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YOUR BOARD

AT WORK

The August 10th Board of Directors meeting was held at Granite Management. Because there were no resident questions or comments, an open forum was not necessary.

The June 8th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved and the financial report for the period ending June/July, 2004 was approved, subject to audit.

The Board discussed the possibility of a web site for the Association. In its very early stages, the site is being developed by resident, Harvey Cain.

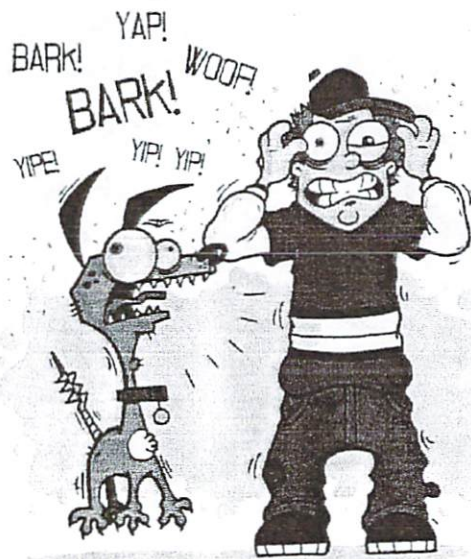
The Board also discussed upgrading the



monument areas. They feel that the recent plantings are helping to discourage foot traffic damage to those areas and enhancement of the existing plants will be applied.

ENJOYING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

For the pet lovers in our neighborhood who own dogs, please be considerate of your neighbors regarding your dog's barking. You may not be aware that, often times, the barking is very disturbing to those around you.



Letter to the Homeowners from President Max Meyerson

By now you have received announcements regarding our Association's change in management companies.

Rod Cope, our property manager, has formed a new management company, Coastal Pacific. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors decided to continue with Rod and his new company. The Board Of Directors felt his experience and knowledge of The Missions and its residents would provide us with a smooth transition from Granite Management to Coastal Pacific.

Coastal Pacific is located at 701 Palomar Airport Road, Third floor. Carlsbad, Ca. 92009. The office

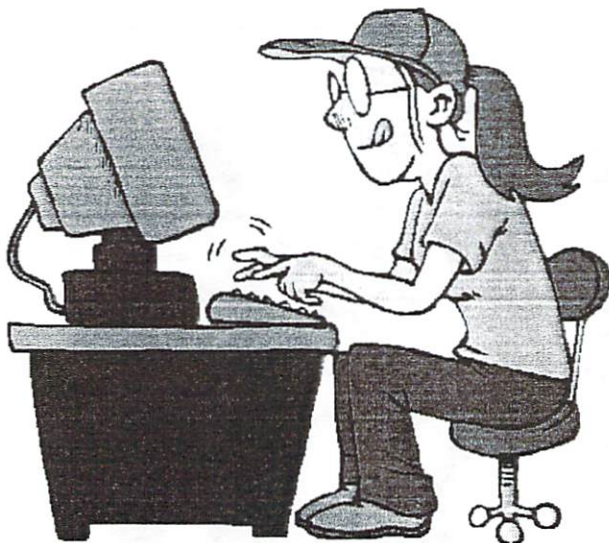


phone is (760) 931-4736. Fax (760) 931-4737.

With the school year in full swing, The Missions is again experiencing traffic congestion, graffiti and vandalism. We urge our residents to report graffiti that is on public property to the City's graffiti hotline at (760) 345-4466. To report police non-emergency incidents call (760) 435-4900.

With the holidays rapidly approaching, on behalf of the Board Of Directors, we wish to extend to you our best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 14th in the Coastal Pacific meeting room at 701 Palomar Rd. Third floor.



Help Wanted

After almost nine years as writer, then editor of *The Mission Bell*, **Trish Munley** will be resigning the editor's position at the end of this year. Therefore, *The Mission Bell* is in need of a new editor.

The *Bell* has been a part of The Missions community since this neighborhood's inception. Many in the community enjoy its informative articles and notices of Social Committee and Board of Directors events and meetings. The *Bell* welcomes new neighbors and keeps you in touch with our lovely community.

Please consider volunteering for this position, which will require only a few hours of your time every three months.

