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What will be the economic impact of the H1N1 flu?

- It will be as big as the recession.
- Major.
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PaxVax, another local startup that uses a different technique — a cold virus to deliver the vaccine into the body — has also perused the database to guide development of an oral flu vaccine.

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Jeff Alexander, director of immunology for PaxVax, said he's found the resource useful for quick searches of scientific literature that might otherwise take days to pour through using traditional methods.

An incomplete version of the Immune Epitope Database debuted in 2006, but the institute said it would need user feedback to guide its final design. Researchers at La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology insist the timing of its latest database debut is unrelated to the swine flu outbreak, although they say it could help researchers in their quest to combat the illness along with other emerging infectious diseases such as

tuberculosis, West Nile virus and dengue fever.

"One thing is clear," said Wilson, the project director. "If you know enough about ways the immune system chooses to respond to something, you're going to have a better vaccine."

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Technical challenges abound at Weldmac Manufacturing.

Politicking Under Way to Fill Board Seats at Airport, Port

Two jobs on two governing boards have opened up, and while neither pays much, both are coveted because they involve the Unified Port of San Diego and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, two of the most important public agencies in the region.

Database for Combating Diseases Now Accessible to Researchers Online

A seven-year project that began as a tool for combating bioterrorism has resulted in a database that vaccine developers say could help speed the development of new, more effective products.

Mega-Marriage

The San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. and startup incubator Connect have apparently agreed to merge, a pact that could presage a more important marriage with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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