

PRESIDENTS' PAGE



You missed a great time if you didn't attend our picnic on May 20th at Juanita and Leonard's lovely home in Descanso. We ate and relaxed under the huge beautiful shade trees... had lots of delicious food with good friends and the weather was perfect! A wonderful day was had by all and some of us toured the area in Juanita's gorgeous red roadster...and it has a "rumble seat"!! I'm sure that brought back some memories to a lot of us...what fun we had in "those good old days"!! I'd like for you to become an "active" member and really get involved...we are a busy group but we do have our fun days too! See you at our next meeting. Be happy and stay healthy.

Estella

ED RUNGE to SPEAK JUNE 25TH 7:30pm

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE OLDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9906 MAINE AVE., WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF HEARING ED RUNGE TELL OF SOME OF HIS EXPERIENCES AS A MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRE...HE IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE GREATEST AMBASSADORS FOR THE GAME OF BASEBALL IN THE COUNTRY TODAY.

HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE IN THE 40'S-50'S AT LANE FIELD. HE SERVED AS AN AMERICAN LEAGUE UMPIRE FOR 17 YEARS FROM 1954-70. HE WORKED IN FOUR ALL-STAR GAMES, AND THREE WORLD SERIES DURING HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

HIS MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT CAME WHEN HE WAS A CREW MEMBER OF THE UMPIRING GROUP WHICH WORKED DON LARSON'S PERFECT GAME IN THE 1956 WORLD SERIES.

SINCE HIS RETIREMENT, ED HAS WORKED IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA ON BEHALF OF ALL LEVELS OF BASEBALL AND HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PADRES' SPEAKERS BUREAU. HE IS THE TOP MEMBER OF THE PADRES' ACTION TEAM AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE, ONE OF THE PADRES' MOST FAITHFUL BOOSTER CLUBS.

ED WAS HONORED BY MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DURING THE 1984 WORLD SERIES WHEN HE THREW OUT THE 1ST BALL IN GAME 2 OF THE PADRES-DETROIT SERIES IN SAN DIEGO...HIS SON PAUL IS CURRENTLY AN UMPIRE IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE...ED RUNGE AND HIS WIFE VIOLA RESIDE IN THE COLLEGE GROVE AREA.

THIS WILL BE A LATE SPECIAL TREAT FOR FATHER'S DAY - BASEBALL FANS AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE WITTY, LOQUACIOUS SPEAKER...DON'T BE LATE, AS THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL FOLLOW THIS PROGRAM.

In the bleachers



In the days before organized baseball

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Kruszka, 74, a former member of the Lakeside Historical Society, died on 6-11-90 at a Convalescent Hospital in El Cajon. He was a faithful Padre fan and many persons enjoyed his strong melodious voice singing the Star Spangled Banner before the games at the S.D. Stadium.

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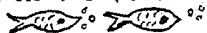
DENNIS THE MENACE



"DAD, COULD YOU MELT THESE OLD ALUMINUM CANS AND MAKE ME A BASEBALL BAT?"

Musings from Marcy

Grandad, Dane Carender and father, Cecil, are having to take a back seat to Cecil, Jr. (J.R.) when it comes to fishing. J. R. has, for the last two fishing derby's brought home prizes for the largest fish as well as the most. The first Saturday he won an \$80.00 rod & \$60.00 rod. The next event he won two \$80.00 rods.



Was good to hear, via telephone, from Bessie Langley from El Cajon. Wanted to change her Zip Code so she wouldn't miss any of the "very newsy newsletters". Says she really looks forward to them.



Don and Marcy Rice arrived at Gull Lake on May 2 to begin their summer stint as camp managers. She writes: We had snow covering our entire campground, a foot of the white stuff had fallen the day before. It gets down to 20 degrees some nights. We are settled in (sort of) among 60 to 80 foot Pines and Aspens.....Cur bird friends must be told (and soon) that we are on a fixed income as they are eating constantly. We have 6 Stellar Jays, 2 Robins, numerous yellow-eyed Blackbirds, some Chickadees and a pair of black-headed Grosbeak - beautiful no matter what they are..... This Sunday we are taking 2 days off - going to Yelington, NV on an overnight bus trip. Have to do a bit of handle pulling before the camp gets busy and keeps us camp bound. I bought a book at the thrift store - "The Pacific Coast Ranges", and leafing thru I came upon a chapter, "Foothills" by Judy Van Der Veer. Guess that's Lakeside's Judy as she says she lives on the El Monte Grant...We had trout for supper last night....Tell everyone 'hello' and let them know we are enjoying the area, blue sky, snow capped mountains, tall pines, clear air--must I say more. Oh, yes, we have no T.V. reception and very little radio so we read and relax. Address: General Delivery, June Lake, CA 93259.



