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FISH FOR THOUGHT

Piper Underwood, Rimini Road



Photo by Mara Bickett

If you were involved in the Beach Clean-Up at Del Mar beach on May 30th, or even if you just peered over the wall to check the surf, you couldn't have missed the mile-long school of fish winding its way down the beach "Christo style." If you were not at the Beach Clean-Up on May 30th, or at the beach for any other reason, I must clarify that I'm not talking about Grunion. I'm talking about a marine-themed art installation—colorful concoctions of scrap wood, old toothbrushes, aluminum soda

tabs, popped balloons and the like, created by Del Mar's Elementary School children.

This simple recycling/art project by Del Mar's Elementary School children has taken on a life of its own in their hearts and minds, while heightening ocean pollution awareness in the town. Del Mar residents Mara Bickett and Becky Deller spearheaded the project under the expertise of Rodney McCoubrey (aka Rodrigo). Rodrigo is a local artist who works with found and discarded objects to create his art.

More than 400 students worked with Rodrigo to create their

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BUDGET BALLOT BUSTED

Wayne Dernetz, 9th Street

Is California governable? That question arises from last month's defeat of five propositions intended by the governor and legislature to help balance the 2009-2010 State budget. By a 3-to-1 margin, voters vented their anger and frustration at state leaders by withholding legislative and executive pay raises during deficits – an otherwise meaningless gesture.

Approval of the May propositions would have reduced a growing and continuing fiscal crisis for the State. Last February, after months of negotiation, the legislature adopted a "balanced" budget for this fiscal year and next with \$15 billion in spending cuts, \$12.5 billion in temporary tax raises, \$8 billion in one-time federal stimulus money – and \$6 billion in revenue transfers requiring voter approval. But soon thereafter, the Legislative Analyst found the worsening economic slowdown reduced state revenues by another \$15 billion. The rejected propositions mean state leaders now face a \$21 billion gap in the \$100 billion budget.

Angry voters are saying they can't – or won't – do the job the governor and legislators were elected to do. Yet, voters are quick to approve constitutional amendments and other initiatives that restrict the legislature's options and limit their powers. The May propositions would have suspended voter-approved constitutional amendments and other mandates from prior years that earmarked special revenues and mandated special program spending. The legislature

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VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

Human talent may be the most precious resource we have as a city. We enjoy a rich complex of advisory committees and non-profit organizations that provides vital services to the community and feeds the city's policy and decision processes.

At any given time, literally hundreds of Delmarians are actively engaged as volunteers with these bodies. Over time, the volunteer count has easily exceeded a thousand citizen volunteers. Recently the City Council hosted a reception for the current volunteer population. Council members lauded their creativity, diligence, and passion for the community. Council members acknowledged that government decision making flows directly from the serious, thoughtful work done by their advisory committees. Much of what we take pride in as a very special community is a direct result of the extraordinary level of citizen involvement in the affairs of the city.

Fifty years ago citizens banded together to achieve incorporation as a city. Forty years ago, several hundred citizens worked in committees to develop a Community Plan that was approved by voters. That Plan has worked as a kind of constitution to guide our development becoming one of the most desirable small towns in all of California.

This tradition of citizen participation continued and intensified through the years. What would we be today without the sustained effort of the Lagoon Committee, the Design Review Board, Del Mar Community Connections, to mention only a few?

We, the all-volunteer Sandpiper editors, urge all citizens, newly arrived as well as old timers, to find opportunities to participate in the continuing work of the twenty-plus organizations now serving our town.

It's the Del Mar way. ■

(For volunteer opportunities see our community calendar in every issue and consult the city's web site at www.delmar.ca.us)

DR. LINDA'S WATER DIET REVOLUTION

Linda Chisari, Crest

My vegetable garden faces yet another challenge from nature this year. In the past, I have helped it fight off great clouds of white flies and various wilting diseases that seem to come with an ocean view in this part of the world. Now, with a sharply reduced water supply, tomatoes and eggplant, peppers and basil must somehow compete with the demands of laundry, bathing and dishwashing. In our household, vegetables rank right after our mature trees and shrubs on the list of what gets watered. We've allowed our lawn to turn brown after a temporary green fling following the rains of March. We can do without bedding annuals,

but the vegetables of summer, grown in our home-composted soil, please our eyes and noses and nourish our bodies, too!


Vegetables are not, in general, drought tolerant. Most of them are grown as annuals, even in our climate (asparagus, artichokes and potatoes are exceptions). They must grow a new root system quickly and this requires a good water supply. So how can we reduce the amount of water needed? The information that follows is based on observations in my vegetable garden and those of my neighbors.

Good compost, either home-made or purchased from one of our local green recycling facilities, enriches the soil with water-holding organic material. If the compost is dug deeply into the soil, roots of the vegetable plants can more easily grow down to any water that is present.

A surface mulch helps keep moisture in the soil. I use Torrey Pine needles under my strawberries and tomatoes. They keep the fruit off the ground and add organic material to the soil as they slowly break down. Bark mulch is available at many local sources. Newspapers and black plastic work well as mulch, too, although they are less aesthetically pleasing and don't enrich the soil.

A vegetable plant which is seeded directly in the ground seems to use less water than one which began its life as a pampered pony-pak plant. ...and seeds are much less expensive than plants! Tomatoes, pumpkins and swiss chard seedlings pop up all over my garden from seeds that were in the compost with which I amended the soil and they grow with very little supplemental water.

