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Fun Facts about the Library!

By Anahita, Hanna, Joseph, and Madison

Everyone has fun at the library, but did you ever wonder when the library started? We got some fun trivia from Library Director Kathy Gould and then talked to Young Readers Manager, Laura Henry, about the library's programs for kids.

Library History**PV Kids News:** When was

the first public library in PV built?

Mrs. Gould:

The first library was a branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library that opened in 1926 was housed in a room above the drugstore that used to be in the



Kathy Gould



Laura Henry

Malaga Cove Plaza. The first dedicated library
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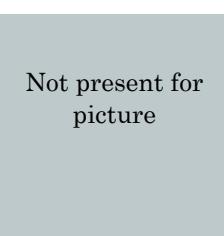
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Michael Barb—Making the Library Fun For Kids

By: Shioka, Shaun, Kosei, Joseph, and Jonny

PV Kids News is lucky to have Young Readers Librarian, Michael Barb, supervising this issue. We wanted to find out more about Mr. Barb.

PV Kids News: What is it like to be a librarian?

Mr. Barb: It's fun because I like working with people and with books. I also enjoy reading to the children during storytime.

PV Kids News: What's your favorite book?

Mr. Barb: Huckleberry Finn.

PV Kids News: What's your favorite children book?

Mr. Barb: *Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel.*

PV Kids News: What's your favorite genre?

Mr. Barb: Mystery.

PV Kids News: Why do you like mystery books best?

Mr. Barb: It's kind of like a puzzle.

PV Kids News: What's the favorite part of your job?

Mr. Barb: Ordering and picking out books for the library.

PV Kids News: Do you like books or movies better?

Mr. Barb: I like them both — movies for action and books to learn how other people think and feel.



PV Kids News: Do you pets?

Mr. Barb: I have 2 cats and 4 stray cats that I feed.

PV Kids News: What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

Mr. Barb: Hawaii!

PV Kids News: Thanks, Mr. Barb, for your help with PV Kids News! ♦

Malynn Hogan—Everyone's Favorite Teacher

By Anahita, Loren and Eunice

We talked to Mrs. Malynn Hogan about being a teacher. She is a teacher at Miraleste Intermediate School and runs the Japanese Host Program at Miraleste as well as volunteering with PressFriends.

PV Kids News: What's your favorite part of teaching?

Mrs. Hogan: I love when a student "gets" something that was difficult for them to understand before. I also love

when a student realizes that they actually like social studies, even if they haven't liked it before. They discover that it is interesting and fun.

PV Kids News: Do you like teaching?

Mrs. Hogan: I love it. I couldn't think of a job I'd rather do.

PV Kids News: What is your favorite class to teach?

Mrs. Hogan: I like teaching both social studies and math. Social studies is great, because we can discuss so

many different civilizations and also apply them to our own. I like math because it's so linear and you always know the right answer.

PV Kids News: When did you decide to become a teacher?

Mrs. Hogan: I have thought about being a teacher since high school. I decided for sure that I wanted to do that my freshman year in college.

PV Kids News: What did you study in school to become a teacher?

Mrs. Hogan: History and math.

PV Kids News: What is your most memorable moment while teaching?

Mrs. Hogan: There are so many great moments. One was when one of my previous students came to teach with me.

PV Kids News: What advice would you give someone who wants to become a teacher?

Mrs. Hogan: Keep learning and try to find many different ways to learn. Understand that everyone learns differently. With this in mind, you can be a great teacher. ♦



Dr. Karen Black—Good Health for a Better Future



By Hanna, Nicole, and Ashley

Dr. Black has a successful career as a medical doctor in addition to raising five kids with her husband, Dr. Jim Black.

PV Kids News: What kind of doctor are you?

Dr. Black: I specialize in internal medicine

PV Kids News: What is your favorite part of being a doctor?

Dr. Black: Helping people with their health so they can do what they want to do.



PV Kids News: How many years have you been a doctor?

Dr. Black: I went to medical school for 4 years and I was in residency for 3 years, and I have been in practice for 18 years.

PV Kids News: When did you decide to be a doctor?

Dr. Black: When I was in high school I decided I wanted to be a doctor so I took classes like science and math, volunteered, and talked to doctors.

PV Kids News: What college did you go to?

Dr. Black: I went to the University of Nebraska Kearney for my undergraduate degree, to Creighton University for a Masters degree in Biology, and to Chicago Medical School for my medical degree. My residency was at Saint Mary's UCLA hospital.

PV Kids News: What advice do you have for us?

Dr. Black: My advice is to find something that you are passionate about and to always work hard.

What is your favorite part of being a doctor?

Helping people with their health so they can do what they want to do.

PV Kids News: What hospital do you work at?

Dr. Black: I work at Torrance Memorial and Little Company of Mary.

PV Kids News: Have you done any other jobs?

