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Vulcan Materials hosts 300 scouts for Geology Day

By John Horst
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Three hundred Webelos and Boy Scouts - and about 200 others - gathered Saturday September 30th at Vulcan Materials' Mira Mesa minimng and quarry operations between Black Mountain Rd. and Camino Ruiz.

Each Fall Vulcan brings scouts into its quarry operations to provide the educational opportunities needed for the Geology and the Mining in Society Merit Badges. The Geology badge was first introduced in 1953 and revised in 2008. The Mining in Society Merit Badge was introduced in 2014.

The Scouts begin by checking in at various stations where they learn about geology and mining, usually from Vulcan employees who are active in the field. As they progress through the stations, they keep notes in a workbook for each badge.

After a simple hotdog lunch, the Scouts will pair up with a Merit Badge Counselor. The counselor will offer the Scout an opportunity to review what he has learned, often taking the opportunity to round out some of the Scout's ideas on the subject.

Local Boy Scouts of America officials note that there is no other geology and mining program anywhere in the country similar to the annual event at the Mira Mesa quarry.

300 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts gather for Vulcan Material's annual Geology Day

By Ted Brengel
President, Mira Mesa Town Council

It is very likely you are reading this while joining us at the 2017 Mira Mesa Street Fair. The Street Fair is the largest MMTC event of the year and we put an incredible amount of effort into making it real Mira Mesa celebration.

I have said many times in this column that I love Mira Mesa. I find our community to be extraordinary in a great many respects. Like almost everything in life, constant efforts to make a community better are required just to hold sway against sloth, indifference, and dishonesty. Your Mira

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Don't Forget!

October 2 Mira Mesa Town Council October meeting featuring Mira Mesa schools. 7pm , Mira Mesa Library.

October 7 Mira Mesa Street Fair! Camino Ruiz immediately north of Mira Mesa Blvd., 9am to 5pm.

October 10 Mira Mesa Recreation Council, October Meeting. 7pm, Lopez Ridge Recreation Center.

October 16 Mira Mesa Community Planning Group, October Meeting. 7pm, Mira Mesa Library.

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politics and opinion

Chris Cate: City Council District 6

On Thursday, September 14th from 4pm to 6pm, numerous young adults, ages 16-24, had the opportunity to meet local employers and learn about job opportunities.

Employers were on-site and spoke with attendees, shared their own experiences, and discussed available jobs.

Job Fair employers included Sherwin Williams, Carpenters Pre-Apprenticeship program, T-Mobile, ACE Parking, Stanley Steemer, YMCA of SD County, Urban Corps, GameFace Video, Chick-Fil-A, Pirate Staffing, US Army, SD Job Corps, Banana Republic, Arrow Sign Spinners, and FoodServ (PETCO Park Contractor).

The Job Fair partners included: Councilmember Chris Cate, The City of San Diego, Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, Connect 2 Careers San Diego, and San Diego Workforce Partnership.

Toni Atkins: Senate District 39

My top-priority bill – SB 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act – was still under consideration as of this writing. It's part of a package of bills aimed at addressing California's housing crisis.

SB 2 will create a permanent source of funding for affordable housing, raising roughly $250 million annually to provide homes for struggling families, seniors and people experiencing homelessness.

Over five years, with $4.6 billion in leveraged funding, SB 2 will create more than 20,000 new homes and nearly 57,000 jobs. That means economic stimulus throughout the state, in addition to homes for thousands of Californians.

SB 2 is a heavy lift. Because it includes a fee, it requires a two-thirds vote. I hope my Assembly colleagues realize how important it is that we generate ongoing funding for housing, and I hope to have good news

Brian Maienschein: Assembly District 77

Assemblymember Brian Maienschein's bill, AB 1401, was recently signed into law by Governor Brown. When there is substantial danger to the safety or health of a child, social workers will be able to seek a court order to remove the child from a home without filing a petition. Social workers are sometimes the first line of defense for children experiencing abuse or neglect.

"I am pleased that Governor Brown signed this important legislation into law," said Maienschein. "This bill will protect children from being abused."

