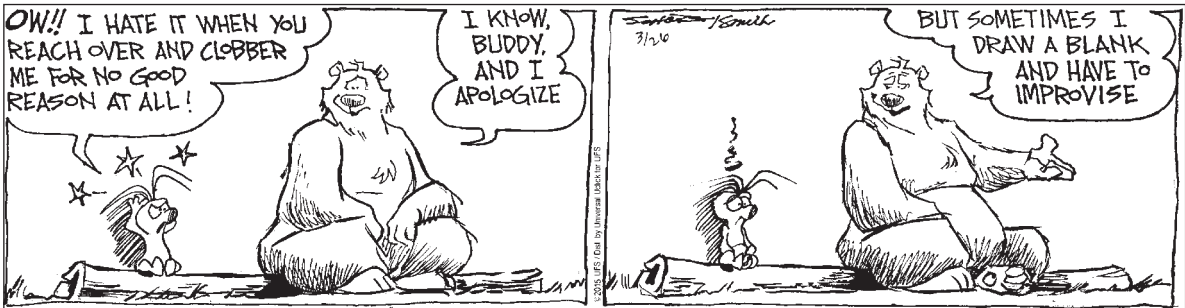
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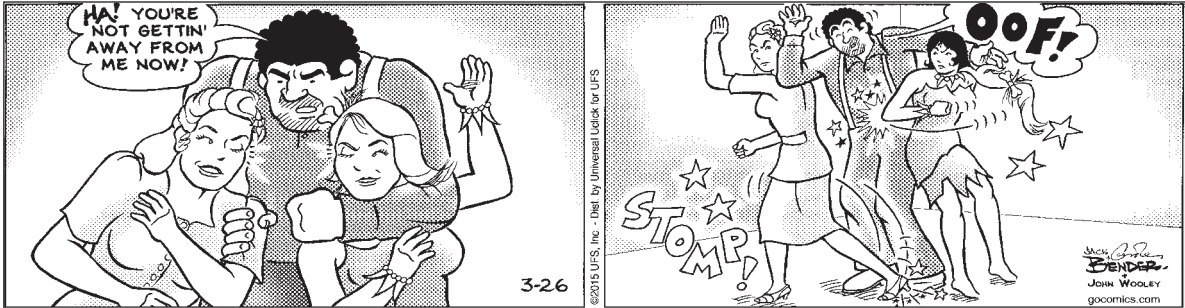
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Widen your scope of possibilities. If there is no suitable opportunity for employment or educational improvement nearby, consider making a move. Don't cut yourself off from potential advancement because you fear change. Don't sit back; it's up to you to make things happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A generation gap will cause unforeseen problems when dealing with others. Face-to-face chats will help you find a workable solution if you are willing to compromise and share information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Romance is in the stars. You will reap financial rewards if you follow through on a creative idea. Listen to the advice of a caring older family member.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Family members or roommates will be difficult to get along with. Don't stay home and sulk. Get in touch with friends who understand your sense of humor and enjoy the same pastimes as you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You will have trouble focusing on your regular responsibilities. A physical challenge will help relieve your tension. Concentrating on your body will help your mind relax and find a solution to your problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You will face personal pressure. Put in extra hours at

work. Doing so will buy you time to sort out your thoughts before making a decision, and in the meantime make some cash.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Visiting old friends or traveling is highlighted. Share your emotions, but don't take offense if you don't like the response you get. Sharing will lead to positive changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Networking, collaborating and showcasing your skills will bring about positive change. Make sure that everyone knows what you have to offer, and forge ahead with your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A personal relationship or deal will move forward too quickly. If you feel uneasy, slow things down or walk away. Do your best to stay in control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- In spite of pleas or promises, it's unlikely that someone who disappointed you in the past won't do so again. Once you make the choice to sever a toxic connection, you will be relieved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Love and romance are in the stars. Resist the urge to overspend on presents or extravagances that you can't afford. An unexpected expense will lead to financial worries.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Sudden changes at home will lead to headaches. This is the right time to collaborate with others. Joint efforts look promising. Do your part and negotiate fairly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Community events are excellent opportunities for meeting new people. If you participate in something you find interesting or enjoyable, it will lead to worthwhile connections with people who can help you advance.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author." — G.K. Chesterton