Dr. Black: In high school and college I taught tennis, and I was a waitress to pay for Medical School. I also worked as a TV Health Journalist.

PV Kids News: How does your job affect your life?

Dr. Black: I like that I have structure in my life and that I am my own boss so that I can make my own hours so I can spend time with my family.❖



Dr. Black presenting at Dapplegray Elementary School's Writers' Workshop

On the Road with Chrystal Heintz of RoadTrip Nation

By Hanna, Ashley and Nicole

Chrystal Heintz is the music supervisor for RoadTrip Nation. RoadTrip Nation is a PBS show featuring kids traveling the country to interview interesting people.

PV Kids News: What do you do as a music supervisor?

Ms. Heintz: I work with independent musicians to place music for the content we produce at RoadTrip Nation. That means contacting them, working with contracts, and the best part of all listening to a lot of music.

PV Kids News: Why did you choose to be a music supervisor?



Ms. Heintz: I really enjoy putting music to visuals. There is nothing better than finding the perfect song for a clip!

PV Kids News: How long have you been the music supervisor on RoadTrip Nation?

Ms. Heintz: For a little over 2 years.

PV Kids News: What did you study to get that job? What college did you go to?

Ms. Heintz: I have a masters degree in Audio Production from the University of Westminster in London, England but I think the best training I got was tinkering around with my dad's tape recorder at age 11.

PV Kids News: What do you enjoy doing most in your career?

Chrystal Heintz: Doing something I'm passionate about for a project that matters.

PV Kids News: What places have you traveled to on RoadTrip Nation?

Ms. Heintz: I've been fortunate enough to visit most of the US, Brazil and France.

PV Kids News: What were some of your favorite interviews on RoadTrip Nation?

Ms. Heintz: One of my favorites is Andrew Lins. He was able to take his passion for science and art and combine them into a career as a conservator. The quote at the end of the interview is "what are you going to think when you finally have to answer was your life spent well enough?" It makes me want to make the best of every day.

PV Kids News: Have you done any other jobs?

Ms. Heintz: Sure! I worked at Disneyland as a railroad conductor, I was an art tour guide for the International House of Blues Foundation, and there are a few more. Every job I have ever had has helped me be a great music supervisor.

PV Kids News: What do you like best about being on Road Trip Nation?

Ms. Heintz: That I get paid to do something that I would gladly do for free. There is nothing better than being truly passionate about your job. ♦



THE AMAZING PBS SHOW LIVE ON CAMPUS
ROADTRIPNATION
what do you want to do with your life?

RHE's City Manager Swims the Distance

By Shioka, Joseph, Shaun, and Kosei

Did you know that the City Manager is not only great at managing the City of Rolling Hills Estates but also an extreme swimmer *and* a masterful ukulele player? We wanted to find out more about this man of many talents.

PV Kids News: How long have you been City Manager of Rolling Hills Estates?

Mr. Prichard: I have worked for the City of Rolling Hills Estates for 24 years (since 1985) and have been City Manager for 19 years (since 1990). The first five years I worked for RHE I was Assistant City Manger.

PV Kids News: What do you do as City Manager?

Mr. Prichard: As City Manager I am responsible for implementing the policy direction of the City Council. This includes formulating a budget, hiring personnel, contracting for services like police protection, street maintenance and park programs. I also assist the City Council (elected) in prioritizing projects like bike path improvements, intersection and traffic signal upgrades and fence and horse trail repairs.

PV Kids News: How old were you when you knew that you wanted to work for a City?

Mr. Prichard: I began working for the City of Newport Beach as an ocean lifeguard when I was 15. I didn't really know that I wanted to make City work my career until I was in graduate school (about age 22 or 23).

PV Kids News: What did you study to become a City Manager?

Mr. Prichard: I studied Public Administration, which included topics such as planning, finance, personnel and organizational behavior.

PV Kids News: What do you like best about being City Manager?

Mr. Prichard: The best thing about being a City Manager is that there is something new and different to deal with every day. It is never boring.

PV Kids News: What do you like better—extreme swimming or being a City Manager?

Mr. Prichard: Extreme swimming is a lot of fun, but there is not much chance of making a living at it, so it's a good thing I've got a job I really like.

PV Kids News: What was the longest distance that you've swum?

Mr. Prichard: The longest distance I have swum is the 10 mile Maui Channel between the islands of Lanai and Maui, which I did in August of 2008.

PV Kids News: How long did it take you to do the 10-mile Maui Channel Swim?

Mr. Prichard: I had set a goal of finishing the swim in under five hours, and I accomplished that by swimming it in 4 hours 54 minutes and 5 seconds.

