

History lesson



Docent Lisa Meeham gives a demonstration to visitors on Saturday at Pioneer Village on how the Yokuts fished and cooked in their handmade baskets. The event was part of the activities at Living History Day.

ROD THORNBURG / FOR THE CALIFORNIAN

Walk for DUI victims raises \$62K

THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN

A walk/run at the Park at River Walk to support MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, raised more than \$62,000 Saturday morning, according to organizers.

More than 800 runners took part in the event as timed participants. This was the third annual "Walk Like MADD and MADD Dash,"

which aims to raise awareness of the DUI problem in the Bakersfield community and support victims.

There were more than 4,000 DUI arrests in Bakersfield in 2015, according to organizers.

The event has raised more than \$160,000 in the past three years.

The money is used help

families with both emergency aid and through the criminal process; it also pays for victim panels where victims speak to offenders and for school presentations.

Donations are still being accepted through Oct. 24 via this website: <http://www.walklikemadd.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=643>.

HENRY

Continued from PAGE A7

And the Clean Air Act gives no exemption for not meeting those standards, only penalties.

If a local district can't come up with a plan to meet air standards, the ultimate solution under the Clean Air Act is for the feds to take over.

That's where we're teetering right now, according to Sadredin.

The district cannot write a plan for new ozone and PM2.5 air standards because the technology does not exist to cut stationary sources any more than they've already been cut.

"The only thing they (the federal government) could do that we're not already doing is have no drive, no farm, no construction days," Sadredin said. "Not for one or two days. They would have to do that for months to achieve the new standards."

Regardless of how ridiculously unreasonable such actions would be, the Clean Air Act doesn't take economic or societal hardship into account.

Without help from Congress to tweak the Clean Air Act, Sadredin estimated that we could face such draconian measures in three or four years.

Which is why Sadredin has made several trips to Washington, D.C., begging for some common-sense fixes to the Clean Air Act.

Meanwhile, the district sent a petition to the EPA asking it to create national emissions standards for cars, trucks and trains.

The local air district has no authority over tailpipe emissions.

Without a reduction in emissions from those mobile sources, we simply cannot achieve the new standards, according to Sadredin.

The valley isn't alone in this.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District sent a similar petition to the feds along with a request for a national standard as well as \$15 billion to help with fleet turnover.

I was told by the EPA that it is taking these petitions seriously and researching the issue.

In the meantime, emissions standards for new cars and trucks are going down. That's long-term, but it will help, as will greenhouse gas reduction requirements.

And emission reduction technology is improving quickly from just five years ago.

Coupled with the "long horizons" built into the

LOIS HENRY OLIN

Read archived columns by Lois Henry at Bakersfield.com/henry.

Well, I'm glad to join the bandwagon.

Opinions expressed in this column are those of Lois Henry. Her column runs Wednesdays and Sundays. Comment at bakersfield.com, call her at 395-7373 or email lhenry@bakersfield.com.

Clean Air Act for complying with new standards, the EPA was optimistic that the valley won't face such draconian measures as "no drive" days, or even months.

To which Sadredin replied that the EPA needs to look at a calendar.

Just looking at PM2.5 (tiny bits of dust and soot), the district is currently managing for three different standards.

We blew the 2015 deadline for a 1997 standard of 65 micrograms per cubic meter over a 24-hour period, so the district must now come up with a plan for how to reduce PM2.5 by 5 percent each year.

"That's 5 percent from today's PM2.5, not 1997's PM2.5," Sadredin explained. "And that's the easy one."

There's also the 2006 standard that requires our PM2.5 to be at 35 micrograms per cubic meter by 2019. But in order to be considered in compliance, it actually has to be at 35 for three consecutive years.

So that actually means we have to be at 35 for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

"And 2017 is just a few months away," said Sadredin.

The valley's PM2.5 is at a little more than 65 micrograms per cubic meter on a 24-hour time frame.

And all that doesn't begin to address the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard, nor the three ozone standards the district is chasing.

"The EPA likes to say we should aim high and see what happens, but this isn't theoretical for the valley," Sadredin said.

We've already squeezed what we can squeeze locally.

If the EPA declines to set a national standard, the local air district may push to have some of the underlying mandates of the Clean Air Act declared unconstitutional.

All of which initially made me think my complaints about sucking up Northern California's bad air was small potatoes.

No, Sadredin said.

When you're talking about air pollution problems as large as we have in the valley, you have to look at every possible source, including Northern California and, yes, China.

It's all part of the pollution puzzle that Sadredin and other local air district officials have been trying to get the feds to acknowledge for years.

