



# Region 7 Review

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## Hidden Pool Dangers

Former Secretary of State **James Baker** 3rd lost a granddaughter in a hot tub drowning in 2002. **Virginia Baker**, 7, was pulled under by a drain with no safety valve. (Pool drains also pose a risk.) “Parents need to warn their kids of the dangers and supervise them when in the water,” says Virginia’s mother, **Nancy**. The Bakers are pushing for national standards for pools and hot tubs as part of National Safe Kids Week (May 6 - 13). Visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org) to learn more.

*North County Times PARADE, Sun., May 7, 2006, page 10.*

## About 50 affected by chlorine leak

SUNNYVALE (AP) – About 50 people, mostly children, complained of minor headaches, sore throats and breathing problems because of fumes from a chlorine leak at a school Monday.

The leak, reported around 12:20 p.m. at King’s Academy, apparently occurred when 350 gallons of chlorine and hydrochloric acid – used to clean the school’s swimming pool – were improperly mixed, said Sunnyvale police Lt. **Marty Dale**.

*North County Times, Tues., March 7, 2006, page A-8.*

## Highlights of IPSSA, INC. – R7 Regular Board Meeting

April 11, 2006

### Chapter Reports:

Carlsbad Doug Hausman – 1) New meeting location; previous was too noisy. 2) One new member. 3) All chapter members are chem certified. 4) Members filled out new blue cards.

East County Dick Allen – 1) Three new members since the first of the year, three new chapter supporters. 2) May get a chapter Web site.

Escondido Loyal Johnson – 1) Chapter is running smoothly. 2) Chapter members and friends attended the Padres game Saturday.

Metro Ken Settles – 1) Ken’s last run as chapter president; he is trying to get other members involved, and there are new people on committees. 2) Several guest speakers. 3) Three new members pending; need to pass chem test.

N. County Coastal Jim Lawson – 1) February chapter meeting was excellent. Good guest speakers are scheduled for this month. 2) Chapter sick route coverage the previous month. 3) Two new members.

Rancho Del Mar Dave Rockwell – 1) New board and committee members. 2) Trying to resurrect the chapter newsletter, with the cost to be covered by chapter supporters. 3) Great guest speakers at chapter meetings. 4) One member down. Two members covered the route; the member is very appreciative. 5) One prospective member.

## Calendar of Events

- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., May 6, Hilton Austin, Austin, TX. Contact IPSSA executive office, [ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com) or 888-360-9505.
- **National Safe Kids Week**, May 8 - 13, Safe Kids Coalition, [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., July 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Drive, San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Aug. 5, San Diego, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, [ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com) or 888-360-9505.

San Diego Mike Gregg – 1) Chapter has almost the same committee members as last year. 2) Three new members, several new chapter supporters. 3) Goal is to make meetings shorter, but it is a challenge. 4) Chapter has a photo directory; it is very handy. Board members discussed resurrecting R7 directory. 5) Lots of sick route coverage last year.

**Safety Report John Silcox**, IPSSA San Diego chapter, explained that **Rick Bishop** actually started the water safety program several years ago with **Jon Rumble** and **A J Wilson**. There was an agreement with Safe Kids Coalition to share the cost of printing Water Watcher tags. The San Diego chapter later did some brainstorming and developed the water safety brochure. The goal is to get the message of water safety out to pool owners. Several thousand tags and brochures have been dis-

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tributed in the last few years; we are making headway in getting out the word.

John spoke on his attendance at the Fifth Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium in Fort Myers Beach, FL (see his article in The IPSSAN, "Report from Fifth Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium," April 2006, page 11).

### Director's Announcements:

A. Advertising Campaign – **1) Paid PR person** – **Javier** is in charge of public relations at the B.O.R.D. level. The idea is to have more exposure in the pool industry and to the public in general and become a household name. We are not just charging for pool service – we can be the go-to people on anything having to do with water safety. Proposal for a \$5,000 PR campaign. *Motion* was made by Jim Lawson, seconded by Mike Gregg, and carried to approve funds for a PR person, with a cap of \$2,000 for R7. **2) Bumper stickers** and safety materials available to members to promote IPSSA. Vision that IPSSA will gain name recognition, and the consumer will call an IPSSA member or check the IPSSA Web site. **David Rockwell** has a video on water safety that chapters may borrow for their meetings. **3) Water Safety Tags** give IPSSA exposure to prospective members.

B. Hayward Pool Products - If IPSSA meets its goal of 5,000 members by the end of the year, Hayward will donate \$5,000 in products to the chapter that brings in the most new members or employees.

C. SPEC – **1)** \$1,000 donation from SPEC approved at Installation Weekend. **2)** SPEC was active in CSLB stings. There were not a lot of arrests, but it got the attention of unlicensed contractors. **3)** Packed room at WPSS. **4)** Free DVDs of a recent presentation, "Exterminating the Leeches from the Pool Industry,"

available to IPSSA chapters. Call 1-800-991- SPEC.

D. Water Safety – **1)** Pool and Spa News article – **Nancy Baker**, whose daughter died several years ago, wrote an article addressing suction entrapment and calling for additional laws retroactive on existing pools. **Don Burns**, SPEC, is fighting it. **Javier** and **John Silcox** will prepare a response from IPSSA. **2)** National Safe Kids Week, sponsored by the Safe Kids Coalition, will take place May 8 – 13 and will emphasize swimming pool safety, with Johnson & Johnson as a supporter. This is an opportunity for media exposure.

E. Salt Staining? **Terry Snow**, R3, reported some incidents of salt staining of pools in the LA area. Tell **Javier** of any incidents you've experienced, and he will pass the info to Terry.

F. Region 7 Picnic – Committees are being formed.

G. IPSSA Expansion into Florida – **Javier** went to the Florida Pool and Spa Show; it was phenomenal. Exciting to see people take the test and sign up with IPSSA. The artwork in pool magazines got exposure for IPSSA.

### Membership Benefits:

Service agreements available to IPSSA members through the Arrow Insurance Web site; you are welcome to cut and paste for your use. **Ray Arousty** says that if you notice a safety hazard, you should send a certified letter alerting your customer. **Javier** created an NCR form, NOTIFICATION/PROPOSAL, which he has been using for several years. Safety hazards or health code violations can be listed with the estimate to correct/repair. It has actually gotten him a lot of new business.

### IPSSA Water Chem Books:

A draft of the new water chemistry book was passed out.

**NSPF** has proposed partnering with IPSSA to make the COP course

available to members at a reduced cost. IPSSA would pay your tuition. When you complete the course, you could then charge tuition to teach it. IPSSA is looking for someone to fill the position.

**B.O.R.D. Meetings:** **1)** Saturday, May 6, Austin TX. **2)** Saturday, August 5, San Diego, CA. These B.O.R.D. meetings are open to all regular members, so get the word out to your chapter members to come on by; give **Javier** a head count for meals. **Loyal Johnson** suggested making attendance at a B.O.R.D. meeting count towards chapter meeting attendance.

### New Business:

A. NPC – **Mike Gregg** said IPSSA is not listed as an affiliate of the National Plasters Council. **Javier** will look into it.

B. Next R7 meeting – Tuesday, July 11, 2006.

### Cool Web Site

This is pretty nifty. Just enter your zip code in the site below, and it tells you which gas stations have the cheapest prices (and the highest) on gas in your zip code area. It's updated every evening.

<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>

Be a good neighbor and pass this along ...



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