Assembly Bill 1401 will provide a direct path for the court to make a decision on temporary removal in certain circumstances. Additionally, if the court orders the temporary removal of a child under this bill, the social worker will be obligated to file a petition or return the child to the parent's home within 48 hour as required by preexisting laws.

Kristin Gaspar: County 3rd Supervisory District

I recently had the opportunity to follow through on a campaign promise, working on our roads. I visited an asphalt recycling plant in Riverside County that I heard great things about. The company is using recycled asphalt in their mixtures because they've discovered it can reduce costs and improve the quality of their pavements. Today, San Diego County uses a very small amount of recycled asphalt. What excites me about this is the fresh, innovative approach being used on a very expensive on-going necessity. When the California gas tax hike takes effect in November, the County is expected to get $50 million dollars to help pay for our roads. But what happens if that pot of money disappears? This is why I'm a big advocate of looking for new and better ways of doing business. Meantime, I will continue to explore the best options for making better roads for our County.

Solving the homeless crisis requires realigning government

By John Horst The Chinese words for 'crisis' literally mean 'dangerous opportunity'. Our crisis of homelessness is just this: It is a dangerous opportunity to discover a four-fold dynamic of civic engagement.

First, we must own the problem. Philosophers use the phrase "the tragedy of the commons" to describe a dynamic which can best be put this way: "When something is broken, and nobody owns it, fixing it is always someone else's job."

Second, we must recognize from this sense of ownership arises a sense of public responsibility. The problem of homelessness in our community is not someone else's job to solve; it is ours.

All who work with the homeless agree that mental health and homelessness are two parts of a single problem. Yet we have bifurcated our government capabilities between municipal and county bureaucracies.

Third, we must notice how much we agree on as a community. Those who have this sense of ownership, and the sense of responsibility that follows from it, immediately begin to run into others with the same sense of ownership and responsibility. Partisanship tends to recede to background noise. When we own problems, take responsibility for them, and begin working as a community to solve them, 'politics' becomes something we talk about after the work at hand is done and the beer has been poured.

Fourth, we must not miss the deep sense of dignity which grows when we own our problems, take responsibility for them, create a sense of community around the tasks at hand, and then watch as

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Scott Peters, CA 52nd Congressional District

The Trump Administration recently announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program will be rescinded in six months, with new applications being halted immediately. The program has allowed nearly 800,000 immigrants who arrived in the United States as young children to live openly and contribute to their communities and the economy without fear of deportation.

San Diego County has the seventh largest population of DACA-eligible residents of any county in America, with an estimated 38,000 eligible today or in the future.

President Trump, in a display of total and complete cowardice, has outsourced the announcement to end DACA to the Attorney General – a remarkable abdication of responsibility for the heartlessness of an action that leaves 800,000 lives in the balance. Expelling them makes us weaker and diminishes our standing in the eyes of the world.

Failures in leadership have led us to this point. Republicans in Congress refused to allow a vote on immigration reform in 2013 that would have protected DREAMers. Facing this urgent deadline, Congress must finally step up, work together, and do its job. We must move swiftly to protect DREAMers and provide them and their employers with the certainty they deserve.

If Congress does not act by March 6th, 2018, it is complicit in this economic and moral catastrophe.

The Mosaic welcomes news and opinion pieces authored by our elected representatives. Opinion pieces written by residents are welcome, but must have a community "angle" which helps inform readers of the importance of current events and issues to the Mira Mesa community. *Articles published here do not reflect the official position or opinion of the Mira Mesa Town Council, its Board of Directors, or any of its members.* Submissions may be sent via email to newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org

president's message

From Page 1

Mesa Town Council is committed to that constant effort, and you, as a member, are as well. I admire each and every one of you for that.

Mira Mesa is not, by any means, perfect. We have issues, problems, and difficulties, so many, in fact, that they never seem to run out. Let me point out, though, that I stand proud and identify myself as a resident of Mira Mesa at every possible opportunity. I do not shirk from this because Mira Mesa has a few problems or because some misguided people think of our community as less affluent than certain others. Not for a second.