PV Kids News: Are you still swimming in long distance events

Mr. Prichard: I'm still swimming distance events in the ocean. Two weeks ago I swam a two mile ocean swim in Newport Beach in 50:49 and last weekend I swam in the San Fran-

cisco Bay in what is called the "Swim Around The Rock" where I started (with 23 others) at the beach at Aquatic Park, swam out

to Alcatraz Island, rounded it and swam back to the beach. It took me one hour 37 minutes and 55 seconds. I finished sixth overall and third place in the male (no wetsuit) division. The water temperature was about 58 degrees which is pretty cold, but that is part of the challenge, so I choose not to wear a wetsuit. It was the second time I have done that swim. I finished in 1:28:57 in 2008. As you can tell by the time difference between the two years, it was a much more difficult swim this year due to very strong currents.

PV Kids News: Did you ever save someone when you were a lifeguard in high school and college?

Mr. Prichard: I saved many people during my years lifeguarding in Newport Beach. The most rescues I ever had in one day was 36, which was on a Memorial Day Monday in about 1978. I also performed a lot of first-aid over the years, treating dislocated shoulders, broken bones, head and neck injuries, cuts and even an epileptic seizure. I also had to perform CPR several times without success.

PV Kids News: Thanks, Mr. Prichard—for saving lives and make RHE a better place. ♦



Doug Prichard



Doug Prichard (second from left) during his lifeguard days

A Virtual Visit with English Lawyer Susan Russell

By Anahita, Eunice, and Loren

We took a virtual trip to England (via email) to interview English lawyer Susan Russell.

PV Kids News: What degrees did you have to get to become a lawyer?

Mrs. Russell: Any degree is fine but I have an LL.B (Bachelor of Laws). After university you have to take a further one-year course (2 years if you do not have a law degree).

There are various types of lawyers, but the best known are solicitors and barristers. The post degree courses are different for each.

PV Kids News: What is the difference between solicitors and barristers?

Mrs. Russell: Solicitors give advice on a wide range of areas directly to their clients—from buying a house to selling a company, or representing someone who has been accused of a crime, and lots in-between! They often work in firms of solicitors although some may work "in-house" for companies or for local or central government. All can act as an advocate in the lower courts, and some have taken further qualifications so that they act in higher courts too. To become a solicitor you must spend 2 years in a solicitors office in a training contract after taking all the exams.

Most barristers work for themselves (although some can be employed by companies or by firms of

solicitors). They are usually instructed by solicitors but can sometimes be instructed directly by the person they are representing. They can give expert advice on specialist areas of law and also act as advocates in all courts (a bit like your trial attorneys). To become a barrister you must spend one year in barristers' chambers (groups of barristers in the same building) after taking the exams.

PV Kids News: Do lawyers in England have to wear robes and wigs in court?

Mrs. Russell: In a trial, barristers wear wigs and gowns, and solicitors acting as advocates wear gowns (with optional wig). Wigs and gowns are not worn in the magistrates court (the lowest level criminal court) or at hearings not open to the public

PV Kids News: What is the hardest thing about being a lawyer?

Mrs. Russell: Most people say that the long hours are the hardest thing. I think it's probably the same in the USA!

PV Kids News: What is your favorite thing about being a lawyer?

Mrs. Russell: My favourite thing is being able to find a solution to a tricky legal problem.

PV Kids News: What is your least favorite thing about being a lawyer?

Mrs. Russell: My least favourite thing was checking that all the photocopied bundles for a trial are in the right order with no pages missing. Luckily I do not have to do that any more!



Susan Russell

PV Kids News: What is your favorite courtroom memory?

Mrs. Russell: Winning a case when we had been convinced that we had lost and where the judge had seemed to be against us on everything at the trial—a nice moment!

PV Kids News: We heard that you fence competitively. How many years have you been fencing?

Mrs. Russell: Hundreds! No, about 35.

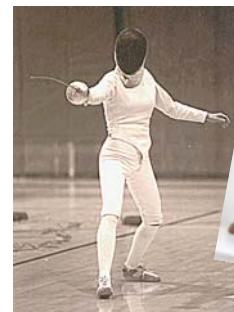
PV Kids News: What do you like best about fencing?

Mrs. Russell: It is a bit like a game of chess on your feet. I like working out the best moves to make against my opponent (particularly when they work and I win).

PV Kids News: What is your favorite fencing memory?

Mrs. Russell: Flèching (a sudden attack) past my opponent so fast that I couldn't stop and flew over the table at the other end of the fencing hall – and still winning the point. (I think they taken by surprise that I could move that fast – so was I!).

PV Kids News: Thanks for the interview, Mrs. Russell! ♦



PressFriends Fashion Statement—Success or Not?

Taylor

Don't go to school plain, go crazy! Taylor's outfit is a wonderful example of a funny, hideous, and crazy outfit.

She is wearing a soft, fluffy blue parrot feather in her hair and matches it with a blue necklace.

We think the layers she is wearing are cool. Taylor is wearing three layers and one looks like zebra stripes. The colors don't match but the outfit is funny and awesome.