If you are interested, please contact Board of Directors' President, **Max Meyerson** at 967-8970. If you have questions regarding the position, please call **Trish Munley** at 721-8887.

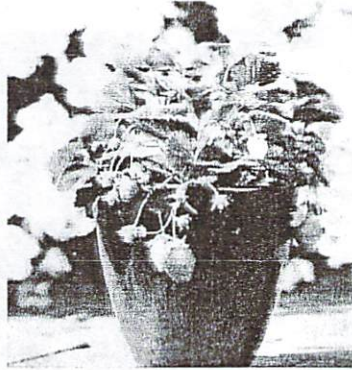
Gardening In The Missions

by Norma Craig

It is fall again! It is one of my favorite seasons, with the leaves turning red and gold, and the days and nights turning cooler. Perfect weather for cleaning up your garden and getting your bulbs planted for the beautiful Spring blooms.

But since I have covered most of the above information in past articles, I want to discuss container gardening. Growing plants in containers can be one of the most rewarding types of gardening. You can let your imagination go wild, move plants around as your mood or the seasons change. There is no limit to the type of plant you desire, from vegetables and flowers, to small fruit trees.

The most important way to be successful is to get the right sized container and the right potting soil. You can match your container to your house style, personal taste or the type of plant you are growing. Some containers work better than others. Plastic pots are very good because they are lightweight and reusable. Also, the roots won't dry out as fast as they do in a clay pot. If the pot is uninteresting in appearance, you can always hide it in a decorative container of your liking. Plants in clay containers need frequent watering. Wood containers protect the roots from rapid temperature swings. Metal containers heat up rapidly, which can damage roots, so use a clay or plastic pot as a liner. Double potting protects the roots from the hot



sun and keeps the soil from drying out so rapidly.

Never use the soil from your yard. Moisture doesn't drain through a pot like it does in the ground. You need a soil that won't pack down too easily or stay wet too long. Buy a commercial potting soil mix or make your own. One easy mix is to use equal amounts of loamy garden soil, screened compost or peat moss and perlite or coarse sand. If you use a commercial potting mix, try to get a coarse-textured growing mix and avoid the dense heavy mix.

Plants in pots need continuing care; watering, grooming and watching for signs of pests and diseases. The biggest hurdle for most plant owners is watering. Do not water too frequently because you can suffocate the roots from lack of oxygen. So when should you water? When the soil is dry to the touch. Stick your finger about 1/2 to one inch down into the soil. If it feels dry, then give it some water.

If you have moisture loving house plants, keep them happy with a "pebble tray". To make one, spread a one inch deep layer of pebbles in a waterproof tray. Then pour water into the tray until the water is about 1/2 inch deep. Set your plant pots on the pebbles. The water in the tray will evaporate slowly, humidifying the immediate area around it.

Have fun designing and arranging your container garden. Just let your imagination take over. Happy gardening!

Carol's Corner

Smoother Ironing - Instantly

To prevent a sticky iron from scalding silk or polyester, sprinkle a bit of baby powder on a cloth and rub it onto the bottom of the cool iron. Heat it until the powder disappears. This creates a silky coating that helps the iron glide over, rather than cling, to synthetic fabrics.

Erase Water Rings Overnight

Rub mayonnaise onto those telltale furniture stains before you turn in. The next morning, wipe the surface with a clean dry towel and polish as usual. The mayonnaise absorbs water from the rings, causing the whitish marks to vanish.

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Temecula Wine Tour A Success

Sunday, October 10th dawned beautifully, especially after early weather reports were forecasting a cloudy, cool day with possible drizzle. The forty-plus Missions residents and friends could not have asked for a more picture-perfect day as their bus made its way to Temecula's wine region.

With Thornton Winery as the first stop, the group was treated to a private wine tour and tasting of four of the winery's selections, to include a sampling of their popular champagne.

The next stop was Mount Palomar Winery where, after a private tasting of seven wines to include a sherry and port, the busload headed to Mount Palomar's hilltop picnic area. Here, amid lovely views, festive spreads of picnic lunches were consumed.

