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YOUR BOARD AT WORK

At the recent Board of Directors meeting, several issues were discussed:

The Board is targeting October for the start-up date for direct paying of association dues.

Five Sabadell entrance eucalyptus trees will be replaced due to the blight that has struck the area. The Board will also replace fu-

ture trees as they are lost to the disease.

Missions parking stickers were sent in the mail along with a letter

from Granite Management addressing the particulars of this program. You also received notification of the new security company that will be

patrolling our neighborhood.

In addition, the Board conducted several parking violation hearings.



The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on October 2nd at 3:00 at the home of Terry and Norma Craig, 455 Zezere Dr. You are highly encouraged to attend.

Letter to the Homeowners from President Terry Craig

This edition of the Mission Bell comes at a sad time in all of our lives. With the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York and the assault on the Pentagon, we, as Americans are stunned with the loss of life on such a disastrous scale. Buildings are insignificant losses, dollars can be replaced, but life is one precious commodity that is not traded on the stock exchange.



As I have driven through the Missions and several tracts nearby, I am thrilled to see the American flag proudly displayed. The spirit of America cannot be extinguished by the acts of a few madmen. Peace be with you and yours and God Bless America.

Terry Craig

Missions Community Picnic

Approximately seventy friends, neighbors and children gathered at Alcaras Court on September 9th for the annual Missions Community Picnic. This year's event was held under beautiful blues skies, which cleared just as the Social Committee began their preparations.

The highlights of the day, aside from a wonderful community spirit, included delicious and plentiful food selections, raffle and door prizes, a paperback book exchange and a pinata for the children provided by residents **Carola** and **Jim Phelps**.

The raffle prizes consisted of four wonderful gift baskets arranged by Social Committee members **Donna Padgett** and **Linda Sweeney**, and a fabulous afghan lovingly hand made



Ellen Stotmeister sells raffle tickets to Jane Deakin.

by Social Committee member, **Natalie Meyerson**.

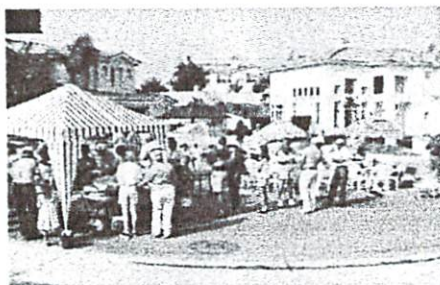
The door prizes were graciously donated by **Richard Becker**, who hand crafted a playful wooden tulip lawn ornament; **Rose Goodson**, our community Avon lady, who provided several bags of Avon products; and Fitness Elite for Women which contributed numerous gift certificates (of which several MEN won!)



Here are the members of the Missions Social Committee: (left to right) Katy Quigley, Trish Munley, Norma Craig, Joanne Henry, Donna Padgett, Linda Sweeney, Ellen Stotmeister and Jane Deakins (missing from photo is Natalie Meyerson).

Unclaimed paperback books and collected canned goods were donated to the Woman's Resource Center. Also, two serving dishes/pans were left behind. Should you wish to claim them please contact **Trish Munley** at 721-8887.

Social Committee members **Trish Munley, Joanne Henry, Katy Quigley, Ellen Stotmeister, Jane Deakins, Linda Sweeney, Donna Padgett, Natalie Meyerson** and **Norma Craig** would



The end of Alcaras Court was the site for the picnic.



Some neighbors enjoying the delicious potluck.



Five of the kids fascinated by a Game Boy.

Missions Community Picnic



The food table had a wonderful selection of entres, salads and desserts.

like to extend a special thank you to all who donated tables, chairs and umbrellas and to those who as-

sisted them in setting and cleaning up, particularly **Paul Quigley, Terry Craig and Mike Padgett.**

Thank you for making this year's picnic a success!

This will begin a busy time of year for us all and our neighborhood will reflect the approaching celebrations. So, just a few thoughts: Please be aware of our little ones who will be parading their costumes on Halloween. In addition, keep an eye out for those who dampen the spirits of us all by causing destruction during this time.



