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## Road Update

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also at the Hato Mayor, Ramon Santana, San Pedro and Higüeral crossings. The largest and most challenging bridge will cross Río Dulce, almost 4km upstream from the bridge used by the current traffic. The bridge's first two lanes will be completed by August but will not open to the public until the completion of the entire project.

Although the contract required the demolition of the partially built support pillars already in place from a construction that was started almost 10 years ago, Odebrecht engineers were able to preserve the structure by reinforcing the site and thus passing on the savings to the Dominican government. In addition new support columns that reach a depth of 28 meters (92 feet) below the surface have already been completed with the latest anti-seismic technology.

Crews are also working feverishly on the expansion of the San Pedro Bypass. The spokesman said that despite the company's best efforts to limit the impact of the current traffic flow restrictions, bottlenecks are occurring at several points. He assures, however, that most of the work on the road, except for the bypasses, will be completed by August. In that same month the four-lane section between the San Pedro Distributor, where the San Pedro Bypass ends, to the bridge over the Cumayasa River, will be ready and drivers will be able to use that section of four-lane highway.

Once completed, drivers will be able to safely maintain speeds of 100kph on the four-lane highway all the way from Boca Chica to Punta Cana, except for the tollbooths and a slight curve to enter the La Romana Bypass. The expected timesaving to Casa de Campo will



Concrete support columns for the bridge over Río Dulce.

reach up to 45 minutes each way, depending on time of day.

Two new tollbooths are to be built and will be operated by the Ministry of Public Works. One will be located on the western side of the Higüamo Bridge and the other in the middle of the La Romana Bypass.

Odebrecht is also currently building the Punta Cana to Macao highway with an expected completion date of November 20th as well, and the Macao-Sabana de la Mar highway scheduled to open in July 2014. The Brazilian international construction giant is also implementing several other works across the country.

*Danilo Vicioso*

## Letter to CR

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*to make the pain stop in three short weeks.*

*I would like to send a special thank you to your wonderful nurses. It's a shocking and very welcome contrast how your team of nurses made me feel comfortable and safe. They created for me an atmosphere of kindness, refuge and rest, which contributed to the speed of my recovery. I must*

*also note that they are also the most technically competent nurses I have ever dealt with.*

*On a final note, congratulations on your current Operativo Médico! It is a lovely thing that Central Romana is bringing this level of advanced care to so many people. It is also an enormous comfort for me to know that our whole family has the best medical care in the world just five minutes away.*

*Thank you, sir. All my best wishes and gratitude.*

[This letter was edited by CdC News staff]

## Concepción Wins 8th Annual McDaniel Tennis Tournament



Concepción on his way to win his fourth title

Francisco Concepción, 34, representing La Romana Country Club won the 8th Annual McDaniel Teaching Pro's Tennis Tournament. He beat three time champion Pedro Nolasco, 22, from La Terraza Tennis Center with a score of 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The final took place at LRCC this past March 10th. For his title Concepción earned RD\$40,000 while last year's champ Nolasco settled for RD\$30,000.

The tournament is the main event for the McDaniel Foundation which provides Casa de Campo's ballboys with full school scholarships and English lessons. Currently there are 27 ballboys enrolled in the program. The competition is funded by donations from villa owners and local corporate sponsors. The Foundation wishes to thank in particular the support from Wilson Sporting Goods Co.



The tournament is held to fund scholarships for the ballboys at La Romana Country Club and La Terrazas Tennis Center. This year Wilson Sporting Good Co. was a key sponsor.



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