Many leafy greens, including chard, spinach, bok choy, chicory and lettuce, grow very well in part shade and need less water there. I try to plant the taller vegetables south and west of these greens so that they can provide at least afternoon shade. Closer -than- normal spacing of the plants also provides some shade and seems to provide a



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critical root mass that helps retain moisture in the soil.

Vegetables with deep root systems are the easiest to sustain on reduced water. In this category, tomatoes come out the clear winners. Some gardeners even 'dry farm' tomatoes, that is provide no supplemental water once the fruit has set. This method sacrifices good-looking plants,



Photo by Linda Chisari

but results in delicious fruit with concentrated flavors. Swiss chard and strawberries also develop deep roots.

Remember to water at night when the plants do most of their growing and the water evaporates much less quickly from the soil.

Finally, plant those vegetables and fruits which give you the biggest yield for the amount of water used. Tomatoes, swiss chard, zucchini, figs and the Mediterranean herbs are the clear winners in my garden! ■

Even if you decide to do without a vegetable garden this summer, take heart! Late September is the time to plant your winter garden and, with its fewer hours of sunlight and occasional rains, winter is an easier time to garden with limited water. Sugar-Snap peas, fennel, swiss chard and carrots started in my garden last October needed virtually no supplemental water, even though it was a relatively dry winter.



Photo by Linda Chisari

****Additional suggestions as well as comments from some of my friends and neighbors are available online at www.delmarsandpiper.org*

H2O NO MO

Arline Paa, 8th, with Carol Vernon, Dwyn Robbie, Pat Welsh, Beth LaHay, Gale Darling, Linda Chisari, and Mary Friestedt.

Recently the Del Mar Garden Club requested the members to submit water saving tips that everyone could use to conserve water in their homes and gardens. Here are some of their ideas:

1. If you put rocks around your plants, they will not dry out as quickly. This holds true of plants in pots, too.
2. Replace your thirsty lawn with pebbles, mulch or pine needles...Brown is beautiful!!!!
3. Take out any thirsty plants and replace them with draught friendly ones such as:
 - a. Jade Plant
 - b. Echium (Pride of Madeira-blue/purple/pink flowers)
 - c. Euphorbia wulfenii (chartreuse flowers)
 - d. Aeonium urbicans (rosette shaped)
 - e. Aeonium sunburst (smaller green/cream pink edges)
 - f. Othonna capensis (succulent with yellow flowers, never stops blooming)
 - g. Any ceanothus-favorite Ray Hartman twice year blossoms.
 - h. Society garlic

Most of these can survive with almost NO water.

4. Mulch, Mulch, Mulch...you do not have to water as much.
5. Save rainwater.
6. Early morning watering.
7. Flush your toilet infrequently.
8. Save water in a bucket when warming the water.
9. Save cooking water, water from vases, and your dog's bowl. Dump the old water onto your plants.
10. Fall is a better time to plant new plants because the cooler, shorter days give the plants the opportunity to establish a good root growth.
11. Drip irrigation is much better at saving water than sprinkler.
12. Post notes in guest bathroom, kitchen, and laundry so others know how precious our water is.
13. Allow spaces in the garden. As you eliminate thirsty plants, you don't always need to replace them with another plant. Perhaps just mulch over the spot or nestle an artistic rock over the spot. French cafe table and chairs or a comfortable bench give an open cherry feeling plus, a place to sit.
14. Crassula multicava makes a great ground cover for shade and once established survives without irrigation.
15. Wash full loads of dishes and clothes.
16. Turn off water while brushing your teeth. ■

HALLELUJAH!

Sherryl L. Parks, Kalamath

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the only church in Del Mar, has been searching for just the right person to serve our unique community of parishioners and we are pleased to announce that Reverend Paige Blair will begin leading the church on May 26. Her husband Gene Fox will join her while her stepdaughter Adriana will join them when free from her college studies.

Reverend Blair was born at March AFB in Riverside California. She grew up in a military family, primarily in Alaska and Colorado, yet went back east for her education. Blair received her bachelor's degree in international relations from Boston University in 1992 and her master of divinity degree in 1995 from the Boston University School of Theology. She has continued her post-graduate studies at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., as well as the Harvard Divinity School. Additional continuing education has been done with emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals, Byzantine Iconography, and Mind-Body-Spirit Ministry and Pastoral Care.



Photo courtesy of family

Blair will be coming from St. George's Episcopal Church in York Harbor Maine where she served as Rector for 8 years. Paige stood out early in the review process as a person of exceptional gifts, talents, and skill. She is well prepared to bring those gifts to a parish such as St. Peter's.

Blair will be remembered especially at St. George's for her inspiring preaching style as well as introducing the U2charist community service which is especially appealing to church youth. She will leave behind an active outreach ministry called Angel Food. Her vibrant personality was

attractive to the Diocese of Maine and she was interviewed frequently by several media regarding her role as one of the founders of the U2charist movement.

Blair will be taking on a much larger church community here in Del Mar but she looks forward to helping continue the outreach programs of feeding our homeless, hosting the Community Connection events, the life stories classes, and the Del Mar Rotary Club.