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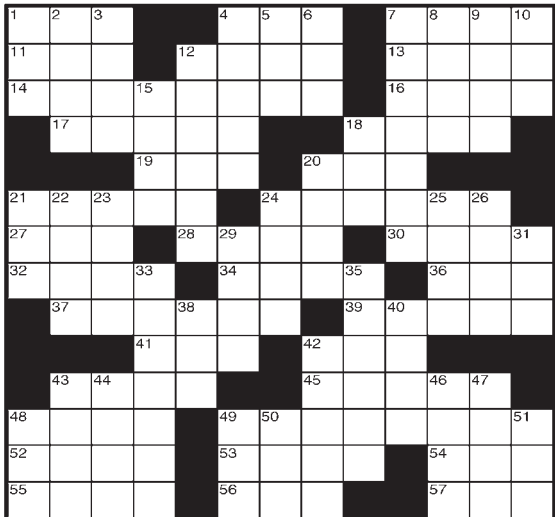
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PET OF THE WEEK

Charlee is the pet of the week at your Rancho Coastal Humane Society. She's a 3-year-old, 70-pound, German Shepherd. Charlee likes going for walks and rides in the car. Her previous owner didn't get to spend much time with her. That's what she really needs. An adult owner who can spend time with her and give her some "life experiences."

The \$145 adoption fee includes medical exam, up-to-date vaccinations, neuter, and microchip. To adopt or sponsor a pet un-



til its new family takes it home, call (760) 753-6413, log on to SDpets.org or visit Rancho Coastal Humane Society at 389 Requeza St., Encinitas. Kennels and cattery are open Wednesday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ARTS CALENDAR

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tainment will be provided by guitar duo Nina and Pablo Aganza.

The show runs April 21 to May 31 in the Community Room at the Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas. More information at Radakovich.org and sdcl.org/locations_EN.html.

SAX AND JAZZ Saxophonist and composer Benny Golson presents Instrumental Jazz, at 7:30 p.m. May 2 in the Concert Hall, Bldg. 2400 on the MiraCosta Oceanside Campus, 1 Barnard Drive. Admission is \$20; students/seniors/staff, \$15.

MAY 4 ART FOR KIDS Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m., local

eco-artist and teacher Spramani Elaun will guide youngsters ages 12 and under, through art classes using different mediums on the Encinitas Library, patio, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas. Wear clothes that can get messy. Sign up at the Information Desk. For more information, call (760) 753-7376.

NIGHT WITH THE BARD North Coast Repertory Theatre presents "Shakespeare Tonight!" at 7:30 p.m. May 4 at 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D, Solana Beach. Call the box office at (858) 481-1055.

This event is a fundraiser for the Jonathan McMurtry Actors Fund.

MAY 5 THEATRE OF WAR Outside the Wire, a social impact troupe, will present a performance of Sophocles' "Ajax," an ancient Greek tragedy about the suicide of a respected warrior, as part of its Theater of War: Soldiers & Citizens

Tour. The performance will be held at 7 p.m. May 5 in Room 3601 at MiraCosta College, 1 Barnard Drive in Oceanside.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. For reservations, go to TOWCAL.eventbrite.com.

OFF NIGHTS AT REP "Occupy The Rice Fields" will be performed one night only at 7:30 p.m. May 5 at North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D

Solana Beach, as a part of its "Off Nights" series. In this comedic monologue, Carlsbad resident and author Aimee Greenberg travels to Bali in search of the sacred and last of the trance dancers but encounters fake spiritualists, hustlers and hawkers. Call the Box Office at (858) 481-1055

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MAY 7 ENCINITAS 101 MAINSTREET hosts an Artist Reception 5 to 8 p.m. May 7 for "Colors of Sunset - Interpretations by Barbara McVey" at the E101 Gallery 818 S. Coast Highway in Encinitas. The show will run through May 21. Call (760) 943-1950 for more information.

