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YOUR BOARD

AT WORK

Five homeowners attended the August 13th Board Of Directors meeting at Granite Management. During the "open forum", discussions were held regarding mailbox security. *(Please see Max Meyerson's President's Message for an update on this issue.)*

Financial reports for the period May 1-July 31, 2002 were approved as well as the 2001 fiscal year end Auditor's report.

In Association Reports, President **Max Meyerson** indicated that regular members of the Architectural Committee may have alternates to serve in their absence. Current ARC members are: **Dick Parrish, Ron McAfee, Ralph Emch** and Alternate, **Raleigh Jackson**.

Rod Cope of Granite Management would contact Agave Landscaping to check sprinkler heads and update watering times.

In a recent walk through, several issues were addressed such as wall repair, spot painting and perimeter ground cover.

The October 8th Board Of Directors meeting was held at Granite Management with no homeowners in attendance.

Security Patrol reports, with no significant incidents noted, were submitted for review.

Bids for printing the new Directories were submitted. The project has since been completed and Directories distributed.

The next Board Of Directors Meeting will be on December 10th at 3:00 PM in the Granite Management conference room.



Just a reminder that monthly Home Owners Association dues can be automatically debited from your bank account. Please contact Rod Cope at Granite Management for an application or more information.

Did you know that:

No sign, poster, billboard, balloon or other display or advertising device of any kind (except Realtor signs) shall be displayed on, over or from any portion of your property.

Trash containers must be removed from the curb within twelve hours of scheduled collection hours.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to Nick Ruddick for stepping forward and offering to design, update and print a new Missions directory. After three years of many changes our directory was outdated.

He was ably assisted by Sue Ruddick, Norma Craig and Joyce Gardner in updating, proof reading and delivery. Also helping in distributing the Directories were Ray Chesloff, Sharon Cloward, Julia and Raleigh Jackson, Norma McAfee,

Donna Padgett, Katy Quigley, Cris Sathre and Linda Sweeney. Thanks to everyone who participated. If anyone has not received their copy please contact Sue Ruddick at 754-2410.

One evening in late August vandal(s) broke all the lighting fixtures in the Missions monuments at both entrances. At considerable expense, our HOA replaced all the fixtures and at the same time added additional fixtures to give the monuments a

more even distribution of light.

On September 26th we held a special Board of Directors meeting regarding locking cluster mail boxes. Following the meeting we submitted our revised location map to the Post Office. At this writing we have not yet received approval. If all goes well our goal is to have this project completed by the end of the year.

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OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Gardening In The Missions

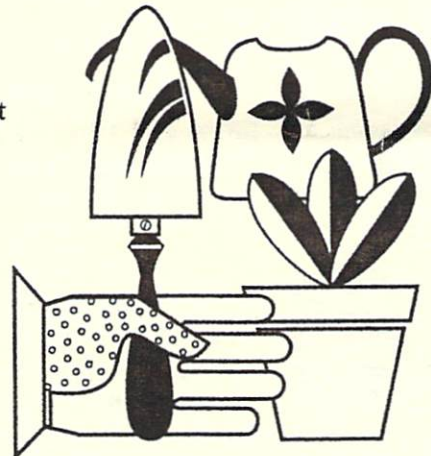
by Norma Craig

Hi, Everyone ! I hope you had a great summer. I'm sure you have planted your fall bulbs in October. If not, you can continue through November. If you want a double bloom period for your daffodils, plant one layer of bulbs 8 inches deep and half cover it with potting soil. Fit a second layer of bulbs into the spaces between the tips of the lower layer and cover with soil mix. The top layer will bloom first then will be followed by the lower.

I have decided to offer you some helpful hints on seed planting in this issue of our *Mission Bell*. When planting seeds in peat pots, it is very important to tear off the top edge of the peat pot before transplanting. If it's higher than the soil surface, the peat will dry out and act as a wick, pulling moisture away from the roots. You can also break off sections of the sides and bottom to make it easier for the roots to make the transition to the soil.

If your seedlings get leggy, plant them deeply by burying them up to the bottom two leaves when you transplant them. You can also lay them in the ground on their side and they will root along the stem.