Please keep your eye out for Paige and Gene at the Del Mar dog park since they will be bringing two family members, Labradoodle and Gracie-Roo. Paige is also likely to be spotted at the 10am Friday morning yoga classes offered through Community Connection's at St. Peter's church. She is an avid student of Ashtanga Yoga because, as she says, "it reminds me to breathe."

Gene is a librarian and a poet and is looking forward to exploring the energetic academic life, which San Diego offers. Gene and Paige will live in Del Mar at the St. Peter's Church rectory on 11th Street. □

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Del Mar Historical Society will host "A Day at the Races" on Sunday, August 30. Included in the package will be a private box, lunch, and a speaker talking about the history of the track from 1936 (with special emphasis on 1959 forward, to recognize Del Mar's 50th celebration); and 10 exciting races. Reservations can be made online at:

www.delmarhistoricalsociety.org or by calling 858-794-0029. But hurry -- maximum 80 people!



*Off loading thoroughbreds 1937
Courtesy Del Mar Historical Society*

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own one-of-a-kind recycled wooden fish. The children embellished their plywood fish with recycled trash collected from the beach and home. The children lovingly refer to their creations as "Fish Sticks."

While the children learned how to reuse everyday objects that most would see as "trash," the lessons extend far beyond into the community with their installation. Interspersed with the recycled fish were signs outlining facts about ocean and beach pollution.

Partners in the project include the City of Del Mar and environmental group "Keep Del Mar Clean." Local Chief

Lifeguard Pat Vergne said, "Our community is using art to raise awareness about trash and the negative effect it has on the health of our marine life and our coastal community. We are thrilled to be supporting the Fish Sticks exhibition and the 5th annual Keep Del Mar Clean community beach cleanup as we kick off our city's new recycling program."

Additionally, filmmakers have been following the story to document this grass roots effort and are fundraising to complete an educational documentary. Del Mar hopes to highlight this pilot program as an example of what a community can do to reverse the negative impact trash makes on our beaches and ocean - a small community with a big message. □

FEAR-BASED PLANNING

Sam Borgese, 10th Street

Fear generated by the current economic downturn is uglifying Del Mar's downtown. Fear is feeding a frenzy for building permits for construction projects that in tranquil times would not be approved by the city. The bulky new sidewalk cafés on 15th Street are egregious examples of such fear-based planning.

Del Mar's character is suited to village-themed sidewalk cafés and small shops that complement its spectacular Pacific Coast environment. And Del Mar has remained a special enclave of preserved natural beauty and attractive buildings through the work of dedicated citizen custodians for over 50 years and careful planning. However, every so often the advocates of intensified commercialism rise up in times of financial fear to threaten that good work. The new projects along 15th Street show that we are now living in one of those times.

The previous wide sidewalk on the south side of 15th Street presented itself as a strolling promenade to Seagrove Park with soul inspiring ocean views. That promenade is now a five-foot wide obstacle course with views of concrete walls and gas fired space heaters. Soft and light material like wood rails and benches have been replaced with heavy masonry and concrete. The natural beauty of the street has not been complimented; it has been assaulted. The "sidewalk café" projects physically overwhelm the buildings they front. The crass commercialism that these structures represent conflicts with the natural elements that make Del Mar so unique.

In the neighborhoods of New York City the restaurants come alive in the summer with sidewalk cafés.



Photo Art Olson

Restauranteurs take down the temporary winter vestibules that sheltered people and set up stored folding tables and chairs creating inviting areas to sit in and absorb the seasonal warm weather and colorful quilt of pedestrians. Even in the harsh reality of New York's economy and aggressive small business efforts to financially thrive, rules

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DEL MAR TO SELL NAME

A Letter to the Editor from Al Tarkington, former Mayor of the City formerly known as Del Mar

The San Diego Union revealed that Tim Fennel, CEO of the Del Mar Fairgrounds (not to be confused with the "San Diego County Fair") recently announced that the Fair has sold "Presenting Rights" to Albertsons for \$1.3 million. Mr. Fennel had been looking for "naming rights" for the actual state-owned fairgrounds, and is purportedly still looking for someone to purchase naming rights for the property. Fennel went on to propose "presenting rights" for different events.

This would appear to go hand in hand with the rumor that the Fairgrounds is looking to put up giant illuminated flashing billboards on both sides of I-5 next to the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Del Mar officials initially scoffed at the naming rights idea, but with the current economic crisis and the red ink at City Hall, they have given it more thought. In closed session,



Both photo illustrations by Art Olson

the Council reached out to several supermarket chains for naming rights for Del Mar. Besides, renaming the City would remove the stigma of Del Martians being considered "elitist." The Council narrowed the field down to two finalists. And, in typical Del Mar fashion the City Council is calling for a special plebiscite where the citizens will vote on changing the name of the City to either *Whole Foods Market* or *Trader Joes*.

As with the fairgrounds, naming rights could be extended to smaller venues. Possibilities discussed might include "Dexter's Deli Dog Beach," "Bully's Ranger Patrol," or the "Crest Canyon presented by Jelley Properties." The City is also considering changing its motto from "Where the Turf Meets the Surf" to "Where Your Name in the Sand will be Grand." ■

HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

Chuck Newton, Forest Way



Photo Art Olson

After 37 years in downtown Del Mar, the Hair Nursery's "lady barber in the window" is moving to Solana Beach.

The proprietor, Carol Faris, has always known that she might have to move her barber's chair from its cozy space at 1342 Camino del Mar. And now it will be used by the En Fuego restaurant next door.