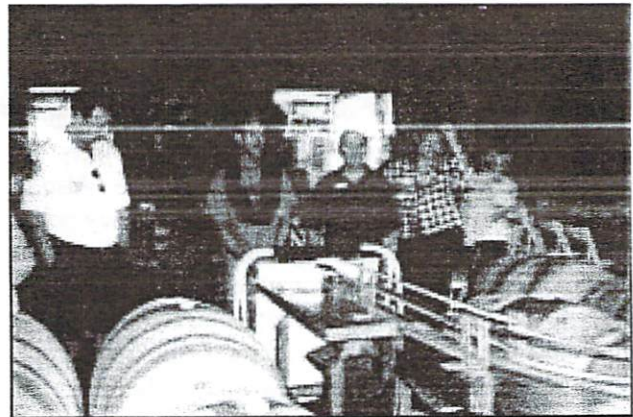


Maria And Michael L'annunziata Are All Smiles

Ponte Winery was next on the agenda, where the group was able to sample six from a list of many different wines.



Tour Leader Terri Nelson looks pleased



A barrel of fun at Thornton Winery

Their final destination, and perhaps the most beautiful and relaxing, was Churon Winery. Seated on a private veranda, surrounded by countryside and the French style chateau of the Inn at Churon Winery, the happy travelers sipped their selections. A gentle breeze enhanced the words of their very able wine steward.

More fun was added to the event when the Social Committee raffled off three "bus" prizes. The first was a beautiful patina iron wine rack which was graciously donated by **Connie and Harvey Cain**. Midway through the tastings, the next prize was offered, a won-

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derful wine-themed cutting board, generously donated by **Carola** and **Jim Phelps**. Finally, as the day drew to a close and the group headed back to The Missions, a bottle of Thornton Champagne with champagne opener, compliments of the Social Committee, was given.



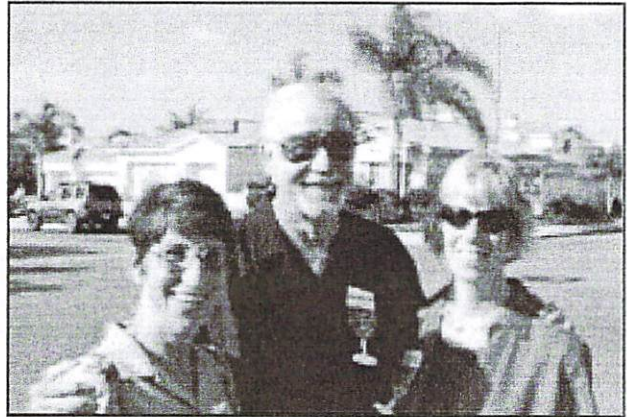
Picnic Lunch At Mt. Palomar Winery



Belly Up To The Wine Bar At Ponte Winery

The Social Committee would like to thank the Cain's and the Phelp's for their donations and to all who participated to help make this adventure such a success.

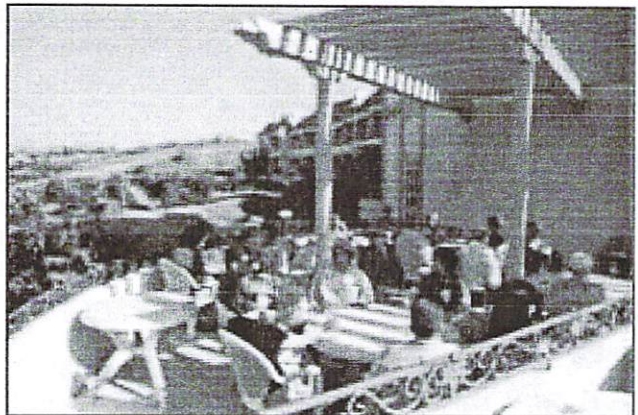
Also, many thanks to the Social Committee for sponsoring this event, to those members who gave of their time and effort and especially to member, **Terri Nelson** who organized and coordinated the day.



Carola Phelps, Harvey Cain And Linda Sweeney Stop For A Kodak Moment



Wendy Duarte, Donna And Mike Padgett Do Some Shopping At Thornton



A Relaxing Finish At Churon Winery

MISSIONS POT LUCK COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Missions Annual Block Party was rescheduled to Saturday, October 30th from 2:00PM-6:00PM with food served at 3:00PM.