New law lets you smash a car window to aid hot dog

BY DAVID SIDERS
The Sacramento Bee

Offering relief to dogs stuck in hot cars, Gov. Jerry Brown on Saturday signed legislation letting Californians in limited cases — and without fear of civil liability — smash car windows to set them free.

Assembly Bill 797, by Assemblymen Marc Steinorth, R-Rancho Cucamonga, and Miguel Santiago, D-Los Angeles, allows freeing animals from vehicles that are too hot or too cold as long as there is no other way to rescue the animal and law enforcement has first been



Brown

contacted.

The bill was supported by the Humane Society of the United States and

other animal groups. It was opposed by some dog clubs that warned of overzealous liberators.

The bill was one of 52 bills signed by the Democratic governor on Saturday, as he continues to wade through hundreds of bills sent to him by the Legislature in its end-of-session rush.

In one other animal-related measure, Brown, an owner of two dogs, vetoed Assembly Bill 1824, which would have expanded the circumstances in which someone could be charged with causing the injury or death of a guide or service dog. Brown complained in a veto message that the law would add to "the scope of the current penal code which already is convoluted and unnecessarily complex."

He said, "I believe that existing law provides an adequate deterrent and sufficient punishment."

Come hear about an ORAL treatment option for Multiple Myeloma

Register for this FREE educational program by calling

1-844-247-1641

Sponsored by Takeda

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Registration: 5:30 PM

Program Start: 6:00 PM

WHERE:

Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center

801 Truxtun Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93301

FEATURING:

Mica Green, RN, BSN, OCN®

Takeda Clinical Nurse Educator

Friends and family are welcome!

Complimentary parking and refreshments provided.



Takeda Oncology and are registered trademarks of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited. Other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Copyright © 2016, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA USO/1XA/15/0159b 05/16

They're your dreams. Start building them.

You've already dreamed up the blueprints. We may be able to help bring them to life. The U.S. Bank Home Equity Line of Credit offers competitive rates, flexible payment options and trusted service to help you finance the lasting home improvements you've always wanted.



HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT

Introductory rate for 6 months Rates as low as

1.50% APR*

Rate available 9/11/16 - 11/11/16. Rates are subject to change.

Variable rate after introductory period

4.00% APR*

Rate shown for lines of credit: — Up to 70% loan-to-value — U.S. Bank Consumer Checking Package Actual rate may be lower. Visit usbank.com for custom rates.

WORLD'S MOST ETHICAL COMPANIES®
WWW.ETHISPHERE.COM

Call 800.209.BANK (2265), visit a local branch, or go to usbank.com/dreambig



the POWER of POSSIBLE.™

*1.50% Introductory Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is available on Home Equity Lines of Credit with an 80% loan-to-value (LTV) or less. The Introductory Interest Rate will be fixed at 1.50% during the 6-month Introductory Period. A higher introductory rate will apply for an LTV above 80%. Offer is available for new applications submitted from September 11 - November 11, 2016. After the 6-month introductory period: the APR is variable and is based upon an index plus a margin. The APR will vary with Prime Rate (the index) as published in the Wall Street Journal. As of September 11, 2016, the variable rate for Home Equity Lines of Credit ranged from 2.62% APR to 7.20% APR. Higher rates may apply due to an increase in the Prime Rate, a credit limit below \$100,000, an LTV above 70%, and/or a credit score less than 730. A U.S. Bank Consumer Silver, Gold, or Platinum Checking Package account is required to receive the lowest rate, but is not required for loan approval. The rate will not vary above 18% APR, or applicable state law, or below 2.12% APR - 2.55% APR, depending on market. Choosing an interest-only repayment may cause your monthly payment to increase, possibly substantially, once your credit line transitions into the repayment period. Repayment options may vary based on credit qualifications. Interest only repayment may be unavailable. Loans are subject to credit approval and program guidelines. Not all loan programs are available in all states for all loan amounts. Interest rates and program terms are subject to change without notice. Property insurance is required. U.S. Bank and its representatives do not provide tax or legal advice. Your tax and financial situation is unique. You should consult your tax and/or legal advisor for advice and information concerning your particular situation. Other restrictions may apply. Mortgage and Home Equity products offered by U.S. Bank National Association. Deposit Products are offered through U.S. Bank National Association. Customer pays no closing costs, except escrow-related funding costs. An annual fee of up to \$90 may apply after the first year and is waived with a U.S. Bank personal Platinum Checking Package. The Consumer Pricing Information brochure lists terms and conditions that apply to U.S. Bank Consumer Checking Package accounts and can be obtained by calling 800.872.2657. Member FDIC. ©2016 U.S. Bank. 16044 016



"World's Most Ethical Companies" and "Ethisphere" names and marks are registered trademarks of Ethisphere LLC.