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Palos Verdes Peninsula Goes Green

Dapplegray Times talks to the mayors of Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Rancho Palos Verdes about what their cities are doing to help the environment.

Dapplegray students are concerned about global warming and our environment, so we wanted to find out more about what our cities are doing to help the Green cause.

PALOS VERDES ESTATES

“The City of Palos Verdes Estates is doing a number of things to make the city more eco-friendly,” said PVE Mayor Joseph C. Sherwood, Jr. Some of the City’s green efforts include:

- **Using energy efficient light bulbs.** Within the City Facility, most lights have been retrofitted to energy efficient bulbs.
- **Conserving electricity by use of sensors.** Sensors were installed in the city garage to ensure that fans operate only when needed.

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PVE Mayor
Joseph Sherwood



RH Mayor
Frank Hill



RHE Mayor
Frank Zerunyan



RPV Mayor
Douglas Stern

Upcoming Events

- DEC. 2-4—PARENT CONFERENCES
- DEC. 2-4—MINIMUM DAYS
- DEC. 10—RUBY’S NIGHT
- DEC. 19—MINIMUM DAY
- DEC. 22-JAN 2—WINTER RECESS

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Dapplegray’s Green Team

Dapplegray’s Eco-Leaders are fifth graders Emily F., Tina R., Alyson J., and Tessa S.

Eco-Leader Goals

We asked Emily, Tina, and Tessa why they decided to run for Eco-Leader (we couldn’t reach Alyson at the time of writing this article).

Emily has always been interested in recycling, because her father has a recycling company.

Tessa wants to use this opportunity to help the environment.



Emily F. and Tessa S.
Not pictured, Tina R. and Alyson J.

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Waste Management Makes Recycling Happen

Colt Editor, Rachel G., interviewed Vickie Wippel, Community Relations Manager for Waste Management.

I interviewed Vickie Wippel from Waste Management to find out more about recycling. I learned some things that will change how we recycle at our house.

DG TIMES: We all recycle at home, and we try to put everything in the bin that is on the list of recyclable materials. But what happens to our recyclables after that?

MS. WIPPEL: Our drivers pick up all the recycling on

their route (which is made up of streets in the same area of the city) and take it to our Recycling Center in Carson, CA, where it is sorted, baled (which are big brick-like stackable structures), and prepared to be re-sold. To do that, all like materials (plastic, cardboard, paper, aluminum, etc) is sorted and baled separately. Usually, there is still 10-20% trash, what we call *contamination*, in the recycling truck. That is also sorted and taken to the landfill.

DG TIMES: Is there a local sorting plant for our recyclables?

MS. WIPPEL: Yes, it is in Carson.

DG TIMES: How many people work there and how much material do you recycle in a year?

MS. WIPPEL: 85 employees work there, and they recycle approximately 60,000 tons of recyclable materials every year.

DG TIMES: That's a lot of recycling! How much of the sorting at your plant is done by hand and how much is done by machines?

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Vickie Wippel

Take a Minute to Recycle and Save the World

Have you ever wondered if the soda can you are holding in your hand is worth recycling or easier to just throw it away?

Well, do you know that one recycled aluminum can saves enough energy to run your TV for 3 hours? So, yes...you need to recycle it.

Here are a few more interesting facts:

- One glass bottle saves enough energy to run your computer for 25 minutes.

- Fourteen plastic 20 oz bottles can make enough material for one ski jacket.

Recycling Can Help

Our waste company, Waste Management, and their partners have done a great job of helping to reduce waste and recycle more of our products.

Here are some of the results of recycling:

- WM has recycled more than one million tons of glass, which eliminated over 500 million pounds of mining waste.
- 240,000 tons of metal have been recycled, which saves greenhouse gases equal to removing 324,000 cars off the road.

- By recycling 232,000 tons of plastic, we can have enough power for 116,000 homes for one year.
- More than 32,000 tons of aluminum was recycled, which saves enough power to run one million televisions for 17 hours every day for one year.
- WM recycled enough paper to save 41 million trees.

You Can Make a Difference

Please help our future by taking the time to recycle. Each one of us can make a difference for the future.

Visit www.thinkgreen.com to see interesting videos and facts about recycling.

Kai K.
Green Reporter





Jana Hartline

Toyota's Cars Care for the Environment

Dapplegray Times Technology Editor, Nathan M., interviews Environmental Communications Manager for Toyota, Jana Hartline.

DG TIMES: What is a Hybrid car and how does it work?

MS. HARTLINE: A hybrid car is any vehicle that combines different power sources to move the vehicle.

In Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive system, a regular gasoline engine is combined with an electric motor. Only the electric motor is used for start up and low speeds (meaning no gasoline used). When cruising at normal speeds and on the highway, the gasoline engine and electric motor work together to move the vehicle. When you decelerate or brake, the electric motor captures excess energy and recharges the hybrid battery. This battery power is then used to power the electric motor, so the system recharges itself just by driving. [More information is at hybridsynergydrive.com.]