For Crazy Clothes Day, Taylor's hair could be funkier—it's too pretty! But her socks are different and kooky and look good worn with sandals. We think Taylor looks great.

*By Loren, Eunice
and Anahita*



PressFriends fashion plates—Taylor, Ashley and Tessa

Ashley

Ashley's outfit is definitely different, yet wild and crazy! Her hair is poofy and very curly. Her eyes are pretty and unique. Her lips are shiny with blue and yellow painted on them. Ashley wore jewelry that is red, shiny and sparkly. They looked good with her golden, sparkly, long, fancy dress.

We liked Ashley's unmatched socks, which are unusual but very unique. Her shoes are brown and match her hair. They have square high heels.

We think her outfit is great, nice, beautiful, unique, and left us speechless.

*By Shaun, Joseph,
Kosei, and Shioka*

Hanna thinks that the outfit is "hideous, trashy, and weird."

Tyler says, "I think it's amazing, and I'd wear it to school."

What do you think?

*By Hanna, Nicole,
and Ashley*



Tessa

There is a new fashion trend in the West Coast, and it started a few minutes before 2:33 p.m. on July 23, 2009. Some people dislike it, because it is crazy, hideous and weird.

Tessa thinks that her outfit is "honestly beautiful, tacky, and hilarious."

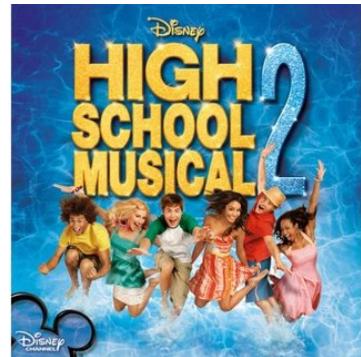
Work It Out in High School Musical 2

By Joseph, Kosei, Shioka, and Shaun

This song, *Work It Out*, is a catchy, hip hop song from High School Musical Two. In the background, you can hear drums and pots and pans. All of the kids in the movie sing the song, except for Sharpay and Ryan.

This song can make you want to get up and dance, and is good dance party music.

Girls seems to like this song more than boys, but it's fun for everyone to listen to. ♦



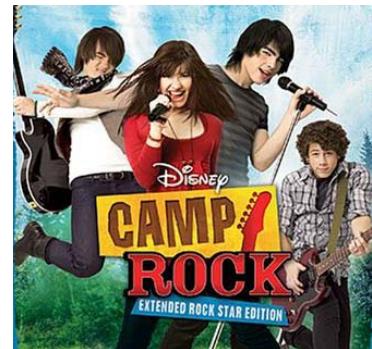
Does Camp Rock Rock?

By Anahita, Loren and Eunice

We listened to a song called *We Rock*. It was in the Disney movie *Camp Rock*. In the movie, it is sung by the main characters played

by Demi Lovato and the Jonas Brothers.

We think that the songs could use more instrumentals, but it was fun to listen to. ♦



Hoedown Throwdown with Miley Cyrus

By Nicole, Ashley and Hanna

A song for everyone is *Hoedown Throwdown* from *Hannah Montana the Movie*. The song is sung by Miley Cyrus.

This type of music is country. It is energetic, hip-hoppish. We think that it was good. It makes you want to dance, and we hope you like it. ♦



Lollipop

By Ashley, Hanna and Nicole

The name of the song is *Lollipop*, and it is sung by two Korean bands, Big Ban and 2nel.

It is a pop music song and features five stars. Many people like it, ♦

because it's energetic. Many people are singing together and they use a lot of creative dance moves. Most children and teens, ages 9 and up will like it. ♦



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

By Shaun, Shioka, Joseph, and Kosei

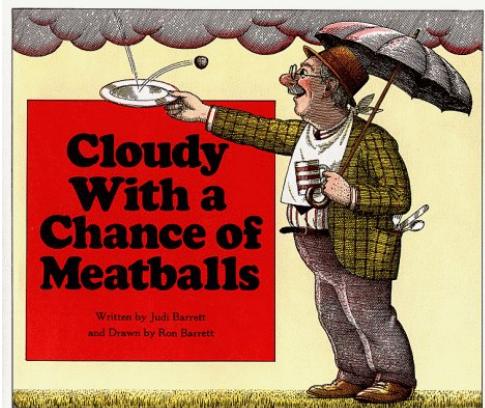
Imagine if an invention went wrong and a giant pancake fell on your school. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* begins with a young boy who wanted to become a famous inventor. Even though his inventions went wrong and had minds of their own, he never gave up.

Finally, one of his inventions worked. He discovered how to make food from water. Food began falling from the sky, but then the food

started getting bigger and bigger in size.

This movie is animated and features the voices of Neil Patrick Harris, Anna Faris, James Caan, and Mr. T. All age groups would be interested in seeing this animated 3D comedy.