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Life is good.

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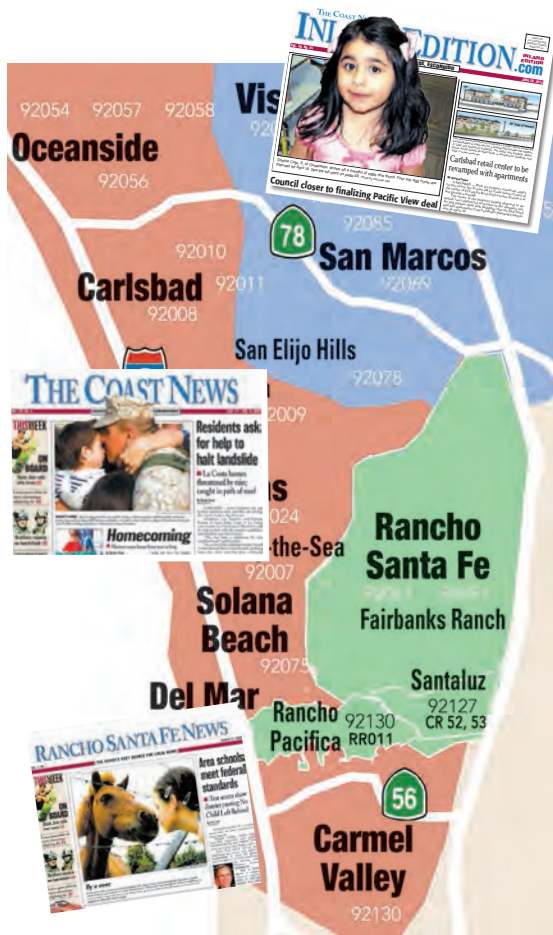
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HUNTER-JUMPER WEEK Hunter/Jumper Week's \$25,000 Surfside Grand Prix will be at 6:30 p.m. May 1, followed by the \$100,000 Grand Prix of Del Mar at 6:45 p.m. May 2 at the Del Mar National Horse Show, which concludes May 3 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Arena. For more information, go to delmarnational.com.

DO THE DERBY Rotary Club of San Luis Rey hosts a Kentucky Derby Fundraiser from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 2 at Rookies Sports Grill, 2216 S. El Camino Real, Oceanside. Tickets are \$33 (21 years and older). Contact Mark Valle at valleafcon@yahoo.com or SL-Rrotaryserviceaboveself@gmail.com.

LIFE Lectures at MiraCosta College, a life-long learning group, will hear "Forensic Genealogy" and "Canine Companions for Independence" May 1 at MiraCosta College/Oceanside Campus, 1 Barnard Drive, Admin. Bldg. #1000, Oceanside. Get parking permit in lot 1A. Check speaker schedule at miracosta.edu/life or call (760) 757-2121, ext. 6972.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

THRIFT SHOP BONANZA Rancho Coastal Humane Society Thrift Shop is holding a "Naked Sort Room Sale" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2 at 2380 Camino Vida Roble, Carlsbad. No hangars or tags. Just thousands of pieces of unsorted clothing at \$3 per item with the fifth item free. Proceeds benefit RCHS's programs for people and animals. For more information, call (760) 753-0970, or "Like" Rancho Coastal Humane Society Thrift Shop on Facebook.

CAR SHOW The MiraCosta College Automotive Technology and Business Programs will hold its fifth annual Car and Motorcycle Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 2 at MiraCosta College, 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside. Car awards and a prize drawing will be held at 1 p.m.

SPRING FEST Empresa Elementary School Spring Music Festival & Auction will be held from noon to 5 p.m. May 2 at 4850 Avenida Empresa, Oceanside. All proceeds benefit the Empresa Performing Arts Foundation music and performing arts program.

