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## Co-hosting the Independence Day Picnic

### Dave Landes

Sunday, July 9, starting at 2:00 p.m. will be a big time for big appetites, big thirsts, and raffles with big prizes. The American Society (AmSoc) will provide about fifty prizes—electronic items, weekends for two at resort hotels, restaurant meals for two, and much more.

Everyone is welcome!

American Legion Post 3 will provide a beautiful garden for picnicking and dancing, as well as their large indoor dining room in case it rains.

Post 3 chef and his capable kitchen staff will serve a choice of barbecued chicken or ribs accompanied by potatoes, beans and salad. This will be followed apple, mango, or pecan pie and all the coffee you can drink.

The bar will be open to sell drinks at bargain prices.

Raffle tickets are \$10 pesos each or a book of eleven for \$100.

Tickets for the picnic are \$125 pesos, (\$50 for children under five). Picnic and raffle tickets can be purchased at the AmSoc clubhouse (San Francisco 3332, Chapalita) or at American Legion HQ, San Antonio 142, Las Fuentes. Please telephone AmSoc if you have any questions.

For those not familiar with the area, the Legion is half a block from Las Fuentes glorieta, on the street to the right of the church.

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*Note from Editor:* If you want to submit something to *The Voice*, I prefer to receive it by email to save my having to retype it. Thank you.

## Fathers Day Lunch

### Dave Landes

The aroma of meaty barbecued ribs drifting from the kitchen notified the celebrants they were in for a tasty treat. On Saturday, June 17, the American Society of Jalisco observed a celebration to honor the men who took on paternal responsibilities.

Rising a foot from each table was a bright "Great Dad" balloon held in place by colored, serpentine tissue-paper strips.

The meal started with a crisp salad made from a variety of lettuces, enhanced by a choice of tasty dressings. The main course was mouth-watering barbecued ribs with a delicious sauce. This was accompanied by corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, mashed potatoes, and a mixture of pastas and sauce. For desert there was apple crumb pie.

The good company at every table made the party even more enjoyable.

A pat on the back to the volunteers who planned and prepared this feast, Lupita Elizando, Roscio Huerta, and Uwe Meller; shopping, Bruce Newby; food service, Regis Soileau, Bruce Newby, and Ann Whiting; cashier and ticket seller, Bernard Mulder; Bartender, Al Klob; also Chuck Parsons and Bob Kuta for the decorations.

### Quotes

*A radical is one who speaks the truth.*

Charles Lindberg

*The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst.*

Harry E. Fosdick

*Will is character in action*

William McDougall

# Energy: Meeting soaring demand

*Excerpts from the BBC program, Planet Under Pressure,*

The first problem with energy is that we are running short of traditional sources of supply. Experts say the world will need almost 60% more energy in 2030 than in 2002, and fossil fuels will still meet most of its needs.

We depend on oil for 90% of our transport, and for food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and the entire bedrock of modern life. But oil industry experts estimate that current reserves will only last for about 40 years.

Pessimists predict oil production will start declining within 15 years, while optimists say we won't have to worry for a century - though rising prices are likely to push us towards alternative energy sources anyway.

[Natural] Gas, often a suitable replacement for oil, won't last indefinitely either. There's plenty of coal, but it's usually hard to use without causing high levels of pollution.

## Worrying signs

Nearly a third of today's world population (6.1bn people) have no electricity or other modern energy supplies, and another third have only limited access. About 2.5 billion people have only wood or other biomass for energy—often bad for the environment, almost always bad for their health.

If everyone in developing countries used the same amount of energy as the average consumer in high income countries, the developing world's energy use would increase more than eightfold between 2000 and 2050.

The signs are already there. In 2003 China's car sales rose by 82% from the same period in 2002. Its demand for oil is expected to double in 20 years. In India sales of fuel-guzzling SUVs account for 10% of all vehicle purchases, and could soon overtake car sales.

And the developed world is not standing still. In the last decade, oil use in the United States (pop. 298 mil.) has increased by almost 2.7 million barrels a day—more oil than India (pop. 1.095 bn.) and Pakistan (pop. 165 mil) use daily altogether.

## Crossing continents

Where our energy comes from is a third problem. The energy for our fuel, heat and light often travel vast distances to reach us, sometimes crossing not only continents but political and cultural boundaries on the way. These distances create a whole host of challenges from oil-related political instability to the

environmental risks of long-distance pipelines and shipping.

But even if we could somehow indefinitely conjure up enough energy for everyone who wants it, without risking conflict and mayhem in bringing it back home, there would still be an enormous problem—how to use the energy without causing unacceptably high levels of damage to the natural world.