In light of the recent events in New York and Washington, this Thanksgiving will have a more special meaning for many of us. Please stop and give thanks for family, friends, neighbors and this great community and country that is ours.



The Missions Social Committee will be hosting two holiday events this year, both in the third week of December.

Caroling

Get your vocal cords tuned for a fun evening of caroling on Sunday, December 16th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Those interested can meet at the home of Mike and Donna Padgett, 395 Justina Dr. Last year was our first attempt at this community event and we are eager to repeat our "performance."

Decorating Contest

On December 18th our Annual Holiday Decorating Contest will take place. Judging will begin after 6:00 p.m. As in the past, your Board of Directors has offered prizes of \$50 for third place, \$75 for second and \$100 for the grand prize. Please show your community spirit and join in the fun!



Gardening In The Missions

October is one of the two months in the year to make the biggest change in your garden, March being the other. We begin to switch to winter, which means we pull up the last remnants of summer vegetables and flowers and plant cool season flowers and vegetables for winter and spring. It is also the best month to plant and transplant perennials and to divide your plants that tend to grow in a clump, such as clivia, iris, day lilies and ginger.

If you are interested in bulbs, now is the time to get them in the ground. The South African bulbs such as babiana, crocosmia, freesia, ipheion, ixia, sparaxis, tritonia and watsonia seem to love our little micro climate here in the Missions. As far as that is concerned, all bulbs seem to do well with the exception

of the tulips, which do well the first year but then need to be dug up and

ber to plant daffodils, dutch iris, grape hyacinths and ranunculus.



Now is the time to establish your wildflower and other spring blooming flower seeds in the ground before the winter rains start. Keep the ground moist after sowing your seed and don't let the ground dry up.

Your vegetable garden needs a thorough clean up before planting any winter vegetables. By doing so, you will have fewer bugs and diseases later. Dig up your soil deeply and turn it over to aerate it, then mix in organic amendments or compost to return nutrients to the soil.

chilled for several months. If you place them in the refrigerator use a brown paper bag, not plastic, because they will rot. Also, keep them away from apples, bananas and pineapple as the gas from these cause the bulbs to rot or grow roots and sprout. Hold off until Novem-

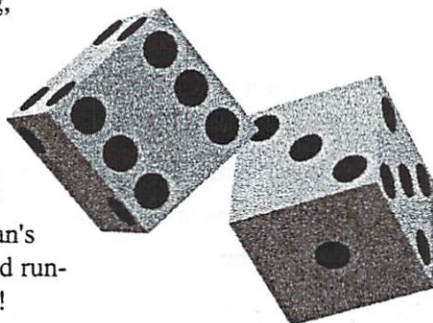
You have a lot to do this month to prepare your garden for winter, but it will be well worth it to be able to sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labor in the months to follow.

HAPPY GARDENING !

Norma Craig

BUNCO:

If you've heard some hooting, hollering, and uproarious laughter in the distance, during the evening, on the second Tuesday of the month for the past 6 months, you've had a close encounter with the neighborhood woman's BUNCO group. We are up and running and having a great time!



BUNCO is a quickly learned dice game that involves 12 players. It's fun, it's easy, and it's a great way to make friends.

On occasion, if a player can't make it, we need substitutes.

If you are interested in getting on the sub list, please call Donna Padgett at 754-6714 or Sue Ruddick at 754-2410.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Information and opinions by Donna Padgett

To those of you that read the letter from the Missions Homeowners Association President, Terry Craig last issue, I hope that it pulled at your heart strings a bit. If you didn't read it, you should have.

In order to keep a neighborhood looking like ours does, we need involvement - EVERYONE'S involvement. Let's face it...we all drove into this neighborhood for the very first time and thought the same thing, "this is a beautiful neighborhood-I want to live here." And so we bought our homes.

Now comes the hard part. To keep a neighborhood in this condition takes work, and we've been fortunate to have Board members and Committee volunteers that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. They have generously given their time and effort on our behalf, without so much as a nod from us. Do you realize that these people have taken on such tasks, to mention a few, as painting over graffiti, fixing broken and battered mailboxes, replacing light bulbs at the monuments, repairing the monuments and inspecting landscaping themselves to save all of us money?