DG TIMES: What are the benefits of owning a Hybrid car?

MS. HARTLINE: Toyota hybrid vehicles get better gas mileage and produce lower harmful emissions, like CO2 and NOx, compared to similar sized vehicles powered by gasoline only.

DG TIMES: How does a Hybrid car protect our Earth from global warming vs. owning a regular car?

MS. HARTLINE: Toyota hybrid vehicles produce lower emissions that contribute to global warming, like CO2, vs. a regular gasoline powered vehicle of similar size.

DG TIMES: What are Toyota's Hybrid models and prices?

MS. HARTLINE: Toyota offers three hybrid models. The models and MSRP (prices vary based on packages, accessories, etc.) are the Prius at \$22,000; the Camry Hybrid at \$26,150; and the Highlander Hybrid at \$34,700.

DG TIMES: How do Toyota hybrids compare to other hybrid carmakers?

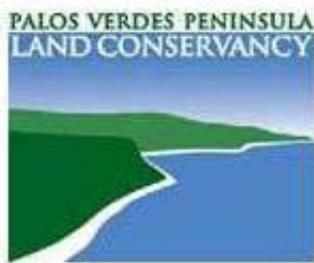
MS. HARTLINE: Toyota hybrids are seen as the leaders in the hybrid market - with Prius being the most recognizable hybrid vehicle on the road today. Toyota hybrid sales make up approximately 80% of the hybrid market in the U.S.

DG TIMES: In the future is Toyota coming out with other eco-friendly cars like the Hybrid?

MS. HARTLINE: Yes, we are working on a number of advanced, eco-friendly technologies to lead us into the future. Alternatives like electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids, compressed natural gas vehicles, and fuel cell hybrid vehicles are a few of the options we're exploring.

Nathan M.

Technology Editor



Let's Go Take a Hike

PVPLC preserves our local hiking trails and more

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy preserves land and restores natural habitats to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Many of the areas are great for hiking and sight seeing.

Chandler Preserve

Currently the Conservancy owns or manages several areas. One area is the Linden H. Chandler Preserve which is located behind Dapplegray near the Rolling Hills Little League field. The Conservancy



Chandler Preserve

and the city of Rolling Hills Estates are working to restore native wild flowers and shrubs to this site.

Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly

Did you know that Palos Verdes has its very own butterfly? This unique creature is only found in Palos Verdes and was thought to be extinct. In 1994 this butterfly was found near the Defense Fuel Supply Tanks in San Pedro.

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Shao Shouyu—Chemist

Careers Editor, Austin D., interviewed Shao Shouyu, a chemist for the Port of Los Angeles, to find out more about chemistry as a career.

DG TIMES: Did you do experiments when you were a kid?

SHAO SHOUYU: Yes, but not chemistry tests, only biological experiments, such as ant farms.

DG TIMES: Why and when did you decide to become a chemist?

SHAO SHOUYU: Among all my science and math teachers, I had a wonderful chemistry teacher in high school. In my class, almost one-third of the students chose chemistry or a related field in college.

DG TIMES: What do you like best about being a chemist?

SHAO SHOUYU: A good thing about being a chemist is that my knowledge can be applied outside of work. For instance, when I got to the drugstore, I can read the labels and choose the right generic brand instead of depending upon a brand name.

DG TIMES: What do you like least about being a chemist?

SHAO SHOUYU: Every time I mention that I am a chemist, people immediately comment that chemists are responsible for polluting the world. This is not true. A long time ago, not only chemists but average people did a lot of bad things to the environment. These days, most chemists are aware of the impact and are careful not to harm the environment.

DG TIMES: If someone wants to become a chemist, what do you have to do?

SHAO SHOUYU: Besides taking chemistry courses in school, go to science museums often and participate in your school's science fair.

DG TIMES: What is your job title?

SHAO SHOUYU: Materials Testing Engineering Associate.

DG TIMES: What do you do for the Port of LA?

SHAO SHOUYU: Identify unknown substances brought in by other harbor employees, check their properties, check

harbor water qualities, and discuss environmental and safety issues with other engineers in the Port of LA to keep them updated on the situation.

DG TIMES: Do you make good money?

SHAO SHOUYU: Along with the job satisfaction I get, I will say yes.

DG TIMES: What would you like to accomplish in the next 10 years?

SHAO SHOUYU: Well, I'm in the retirement age now and will be retired long before the end of this 10-year age range. At the present time, I hope to put the Harbor Lab back into the State certification list; which we dropped off years ago. Then I will train our technicians so they can keep the Lab running by State Standards. This way, by the time I retire, I know this Lab can continue to function well. This will be my last contribution to the Harbor.

Austin D.