If you have special or rare seeds and are concerned they won't sprout, try the paper towel method of pre-sprouting. Arrange the seeds on a moistened paper towel so they aren't touching each other. Cover them with a second moist towel to sandwich the seeds in between. Then, roll up the paper towel layer, place it in a plastic bag and put the bag in a warm place (on top of the refrigerator or water heater.) Check the seeds every 2 to 3 days and remove them from the towels as soon as they have sprouted. Transplant them immediately to small pots.



Parsley seeds are slow to germinate. If you want to hasten the process, sprinkle the seeds on prepared soil and pour boiling water over them. Cover the seeds with potting soil and keep them damp until they have sprouted.

I hope these suggestions result in more successful planting.
HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



**We offer a spirited welcome
to our new neighbors:**

Don Kenney
426 Benevente Dr.
435-9330 djkenney@sbcglobal.net

Pat Latham and Melody Kessler and son
306 Benevente Dr.
231-9052

Robert and Rebecca Schraeger
355 Benevente Dr.
439-7899

William and Susan Fischer
510 Estremoz Ct.
435-0046 wcfischer@yahoo.com

Ray and Sonia Bauar and sons
415 Zezere Dr.
966-1878

Brian and Gail DePalo
361 Benevente Dr.
231-9160 depalo b @ nytimes.com

Happy trails to our neighbors who have recently moved from the Missions: **Glenn and Laureen Jorgenson, John and Mary Hagerty, Johnny and Georgia Williams, Tom and Emilie Pettey, Al and Peggy Meddings, and Ken Greer.**

Congratulations to **Mike Padgett** on his recent retirement as a Battalion Chief for the Montebello Fire Department. Mike served on the fire department for 32 years and we're sure he'll now enjoy relaxing and playing a little golf.



Proud as peacocks are **Sue and Nick Ruddick** on the birth of their new grand-daughter, **Kaira Suzanne Wiltshire** born on September 10th.



Anniversary wishes are extended to **Harold "Deak"** and **Jane Deakins** who will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary on November 17th and to sweethearts **Norma and Terry Craig**, who will celebrate a month later on December 17th.



Thanks to all the friends and neighbors in the Missions for their kindness, good food and cards when I had my operation. It was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, **Sharon Cloward**

Birthday greetings abound for **Wyone and Allan "Van" Van Soest** who will be blowing out candles in the near future and to **George Goodson**, born on New Year's Eve.



Condolences

We extend our sympathy to **Dorothy and Willard Chapman** on the recent loss of Dorothy's sister.

Missions Community Picnic



Children joyfully swinging at a candy-laden piñata, old and new neighbors greet-

ing each other, the aroma of delicious and plentiful food, screeching and laughing at winning a coveted raffle prize...these were some of the sights and sounds of our Annual Missions Community Picnic, Sunday, September 15th on upper Benevente Drive cul-de-sac.



Thanks to the Missions Social Committee members **Norma Craig, Natalie Meyerson, Ellen Stotmeister, Katy Quigley, Joanne Henry, Donna Padgett, Linda Sweeney, Jane Deakin and Trish Munley**, this year's get-together was a success. Approximately 70 residents attended the afternoon event with several staying and enjoying each other's company until well after dark.

Did you know that...

Carola's
corner

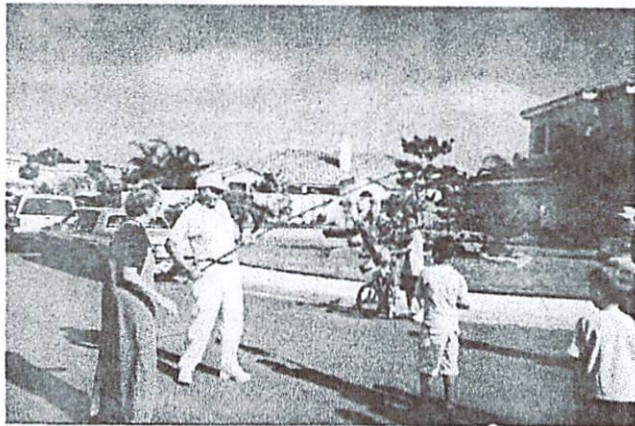
...bags inside cereal boxes are great for storing cheese? Of course, enjoy the cereal first!

