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When finished, he mounts them on plywood, painted to look like realistic ocean, with waves and sometimes, foam and splashing from bombs.

Though he makes the models from scratch and not a kit, Dvorak takes pains to make sure his ships are historically accurate and as detailed as possible. "The objective is to satisfy how the ships looked, and how they fit in history," said Dvorak.

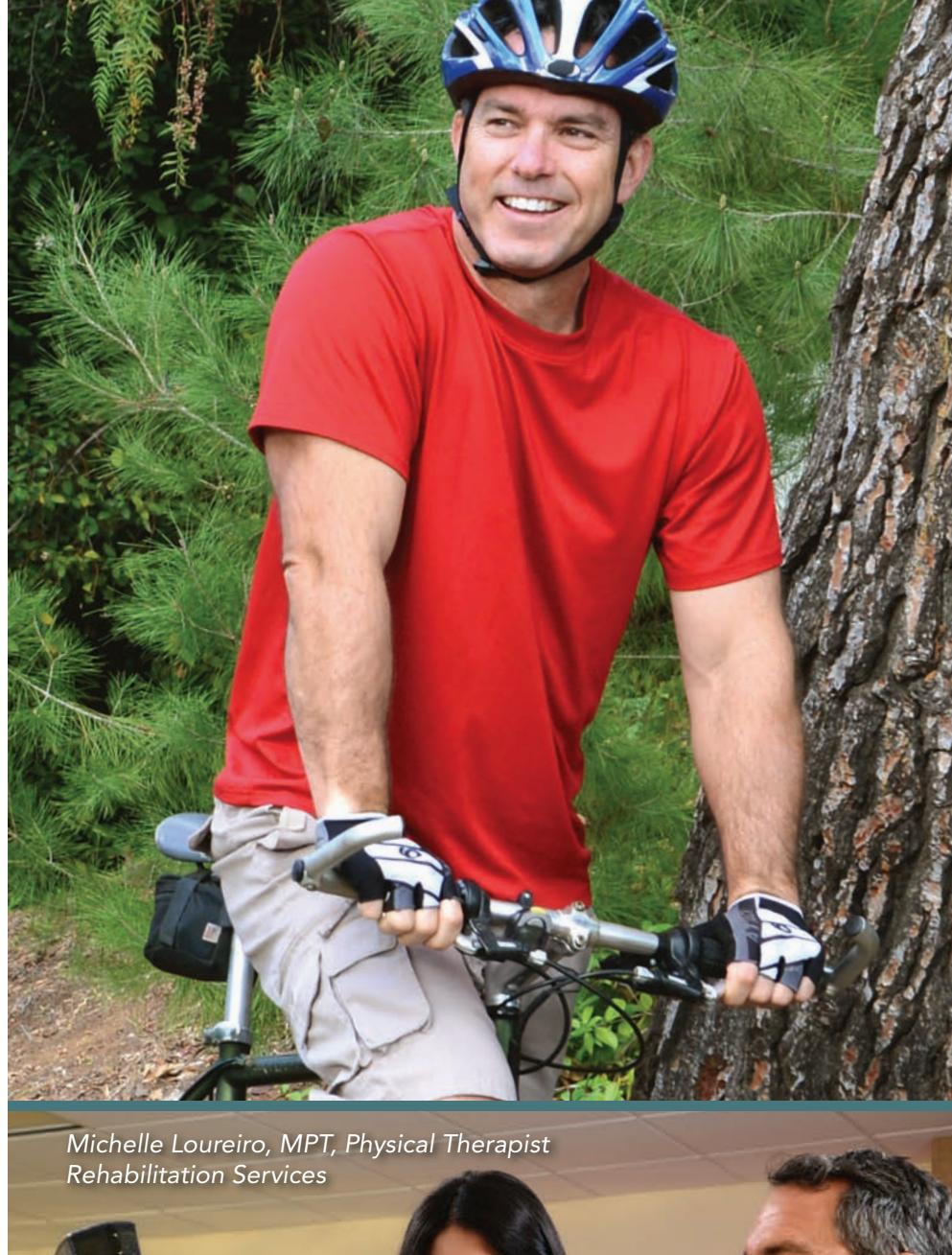
Though he's never sold one of his model ships, Dvorak isn't opposed to the idea, saying if he sold one, he'd donate the money, possibly to the USO. "Selling them has never been my main motivation," said Dvorak. "My wife would be happy, because she'd have the room back."