Let's Go Take A Hike

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The Conservancy has helped to maintain the coastal sage scrub on the slopes around the tanks, which is where the butterflies live. If you want to see this rare creature, visit this area.

This preserve is also home to the California gnatcatcher, a small gray bird, which is also endangered.

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

The newest addition to the conservancy is the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. This 1200- acre



Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

site is in the Portuguese Bend area. You can see Catalina and the ocean from this location. Other preserve areas include the Forrestal Nature Preserve, George F. Canyon Preserve, Lunada Canyon Preserve, and White Point Nature Preserve.

We are fortunate to have an organization that helps maintain the natural plants and animals of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

*Elena W.
Community Editor*



Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly

Fashion Review



therainforestsites.com

Waste Management has kindly donated money for printing costs, so the Dapplegray Times has a “green” theme to this issue. I decided to write about organic cotton clothes. Not only are the clothes comfortable, but they are eco-friendly too.

But why organic, you say? Read on and I’ll explain. Did you know it takes one-third of a pound of pesticides, herbicides and defoliants to grow enough regular cotton to make a t-shirt? These chemicals are harsh on to the environment.

Where to Shop

I found it was difficult to find stores that carry only organic cotton clothes for kids. But here are a few places you can try.

REI has two eco-friendly brands—Green Label Organic

Organic Clothing

and Mission Playground. Their address is 1800 Rosecrans Ave., Manhattan Beach.

low are some organic cotton pajamas from this store.



Mission Playground Boys T-Shirt



Clair D.
Fashion Editor

Blue Windows has clothes for the whole family. They are located at 5276 East 2nd St. in Long Beach.

This Little Piggy Wears Cotton has organic and regular cotton clothes. They are online so go to littlegiggy.com. Be-

Healthy Living



Most of us have heard that eating organic food is better for us, but some don’t know what organic means. It’s actually very simple. Organic means chemical free. Organic food is grown without pesticides on the plants or in the soil. No antibiotics are used

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Organic Food

and meat is raised without growth hormones or steroids.

Kids’ bodies are developing and are more vulnerable to health and developmental damage, so eating food not treated by chemicals is important.

Watch Out For Trans Fat

Many non-organic food products contain trans fats. Trans fat is put in foods by manufacturers to make them taste better and give them a longer shelf life. Research shows that even a small amount of trans fat is not healthy.

Try It, You’ll Like It

You can buy organic foods at Whole Foods, Trader Joe’s and Henry’s.



You should try organic foods and snacks. They are good, and you will be doing something great for your body!

Rachel C.
Health Editor

Restaurant Review

Koraku

Because the Dapplegray Times was planning on doing a "green theme" this issue, I decided to pick the restaurant, Koraku, because it has green noodles. These special noodles are actually made from spinach. The restaurant is a family style diner with fantastic Japanese food. Their specialty is ramen or noodles. The ramen is made from different foods, such as spinach.

They also have a variety of Japanese food, over 130 different dishes, curry, combination plates, ramen, salad, fried rice, and a kids' menu. There are different deserts like shaved ice and parfaits.

One of the waiters I interviewed, Takashi, was very helpful and told us about their other restaurants in Las Vegas, Sherman Oaks, and Little Tokyo in LA.

Koraku is open from 11:00 am to 3:00 am. It is located at 2531 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505. The phone number is (310) 517-0064.

Even if you are not feeling good, go to Koraku for the best comfort food.

*Matthew P.
Restaurant Editor*



Book Review

Mistakes That Worked!

Dapplegray Elementary is trying very hard this year to focus on recycling. We have all made mistakes in our lives and not recycled things that we just threw into the trash.

Sometimes it is important to celebrate mistakes and learn from them. I discovered a book that does just that! The book is called *Mistakes That Worked* by Charlotte Foltz Jones. The book is about accidents and mistakes that turned out to be some of our world's greatest inventions. A few mistakes that turned out wonderfully were Popsicles, Coca Cola, and Frisbees.

Popsicles

Popsicles were invented by a man named Frank Epperson. When Epperson was 11 years old, he mixed some soda powder and water together in his backyard and left his stirring stick outside instead of clean-

ing up his mess. The temperature dropped below zero, and the next day he had frozen soda water on a stick! When Epperson grew up he remembered his frozen water on a stick and invented the Pop-sicle.

Coca Cola

Coca Cola was invented by a man named John Pemberton. Pemberton was an Atlanta pharmacist who was trying to make a headache reliever.

Pemberton made an open fire, put a brass kettle on top, and added syrup water and chilled ice. When he was reaching for regular water he accidentally grabbed carbonated water and put it into his creation. The creation tasted cold and sweet but it would not cure a headache!

Pemberton made it into a tasty treat and named it "Coca Cola" after the cola leaves and cola nut it contained. It may

not cure a headache but it sure is refreshing on a hot day!