Be sure to see *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* when it comes out in fall 2009. You might also want to read the book that it was based on, written by Judy Barrett. ♦



G-Force means Guinea Pig Force

By Hanna, Nicole and Ashley

G-Force is a hilarious movie about four little guinea pigs. It is rated G and is a movie for all ages.

The four guinea pigs are Blaster, Juarez, Darwin, and Hurley.

This comedy is about a team of guinea pigs rescuing the world. It is

full of action, comedy, and adventure. The guinea pigs talk, so it's a lot of fun.

The movie is coming out on July 24. From everything we've been hearing, it should be very popular! ♦



Aliens in the Attic

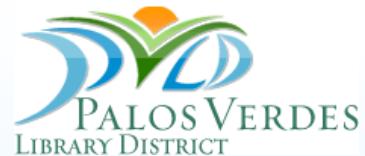
By Eunice, Loren and Anahita

Here's another fun movie coming soon to theaters near you. It's called *Aliens in the Attic*. It stars Ashley Tisdale and Carter Jenkins.

The movie is about a family named the Pearsons and their adventures in trying to stop aliens from invading the world. ♦



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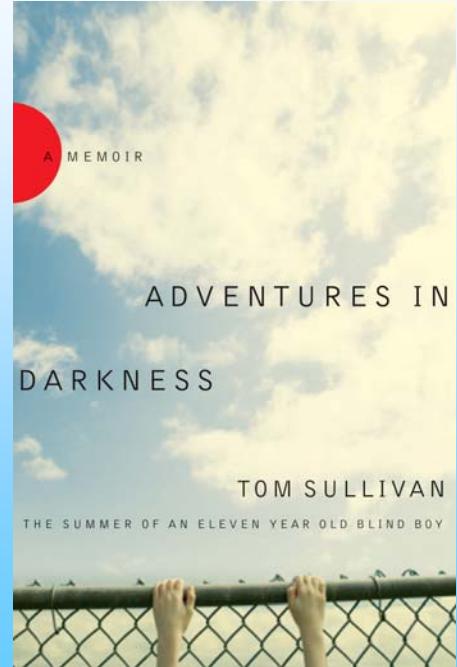


The Palos Verdes Library District presents a community-wide reading event

**An Evening with Tom Sullivan
Friday, August 7th
7:30 PM**

Join us for a fun and delightful Peninsula Center Library rooftop event featuring guest speaker, author, and PV Peninsula resident Tom Sullivan

This program is made possible by



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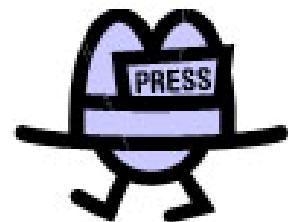
PressFriends is a community service group formed by and run by kids for kids. Our mission is to make writing fun for elementary school kids while creating friendships among children from diverse backgrounds.

During the school year, we mentor elementary schools in higher need areas to help them start their own elementary school newspapers. However, we can also

help other schools start their own school newspapers with workshops and our editorial guidelines.

PressFriends would like to thank the Palos Verdes Library District, Young Readers librarians Michael Barb and Laura Henry, and director Kathy Gould, as well as the Friends of the Library, for the opportunity to run a summer newswriting camp and we hope to be back again next summer!

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Fun Facts about our Library *(continued from page 1)*

building in PV was the Malaga Cove Library which was built in 1930.



PV Kids News: How long did it take to build the library?

Mrs. Gould: It took about a year to build the Malaga Cove Library in 1929-30. It took about 40 years to build the Library District to its current size with three libraries. The Miraleste Library started as a mini library in the Miraleste Elementary School in the 1950s, moved to a storefront in the Miraleste Plaza in 1966, and the existing Miraleste Library was built in 1970. The Peninsula Center Library was built in 1976, and expanded in the mid-1990s.

Popularity Contest

PV Kids News: What is the most popular book in the library?

Mrs. Gould: The book with the highest circulation is *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton. The item with the highest circulation is actually not a book – it's the VHS movie "The Accidental Tourist."

PV Kids News: What is the most popular kids' book in the library?

Mrs. Gould: *Arthur's Birthday* by Marc Brown.

Fun Facts About The Library

PV Kids News: How many books are in all of the public libraries in Palos Verdes? How many are fiction? How many are non-fiction?

Mrs. Gould: There are a total of 360,480 items including books, movies, audio books, CDs, etc. Of these 203,499 are for books for adults

(62,663 fiction and 113,726 non-fiction), and 101,428 are books for kids (56,769 fiction and 36,554 non-fiction).

PV Kids News: How many books are checked out each day? How many movies?

Mrs. Gould: It varies every day, but about 1,500 to 2,000 books and about 250 movies are checked out each day.

PV Kids News: How many people work for the Library District?