TRASH PATROL H2O Trash Patrol Clean-Up Dates will be May 2, July 5, Aug. 29 and Oct. 24 at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, 1580 Cannon Road, Carlsbad. For more information, call (760) 804-1969 or visit aguahedionda.org.

WASTE DISPOSAL Carlsbad will host a free household hazardous waste disposal event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 2. Residents must make an appointment via carlsbadca.gov/hhw or appointment line, (760) 602-7559. Proof of Carlsbad residency is required. The drop off location will be provided once an appointment is confirmed.

PUG DAY Pug Rescue of San Diego County will host its 24th Annual Pug Party from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds' Paddock Area, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for youth, under 10 free. Visit pugsandiego.com or call (619) 685-3580.

SUMMER JOBS The city of Carlsbad will host a job fair for 60-80 seasonal positions in the Parks & Recreation Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 2 at

the Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Ave. The available positions include senior recreation leaders, office staff positions, concession aides and leaders, lifeguards and swim instructors. Applicants should apply for the positions at agency.government-jobs.com/carlsbad/default.cfm.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

SWEET TWO-TH Join the Charity Wings Art & Craft Center for its Sweet Two-th anniversary from noon to 4 p.m. May 3 at 287 Industrial St., San Marcos, for a sweet-themed art & craft projects, sweet eats and drinks, silent auction and live music by Minor Strut and Carol Cabrera. Crafters can also Fill-A-Bag for \$20 or 2 bags for \$30, every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The group wants to move overstock before its move this summer to The Quad.

MONDAY, MAY 4

GET BACK TO NATURE Volunteer hosts are needed at the Buena Vista Audubon Society nature center, 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside. To get involved, call (760) 207-3884 or e-mail kbcrowell@cox.net. Training is provided.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

WOMENHEART San Diego North Coastal WomenHeart Support Group meets at 10 a.m. May 5 in the Executive Board Room at Tri-City Wellness Center, 6250 El Camino Road, Carlsbad. For more information, contact Marilyn at (760) 438-5890.

PARENTING HELP The Del Mar Foundation presents a free evening on "Parenting in a World of Technology." The panel discussion will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Del Mar Hills Academy PAC, 14085 Mango Drive. There is no cost, but registration is required at delmarhillspta.org.

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AUTHOR SPEAKS Holocaust Education Programs presents author Barbara Stark-Nemon speaking about her book "Even in Darkness: a novel" at 7 p.m. May 5 in the Astor Judaica Library at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. Cost is \$10.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

MODEL A CLUB The Palomar Model A Ford Club will meet at 7 p.m. May 6 at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse, 650 S. Rancho Santa Fe Road, San Marcos. All Model A owners and enthusiasts are welcome to attend the meetings and join the tours. For more information or directions e-mail

Barbara at bkhk@cox.net or call (619) 425-3241. Or visit palomarmodelaclub.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

POST-COLLEGE CAREER FAIR There will be a Career Fair for recent college grads held 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 601 Pacific Highway, San Diego. Bring 10 to 15 resumes, dress business professional.

MARK THE CALENDAR

SAVE THE PONIES Join the Poker Party Benefit for Laughing Pony Rescue from 5 to 9 p.m. May 9 at 14955 Rancho Santa Fe Farms Road, Rancho Santa Fe. Entry is \$20 for non-player and \$50 fee for players. It includes dinner and a no-

host beer & wine bar, auction and raffle. Register on-line @ <http://laughingponyrescue.bpt.me>.

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Don't miss San Diego Botanic Garden's annual Chocolate Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 9 at 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$8 for children. Tasting tickets available for a fee.

WINE & ROSES

Tickets are available now for the "Wine & Roses" charity wine tasting from 3 to 6 p.m. June 7 at the Grand Del Mar, presented by the Social Service Auxiliary. The event includes gourmet food and wine tasting and a discount wine auction.

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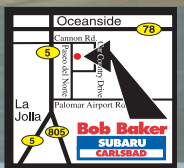
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