Unable to find a suitable space to rent in Del Mar, Faris set up her barber's chair at 216 Cedros Ave., across from the Belly Up, as of June 1. The new name is Cedros Hair Design, Cuts for Men.

That echoes the "Haircuts for Men" sign that Carol put up in Del Mar in 1972, not sure whether gents wanted their hair cut by a woman. But a few came in, that first week. Then a few more, and before long she had a going business.

In 1951 she brought in Tracy Conkey to work the chair on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Carol works Wednesdays through Saturday mornings. This continues at the new location, which has the same phone number—858 755-3344.

And the new place has a Del Mar connection. It is owned by children of the late Harvey Herzberg, once prominent in the Del Mar community. ■

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of scale and intimacy of these sidewalk cafés prevail in plan approval.

By contrast, Del Mar's planning approval of the 15th Street sidewalk cafés ignores all sense of scale and intimacy and visually screams unchecked commercialism. City management is driven by the fear of lost revenues and by short-term thinking. Business owners see an opening for gaining approval for projects that would never gain approval under a more responsible city government.

Over the past fifty years there have been periods of struggle between residents who thought long term and acted often stubbornly to protect Del Mar as a unique, small scale Village. These stalwarts of "green" thinking sometimes conflicted with others who saw the "gray" of development in concrete as a better, more prosperous alternative. At the moment the fragile balance between these groups that had maintained thoughtful development has been erased and replaced with the gray of concrete development. Is this what circumventing the DRB process will produce? How can the project sponsors point proudly to these bulky cafés that have commandeered public space and vistas?

If you regard Del Mar as an attractive village that stirs the imagination and comforts the soul, don't fear losing Del Mar to financial ruin but to commercial greed. Love our charming village? Be afraid, very afraid! ■

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struggles under another voter-approved constitutional mandate that requires a two-thirds supermajority just to pass a state budget. Only two other states have this requirement.

Recent polls indicate Californians oppose cutting most state services, including K-12 education. But neither will they tolerate tax increases. Voter-approved initiatives have set rigid formulae and mandated spending in all three major budget categories. Education (50%), health and human services (31%) and state prisons (10%) make up 91 percent of the general fund budget. Less than three percent pays the combined expense of the legislative, executive and judicial branches.

There's growing awareness that our governing system is broken and needs an overhaul. The Bay Area Council, a consortium of Northern California's 275 largest companies, recently called for a Constitutional Revision Commission. Our current state constitution, adopted in 1876, has been amended nearly 100 times. In recent decades, special interest groups have hijacked the initiative process (added in 1911). They find it easier to sway California's voters than to obtain Sacramento's approval for their pet projects. Special interest groups have been strengthened by the initiative process while elected leaders have been weakened. It's time to rethink and rebalance the scales. ■

Note: City Manager Karen Brust reports that Del Mar will lose \$400,000 in shared revenues in the coming fiscal year as the direct result of the State's ongoing financial crisis.

LEED FOLLOWS NEED

Jon Edelbrock, City of Del Mar, Lifeguard Sergeant

There is little question that the Del Mar Lifeguard Headquarters has served the Del Mar community and visitors well in its nearly forty-five year history. During this time, the once fledgling City has evolved from a small isolated community to one that's surrounded by urban sprawl and sees roughly two million visitors on our beach annually. The increased demand for services along with significant weather exposure has taken a toll on the small tower down at 17th Street prompting the move to develop a new structure.

Built in 1970, the existing Lifeguard tower now functions as the offices for a Community Services staff that exceeds seventy in the summer months. Originally designed and built to support a small staff of lifeguards, the crew today now serves many functions including Parking Enforcement, Beach Maintenance, and Parks and Recreation management.

The list of inadequacies and problems with the current



Photo Jon Edelbrock

building is highlighted by the structural issues of the building. Each year the building must be protected from surging surf with large amounts of sand so the building won't be undermined. Additionally, numerous cracks, termite damage, and general disrepair of the building in general are significant.

Aside from the structural issues, the utilitarian value of the building and how it serves the community is deficient

on multiple levels. From an employee standpoint, ample space for storage, meetings, and conducting business safely and professionally are all challenges in the confined and archaic space.

Plans for the new Beach Safety Center have been nearly finalized and have entered the Design Review stage seeking approval. While there are numerous enhancements and changes to the prior re-development plans, the new facility will have the same footprint, an overall lower roof line, and slightly scaled down from the previous iteration.

Improvements over the existing building are numerous and include an overall emphasis on a clean functional design enhanced by being the first LEED certified public facility in the City of Del Mar. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a green building-rating system that is achieved by including design elements such as dual-glazed Low-E windows and Photovoltaic panels; both of which are included in the proposed design.

Significant efforts have been ongoing to get the new Beach Safety Center built. Local community group Friends of the Powerhouse along with other community members have held many fundraisers and continue to do so to help get toward the 2.8 million dollar price tag. The current price may become lower according to local developer Howard Gad. Howard noted "Now is the time to get the financing together to get this built. Construction prices are approximately 20% lower than just a few years ago which could fare well for costs associated with this structure".