Your monthly Homeowners fees would increase if we had to hire someone to do these things? We have

Committee volunteers that inspect architectural plans to make sure they are in keeping with our CC & R's. We also have people that greet the new neighbors, people that plan the get-togethers, people that have knowledge about construction defect problems, and people who see that this newsletter gets done! They are all volunteers! We owe them a debt of gratitude. However, what do they get?

- Homeowners with many complaints about how the Board conducts business!
- Homeowners that can't even turn in their ballot/proxies at all, never mind on time!
- Homeowners that criticize their efforts!
- Homeowners that sit back and let someone else do it all.

We all have a vested interest in this neighborhood. Our homes are the single largest investment most of us will ever make. In our hands we hold the opportunity to keep things nice and make things better. So I say, come on people! This is our Kingdom! Get involved! Reach out a hand to help! Reach out and say "Good job, Board...Good job, Committee volunteers...and Thank You!" Call any one of the people on page one of this newsletter—they'd love to hear from you!

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Ray Chesloff

Roadhouse Grill

110 Knoll Road
510-3805
San Marcos

(Just off 78 near Home Depot)

Just about

everyone I know loves baby back pork ribs. Usually, at most of the places I've tried, the ribs are ordinary.

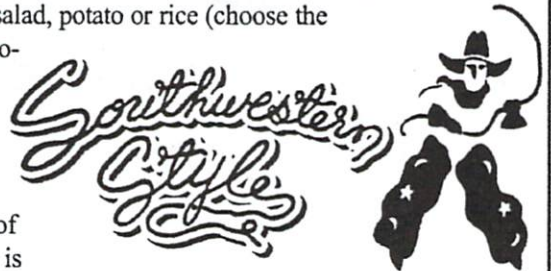
However at the

Roadhouse Grill, what they lack in decor is made up for in their wonderful barbecued ribs! The meat almost "falls off the bone." A full rack is \$18.95 and a half rack is \$14.00. Although there are other available entrees of

chicken, fish and steak, it's the ribs you want to order. Included with your meal is a choice of Caesar or House salad, potato or rice (choose the sweet potato).

In addition, a small bucket of peanuts is

placed on every table and the shells litter the floor. The service is attentive and the management wants you to be satisfied. I think you will be, if you order the ribs.





Our Welcoming Committee members Norma Craig, Natalie Meyerson and Sue Ruddick have been very busy recently making sure that our new neighbors receive a proper greeting. We would like to welcome our new neighbors:

Fernando and Rhonda Barcarcel
422 Benevente Dr.
967-7564

It was so nice to see you at our Community Picnic.

Shawn and Andrea Good and daughters Brianna, Hope and Alexandria
322 Justina Dr.
722-2323

Happy Trails to **Darrel and Jill McKenzie and Mike and Ruth Hammer** from your friends and neighbors.

School Days

George and Rose Goodson are proud of their grandchildren's scholastic achievements at the end of the school year last June. Granddaughter Courtney Goodson graduated from Torrey Pines High School in Del Mar with top honors. Like her parents, she plans to major in education at the University of San Diego.

Her cousins, Nicole (15) and Scott (12) are honor roll students. Nicole has a flair for acting and writing besides being an excellent artist. Scott, who has a very high aptitude in mathematics and computers, was given college mathematics tests and achieved a 96.5 score allowing him to skip 8th grade.

Three cheers for the youth of America!

I want to thank everyone who sent me get well cards and messages of encouragement after my recent surgery. I hope you all realize how much they meant to me and how your thoughts and prayers made my recuperation so much faster. I feel so fortunate to live in a neighborhood with so many great people. I love you all!



Thanks again,

Norma Craig

Congratulations

to **Dorothy Chapman** who is now enjoying some much deserved R&R after her recent retirement.

Get Well

"Glad to see that your back on your feet" wishes go out to **Jim Phelps, Sal Somma and Norma Craig** who have recently been under the weather.

Condolences

We send our sincere condolences to Ray Chesloff, our Restaurant Review writer, on the loss of his wonderful wife Gladycy (Gladdy).

Production by Local Celebrity

"Winston and FDR: In Their Own Words!" by local columnist, Tom Morrow, will be staged as the first production of the new Star Theatre.