Mira Mesa is great. We have fantastic educational opportunities at every level through junior college within our community. Culturally, there are few places to rival the diversity and harmony of Mira Mesa. Our industries are among some of the leaders of the world. Last, but by no means least, we have fantastic people. Mira Mesa in my humble opinion is well and truly America's Finest City's Finest Community. Beat that!

Now I am going to take a few steps off the reservation, so to speak. I feel just about the same about San Diego, warts and all. Likewise, California, my adopted home state. And as for the USA, I like many others, would willingly offer my very life to keep her sound against any aggressor. Yes, I'm a tad old for military service (I retired from active naval service in 1989), but I am nonetheless willing.

You may notice that I, and many others, work very hard, each in his or her own way, to help our community, city, state, and nation be better than they were. And in our endeavors, we make many missteps. Some are severe. But we work.

But here is what I will NOT do. I will not shirk my responsibility to my community, city, state, or nation, and those who went before me to make this all possible, some giving their lives. I will not act to disparage any of them because of a few problems.

What I WILL do is join in with millions of others, some of whom I disagree with strongly, and work for a better place to live. That work starts right here in Mira Mesa. Here I am!

I will stand for the National Anthem. I will honor California. I will brag about our wonderful City and I will proclaim the greatness of Mira Mesa at each and every opportunity.

Please join with me and help show everyone that there is great value in working together. That's the Mira Mesa way!

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Power/Phone Lines Down	619-811-8081
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Weeds/Fallen Trees/Clogged Storm Drains	858-689-6296

homeless crisis

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problems actually get solved. And for recognizing this dynamic of ownership, responsibility, community, and dignity, we will then begin to understand what to expect from our government.

The average citizen prefers not to notice government at all. But when they do, they notice it second. Their first notice is of a problem, and today there is no missing the problem of homelessness. We come to our government wanting to know two things: One: What is being done about the problem? Two: How can I help?

The average political representative thinks within a jurisdictional silo. 'Issues' are either federal, state, county, municipal, or school board. Here, then, is where we see the disconnect. The difference between leadership and excuses becomes clear.

When we ask our political representatives about the homeless problem, the most articulate response will be about what 'other people' are 'supposed' to be doing. It isn't that the answers are wrong. What for being entirely correct about what some other bureaucracy is supposed to be doing, when our representatives are most articulate about someone else's responsibilities, you know we are suffering from a catastrophic lack of leadership.

This also should signal a catastrophic misalignment of government capabilities. All who work with the homeless agree that mental health and homelessness are two parts of a single problem - two sides of the same coin, if you will. Yet we have bifurcated our government capabilities between municipal and county bureaucracies. The nature of government - where every bureaucracy's first priority is perpetuating its own existence, prerogatives, and claim on budget - guarantees the catastrophe we now witness.

The solution is a realignment of government. As impolitic as it might be today to point to SANDAG as an example, administratively and structurally, a Joint Powers Authority like SANDAG is what is needed. A JPA, perhaps named "San Diego Regional Housing and Mental Health Resources Agency" can assume the portfolios of both the San Diego Housing Commission (and other similar municipal agencies) and the mental health services portfolio of the County.

We cannot expect either our County or Municipal governments to champion this solution. Bureaucracies do not willingly surrender their very reason for existence (the San Diego Housing Commission) or a large part of their claim on budgetary resources (the County Department of Health). We must first own this problem ourselves. We must then take responsibility for it by working to bring an initiative to ballot to create the San Diego Regional Housing and Mental Health Resources Agency. And then we must insist that various federal grant resources such as Community Development Block Grants be reformed to prioritize pressing regional issues like homelessness and mental health.

R. Buckminster Fuller, a renowned 20th century inventor, visionary, and advocate for solutions to problems like homelessness put it best: "You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." The problem of homelessness is a community problem, and our model of government in this respect is an abject failure. It is not someone else's failure; it is ours. It is not someone else's problem to solve. It is time for leadership, not excuses.

Young people gather at the D6 Job Fair to learn about job opportunities from several local employers. See Chris Cate's update on Page 2 for more info.

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