...a fabric softener sheet tucked into tennis shoes after you've worn them has fresh results!



knapsack given by **Linda and Bob Sweeney**, a \$50.00 gas card graciously donated by **J.R. and Alice Velasco** and a child's bike with training wheels and Schwinn "Stingray" scooter generously given by **Ken and Ann McMullen**. All are Missions residents. Fitness Now provided several one-month gift certificates to their facility as door prizes.

Competition for this year's raffle prizes was quite intense! It is easy to see why. In addition to three wonderful gift baskets, beautifully presented by members **Norma Craig, Donna Padgett and Linda Sweeney**. This year's prizes included an adorable handcrafted wooden lawn ornament donated by **Richard Becker**, a gorgeous afghan lovingly made by **Natalie Meyerson**, a picnic



A very special thank you is extended to all who donated items and to those who assisted the Social Committee in setting up, particularly **Max Meyerson, Terry Craig, Bob Sweeney and Mike Padgett**.

We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we'll see you next year!

Participating in a Community Garage Sale

November is the month that many of us start to think about all the holidays. We need to weed out and clean up for holiday guests and also need extra money for gifts and holiday entertaining. Well, here is your opportunity to accomplish just that. According to Chris Casson Madden, host of the Home & Garden Television show *Interiors by Design*, garage sale junkies look for affluent communities in search of "treasures" and a community garage sale in a nice neighborhood is a dream come true.

Follow these simple steps and come away with a clean slate and lots of holiday cash, to boot:

- Make certain all your treasures are clean and dust-free, making them more appealing to discriminating buyers. Also, keep an inventory list of all the items and make certain that you definitely want these items out of your house.
- Tag and label each with a price, and, if you decide to

pool your efforts with another household, the initials of the person who owns the item. I once saw a great (and quick way) to tag items for a large sale—de-

velop a color-coded system using round stickers in primary colors. Place large posters clearly identifying each color and price; a red sticker would identify an item costing \$1, and a blue sticker, \$2, for example.

- If possible, try to set up the night before, or very early the day of the sale. Be prepared for early birds to come and get "first crack" at your treasures. If you don't want people to preview your items, say so, and have them wait until you are ready to open.
- Make certain you have enough change the day of the sale. Keep your money set up at a cashier's table in a strong box and make sure it is manned at all times. Keep a large stock of bags for everyone's purchases. And keep that inventory list handy to mark off when an item is sold.
- Display things in categories. Keep clothing, linens, toys and other items separated. Try to keep clothes folded, or display them on a clothesline or coat rack. A jumbled heap of clothes not only looks unsightly but it can damage and wrinkle your merchandise.
- If you have a good antique or an old piece of furniture and you do not know what it is or what it's worth, think about having it appraised before selling it.
- Keep breakables away from the edges of tables and as far out of reach of children as possible.
- Once your sale is over, pack and label leftovers for your next garage sale or donate these items to a favorite charity. Many provide

Kitchen Items

- Dishes (setting for four), \$3 to \$5
- Flatware (setting for four), \$2 to \$5
- Gadgets (slicers, sifters) 50-plus cents
- Kitchen clocks, \$1 to \$2
- Microwave ovens (functioning) 1/4 retail price
- Pots and pans, 50cents to \$3
- Miscellaneous glasses and china, 10 cents to \$1

Toys and Games

- Action figures, 25 cents to \$1.50
- Fisher-Price toys, electronic toys and video games, 25 percent of retail
- Complete games, 50 cents to \$3
- Stuffed animals, 25 cents to \$10
- Tricycles, \$1 to \$8

Electronics

- Color TV sets, \$25 to \$50
- Black-and-white TV sets, \$10 to \$20
- VCRs, \$15 to \$65
- Radios, \$1 to \$4

Books, Records, Videos

- Paperbacks, 10 to 25 cents
- Hardbound books, 50 cents to \$1.50
- LPs, 50 cents to \$1
- CDs, \$1 to \$2
- Videotapes/movies, \$1 to \$3

Children's Clothing

- Jackets, 50 cents to \$2
- Outfits (two-piece), \$1.50 to \$3
- Pants and overalls, 50 cents to \$1
- Shirts, 25 cents to \$1

Miscellaneous

- Power tools, 25 to 30 percent of cost
- Sporting goods, 20 to 30 percent of cost
- Picture frames, 25 cents to \$3

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Ray Chesloff

San Diego is where the restaurant scene is at and La Jolla is a prime location for some of the best in fine dining.