The show is an adaptation of the speeches, letters, and radio broadcasts of Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Edward R. Murrow. Vista's Fred Ives is Churchill; retired Superior Court Judge Frank Coxon is FDR and KGTV editorial director John Beatty plays Edward R. Murrow.

The show will be presented October 5th, 6th, and 7th. The October 5th date is a 6:30 p.m. special wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by a 7:30 p.m. curtain. The cost for this evening is \$25 per person. The Saturday evening (7:30 p.m.) and the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee is \$10 per adult; \$5 for those under 17 years old.

This entire production is for raising money to complete the renovation of The Star Theatre. Call 760-721-9983 for tickets.

Trivia Bee

The 9th annual Trivia Bee will take place on Saturday, October 13th at the Serra Center of the Mission San Luis Rey Parish. The event benefits the Friends of the Oceanside Library, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

The cost of tickets is \$30 per person, and tickets will *not* be sold at the door. Please call 760-722-8543 to get your tickets. Or better yet, buy a table for \$230, and invite seven of your friends to join you.

Holiday Home Tour

On Sunday, December 2nd, the Vista Community Clinic, a facility that provides basic health care for low income and uninsured patients, will showcase its 15th annual Holiday Home Tour.

This is the first time V.C.C. has extended the Tour outside of Vista. The four homes, carefully chosen for beauty, location, and unique qualities, are all located in Morrow Hills in northeast Oceanside. These homes will all be decorated for the holidays by professional designers and florists.

Proceeds from the Tour benefit VCC's "Kare for Kids" fund, which underwrites the cost of health care for children when necessary.

The tour is open from 10 a.m., until 4 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (\$20 each), please call Peggy Wood at the Clinic (631-5000 x1135)

Parade of Lights

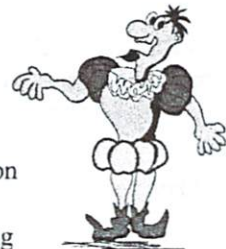
The annual "Parade of Lights," an event for which the boats in Oceanside Harbor are decorated for the holidays, will be held this year on Saturday, December 8th. The Parade will begin at 7 p.m.

Watch from the shore or participate in the parade on one of Helgren's Sportfishing boats. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Call 760-722-2133 for more information and to purchase tickets.

This extravaganza showcases the Harbor as well as all the beautiful ships, large and small.

Moonlight at the Avo

The 2001-2002 City of Vista's Avo season will be starting before you know it. This season's trio of productions begins with "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" on November 1st and runs through the 18th. Set in Atlanta during World War II, it is a bittersweet comedy by Pulitzer Prize winning author Alfred Uhrey.



The second production will run from January 24th through February 24th. You may be familiar with the San Diego production, "Forever Plaid." This smash musical by Stuart Ross features nostalgic 50's tunes.



The final offering is "Scapino!" which can be seen from March 6th through the 24th. Frank Dunlap and Jim Dale adapt this romantic comedy set in Naples with a retro 70's twist from the classic farce by Moliere. For more information please contact VisTix at 724-2110.

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WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT.**
**PLEASE CONTACT TRISH MUNLEY IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AN
ARTICLE OR HAVE A SUGGESTION.**

Please Help!

The "Mission Bell" is in need of writers for our quarterly newsletter. You need not be a professional journalist, nor have written a doctoral thesis.

We're looking for anyone who has fresh ideas who would like to contribute to this beautiful community we share. All that is required is about ONE hour of your time every three months.



If you'd like to help please call Trish Munley at 721-8887.

Classified

FOR SALE:

JennAir Cooktop, GE double ovens, GE dishwasher. All black, all original (plan one house is 5 years old), all in excellent condition. We are remodeling and all appliances are currently connected and available for inspection. \$600 takes all. Connie 721-0598

Please remember ... if you are planning any improvements or changes to the exterior of your home, approval must be given by the Architectural Committee BEFORE you start the project. Project plans such as the addition of solar panels, landscaping changes to your front or back yard or additions to your home affecting the exterior must be submitted to the ARC for review. To obtain the required forms, please contact

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