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ROAD CLOSURES

TODAY

Interstate 5: southbound connector to eastbound Route 52, 5:01 to 9:01 a.m., guardrail repair.

Interstate 805: southbound connector to eastbound Route 54, 5:01 to 9:01 a.m., guardrail repair.

TOMORROW

State Route 76: both directions, one-way traffic control, from Vista Way/county Highway S13 to Holly Lane, 10 p.m. to 5:01 a.m. Monday, bridge joint replacement.

I-805: southbound on-ramp from San Ysidro Boulevard, 9:01 p.m. to 5:01 a.m. Monday, sign installation.

TRAFFIC ALERT

December Nights continues from noon to 10 p.m. today at Balboa Park. Expect congestion on Route 163 and other freeways that feed into it.

Traffic information: Check out the traffic map at uniontrib.com before your morning or afternoon commute.

FOR THE RECORD

• Because of incorrect information from a source, a Nov. 25 story in Our Region gave the wrong price tag for an Oceanside clinic being built for the San Diego VA Healthcare System. The Department of Veterans Affairs said it is making a down payment of \$4 million to the project's

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CRIME WATCH

Driver flees after chase; two men shot by deputy

NORTH COUNTY: Two men were shot and wounded by a sheriff's deputy early yesterday on the Pala Indian Reservation after they pulled their vehicle behind a patrol car at the end of a pursuit of a wanted man.

The incident began shortly after 3 a.m. when sheriff's deputies from the Valley Center station tried to pull over Ryan Jacob Rico, 23, who was driving west on state Route 76 near Magee Road in Pala, said sheriff's homicide Lt. Dennis Brugos.

Rico was wanted on a felony no-bail warrant for reckless driving while evading a police officer and a misdemeanor warrant for battery, according to court records.

Three deputies in two patrol cars spotted Rico's car and pursued him. Rico, who had a female passenger, failed to stop. During the pursuit, a Jeep Cherokee began tailgating the deputies' vehicles.

The pursuit ended a short time later when Rico drove onto a dirt road north of Route 76 and was blocked by a closed gate, Brugos said. Rico got out of the car and fled. He was being sought last night. The woman was detained for questioning.

The Jeep collided with a sheriff's patrol car, causing minor damage. One deputy, anticipating an ambush, shot his weapon several times at the Jeep, hitting both men inside, Brugos said.

The Jeep's driver then drove about half a mile to a fire station. Both men, one of whom is Rico's brother, were arrested and taken to a hospital, Brugos said. Their conditions were not believed to be life-threatening, Brugos said. —s.s