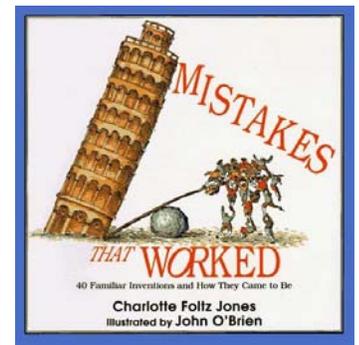
Frisbee

Lastly, the Frisbee was originated at the Frisbie Bakery in Connecticut. It began as a pie tin that had the words "Frisbie Pies" stamped into the metal.

A group of Yale students would buy the pies and after eating them, throw the tins to each other. They would call out "Frisbie" to the person that they were throwing the pan to, or to warn people to watch out for metal flying objects! The name was later changed to Frisbee and the rest is history!

Clearly, our world is a better place because of the small mistakes people have made. Don't worry next time you make a mistake. It could be the next big invention!

*Meghan M.
Book Review Editor*



Dapplegray Times



Music Editor, Gabriela M., interviews Josefa Salinas, HOT 92.3 radio personality, author, and director of Heritage Begins Within.

DG TIMES: How long have you been a DJ?

MS. SALINAS: For 20 years—18 of them in Los Angeles at KJLH, Power 106, and HOT 92.3. The other two years I worked in the Bay Area at KKSF and KBLX

DG TIMES: Do you DJ at night or in the day, and which one do you like better?

MS. SALINAS: I have done mornings twice in LA—once at Power 106 with the Baker Boyz and now at HOT 92.3

Josefa Salinas

with Victor. I also had a night show on Power 106 called the "Slow Jam Show." If I had to pick, I would work nights. I like being a part of people's lives; in the morning, everyone has so much else going on. So if I could have my way, I would be doing the 7 to midnight shift and calling it *Lights out LA* . . .

DG TIMES: What's your favorite type of music?

MS. SALINAS: I love all kinds of music—rap, jazz, rock, alternative, and I love to read. I read every single day—newspapers, books, magazines.

DG TIMES: What do you like best about being on the radio?

MS. SALINAS: The best thing about being an air personality is that you get to touch people's lives if you do it right. I am very careful about the things that I say and do because I know a lot of people are watching me. I want to be a good example, even with my heartaches and mistakes.

Being a broadcaster gives me more power than any politician, because I can shape opinion, change moods, and walk in people's everyday lives every single day—if they let me. When I meet listeners, they always feel like I am a part of their lives, because I care about what happens to all of us . . . very much.

Gabriela M.



Fifth Grade Fun at Astrocamp

Do you like science? Do you like doing experiments? Then Astrocamp is the place for you! Even if science isn't your favorite subject, you will still enjoy this field trip.

Fifth graders got to go to Astrocamp on October 29-31. Astrocamp is located in Idyllwild, about two hours away.

Here's what two Dapplegray fifth graders, Vanessa A. and Benjamin C., had to say about the three-day trip to Astrocamp:

DG TIMES: What did you like the best about Astrocamp?

VANESSA: I liked the upside-down goggles.

BENJAMIN: The Skycoaster.

DG TIMES: What did you like the least about Astrocamp?

VANESSA: Going to sleep.

BENJAMIN: The dorms.

DG TIMES: Was Astrocamp your favorite field trip so far?

VANESSA: Yes.

BENJAMIN: Yes.

Astrocamp is in the mountains, and if you're lucky enough to go, you will definitely have a blast.

Although the camp is far away, it is certainly worth the drive. Every activity at Astrocamp is fun and you'll end up liking science much more.

Remember, if you end up going, have fun!

Kelly K.

Campus Editor



Accidental Coke

Yes it's true, Coke (one of the most popular drinks around), was not meant to be invented. A pharmacist named John Pemberton was trying to find a way to get rid of head-

aches. He mixed a bunch of ingredients, but no one knows which ones, and eventually created the perfect mixture. After eight years of being sold in a drug store, they finally put

the product in local super markets. That's what you're getting in cans today.

Sianna B.

Science Editor

4th Grade Adventures at Lazy W

Fourth Graders went to the annual Lazy W camp in November. A great time was had by all. Here is a play-by-play about the camp and the great fun we all had.

Day One

My trip began at 4:30 a.m., Nov. 19, when my Dad woke me up. After four Eggo waffles, we said good-bye to my Mom and left for Dapplegray. At school, we received our name tags, got into activity groups, and left for downtown L.A.

Once we reached the train station, we left for San Juan Capistrano. The train was awesome! However, for future train riders, here is a tip: you should sit downstairs where it is quiet. The upstairs was like a herd of elephants stomping and blowing their trunks loudly.