Mrs. Gould: We have 85 employees. We also have about 220 volunteers who work on behalf of the District.

[A]bout 1,500 to 2,000 books and about 250 movies are checked out each day.

Budget and Technology issues

PV Kids News: What are the current issues for the Library?

Mrs. Gould: The biggest issue is our budget. Most of our funding comes from property taxes, and in this bad economy we are getting less money but our expenses are going up. We have had to make lots of budget cuts, and will have to make more because the State is going to borrow some of our money to solve its own budget problem. It is a real challenge to maintain excellent library services with less money!

Another issue is technology. With the Internet the way people get information and communicate with each other is changing, and libraries have to change the way we operate to keep up. This is both a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to keep up with new trends, and also to have the money to pay for computer equipment. The opportunity is that it allows us to get creative in how we provide library services and do things

like have a library Facebook page, or send out information via Twitter and (soon) text messages.

Young Readers Program

Laura Henry is the manager of the Young Readers Department, that provides programs for babies through teens. We wanted to find out more about these programs.

PV Kids News: What kinds of programs do you have for kids?

Mrs. Henry: We have programs for children as young as babies right up for programs for teenagers. We offer a Baby storytime 3 times a week where we play with toys, sing songs, tell rhymes and read a short book. The library also offers storytimes for children who are 2 years or older. At these storytimes, we read more books, but also sing songs, and tell stories using puppets or flannel boards.

During the school year, we have special events – anything from a program about Diwali to a magician or puppet show. The teenagers enjoy programs like "Pizza and Pages" where they eat pizza and discuss books. We have also had cartoon artists teach classes, and we also offer fun craft programs, like "make your own candy sushi."

PV Kids News: How many kids are in the summer reading program?

Mrs. Henry: Currently, we have 3,290 enrolled from all three branches.

PV Kids News: How many kids have library cards?

Mrs. Henry: Ages 0-12, 3845 have cards, and between ages 13-19, 4738 have cards.

PV Kids News: What was the most successful kids' program this past year?

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Library programs *(continued)*

Mrs. Henry: The Summer Reading Program is the most successful program we offer. Several thousand kids read throughout the summer, which means they will maintain or even improve their reading skills over the summer. This is the most important result of the program.

PV Kids News: What is the most popular preschool program?

Mrs. Henry: The most popular preschool program would be either the Curly's Tuesday Storytime or the Barney Bear Wednesday Storytime,

but all storytimes attract at least 30 children and parents each week.

PV Kids News: What is the most popular program for elementary school kids?

Mrs. Henry: The most popular program for elementary school age kids is the American Girl Tea we offer in November and December. Obviously mostly girls come to this event. We have a smaller but keen interest in our Knight for a Day program offered last March, where boys (and girls) joisted and learned about the middle ages.

PV Kids News: What is the most popular program for teens?

Mrs. Henry: The most popular teen program was probably the Candy Sushi program.

Teens also enjoyed the art program with Chief Ten Dogs.

PV Kids News: What is your favorite Young Readers Program?

Mrs. Henry: Since I conduct the Barney Bear Storytime, that is probably my favorite program. I also really enjoy the Baby Storytime as the little ones are so cute! ♦

City of PVE Mayor Ellen Perkins

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PV Kids News: What do you think is the most important issue for Palos Verdes Estates?

Mayor Perkins: In the current economy, our most important issue is making sure that we have enough funds to provide for essential city services—police, fire, sewers and roads. More than half our funds come from property taxes. We need to be sure that the State doesn't take our City's money, so that we can provide what we need for our residents.

PV Kids News: What is your biggest challenge as mayor?

Mayor Perkins: Our city residents expect a high level of service from our city. My biggest challenge is to work with our city staff and my other councilmembers to be responsive to our residents and assist them with any city-related issues, while balancing the city's needs to enforce its rules and regulations.

PV Kids News: What do you like best about being mayor?

Mayor Perkins: I enjoy meeting people and talking to people about our city and our community. It's great to

represent the city in the community, to hear people's ideas and concerns, and try to make our city better.

PV Kids News: Why did you want to run for mayor?

Mayor Perkins: In our city, a person runs for city council, then the city council elects the mayor. We have a council "rotation" that allows everyone a turn to be mayor. I am honored to be the mayor of our city this year.

PV Kids News: What types of programs or events does Palos Verdes Estates have for kids?

Mayor Perkins: Palos Verdes Estates has four "concessions"—the Stables, Tennis Club, Golf Club and Beach and Athletic Club. We offer summer horse camps and private riding lessons to kids throughout the community. We also have tennis and golf programs for PVE residents and swim programs for beach club members.

The city works with its partners to sponsor special events, including the 4th of July celebration and Neighborhood Watch's "Crime's Night Out" block parties in August.

PV Kids News: What is your favorite sport or hobby?