Piatti, which translates to "dishes" or "plates" serves delicious Tuscan food of Northern Italy. Filled with satisfied diners enjoying delectable creations, this very popular place can be quite noisy. To avoid the high noise level, head for the attractive, outdoor, heated patio.

The huge menu is filled with such authentic Antipasti as: Fritto Misto, a mixed fry of calamari, rock shrimp, and vegetables with lemon

Piatti

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La Jolla
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aioli and Cozze, steamed mussels with leeks, garlic, white wine and chili flakes. Ten different salads, several pizzas and a large selection of pasta dishes highlight the menu. Entrees include Osso Buco (my favorite); Pollo della Rosticceria, some of the best rotisserie prepared lemon herb chicken I've ever had; Piccata, thin slices of veal sauted

with capers, lemon and white wine and Agnello all Griglia, grilled lamb loin with rosemary saffron orzo pasta and sauteed escarole. Panini (sandwiches) are added to the lunch menu.

Space doesn't permit me to go into greater detail about the large selection of wonderful dishes. Piatti is not your "run of the mill" Italian restaurant. It's Italy, or rather Tuscany, in La Jolla. Go and you'll be rewarded with superb, real Northern Italian dining. I advise making a reservation. Piatti is open every day for lunch and dinner. Prices are in the medium range. Service is very attentive.

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- receipts that can be used as a tax deduction.
- Remember to have fun and take photographs! Garage sales are a great way to meet neighbors, collectors and other folks in your town.

- Pricing: A general rule is 10 percent of the price paid.
- Don't overlook the endless possibilities of excitement and personal satisfaction in participating in a community garage sale! Some of us

may remember "The Missions" garage sale five years ago, and what a HUGE success our last community effort was.

Yard
Sale →

The Missions Social Committee has planned a Community Garage Sale on November 16th between, 8:00a.m.-4:00 p.m. The seller's registration fee (for ads and signs) is \$2.00. Mail a check or contact, **Christina Niskanen** 348 Benevente Drive (760) 722-5108, if you plan to take advantage of this event.

AVO

Moonlight at the AVO, the winter version of the Moonlight



Amphitheatre, will begin its season on November 7 with "The Boys Next Door," a modern comedy by Tom Griffin. The play is about four mentally challenged men who share a house and try to make sense of this mixed-up world.

"The Spitfire Grill" will run from January 30-February 2nd. This is the theater version of the movie by the same name. It centers on a young paroled woman who builds a new life in a small Wisconsin town.

The third production, Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" is an adaptation of Chekhov's short stories. With "hilarious bursts of comic brilliance," the performance will be presented from March 6-23rd.

This charming theater is located at 303 Main St., Vista. Tickets may be purchased through the VisTix ticket office at 724-2110.

The SUN will shine on Bush Street.

from the San Diego Union-Tribune

SUN stands for Supporting Urban Neighborhoods, the name of the \$275,000 project to fix up the street.

As many as 1,000 volunteers are expected to participate in a paint-and-fix-up event on Bush, which connects with downtown Oceanside at Civic Center Drive on the west.

The project will run from Interstate 5 to Archer Street.

Starting from a simple inquiry by Mayor Terry Johnson, it is the first-ever fix-it project of this magnitude in the city.

A total of 55 homes on Bush are scheduled for face lifts, including paint, landscaping, fencing and new mailboxes.

Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and the areas between the sidewalk and the street also will be improved. Decorated paving and queen palm trees will replace hard-to-maintain landscaping in the parkway strip.

In addition, the street will get a coat of asphalt slurry.

Children's Holiday Parade

Oceanside will hold a children's holiday parade on Saturday, December 7th from 3:00PM-5:00PM. Viewing locations will be on Coast Highway between Wisconsin Ave. and the Civic Center.