When we arrived at the mission, it was not open, so we went to a park to play. When it was time to go to the mission we got into our groups. The mission was old and crumbly but very interesting. My favorite part was the koi fish pond. Max R. said his favorite part was the graveyard. My dad liked the outdoor kitchen. Lofton W. liked the ruins from

the church, and Meghan M. found the adobe bricks interesting. Afterwards, we got on a bus to Lazy W.

Finally we reached the Lazy W and unloaded the buses. After that we had lunch, played on the slide, and checked out our cabins and unpacked. Then we got into activity groups for some fun adventures.

The first was colored sand art. Max R. and I drew a picture of a dude lifting up the sun. Spencer G.'s picture and story about how cacti got their spikes was awesome!! We also built wikiups, which is a home for the Native Americans. We used large sticks and only had 10 minutes to do it. It was a challenge. We then made tortillas; they were yummy!

That afternoon we went to our cabins and relaxed before dinner. Our cabin was picked to help set up the tables and chairs. Everybody was really hungry after such a busy day. The meal was a lot like Thanksgiving. The best part was the carrot cake. My dad liked the salad bar.

After dinner we went back to our cabins and had ding dong door ditching wars. Once

it was dark we started the night activities—weaving and candle making. Meghan M. especially enjoyed learning how to weave a headband.

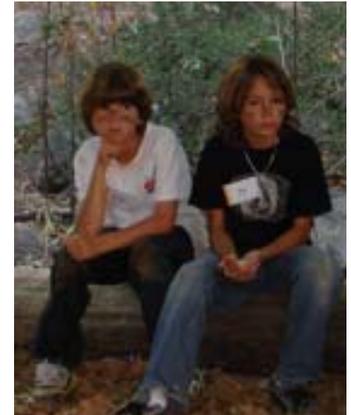
After all the activities, we got to hit a piñata. To get a turn to swing at it, you had to answer questions about things we had learned. Max B. smacked the piñata so hard that its head flew off! All the candy spilled out, and we each were allowed one piece. We were all really tired and it was bedtime.

Day Two

The next day we had a great breakfast. Lofton and I especially liked the bacon! We were ready for our next adventures. We got to pan for gold, build light bulbs, and work a dig site. We then ate lunch and left for home.

We arrived at Dapplegray that afternoon with many fond memories of Lazy W, more respect for Native Americans, and new experiences that we will always remember. Thanks, Dapplegray, for providing such a fun, learning experience for me and my fellow 4th graders!!

*Dominic M.
Field Trip Reporter*



Dominic M., Max R.

Lakers Dominate the NBA

Hey, all you Laker fans out there, the Los Angeles Lakers are starting the 2008-2009 NBA season with a bang. They have won ten games and only lost one. Their one and only loss was to the Detroit Pistons.

As of this moment, the Lakers have the best record in the

Pacific Division, and also, in the Western Conference. Lakers' superstar Kobe Bryant is the top scorer with an average of 24.7 points per game.

Lakers' forward Pau Gasol is the team's second leading scorer with an average of 15.8 points per game. Andrew Bynum is the Lakers' third

leading scorer with an average of 10.9 points per game. Overall, the Lakers squad averages 104 points per game.

Good luck to the Los Angeles Lakers with the rest of the NBA season!

*Kristopher K.
Sports Editor*



ARE Point of View

By Alexa M., Robert J., and Eddie J.



Dear ARE,
I really want a cell phone, because a lot of other kids in my grade have one. My parents won't let me get one until I'm in middle school. What can I do?
Need to Talk and Text

Dear Need to Talk and Text,
Maybe if you help out around the house and prove to your parents that you are responsible enough to have a phone now, they might get you one. You can also put it on your holiday wish list – that's what I did!
Alexa

Dear Need to Talk and Text,
Tell your parents that you feel more secure at school if you call them during the day or you need it if you get lost. Or get

really good grades and earn your phone the old-fashioned way.
Robert and Eddie

Dear ARE,
My parents make me play a team sport, because they say it's good exercise. I really don't like playing sports and want to quit.
Love My TV

Dear Love My TV,
Tell your parents the truth. Try doing other stuff besides sports. Maybe playing outside in your backyard will give you as much exercise.
Alexa

Dear Love My TV,
Ask them to let you do a solo sport, one that you can do all

by yourself. Then, you can do it when you feel like it.
Eddie and Robert

Dear ARE,
My sister is so messy that her room stinks. It's really gross, but she won't let anyone clean it.
My Sister Stinks

Dear My Sister Stinks
Try sending your sister out on a sleepover, and when she's gone, clean her room.
Alexa

Dear My Sister Stinks,
Force her to clean her room or do it for her!
Robert and Eddie

Submit questions to adviceeditors@dapplegraytimes.com.

What's On Your Pet's Wish List?



When it comes to giving gifts for the holidays, your furry friends should not be left out. They give you love all year around, so don't miss the opportunity to treat them back. Here are some suggestions for treating your pet this holiday season.