The current Lifeguard headquarters has served our community well over the years. The increasing demand on local government, costs of maintaining the structure, and inadequacies for city employees and serving the people, are all significant reasons to work toward re-development. Let's promote the value of our beach and public space and get this place built! ■

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Jen Grove for the DMVA

The smooth, slick style of Randy Fontaine and the Swingers will set the vibe for Del Mar's Summer Solstice event. Hosted by the Del Mar Village Association (DMVA) with the support from the City of Del Mar, Summer Solstice is the perfect way to celebrate the summer season. This year the event will be held on Thursday, June 18, from 5pm – 8pm at Powerhouse Park, 1658 Coast Boulevard in Del Mar, just overlooking Del Mar Beach.



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"This is a wonderful time to gather with friends as well as meet new ones," said Summer Solstice event chair, Mary Lou Amen. "Each year we sell out as it's become known as the event not to be missed."

VISITORS' FAIR SHARE

Bettina Experton, Tewa

Parking in Downtown Del Mar comes with challenges and a high price – from repeatedly circling around town in search of the elusive parking space, to finally being penalized with an unfair fine for barely going over an ever-changing time limit while rushing your lunch hour. Residents and visitors need relief with an effective parking solution. Del Mar citizens serving on the City Finance Committee worked on such a solution over two years ago. Now is the time for implementation.



Photo Art Olson

The proposed parking plan for Downtown will also restore the City's financial health in this challenging economic environment by generating an additional \$1 million in net annual revenue. Current parking revenue, totaling \$1 million gross, is today the third largest revenue source for the City, on par with the dangerously declining sales tax. However, more than two-thirds of parking revenue is generated by fines: an unfair way to pay for parking and in big part responsible for our City's "bad" parking reputation. Besides its unfairness, our current paid and time-limited parking system is also insufficient to cover our costs to serve over 2 million visitors a year. With over \$2 million expended in lifeguard, beach and park maintenance, on a per resident basis Del Martians pay in excess of 800 times the price paid by Del Mar visitors who come to our beaches.

The proposed and immediately implementable parking solution: a flexible Pay and Display parking system Downtown along with voluntary parking permits. These systems are successfully used everywhere: from large and appealing urban centers like Georgetown and Seattle, to pretty small towns the size of Del Mar all over Europe. They can aesthetically integrate into our revitalized Downtown and a new streetscape without ugly meters or posting signs with various parking time limits. Park as long as you wish, where you want, and without fines.

The additionally proposed annual parking permits, available on a volunteer basis, will also give residents and visitors alike the additional convenience to park at either metered or time-limited spaces, without having to take the time to pay every time they park Downtown or at the beach. Where parking time is limited, these permits will also give us the bonus to park twice as long as permitted!

This new proposed parking plan comes with all gains and no pain, and is also the way to put our fiscal and community's future in our own hands. ■

POLITICAL SCUTTLEBUTT

Bud Emerson, Klish Way

Rumors have suggested for some time that Del Mar's popular Mayor, Crystal Crawford, is gearing up for a run at State office. Now confirmed by a recent UT article, Mayor Crawford is indeed running for the State Assembly seat currently held by Martin Garrick. Asked if she thinks it is realistic for the Democratic mayor of the smallest town in a majority Republican district to really think



Mayor Crawford joins Deputy Lifeguard Chief Mark Rathsam for an outing in Del Mar's first outrigger canoe. Photo Virginia Lawrence.

she has a chance to win, Mayor Crawford responded, "It is not about Democrats or Republicans or large cities versus small cities; it's about getting things done. In Del Mar and at SANDAG, I've have been challenged repeatedly over the years to do more with less, and I've been able to work productively without regard to party affiliation. The reaction I am getting from people all over the county is frustration with partisanship in Sacramento driving

the great state of California into an abyss. People aren't voting for a particular party anymore; they are hungry for leaders who can bridge the partisan gap and develop sensible solutions for our future. I have that kind of bi-partisan track record, and the response to my candidacy thus far is extremely positive."

JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Maintaining Your Independence and Peace of Mind: Monday, June 1, 10-11:30am, City Hall Annex. Susan Fox, National Certified Guardian and CA Licensed Fiduciary, discuss the role of professional fiduciaries in matters of personal finance & healthcare. Hosted by DMCC.

Special Art Exhibits: Month of June, Del Mar Art Center Gallery, DM Plaza, 11am to 7pm Wed.-Sat.; 11am-5pm Sun. Two special exhibits: "Del Mar Scenery", dedicated to Del Mar's 50th Anniversary; and "Small Images": small paintings priced \$100 or less. The public is welcome to browse and enjoy.

Are You Ready to Rumble? Wednesday, June 3, approx. 4-7:30pm, including transportation and program). Bus leaves City Hall parking lot at 4pm to pick up residents who don't drive. At 5:30pm, Scripps Institution of Oceanography scientists present a program on seismic activity in California with special focus on the San Andreas fault. Transportation is sponsored by DMCC. Call Heather to reserve a seat: 858-792-7565.

Knit and Stitch: Thursday, June 4, 3-4:30pm, Del Mar Library. Del Mar Community Connections invites you to bring yarn, needles and a project. Contact Regina Horner: 755-1931.

First Thursday: June 4, Powerhouse Community Center. Enjoy an evening of conversation with Oscar-nominated filmmaker, Arthur Dong, presented by the Cultural Arts Committee of Del Mar Foundation. Wine and cheese at 6:30pm, performance at 7pm (sorry, subscribers only).

