

## LOCAL REPORTS

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## POLICE SEARCH FOR DRIVER OF WRECKED CAR

## SAN PASQUAL VALLEY

San Diego police and search dogs searched Saturday morning for the driver of a 1994 Acura who may have been injured when the vehicle drove off state Route 78 in San Pasqual Valley, rolled and was struck by a Nissan early in the day.

The Nissan driver stopped, but could not see the driver in the Acura because of heavy smoke coming from the wreckage. When police arrived, several rounds from a hand-

the victims then followed the suspects to their car and shot at them as they drove away, according to Officer David Stafford of the San Diego Police Department.

No one was injured in the incident, which occurred about 2:20 a.m. in the 6100 block of Adams Avenue, Stafford said. The suspects took cash and other property before getting into a white SUV with tinted windows.

As the suspects drove away, one of the victims fired several rounds from a hand-

lice Lt. Tom Albergro said.

The pickup driver was headed east when he struck the wheelchair. He stopped and cooperated with the police investigation, Albergro said. He said there was no indication that the driver had been drinking.

The victim was hospitalized with major injuries. He died about 2 a.m., the Medical Examiner's Office said.

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## Diver found dead

Mission Bay.

Three lifeguards donned scuba gear, searched around the Yukon and found the diver about 100 feet beneath the surface, face down on the ocean floor.

They brought the diver to the surface and started CPR. Everheart said they took the diver by boat to lifeguard headquarters in Mission Bay, where paramedics declared him dead.

The Yukon is a 366-foot

## EDUCATION

HIP FOR  
ON BAY

mass of steel could water. It's an amazing feat."

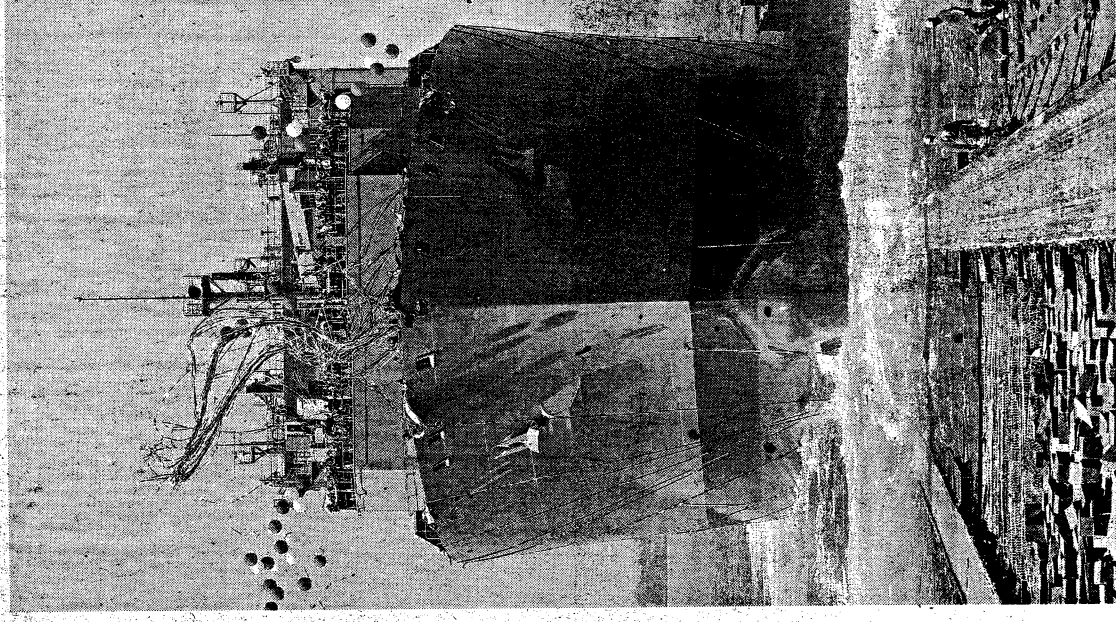
Washington Chambers was named after a Navy officer who pioneered the Navy's program — is the 11th Vis-and-Clark Class ships being built by ) for the Navy.

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's mother, LuAnn said her son was at the enormity of and the fact he was see such a sight. as like being part of," she said.

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The supply ship Washington Chambers slides into San Diego Bay at General Dynamics-NASSCO Saturday following its christening. CHARLIE NEUMAN • U-T

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## BORDER

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Ramos, nearing the pleased with road

## TIJUANA

Behind the wheel of Chevy Suburban, Jorge Ramos was in a cheerful mood Friday as he cruised through the city. Before his three-year term ends on Nov. 30, Ramos administration expects complete one of its most ambitious efforts — a \$1 million street-repairing

SOUTHWESTERN OKS  
\$93.5 MILLION BUDGET

city, a for-profit school that opened its first San Diego campus less than three years ago, has received national accreditation.

The approbation comes from the Accrediting Council for Independent Schools and Colleges, a 98-year-old nonprofit recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The accreditation comes at a time when for-profit colleges have come under fire for encouraging students to take on heavy debt to finance educations unlikely to lead to sufficiently lucrative careers.

Robert Tepper, chancellor and chief operating officer of Southern States, said that his school is significantly less expensive than most of those that have drawn negative attention and that its students typically pay as they go rather than assuming debt.

The school has four campuses in San Diego, offering master's and bachelor's degrees in business, as well as a nondegree intensive English language program.

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## CHULA VISTA

The Southwestern Community College District Board has approved a \$93.5 million budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, enough to educate the same number of students as last year despite cuts in state funding.

The budget will allow the one-campus district to accommodate about 700 more students than the 15,407 for which it will receive state funding, just as it did last year.

"We have budgeted to handle the demand that we know is there," said Chris Bender, a spokesman for the Chula Vista district.

"We are doing the right thing," he added, even though the district believes the state should be covering those 700 students.

The budget, approved Wednesday night, includes a \$7 million reserve balance, as well as funding for employee raises and sabbaticals.

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gets accreditation

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Southern States University