Dog Gifts

There is a large selection of gifts to bring joy to your friend, Fido. Most dogs will enjoy a fun toy. Dogs with a soft mouth might prefer a plush toy, but for those who play a bit rougher, a firm toy might be more practical. Some examples of tougher toys would be tug ropes, Kongs, and Tuffies. All dogs enjoy a good walk so don't

forget a new collar or leash to complete your canine's holiday experience!

Presents for Cats

For cats, cool chase toys or catnip may be on the top of their wish list. A PETCO EZ Snap Ostrich Feather Cat Teaser can be bundles of fun for your feisty little kitten! Catnip filled toys are always a hit and never get old. Don't forget those fabulous light-up toys! They entertain your playful pal time and time again.

Toys for Hamsters and Guinea Pigs

If you don't have a cat or dog, I'm sure your hamster or guinea pig would appreciate

some love! He's probably begging for a new exercise wheel or some awesome treats like the 8-in-1 Ecotrition Twice Treats for Hamsters that now sell at Petco!

You may want to consider a whole new habitat like the Super Pet CritterTrail X Hamster Home at PetSmart. What about a new hide hole? The options are limitless!

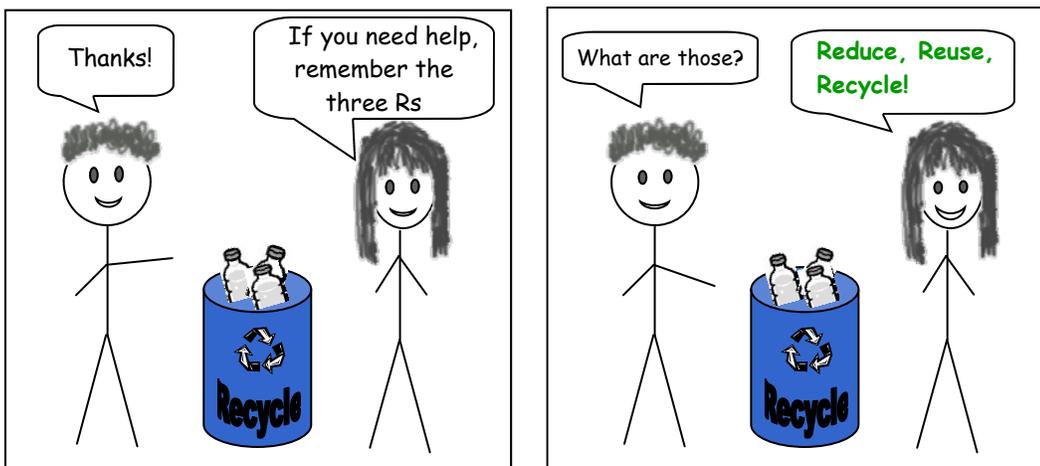
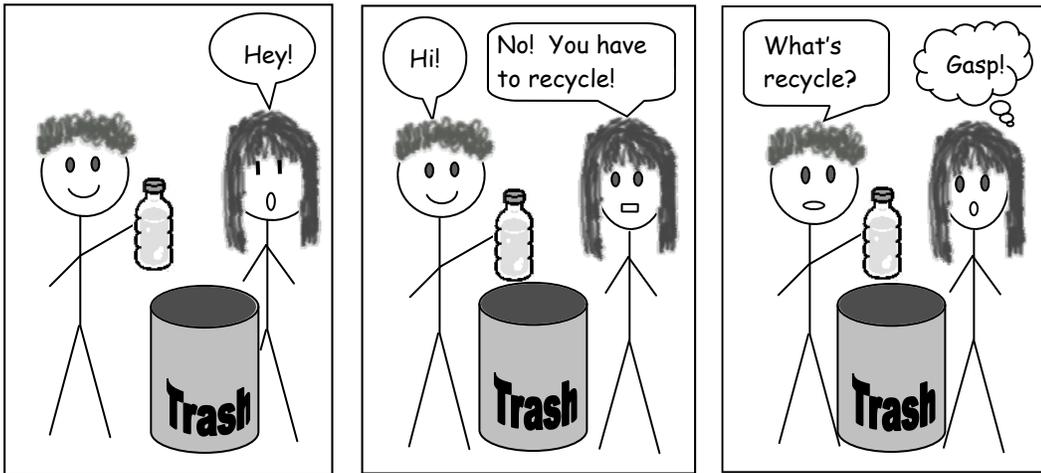
Healthy and Happy Pets

Pets really do love the holidays! It's time to hit the pet stores and bring home some holiday happiness! Happy holidays to you and your pet and remember, a healthy pet is a happy pet!

*Tina R.
Pet Care Editor*

Recycle!!