This year we have *FABULOUS* raffle prizes to include **two** 20 inch bikes with locks (a boy's and a girl's), a child's bike with training wheels and a power tool set, all very generously donated by residents **Ken and Ann McMullen**.



We also have a beautiful afghan, hand crafted by Social Committee member **Natalie Meyerson**, bountiful gift baskets from the Social Committee and restaurant gift certificates donated by locally owned, **The Corner Cafe**. We will also have a pinata filled with tasty treats for your children.



Please support your Social Committee's efforts and join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

Come and relax, meet your neighbors and, perhaps win one of our wonderful raffle prizes!

We ask that you bring a dish to share, either salad, entree, side or dessert and the beverage of your choice.

The Social Committee will provide all paper products.

Also, we request that you contribute nonperishable food items which we will be donating to needy families at Camp Pendleton.



And, back by popular demand, will be our book and (a newly added) magazine exchange.



Should you care to loan needed tables, chairs and umbrellas, please call Trish Munley at 721-8887 to schedule pickup and delivery of the items.

Please come join us for this once a year, pre-Halloween neighborhood get-together. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Days to Celebrate



Happy birthday to **Norma McAfee** (November 5th), **Wyone Van Soest** (November 6th), **Allan (Van) Van Soest** (December 5th) and **George Goodson** (December 31st) who will soon be celebrating their special day.



Champagne corks will be popping for our anniversary couples; **Terri and Rick Nelson** on November 13th, **Norma and Terry Craig** on December 17th and **Nancy and Bob Lavelle** on December 20th

Condolences

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to **Kim, Steve and Piper Dankworth** who recently lost their precious son and brother **Graham**.

with sympathy



We also extend our condolences to **Heidi and Pat McCrary**. Heidi's Mother, who lived in Germany, passed away

recently.

Yes, it is getting to be that time of year to start thinking and planning for the upcoming holidays. And, The Missions Social Committee has done just that. Their two holiday events have been placed on their calendars, so please mark yours also.

Caroling in The Missions



CAROLING

Unfortunately we can't all sing like Josh Groban or Celine Dion. Frankly, most of us are in the "shower" range. But, that shouldn't stop you! Come join the Social Committee and other neighbors in The Missions community for a fun night of caroling and after-caroling "throat soothers" at the home of **Linda and Bob Sweeney**.

We will meet at 6:00PM on Sunday, December 19th in front of the Sweeney's home

at 437 Benevente Drive. Feel free to "dress the part." Please contact **Trish Munley** at 721-8887 for more information, or if you wish to participate.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The second event to be sponsored by your Social Committee will be the annual Holiday Decorating Contest on Tuesday, December 21st.

Again this year, The Missions Board of Directors has graciously approved \$150.00 in total prizes for three categories. The three \$50.00 First Place prizes will be awarded for Most Beautiful, Most Festive and Most Creative.

Judging will begin after 6:00PM on that evening for those homes that are participating.

If you are interested in volunteering as a judge, please call **Trish Munley** at 721-8887.



We extend a glowing autumn Missions welcome to our new neighbors:



Nicole and Dean Morris
and their children **Alex, Reed and Raina**
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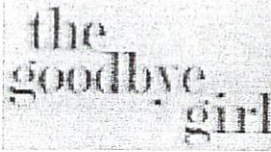
Spring cleaning will be right around the corner. So, start setting aside those no-longer-needed items because The Missions Social Committee is planning a Spring garage sale.



Please check the next issue of *The Mission Bell* for further details as to date and time.

Vista's Avo Theater

This year's 2004-2005 season at the Avo Theater will begin with the musical version of Neil Simon's play, *The Goodbye Girl*. Enjoy this wonderful play, running from November 4 through the 21st in the intimate setting of the Avo Theater, where no seat is a bad seat.



The next production, *Radio Gals* will begin on January 27, 2005 and continue to February 20th. This is a musical comedy set in the late 1920's during the early days of radio.

Finally the season will wrap up in March with *Arms and the Man*, a delightful comedy by George Bernard Shaw.

