



# GET READY, SANTA BARBARA!

## KNOWING YOUR RISKS

### It will Never Happen to Me!

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It's your first day of vacation. You're on your way to see family. You pack, get a ride to airport, go through all screening process and you're now ready to board the plane. You settle in find out who your sitting next to and the plane begins to taxi. It's the start of a good vacation. Right!? All through our lives we read about the tragedies that befall others, but never to me. However, during your flight, out of nowhere, the plane takes a nose dive ... for about eight seconds! Passengers start screaming, luggage goes flying out of the overhead bins and the lights go out. So scary! You really thought the plane was going to crash. Everything ends up being okay, at least you think so.

So how prepared would you be for this type of incident? We never think it's going to happen to us. But if it does are we ready. This month we look at technological, man-made, intentional disasters. They happened randomly and there is no rhyme or reason as to when they happen. It is the least expected.

Several incidents from bridge collapses, dam failures, mud slides, etc. happen all the time but are we prepared for these types of incidents? There is an old saying, 'out of sight, out of mind'. This sums it up when it comes to preparedness.

In January of this year in West Virginia there was a chemical spill that effected up 300,000 residents. Most of us sort of remember this incident? They were advised not to drink, cook, bathe or wash with the water due to the spill. This affected nine counties within the Charleston West Virginia metropolitan area. This area was without water for five (5) days. Some were prepared but many were not. If that happened here are you prepared? Are you Ready? What's out of sight, should always be on our minds. Get Ready Santa Barbara!



Green Peace giving out water in West Virginia

Article Submitted by Yolanda McGlinchey

### Santa Barbara History— Yanonali Street

Yanonali was chief of one of the largest Chumash Villages and was said to have authority over 12 other villages. He was friendly towards the Spanish and provided workmen to help them build their presidio after they arrived here in 1782. Though many of his people converted to Catholicism, he held out until September 12, 1797. His Baptismal record for that date lists his age as 60 and notes that he was chief of the village of Syukhtun and gives his baptismal name as Pedro.

Yanonali had several wives, it is written that he kept distance between them, so he had one wife on Santa Cruz Island and another one in the Santa Ynez Valley. He died smiling and exhausted on April 4, 1806.

Excerpts taken from "Street Names of Santa Barbara" by Neal Graffy (pg. 17)

*Do you have some Santa Barbara history you want to share? Maybe you have some interesting family history you want to share or maybe you have a question about something. We want to hear it! Send us your stories of, or questions about, Santa Barbara history to [YMcGlinchey@SantaBarbaraCa.gov](mailto:YMcGlinchey@SantaBarbaraCa.gov)*

#### Upcoming Issues

AUGUST  
Drought



SEPTEMBER  
Cyber Terrorism



OCTOBER  
Oil Spills



NOVEMBER  
Air Disasters



DECEMBER  
Freeze



# Technological Disasters

So what is a Technological Disaster?

**FEMAs Definition:**

A disaster attributed in part or entirely due to human intent, error, negligence, or involving a failure of a man-made system, resulting in significant injuries. Examples include: 9/11 attacks, Columbine High School Massacre, Exxon Valdez, NASA’s Challenger, Columbia, Chernobyl, to mention a few.

Below are two such examples of Technological Disasters.

**The Hyatt Regency Walkway Collapse**

—When three “floating walkways” crashed to the floor of Kansas City, MO’s swank new Hyatt Regency on July 17, 1981, speculation first fixed on the patrons who’d been dancing on them: perhaps their high-stepping had set off a harmonic wave that made the sky bridges buckle and crumble.

The truth proved more prosaic. The hotel’s engineers had originally designed two of the three walkways to hang on common, vertical metal rods. But the metal fabricator took a fatal shortcut, substituting shorter rods hanging from one level to the next. The second-floor walkway thus hung from the fourth-floor, doubling the weight on its connectors. The fabricator claimed to have requested approval for this change; the engineers insisted they weren’t asked, though they had signed off on final drawings that included it. The designers had also asked to be on site during construction, when they might have spotted the change, but were rebuffed by an owner determined to avoid additional expense. When enough patrons filled the walkways, the connections gave way. Thanks to miscommunication and corner-cutting, 114 perished in the deadliest structural failure in U.S. history.

For more information [click here](#)

**Love Canal Incident**

— Love Canal was a neighborhood in Niagara Falls,



July 1981 Hyatt Regency Collapse

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*“How many times had those awful words — “I know what I am doing” - been uttered throughout history as prelude to disaster?”*

*Christopher Buckley,  
Supreme Courtship*

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Love Canal 1940

New York, located in the LaSalle section of the city. It officially covers 36 square blocks in the far southeastern corner of the city, along 99th Street and Read Avenue. Two bodies of water define the northern and southern boundaries of the neighborhood: Berg-holtz Creek to the north and the Niag-ara River one-quarter mile (400 m) to the south. In the mid-1970s Love Canal became the subject of national and international attention after it was re-vealed in the press that the site had formerly been used to bury 21,000 tons of toxic waste by Hooker Chemical Company (now Occidental Petroleum Corporation).