The Heritage Museum is open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sundays, depending on volunteer availability. It is closed the second Sunday of every month.



**NEW BUILDING** - For Country Montessori School in Poway, the 25th anniversary is the "new building" anniversary, as the school, now in its 25th year, celebrated the grand opening of its new building Thursday, Feb. 27, with an assembly that was attended by teachers, students, parents, board members, the president of the Poway Chamber of Commerce, Dolores Canizales, and Poway Mayor Don Higginson. The new 5,359-square-foot building contains three classrooms, a reading room, an indoor flex area and outdoor work space. Higginson, center, presents an honor to, from left, Uma Seshan, Adela Corrales, Jennifer Martinez and Dana Black.

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Michelle Loureiro, MPT, Physical Therapist  
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## WATER

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vate laterals were installed across adjacent properties without the property owners obtaining private water easements," Crosby wrote. "Acquisition of private water easements for water lateral connections across adjacent properties is a requirement currently enforced by the city."

White said that among the topics likely to be discussed during the workshop is what to do about those earlier easements and how new applications for connection to the

city line should be handled.

Anyone desiring to connect to the city line would face significant costs, including \$12,370 in capacity charges and fees to the San Diego County Water Authority and the city, Crosby wrote. If the public water line does not front the property to be connected, the owner must also pay off all engineering and construction costs to connect to the line. Other costs would include a \$2,617 temporary water connection fee.

## VAUS

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volunteers perform small service projects after text alerts are sent out. Each week thousands of Poway residents receive his emailed newsletter. He also holds a monthly coffee where residents can communicate with him.

Higginson, a corporate attorney, was first elected to the council 1986. He was the city's elected mayor between 1992 and 1998 and returned to the post in 2009.

"I'm not running against Don, I'm just running for mayor," Vaus said.

Vaus said his campaign will focus on the theme of Poway having a mayor that is "available and accessible, one that is fully engaged." He said that as mayor he would work hard recruiting new businesses to the city, "telling Poway's story."

His campaign website is [www.votevaus.com](http://www.votevaus.com).

## PUSD board to examine tobacco policies

A first look at updated tobacco policies for the district is on the agenda for the March Poway Unified School District board meeting.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, March 17 at the district office, 15250 Avenue of Science in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

The board will be presented a first reading of board policy 5.15, Use of Tobacco, with updates to include nicotine products and electronic cigarettes and/or devices. As it is a first reading, no action will be taken. If the board agrees, the item will return for a vote at a future meeting.

The board will also consider adoption of new career technical education courses, which will have more information available at the meeting.

The second interim financial report will also be discussed and approved, providing a budget update.

The board will also receive a monthly update on the implementation of the College and Career Readiness Standards in the school district.

A copy of the full agenda will be made available prior to the meeting on the district's website at [www.powayusd.com/board/agendas.shtml](http://www.powayusd.com/board/agendas.shtml).

## QUEENS

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ing with Jessica and Sarah was amazing," said Owens-Sarno, who is now 21 and working at a western wear store in Lakeside. "Sarah is an amazing young lady, and I know Jessica well [from before]. It's been an amazing year."

"It's really been fun," said Phillips. "I'm doing a job, but it doesn't feel like a job while I'm doing it. I'm honored to be doing it."

Though their reigns as Poway Rodeo Queens are almost over, neither Owens-Sarno or Phillips are ready to hang up their hats. Owens-Sarno is currently serving as Miss Rodeo Lakeside, and is moving on to compete at the state level for Miss Rodeo California, and Phillips is in the running for Norco Rodeo Queen. While Phillips isn't eligible to run for Poway Rodeo Senior Queen this year, she isn't ruling out running for the title in the future.

"Every single title you have really changes you," said Owens-Sarno. "It was really nice to look forward to being Rodeo Queen this year. It was very uplifting for me, and I was able to be a role model to the younger queens."

Phillips also enjoyed being able to be a role model to Hans. "Being Junior Queen helped me mature a lot," said Phillips. "I learned a lot through pageantry, like public speaking and how to sound confident. Being Junior Queen helped me by having me set an example for Sarah, but I also got to learn from Rachael."

Hans was unable to be reached in time for this story.

The horsemanship competition begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 15 and is open to the public. The pageant begins at 5:30 p.m., tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door.

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