Teen Talk: Friday, June 5, 3:30-4:45pm. Meet with other teens at the Library to talk, snack and do homework.

Del Mar Farmers' Market: Saturdays, 1-4pm, City Hall parking lot. Purchase fresh, locally grown produce, flowers, eggs, seafood, breads and many other products.

Craft and Music at the Powerhouse: Sunday, June 7, noon-2pm. Craft at noon, sponsored by the Del Mar Library in conjunction with Friends of the Powerhouse, features a tile painting fundraiser to benefit the DM Beach Safety Center; then music at 1pm sponsored by DM Foundation and presenting Hullabaloo. Parental supervision is required.

Del Mar Television Foundation Board Meeting: Monday, June 8, 4pm, Del Mar TV Station. Monthly meeting of DMTF to review/approve grants and other business.

City Council Meetings: Monday, June 8 and Monday, June 22, 6pm, Del Mar TV Station.

Spanish/English Storytime: Tuesday, June 9, 10:30-11am, Del Mar Library.

DM Planning Commission: Tuesday, June 9, 6pm, Del Mar TV Station.

Cultural Arts Committee: Wednesday, June 10, 8:30am, Powerhouse Community Center. Monthly meeting is open to the public.

DMVA Promotion Committee: Wednesday, June 10, 9-10:15am, Del Mar TV Studio.

Del Mar Foundation Board Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 8:30am, City Hall Annex. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Financial & Legal Wellbeing Workshop: Thursday, June 11, 1-2:30pm, City Hall Annex. DMCC and Parkinson's Association of San Diego present "Important Legal Decisions". Call 858-792-7565 for details or to reserve a seat.

Del Mar Community Connections Monthly Board Meeting: Saturday, June 13, 9am, City Hall Annex. The meeting is open to the public.

Del Mar Arts Center Board Meeting: Monday, June 15, 6:30pm, Del Mar Arts Center.

Del Mar Historical Society: Tuesday, June 16, 7pm, City Hall Annex. The public is welcome.

Twilight Concert: Tuesday, June 16, 7pm in Powerhouse Park. Sponsored by the Del Mar Foundation, the free concert features the Eve Selis Band. The public is encouraged to come early, claim a space, and then enjoy the sunset and the music.

Friends of the Powerhouse Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 9am, Jakes. The monthly meeting is open to the public.

Friends of Del Mar Parks Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 7 - 8:30 pm at The Winston School.

Summer Solstice: Thursday, June 18, 5-8pm, Powerhouse Park. DMVA invites you to celebrate the arrival of summer with delectable culinary offerings, wine & ale tastings from local wineries and restaurants, live music, a silent auction, and a knock-out sunset view! Tickets @ \$50, available at www.delmarmainstreet.com or from Union Bank or Willis Allen Real Estate.

Father's Day: Sunday, June 21.

Design Review Board: Wednesday, June 24, 6pm, Del Mar TV Studio.

DMVA Board Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 8am, City Hall Annex.

Rose Society Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 25 at the San Diego County Fair, Del Mar Fairground. The society hosts visitors at their booth of roses, and members answer questions about rose gardening.

Senior Legal Services: Friday, June 26, 9am to 1pm, DMCC office at City Hall Annex. Many legal services offered free by Elder Law & Advocacy to senior (60 years and older) residents of City of Del Mar. For appointments, call: 858-792-7565.

Book Talks and Treats: Friday, June 26, 2-3pm, DM Library. Readers share reviews and recommendations of recently read books. Copies are available for checkout.

Teen Art Series: Flowers: Saturday, June 27, 9:30-11am, Del Mar Library. Registration required.

SAVE THE DATE: Independence Day Parade: Saturday, July 4, 9am at Powerhouse Park. Del Mar Foundation encourages you to decorate your bike, wagon, stroller to leashed dog with patriotic flair and come join the fun. All ages are welcome and parental supervision is required.

WINSTON SCHOOL JEWEL

Mike Peterson, Headmaster, The Winston School

At The Winston School, we have high hopes of enhancing the educational experience of our students while maintaining the close, collaborative and enduring partnership with our friends and neighbors in the Del Mar community forged through our successful effort at securing the Shores Property for future generations. Winston's 55-year lease agreement with the City and the School's commitment to enhance the Del Mar community by making some of its new space available to the Community



Photo Art Olson

are the building blocks of a lasting friendship.

In addition to a new and expanded school, items under consideration are a large meeting room for community and school events; an integrated art gallery space and/

or performing arts center; a photography studio; a board room; and a community garden.

The Winston School, founded in 1988, provides a college preparatory program for students with learning differences in grades four through twelve. With dedicated faculty, small classes, multi-sensory teaching and individual attention, we emphasize the natural gifts of students in helping them develop the tools to lead successful and full lives.

One of Winston's primary goals is gradually to expand our programs in the arts (theatre, music, and visual arts) as these are fields in which our students have historically found the greatest joy and success. So our new facility, when built, would mesh well with the Del Mar community which shares similar values and passions. The Winston History Department also aspires to a positive collaboration with the Del Mar Historical Society when the Alvarado House is relocated somewhere adjacent to the campus.

Winston will conserve water and energy through the use of solar panels, low-flow or waterless toilets and water-conserving landscaping. We expect to design, construct and operate a LEED-certified facility, choosing building materials and systems which are environmentally friendly and to provide as beautiful a face to the neighborhood as the other homes around the campus.