The productions are shown Thursday through Saturday at 8:00PM and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00PM.

Season tickets are available for \$53.00, however individual tickets are for sale. Please contact VisTix at 724-2110 for additional prices and information. The Avo Theater is located at 303 Main Street, Vista.

Quilt Visions 2004 International Art Quilts



The Oceanside Museum Of Art, 704 Pier View Way in downtown Oceanside, will present a juried international exhibition of art quilts.

Forty-five quilts, representing impressionistic to abstract expressions, will be featured and awards will be distributed at a preview reception on November 6th.

The exhibition will run through January 16, 2005 with

general admission costing \$5.00 and senior admission, \$3.00. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00AM to 4:00PM, and Sunday 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Benefit Ride

If you are a motorcycle enthusiast, or if you'd just like to go along for the ride, come join in the November 20th Toys for Tots Benefit Ride from the Oceanside Harbor Parking Lot #1 at 9:00AM. For more information call 722-2797.



Boat Parade of Lights



One of Oceanside's most anticipated holiday traditions is the annual Boat Parade at the Oceanside Harbor. Brightly decorated boats of all shapes and sizes will make their way, in a festive stream, around the harbor from 6:00PM to 9:00PM December 11th.

Bring a picnic dinner, beverages of your choice, a blanket and lot of friends... then sit back and enjoy this holiday treat.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Ray Chesloff

Grand Buffet

2515 El Camino Real
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What was for many years Coco's Restaurant, has been turned into a huge Oriental buffet by a chain of Southern California Asian buffet restaurants. If you like Chinese, Mongolian Barbecue, Japanese Sushi, Oriental desserts and more, I think you'll enjoy the **Grand Buffet**. It offers an abundance of just about everything you could want within many banks of buffet and steam tables, which are all temptingly displayed. On your first visit, take a quick tour of the many offerings. You will be awed at the

shrimp, the crab, roast duck, New Zealand green lip mussels, dim sum and if you still have room, the loquats for dessert.

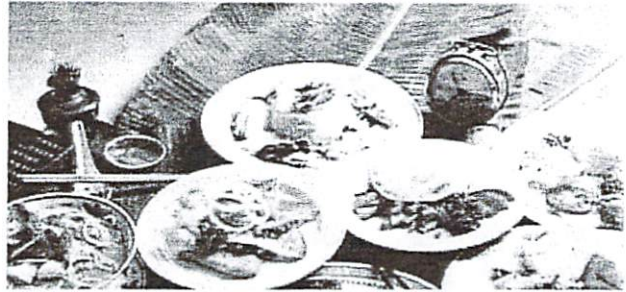
The amazing price for this, all-you-can-eat bountiful repast: Lunch Buffet \$6.99, \$5.95 seniors. Dinner Buffet \$10.99, \$9.39 seniors. Friday and Saturday \$11.99, \$10.29 seniors.

display, some familiar, others new. Partake of as much as you wish.

Everything I tried was well prepared and tasty. I suggest trying the coconut

On Sunday, dinner prices prevail all day and I understand the lunch buffet is somewhat smaller than the dinner buffet. Children's prices are much less and discount coupons have been in local publications.

At quick glance I would think the restaurant can hold several hundred



diners, however, I suggest a reservation for dinner.

Go to the Grand Buffet! It's not to be missed and it's nearby.

Congratulations to resident, **Lucy Farrell**, who was recently chosen as the Oceanside Unified School District's Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year.

Using her teaching credential, Lucy is an instructional aide at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, where she spends one-on-one time with students who can benefit from the extra attention. She also can be found, after hours, lending a helping hand to set up the accelerated reading program at her school. Because of her professionalism and efficiency, Lucy is repeatedly requested by teachers to assist in their classrooms.



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WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT TO HELP KEEP THE NEWSLETTER INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE.
IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE OR HAVE A SUGGESTION PLEASE CONTACT TRISH MUNLEY.

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.

Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times except for what is reasonably required to enter and exit the garage.

In a household with three cars and three garage spaces, two cars must be parked in the garage. The third car may be parked in the driveway. Homeowners with a four car garage must park all three cars in the garage.

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



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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