Mayor Perkins: It's difficult for me to name just one hobby! I love to read books of all kinds—fiction and non-fiction. I also enjoy knitting, playing the piano, and gardening.

PV Kids News: How long have you lived in PVE?

Mayor Perkins: We moved to PVE in November of 1979, right before our oldest child's first birthday. It's hard to believe that we've lived here almost 30 years!

PV Kids News: Did you know that you wanted to be mayor when you were a kid?

Mayor Perkins: No, I didn't. I ran for student council when I was in elementary school, but wasn't involved again in government until I ran for the Palos Verdes Peninsula School Board in 1993. I served on our School Board for 12 years, until 2005. After becoming involved in PVE by serving on our Parklands Committee, I ran for City Council in 2007 and was elected.

PV Kids News: Thanks, Mayor! ♦

RPV Mayor Pro Tem Steve Wolowicz

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PV Kids News: Is the state budget going to affect RPV?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Yes. Until the final budget is passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor we will not know the final impact on our City. As of now under Proposition 1A we will be forced to "loan" the State approximately \$771,000. Also we now stand to lose \$767,000 of our Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA or "gas tax") funds. Our Redevelopment Agency may also lose \$330,000. Not good news but hopefully our contributions will help get California out of this current mess.

PV Kids News: Besides the budget, what are the biggest issues for RPV?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Infrastructure repairs (storm drains and sewers), repairs of PV Drive South due to the constant landslide movement area, acquisition of the remaining open space, and a successful continued opening of the Terranea Hotel.

PV Kids News: What types of programs does RPV have for kids?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Very active recreation programs at our City Parks. We also have new trails opened along the coastline and beach access and great hiking trails in our Open Space Reserve (take your parents on a hike – enjoy the beautiful coastline – visit the tide pools)! Visit the Point Vicente Interpretive Center to look for whales, see the exhibits and walk the trails.

PV Kids News: How will the California Coastal National Monument help animals?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: It will help protect endangered species like the PV Blue Butterfly and Gnat catcher.

PV Kids News: Does RPV have issues with keeping its beaches clean?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Always! Keeping our coastline clean is everyone's job. We have more coastline than any other City in the South Bay.

PV Kids News: Have a lot of residents been using the Green Building program?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: The list is slowly growing – from use of solar panels to new construction techniques in remodels and new buildings. Our City Hall received special recognition for being one of the first cities implementing many environmentally friendly features several years ago.

PV Kids News: What types of materials are used in the Green Building program?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Things inside your house – compact fluorescent light bulbs, water efficient showerheads, high-efficiency toilets, timers on lights and sprinklers, and energy efficient appliances. Outside your house – native plants and shrubs.

PV Kids News: Who are some of the famous people that you've met?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: While I have had the opportunity to meet some famous people, I like to think of some of the people who live in our City. Many of the people who helped to start our City including the original City Council (our first Mayor was Marilyn Ryan who went on to be elected to the California Assembly). There are many famous people who live in our City – sometimes they do not look famous when we see them shopping or taking their children to school. Did you know that Paul Conrad won a Pulitzer price for his editorial cartoons? He lives in RPV – he also coached Little League baseball – look him up online.



PV Kids News: Do you have any pets?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Not any more. We had a big dog, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever named Buddy (he liked to swim in the ocean) and a very independent orange and white cat named Clarita. Now our children have their own families and they all have pets for their children.

PV Kids News: Have there been any major discoveries in RPV by scientists?

Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz: Yes. Although it may not seem too exciting we have geologists who have learned a great deal about ancient landslides in our city. There are many engineers who have helped invent and build airplanes and rockets – you can read about them in our local newspapers. You can learn more about the City of Rancho Palos Verdes by visiting our website – <http://palosverdes.com/rpv>. Look up "History of Rancho Palos Verdes" under "News & Information."

PV Kids News: Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz for sharing your thoughts with PV Kids News. ♦

City of RHE Mayor Judy Mitchell

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PV Kids News: What do you think is the most important issue for RHE?

Mayor Mitchell: Right now the most important issue for the city is the budget. The city receives local tax revenues to carry out the most important functions of cities, which includes public safety and maintenance of city streets and roads. The state is proposing to balance the state budget by taking large sums of the cities' local tax revenues. This will leave RHE and other cities with less money to do their jobs.

PV Kids News: Are peacocks a problem in RHE? What does the City do about peacocks?

Mayor Mitchell: In the past, there have been complaints about peacocks. It seems that some people love them and some hate them. In areas like Strawberry Lane and Dapplegray Lane, where peacocks have lived for many years, the peacocks are protected. In other city areas where there are no peacocks, a city resident may file an application and pay a fee to the city for Los Angeles County Animal Control to trap a peacock on his or her property and then have the peacock removed to a place where the birds are accepted. The city keeps a list of the recipients who will take the peacocks.

PV Kids News: What do you like best about being mayor?