Parade of Lights

What better way to get into the holiday spirit then by joining in the fun of the Oceanside Parade of Lights. This festive boat parade will be held in the inner harbor on Saturday, Decem-



ber 14th from 6:00PM-9:00PM. Bring your friends, family, a blanket and your favorite picnic foods and beverages, or go early for outdoor restaurant seating. Then, you can sit back and enjoy the evening under the glow of twinkling lights.

The Fairwinds retirement apartment complex, located at the corner of Mesa Drive and Via Rancho Road, held its Grand Opening on September 21st. With an overall interior appearance resembling a fine hotel, this three story, 163 apartment complex offers many options to its residents. One can choose from a variety of floor plans: Studio apartments (393 sq. ft.); one bedroom, one bath

FAIRWINDS IVEY RANCH

(616 sq. ft.); two bedroom, one bath (822 sq. ft.) and two bedroom, two bath (1214 sq. ft.) The monthly rental rates range from \$1895 to \$4095. Double occupancy is an additional \$400 per month. The monthly rent includes breakfast bar,

evening meal, weekly housekeeping service, basic cable TV, all utilities except telephone, scheduled transportation and social and recreational programs. A full menu breakfast costs \$125 per person/month extra and an additional \$150 per person/month for lunch. Amenities include, to name a few, a full service salon, billiard room, library, game room, gym, laundry facilities, computer center and TV room.

Holiday Happenings

The Missions Social Committee is busy planning two events that they hope will spread holiday cheer throughout our beautiful Missions community.



In a repeat of last year's successful "Night of Caroling" we will again gather to serenade the neighborhood.

Come join us, in festive attire if you wish. You need not have to sing like Celine Deion or Pavarotti, you need only to have a sense of humor (once you hear our singing) and of good cheer.

We will meet at the home of **Linda and Bob Sweeney**, 437 Benevente Drive on Sunday, December 15th at 6:00 PM. Please come and join the fun. We'll be looking for you!

Classified

Do you love candles? Do you love **PARTYLITE CANDLES**? Did you know there is a Partylite Candle Consultant right here in the Missions? The new Holiday 2002 book has just been released! Call and mention this ad and receive an extra free gift when you book your home show. Telephone orders always welcome.

Decorate your home, Celebrate your life and Illuminate your spirit with **PARTYLITE**.

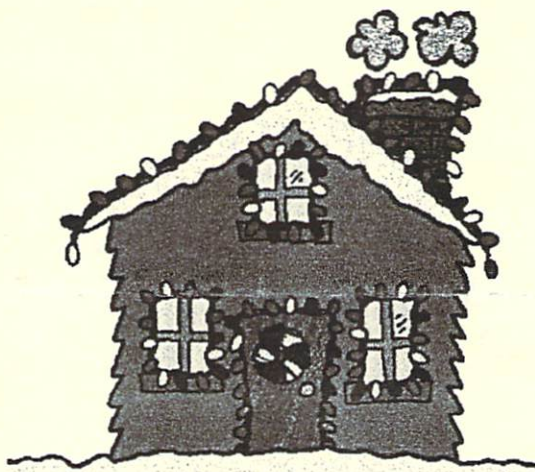
Contact Della Hyland 760-721-9801

Holiday Decorating Contest

Back by popular demand, but with a new twist, the Holiday Decorating Contest will take place on Thursday, December 19th after 6:00 PM.



This year we are changing the format to better assist the judges in their most difficult decisions. This year we will have three First Place winners, each with a prize of \$50.00, generously



donated by the Homeowners Association. The categories will be: Most Beautiful, Most Festive and Most Creative.

If you would like to volunteer to judge this event please contact **Trish Munley** at 721-8887 before December 12th.

Join in making our community a winter wonderland.

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INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE OR HAVE A SUGGESTION
PLEASE CONTACT TRISH MUNLEY.

The Perfect Job!

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned ... couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax. After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job. Next I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was too exhausting. Then I tried to be a chef, I figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme. I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard. My best job was being a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy. I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience. Next was a job in a shoe factory, I tried, but I just didn't fit in. I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income. I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining. So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. After many years of trying to find steady work I finally got a job as a historian, but there was no future in it. My last job was working at Starbucks, but I had to quit, because it was always the same old grind. SO I RETIRED AND FOUND I AM PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

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.

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