By Josie J.
Art Editor





Peninsula Cities Go Green

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- **Use of 2,100 recycled car and truck tires** for the street slurry job in 2006.
- **Recycling more than 50% of residential construction debris**; approximately 1500 tons of material annually.
- **Use of hybrid vehicles.** The City has added 5 hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles to the City fleet.
- **Use of moisture-sensitive irrigation systems.** Most of the City's irrigation systems are "moisture sensitive" and only irrigate when needed.
- **Use of low-water use vegetation** in City parks.
- **Use of recycled paper** for City printed materials.
- **Use of a solar-lit crosswalk** on PV Drive West in Lunada Bay.
- **Transferring street lights to low energy bulbs.**

What is PVE doing for its residents?

The City of PVE offers a number of conservation services to its residents including:

- **Free electronic waste drop-off** at City Hall.
- **Free latex waste dropoff** at Lunada Bay Hardware, 2216 Via Anacapa, first Saturday of each month, 9am— 1pm.
- **Free used motor oil disposal** at Lunada Bay Automotive Center, 2133 PV Drive West, during normal working hours.
- **Free recycling and green waste containers** through the City's waste hauler.
- **Use of decomposed granite** on public walking paths instead of asphalt.
- **Free reusable grocery bags** are available from City Hall.

What can PVE do to be more eco-friendly?

"The City has become a member of the International

Council on Local Environmental Initiative to determine our carbon footprint and ways to reduce it," said Mayor Sherwood. Some ways to reduce it are more walking, biking and carpooling.

"The City continues to partner with South Bay Energy Savings Center and has now become a part of the South Bay Green Task Force, a group of South Bay cities that have come together to explore sustainable programs and initiatives."

ROLLING HILLS

"The City of Rolling Hills has been a green city since its founding over 50 years ago," said Mayor Frank E. Hill. "The community's environmental accomplishments result from the cooperative work of two governing entities—the City of Rolling Hills government, led by an elected City Council, and the Rolling Hills Community Assoc., run by an elected Board of Directors."

What has Rolling Hills done to be more eco-friendly?

- **Nature-friendly walking paths and horse trails** are used instead of sidewalks.
- **No street lighting.** Street lighting has never been installed to keep the nighttime city as dark as possible to minimize wasteful energy use, encourage nocturnal wildlife, and help its residents see the stars.
- **Planning controls.** "In designing and building our homes, we have minimized the disturbance to the natural contours of the land by strong controls on lot sizes, allowable grading, building pad sizes, and the amount of property on each parcel that

must remain in its natural condition," said Mayor Hill. "Further, we have wide easements surrounding every property that remain in their natural condition."

- **Supporting environmentally-oriented community efforts.** Dapplegray Girl Scout Troop 776 worked with the City in painting stencils on storm drains.
- **Use of recycled products** within City Hall.
- **Recycling by residents and the City** of paper, plastic, metal and green waste.

What can Rolling Hills do to be more eco-friendly?

"Our Natural Environment and Sustainability Committee will be addressing "green" topics such as solar and wind power, storm water management to prevent runoff, building construction standards and ways to maintain the native flora and fauna," said Mayor Frank Hill. The Committee will recommend implementation of new eco-friendly policies that reduce residents' reliance on energy and water.

What are the environmental issues for Rolling Hills?

- **Increased recycling.** The City recycles over 1,600 tons of green waste a year and continues to work to increase this amount.
- **Balancing fire safety and natural habitat issues.** Rolling Hills strives to balance brush clearance requirements with the protection of the natural habitat.
- **Improving the habitats for wildlife** and encouraging residents to raise pheasants, quail, and other eco-friendly birds.
- **Maintaining storm drains** to avoid excessive erosion

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during storms and trash running into the ocean.

- **Using underground electrical wires.** The City is replacing aboveground utilities.
- **Maintaining horse and walking trails.** The City maintains a network of 23 miles of horse and walking trails in their natural condition.

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

The Dapplegray Times spoke to RHE Mayor, Frank Zerunyan, and to Assistant to the City Manager, Greg Grammer, about the City of Rolling Hills Estates' efforts to become more eco-friendly.

What has RHE done to be eco-friendly?

"A number of steps have been taken in recent years to cut down on air pollution and the emissions of greenhouse gases, as well as reduce, reuse and recycle solid waste, decrease storm water pollution and urban runoff, increase water conservation, and restore and protect the natural surroundings," said Greg Grammer. These include:

- **Adopting the Sierra Club's Cool Cities Initiative** in 2007, and the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, pledging to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7% by 2012.
- **Adopting the New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines** and encouraging use of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ for construction projects in the City.
- **Eco-friendly street cleaning** using state-of-the-art equipment (certified by the AQMD) utilizing less polluting vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles.