Mayor Mitchell: I like meeting with our residents and working together to resolve issues that concern them.

PV Kids News: Why did you want to run for mayor?

Mayor Mitchell: I have lived in RHE since 1966 and I love our city, our beautiful rural environment, the horse trails, and peaceful canyons. I ran for council in 1999 after spending many years on the Parks and Activi-

ties Commission and the Planning Commission. I believe in community service and involvement. Running for council was an extension of my community service. In our city, the mayor is elected by the other council members each year in December, so that the office of mayor is rotated annually. In some cities, the mayor is elected in a general election and serves for a longer term.

PV Kids News: What is the biggest event put on by the City of RHE?

Mayor Mitchell: I think the biggest event is the annual Christmas Parade. This event is relatively new—this will be the twelfth year for the parade. This event attempts to include all kinds of service organizations, marching bands, community groups, service groups and has become a very large event.

PV Kids News: How did the "Hills Are Alive" 5K run start?

Mayor Mitchell: The run began about 30 years ago and was the brainchild of former Mayor and Council Member Barbara Rauch and Commissioner Sheri Clewis (Parks and Activities Commission). In the early days, Barbara and Sheri got out on the trails the day before the race and marked the course. City volunteers still help with the race but the city also uses professionals to set up the race and ensure a smooth process.

PV Kids News: What kinds of events are at the RHE City Celebration?

Mayor Mitchell: The City Celebration has a lot of components. Service organizations are allowed to set up booths to educate the public about their activities. There are also equestrian events, like the gymkhana, the poker ride, acrobatic horseback riders, the Happy Hoofers (a local group of women who are experienced riders),

and some performers who can do roping tricks. Each year there is a competitive volleyball game between the sheriffs and our city staff. There are pony rides and hay wagon rides. Last year there was a petting zoo with goats, chickens and farm animals for petting. We have also done children's games and a watermelon-eating contest. There is always great music too, including our own local star, Boomer McLennan. The best part is the barbecue dinner in the late afternoon when there is great food and the city's birthday cake.

PV Kids News: What is RHE's most popular kids' camp?

Mayor Mitchell: The most popular camp is the summer Pony Camp at the city's municipal stable. Kids can learn Western or English riding. They sign up for one week and they learn all about horses, not only riding but also how to take care of a horse. They also do some craft projects and on one day they get to decorate their horses for a horse parade

PV Kids News: Who is the most memorable famous person that you've met?

Mayor Mitchell: As the mayor, I have met Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger several times. He has a very good sense of humor and looks exactly the same as he appears in his movies.

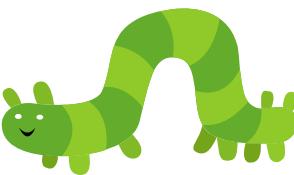
PV Kids News: Do you have any advice for kids?

Mayor Mitchell: I think education is really important for kids. I would advise kids to include a variety of activities in their lives—their studies, healthy exercise, activities that are creative like art and writing, and community service. If kids do this they will have achieved a fine balance that will serve them well the rest of their lives. ♦

Butterflies

by Shioka

Butterflies start as eggs. In a couple of days, they turn into weird looking creatures called caterpillars. The caterpillars eats



and eats and eats until they transform into weird looking objects called chrysalis or cocoons. In a couple of weeks, the chrysalis or cocoons turn into beautiful things called butterflies. The

butterflies can only live a month. Then, it starts all over again. ♦



The Midnight Watch

By Anahita

“I am so happy that Sam is coming,” said Maggie. It was the best day of her life. She was so excited, she was not at all hungry.

Maggie was in night watch training, so she could not see Sam. Maggie’s training was hard. She was training to guard a bank and watch for robbers. So, she was upset to be gone from home and on the day she was leaving she broke her mom’s favorite vase by accident. Worst of all, she had to leave on her own birthday.

Sam, on the other hand, was having the time of his life. He had a new friend. His name was Simon Charles

Edger. Simon played a lot with Sam while Maggie was working hard that summer. Actually, Sam forgot to visit Maggie that day because he and Simon were planning a playdate.

That night, Maggie was on guard at her boring spot. She took her metal torch and put on her unfashionable outfit. She heard a noise and shook. She heard the noise again. Maggie hid behind a tree and saw two mean looking men. They whispered that they were going to steal money from the bank. She had a bracelet on with a mini-TV screen. When the button was pushed it called for help. Her training improved her skills, and she had saved the bank from being robbed!

Maggie turned 15 and went to High School after the summer. Sam went to College, and now he has a girlfriend. Simon was too lazy, and now he is very plump. He skipped College, and is working in a candy shop.

Maggie got a medal for helping the bank. Maggie was brave and will always be that way.

The End

If you are brave, you will succeed. If not, you can get into trouble.

Missing Yellow Cockatiel

Named Fluffy

Missing since July 17th

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