## Counting cost

The most obvious threat is the prospect that burning fossil fuels is intensifying natural climate change and heating the Earth to dangerous levels. But forget the greenhouse effect if you want. There are still real costs that go with the quest for and use of energy: air and water pollution, impaired health, acid rain, deforestation, the destruction of traditional ways of life. It's one of the most vicious circles the planetary crisis entails.

Cheap, available energy is essential for ending poverty, but the tank is running dry.

It doesn't have to be like this. Our energy use is unsustainable, but we already know what a benign alternative would look like. *All we have to do is decide that we will get there, and how. It will make vastly more use of renewable energy, from inexhaustible natural sources like the Sun and the seas.*

## Nuclear power?

One key fuel may well be hydrogen, which is a clean alternative for vehicles and is in abundant supply as it is a chemical component of water. But large amounts of energy are needed to produce hydrogen from water, so it will not come into its own as a clean alternative until renewable energy is widely available for the process.

Some analysts suggest that nuclear power will be needed to bridge the gap between now and the renewable future. Many environmentalists (but not all) are deeply unhappy with the idea—fission technology has been in use for a generation, but concerns remain about radioactive waste disposal and the risk of accidents.

Nuclear fusion—a new form of nuclear power which combines atoms rather than splitting them apart—could be ready by around 2040, but that is too long to wait.

However, we can also get energy to do several jobs at once, as combined heat and power plants do. And we can use less of it by becoming energy-efficient.

The British government estimates that 56% of energy used in UK homes could be cut using currently available technologies—yet the original Model T Ford did more miles to the gallon than the average Ford vehicle produced today in the US.

We can install power stations on our roofs by covering our houses with solar tiles, or buying miniature wind turbines the size of a satellite dish.

Practically, the energy crisis is soluble. But reaching the broad sunlit uplands will mean a drastic mental gear change for policy-makers and consumers alike. (Story from BBC NEWS)

## SLOW DANCE

### Submitted by Lupita Alizondo

This poem is said to have been written by a terminally ill young girl in a New York Hospital.

Have you ever watched kids  
On a merry-go-round?  
Or listened to the rain  
Slapping on the ground?  
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?  
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?  
You better slow down.  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short.  
The music won't last.  
Do you run through each day  
On the fly?  
When you ask How are you?  
Do you hear the reply?  
When the day is done  
Do you lie in your bed  
With the next hundred chores  
Running through your head?  
You'd better slow down  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short.  
The music won't last.  
Ever told your child,  
We'll do it tomorrow?  
And in your haste,  
Not see his sorrow?  
Ever lost touch,  
Let a good friendship die  
Cause you never had time  
To call and say, "Hi!"  
You'd better slow down.  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short.  
The music won't last.  
When you run so fast to get somewhere  
You miss half the fun of getting there.  
When you worry and hurry through your day,  
It is like an unopened gift...  
Thrown away.  
Life is not a race.  
Do take it slower  
Hear the music  
Before the song is over.

## Notices & Ads

### The Voice by email

If you would like to receive your copy of the Voice by email, please send your request to this address:  
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### A new Location

There have been numerous complaints about a volunteer who has not been pulling her weight around the clubhouse recently. Her excuse is that she lives too far away and the bus ride is too long and tiresome. Well, you can rest easy now; she's moving closer, in fact so close, she will be able to walk the two blocks from her new apartment to AmSoc.

Yes, I'm moving to Chapalita. I'm tired of being isolated from the action, and also of the complaints. As of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, my new home will be San Francisco 3484, and I will be available to give computer lessons or do any other computer work once I'm settled.

Thanks to good friends who went out of their way to help in my search, especially Millie and Bob Fields, Beatriz de la Garza, and new AmSoc member, Patricia Dygula.

*Vicki Wootton*

## Technology

No technology this month. There's too much packing to be done.

### *Independence Day Picnic*

**Hosted by Amsoc and  
American Legion Post 3**

**San Antonio 142, Las Fuentes**

Sunday, July 9 at 2:30 pm (14:00)

#### *Menu*

Salad · Barbequed Ribs or Chicken

Vegetables · Pie and Coffee

Tickets: \$125 adults · \$50 for children under 5

**Grand Raffle with loads of good prizes**

**Live Music and Dancing**

Book early - limited seating

# JULY CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>3</b> Aerobics 9:00 Spanish lessons 11:00 Lunch 12:30	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Aerobics 9:00 Spanish lessons 11:00	<b>6</b> Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	<b>7</b> Aerobics 9:00 US Mail pickup 11:00 Social Friday 7:00
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