- **Converting all traffic signal lights** from incandescent to energy-efficient LED—a 90% energy savings.
- **New irrigation management procedures** improving the City's irrigation system and reducing annual water consumption with an estimated annual savings of \$38,000.
- **New three-cart residential solid waste collection and recycling program** which keeps more than 65% of residents' waste stream out of their trash cans—and landfills.
- **Reducing the frequency of trash pickup** to once per week on the same day throughout the City to increase collection efficiency, minimize consumption of fossil fuels, reduce air emissions, and limit wear-and-tear on City streets.
- **Curbside collection of used oil and oil filters**, increasing curbside collection of used oil by 160% and of used oil filters by 590%.
- **Requiring horse manure to be completely removed from individual properties at least once a week** or kept in enclosed compost containers.
- **Implementing a proactive litter abatement** program for public rights-of-way, streets, medians, parks, and trails.
- **Routine monitoring of the drain system** to identify illicit connections and discharge.
- **Beverage recycling containers in parks & at bus stops.**
- **Inspection of business compliance** to ensure that pollutants are not discharged into the storm drain system.
- **Minimum use of fertilizer** in City parks.
- **Pest management** using physical controls first and the least toxic chemical controls.

- **Water-saving designs** in new residential subdivisions.
- **Removal of invasive and exotic plants** in partnership with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.
- **Conducting habitat enhancement and restoration of the native habitat** in the George F Canyon Nature Preserve with the PVPLC.

What can RHE do to be more eco-friendly?

In an effort to make the City of Rolling Hills Estates even more green, the City Council formed a nine-member Environmental Advisory Committee, made up of RHE residents, including a student from Peninsula High School. The Committee will make recommendations on how the City can promote the use of clean and renewable resources, increase energy efficiency, and reduce its carbon footprint.

What are the environmental issues for RHE?

- **Preserving and enhancing** our beautiful parks, street trees, open spaces, trails and natural surroundings.
- **Completing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory** so that the City can put together a climate action plan.
- **Water conservation** if state supply conditions worsen.

RANCHO PALOS VERDES

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has "adopted a Green building code incentive to incentivize people to build green," said Mayor Douglas W. Stern. "In the last year we also adopted green standards. As a purchaser, we have chosen more fuel efficient vehicles."

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Tina said that, "Recycling isn't just about putting things in the bin. Sometimes I use old paper as scratch paper." Tina wants to put on seminars and plays with the other Eco-Leaders for the kindergartners and first graders to let them know why recycling is so important.

What would you like to do as Eco-Leader?

Tessa would like to put recycling bins in each classroom

and then pick them up once a week.

Tessa also wants to research a green issue and have a letter that everyone signs to the governor and the president to have car companies make more hybrids and to make other cars more green.

Tina and Emily would both like to have a can drive where the entire school brings in a can. Emily said that the can drive can raise over \$1,000 for the school.

Emily, Tina, and Tessa want to put the money raised from recycling towards the Dapplegray literacy center.

All the Eco-Leaders look forward to working with Mr. London to make Dapplegray a "greener place" and to teach other Dapplegray students about ways that they can become more "green" at home as well as at school. A greener future is a better future!

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MS. WIPPEL: A combination. The materials are placed on a conveyor belt where workers hand sort materials.

DG TIMES: Are there some things that people try to recycle that they should not be recycling?

MS. WIPPEL: Styrofoam is not recyclable—and it's bad for the environment. Clothing is not recyclable. And we also ask that people make sure there isn't any food or liquid in the recycling that can contaminate the whole truck load.

Batteries are not recyclable. They are hazardous waste and need to be taken to a hazardous waste facility (Not in the trash or in the recycling bin!).

DG TIMES: What sort of things do people not recognize are recyclable?

MS. WIPPEL: We can recycle all plastics. People are sur-

prised to see things like big plastic toys or plastic tables in the recycling center.

We can also take aerosol cans, but ONLY if they are completely empty (otherwise they are hazardous waste). We can also recycle ALL paperback books!

DG TIMES: Can plastic grocery bags be recycled?

MS. WIPPEL: That's a tough question. Technically, they are recyclable. However, they are not good for the environment because of the litter problems they create, and because they are so bad for marine life. They also get stuck in our recycling sorting machines. When that happens, our employees need to shut down the machines to cut them out—by hand—which slows down the recycling process. We ask customers to use the reusable bags, or to reuse them (such as for trash

liners, or using them to pick up animal waste).

Another alternative is to take them to the grocery store where they can be recycled. Because the grocery store collects so many used grocery bags, they are able to bale them (like at our own recycling center), which eliminates some of the litter issues, as well as the issue of the bags getting caught in equipment.

So, there you have it. Don't throw plastic supermarket bags or batteries in your recycling bin. Pizza boxes and yucky food containers aren't good either, since they have to be sorted out by hand and taken to landfill. But help your parents to keep up all their good work recycling!

*Rachel G.
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7	8	9	10 Ruby's night	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Minimum day	20
21	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27
28	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School			



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18	19 No School MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24
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