The common room on the Winston campus would be available during certain non-school hours to community organizations. In the ideal world, parking would be underground in order to maximize open space and easily accommodate faculty and visitors while offering minimal disruption to the lives of our neighbors. The new school's design will be in character with surrounding homes and the shoreline community.

Our thoughts on this are very preliminary, and we are open to your ideas and input.

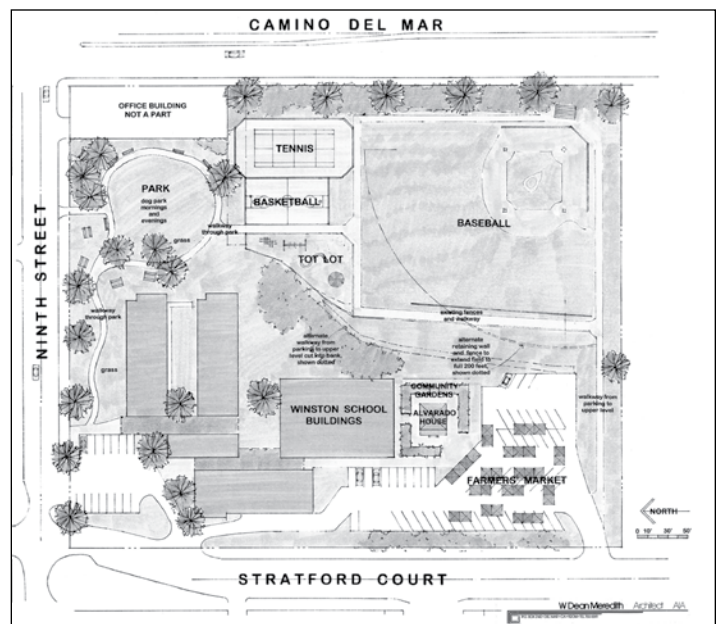
The Winston School is appreciative of the tremendous outpouring of support from our neighbors and the entire Del Mar community – and we seek to deepen and broaden our base of friends. We ask for and need your continued financial help and advice as we move forward to complete our dream for the children of Winston and the residents of Del Mar. Please contact me at 858-259-8155 or send an email to mikepeterson@thewinstonschool.com ■

20-20 VISION AT THE SHORES

Barbara Mandel Pache, Coordinator, Campaign Del Mar Shores

Based on over a year of community input, the Friends of Del Mar Parks created a visual representation of what the Shores Park may look like in the future. The "vision" includes space for a community garden (priority to 27.3% of respondents), basketball and tennis courts, the Del Mar Historical Society Alvarado House, open space with benches and picnic tables facing the ocean view, and potential relocation of the weekly Farmer's Market, in addition to the four top priorities and the Winston School campus. The "vision" is not an official plan for the park. The City Council will guide an official public planning process after the property is fully paid for.

The amount raised so far from 450 contributors is \$5.4 million of the \$8.5 million target amount. The city owes payments of \$30,000 by June 30 and \$47,000 by August 30. The fundraising strategy for reaching the goal is to get every household to contribute \$41 per month for 36 months. ■



Architectural rendering of the Del Mar Shores Park by architect W. Dean Meredith. For an enlargement of this vision, go to www.delmarshores.org/vision.html and click on "enlargement."

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DEL MAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

COMING THIS FALL

Annual Flu and Pneumonia Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 9 am to 3 pm. Book your appointment now either by e-mail to heather@dmcc.cc or call Heather at 858-792-7565.

Brain Fitness classes: Posit Science, a cognitive training program that targets the roots of memory and thinking by speeding up brain function, improving accuracy and strengthening recording. This computer-based program is easy to use and enjoyable. If interested or curious, call to find out more or to add your name to the list. 858-792-7565

SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS

To sustain our programs and services, each year we raise \$40,000 through a special event and an end-of-year appeal letter. Instead of a special fundraising event this year, DMCC invites everyone to invest in our community's quality of life by choosing one or more of the following methods to help us:

- give a cash donation, either by check or credit card
- give a designated cash donation or gift of time to the program (listed below) that you especially value and want to support
- choose a tax-free method with a donation of appreciated stock or a portion of your required minimum donation from your IRA account
- offer to host a thank-you reception for all of our donors and volunteers
- join one of the volunteer teams that serve our residents
- contribute your ideas and resources for service expansion

DMCC PROGRAMS THAT NEED ONGOING SUPPORT:

- Transportation Program – bus service for weekly grocery shopping trips and cultural activities
- Care Management Consultation Services – in-home consultation with geriatric social worker to determine personal support services for changing needs
- Legal Clinic – monthly clinic with Elder Law Attorney for free guidance with simple wills, power of attorney, advanced health care directives and referrals
- Coffee and Conversations – informational presentations by leading researchers and practitioners
- Annual Flu and Pneumonia Vaccinations – one-day clinic for all ages
- Recreation Groups – Mah Jongg, Bridge, Singing, Knit and Stitch, Book Club, Life Story Writing
- Volunteer drivers – individual rides to medical appointments
- Taxi Voucher Program – City subsidized voucher for discounted taxi rides to personal appointments

- Exercise Classes – water aerobics, cardio/strength training, Tai Chi, Yoga
- Computer tutoring – individual sessions to build skills with computer operations and internet navigation
- Health Education Discussion Group with Dr. Kalina – group interaction with geriatric internist
- Telephone Reassurance Calls – daily personal check-up calls and medication administration reminder calls
- Medicare Counseling Clinic – personal appointments with HICAP counselor to discuss Medicare, Long Term Care insurance, Medi-Gap and prescription drug programs
- Shared Housing – match-up programs, which help home providers find a compatible home seeker to pay rent or possibly provide services in exchange for a reduction in rent

RESCHEDULED DUE TO POWER OUTAGE:

Maintaining your Independence and Peace of Mind

What a California Professional Fiduciary Can Do for You

Monday, June 1, 2009, 10 – 11:30 a.m., City Hall Annex, 235 11th St.