Hooker Chemical sold the site to the Niagara Falls School Board in 1953 for \$1, with a deed explicitly detailing the presence of the waste, and including a liability limitation clause about the con-tamination. The construction efforts of housing development, combined with particularly heavy rainstorms, released the chemical waste, leading to a public health emergency and an urban plan-ning scandal. Hooker Chemical was found to be negligent in their disposal of waste, though not reckless in the sale of the land, in what became a test case for liability clauses. The dumpsite was discovered and investigated by the local newspaper, the *Niagara Falls Ga-zette*, from 1976 through the evacua-tion in 1978.

Ten years after the incident, New York State Health Department Commis-sioner David Axelrod stated that Love Canal would long be remembered as a "national symbol of a failure to exercise a sense of concern for future genera-tions." The Love Canal incident was especially significant as a situation where the inhabitants "overflowed into the wastes instead of the other way around." One disturbing fact was that a survey conducted by the Love Canal Homeowners Association found that 56% of the children born from 1974–1978 had at least one birth defect.

For more information [click here](#)

## The CERT Corner –Through Our Window from Tiburon, CA

Here comes the wind. With no water, dry grass, distressed and dying landscape, including trees, with Stage Two Drought declared, the Grinch is eating summer. Low humidity in the air means little moisture for the plants to absorb with their leaves. No water in the ground takes care of the subterranean component. Now add wind, and the drying intensifies. We have no luxurious buffers. Every home must take fire safety and consciousness to new levels. We speak of fire often. Sometimes we do it in a hushed fashion, like we'd jinx ourselves if we say it aloud. We mouth it to each other over the table at dinner to not worry the children.

We cannot do that in these conditions. We need to gather and talk out loud. In addition to conserving water, and this is no small project this time of year with families and friends crowding us in our homes for vacation, we need to talk about The Plan. Whether you call it something like Plan A, or if you are like me, Plan A and Plan B, it must be refreshed and redone.

Where are you going in the event of evacuation? Is your Go Kit ready? Have you filled the gas tanks of your cars? Is your out of state connection for family still current? Are your food supplies expired, or up to date? Have you shared emergency communication numbers with your neighbors if fire should occur while you are away? You can leave a key with a trusted neighbor, who can, if there is sufficient time, do simple things like shut off the gas, grab a hard drive, or just make sure the house is all right as they leave.

Include the kids in the discussions. Their education may be greater than yours when it comes to fire. Without questioning how or why, they are often

faster to respond to emergency than parents, and may be trained to dial 911 before you are asking what the heck happened or why.

Our local wind pattern is the Sundowner, and there are other great winds you can study. The Chinook, the Mistral, the Santa Ana, and the Fohn, to name a few. We experienced the Fohn during a trip to Switzerland. The proprietor of our guesthouse scurried around one night making sure all was secured, picking up potted plants, kids' toys, anything loose on the property. When he knocked on our door, he came to the balcony and secured the chairs, the hanging planters, and our Levis, which I had draped over the railing to dry. He buttoned the rivet on each fly and told us to have a nice night. The wind slammed and blew. We hunkered down and said, "Sundowner." In the morning, those Levis were stiff and horizontal to the railing, still there. Golden sand covered everything. Sand, we were told, from the Gobi Desert. I thought to myself as I traced a path through the dust, this may be the closest I get to the Gobi.

We have our wind and we have our plan.

The next CERT training will take place this fall. Watch for more information here. If you would like to volunteer, call Yolanda McGlinchey at 805 564 5711. You and the time you have for volunteering are priceless.

She also is the one of the coordinators for the Advanced CERT classes and the new CERT ACADEMY. We are on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CERTSBCounty>) as Santa Barbara County CERT Corps.



Stella Larson,  
Mesa Resident

## July Quiz

- Which ship caused a disaster in the US in 1989?
  - Exxon Valdez
  - Cape Angelina
  - Mariano II
  - Highlander
- In 1979, which airline crashed at O'Hare Airport in Chicago?
  - American
  - Federal Express
  - Qantas
  - Continental
- Over 100 people were killed in Tennessee in 1918, due to which disaster??
  - Floods
  - Tornados
  - Train Collision
  - Cyclone
- In 1972, South Dakota experienced which disaster?
  - Fire
  - 747 Crash
  - Hurricane
  - Floods

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# Emergency Kit Recipes

## "Peachy Sweet Potatoes"

**Prep Time:**

5 minutes

**Total Time:**

20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 large can yams
- 1 can peaches
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup granola
- 1 cup graham crackers

Directions

Mix 1 cup of the combined juices with the brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Pour over yams and peaches.

Crumble up the graham crackers and mix in enough of the leftover juice to make them soft; it's better to use melted butter if you have it. Sprinkle the graham cracker mixture over the top of the yams and peaches. Sprinkle the granola over the top.









Cover and bake until hot.

If you want to find more Emergency Recipes like this, [Click here](#)

*Do you have an Emergency Kit Recipe you want to share? Maybe you have a healthy or crazy recipe or maybe you have a question about something. We want to hear from you! Send us your recipes, or questions to [ymcglinchey@santabarbaraca.gov](mailto:ymcglinchey@santabarbaraca.gov)*

## Upcoming Events

### July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 World UFO Day	3	4 Independence Day	5
						
6	7 Chocolate Day	8	9	10	11 Cheer up the Lonely Day	12
						
13	14 Bastille Day	15	16	17	18 Nat'l Caviar Day	19
						
20 Moon Day	21	22	23 Nat'l Hotdog Day	24	25	26
						
27 Parents Day	28	29	30	31 Mutts Day		