A Discussion with Susan Fox, California Licensed Professional Fiduciary & National Certified Guardian, will discuss the role of the Professional Fiduciary in matters of personal finance and healthcare. She will describe how the Fiduciary can advise and protect your day to day needs and interests. Especially helpful for families who need someone to step in and manage their investments when leaving an estate to a child who is not able to manage it themselves.

DMCC Bus Trip

Are you Ready to Rumble? Special Presentation on California Seismic Activity

Wednesday, June 3, 4:00 – 7:15 pm

A recent report by scientists indicates there is a 99% chance that California will experience a magnitude 6.7 or greater earthquake in the next 30 years. You are invited to join Scripps Institution of Oceanography scientists for a special presentation on seismic activity in California with the focus on the San Andreas fault. Come and learn the latest findings in research and how Scripps scientists are making major improvements in fundamental earthquake detection tools and developing early warning systems they hope will save lives when the "Big One" occurs.

Financial & Legal Wellbeing Workshop

Important Legal Decisions

Thursday, June 11, 1 – 2:30 pm, City Hall Annex, 235 11th St.

Last in a 4-part series hosted by Parkinson's Association of San Diego, this workshop addresses Durable Powers of Attorney, living wills, estate planning and charitable giving.

THE BUCKS STOP HERE!

Bud Emerson, Klish Way

Putting together a balanced budget for Del Mar in these challenging times requires much more than manipulating a calculator. The story behind the numbers is one of extraordinary human effort on the part of city staff, Council members, and involved citizens.

City Manager Karen Brust says "it is similar to a work of art...the team has had to shape and reshape it until we could develop a resource plan that meets Council priorities and deals with the revenue shortfalls and public safety increases."

Del Mar revenues will probably be lower than we have seen in the last ten years, including sales and hotel tax declines and a \$400,000 "loan" our deficit-ridden State will impose on our property taxes.

This loss has led to a dramatic rethinking by the entire staff of how our city operates, finding ways to increase revenues, implement operating efficiencies, and decrease costs.

On the revenue side we have new clean water fees, recovery of actual costs for benefits received, updated planning fees, increased hotel taxes, new false alarm fees, and fees for new sidewalk cafes.

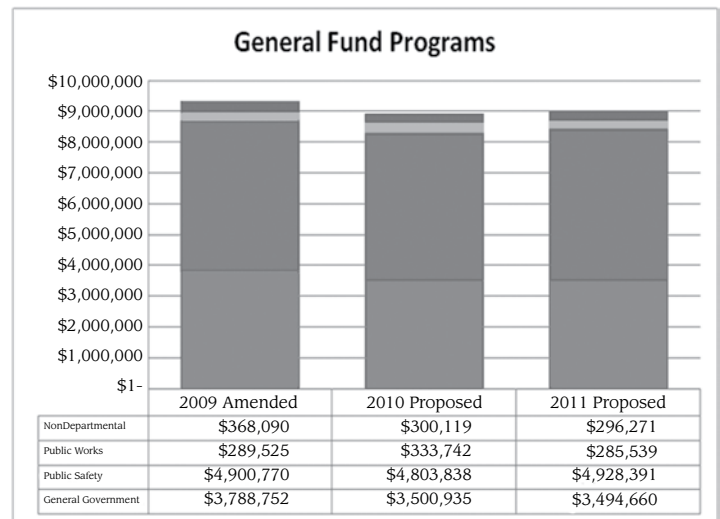
Operating efficiencies are coming from fewer outside contracts, re-negotiating engineering and legal contracts, and upgrading the financial system.

Cost saving measures found include staff restructuring, reduced student intern program, staff reductions, delay of equipment purchases and repairs, and elimination of cost of living adjustments for many staff and management salaries.

The good news is that the county's smallest city is able to balance its budget with a healthy reserve, provide essential services to its residents, and find funding for high priority capital projects such as the 21st street pump station, the lifeguard safety center, and the Torrey Pines Bridge.

The best news is the quality of our city's staff, their ingenuity, and their commitment to preserving the quality of life of Del Mar citizens. ■

(To examine the budget numbers that come from this story go to the city website at delmar.ca.us or visit library on 13 street.)



from page 16 of the proposed 2-year Del Mar City Budget



July 4th Decorated Bike Parade

The Del Mar Foundation is once again sponsoring its 7th Annual July 4th Decorated Bike Parade at Powerhouse Park. Members of the City Council will serve as Grand Marshals. Now is the time to start planning how you want to decorate your bike, wagon, stroller, leashed dog and more! Ribbons will be awarded to the "best" in several categories. Following the parade children can climb aboard a real fire engine and meet the Del Mar Fire Department. Free lemonade will be served. Parade will start promptly at 9am.

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