Mildred Whitaker's flag which flew the first time on the Hilltop in 1938 was proudly flying again on Memorial Day - for the first time in about 15 years. It was a beautiful sight.



Remember the Gibbs family that lived on Vine St. in the house now occupied by Sayotovich? They came to Lakeside in 1923 and Mrs.. Gibbs had the most beautiful Dahlia garden on the north side of the house. There were 3 sons, Homer, Ray and George. The only daughter, Ruth, and I graduated from Grossmont High in 1932. She surprised me with a call from Reno, NV Sunday afternoon and we spent about half an hour reminiscing about old times - swimming in the lake (she asked if the boat house was still there), boat riding and hiding in the tulles, helping ourselves to grapes and watermelons in the fields, and I've never tasted any as good as those. Tennis at Lindo Park and picnics at El Monte Park. What fun! For a short time we were 16 again. The telephone is a wonderful invention--why don't we use it more?

Our president, Estella, just returned from 2 weeks in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to visit her son and attend her granddaughter's high school graduation. She took her 12 year old granddaughter, Marta Baca, with her as a combined birthday and elementary school graduation present. They went to Carlsbad Caverns...they really are a spectacular sight; saw the "White Sands" that are so white that it looks like snow and makes you feel cool even though the weather is hot...this is in area where the first atom bomb was tested; shopped in Santa Fe and saw the indians with their jewelry spread out on the sidewalks; rode the tram to the top of the Sandia Mtns. at dusk and watched the lights come on down below in Albuquerque and went to Bandelier National Monument and saw the indian ruins and climbed tall ladders to get up inside the indian caves...it really was a wonderful experience! Then a 2 day stop on way home in Phoenix to visit two 1½ year old great-grandchildren. What a perfect way to end a wonderful trip...and she has 10 rolls of film to prove it!!



Members Lottie & Charles Cook are back from their cruise to Alaska & Canada--Said the Food & Scenery were very OUTSTANDING and the weather a bit cold and half of the people got seasick...but THEY DID NOT !

whoops

WE Say:

Congratulations
to the Graduates!



WE Say:
Happy B-Day
To:

- CLAIRE ALLISON
- GENE ANDERSON
- STAN ANDERSON
- TERRELL BIGELOW
- MARGARET LYONS BRIGHT
- ROY BROWN
- MARY BUTTERFIELD
- DOROTHY CAMPBELL
- EILEEN CARENDER
- LEE CLARK
- FRANCES DESMOND
- HENRY HERMS, JR.
- LEON HERZOG
- HILLIKER'S EGG RANCH
- MARGARET JAMIESON
- TOM JOHNSON
- CHARLES KOUNS
- EDNA KOUNS
- PEGGY KUHNER
- LUCILLE KOUNS LANDIS
- GENEVIVE LAYMAN
- OPAL LEPKER
- MABEL MCLLAIN
- QUALITY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
- MARCELLA RICE
- JOHN SLATER
- LISA ANDERSON SMITH
- SUE SOUTHWORTH
- F.J. WOODS
- FLORENCE WOODS
- GRACE WILKINSON. WRIGHT
- LOWELL ZORNES

Rat ranching



A University of Wisconsin researcher is working with African scientists to see if a giant rat can be raised in captivity for food. The wild rat can grow to three to four pounds in weight and is a highly prized delicacy sold at public markets in Africa. Tom Yuill, associate dean of the School of Medicine at Wisconsin, said there was growing interest in micro-livestock, small animals that are easily maintained in captivity. The \$120,000 project is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Last word: Old-age lament on the bulletin board at Wesley Palms retirement home: To err is human -- to forget, routine.

Lakeside district to notify customers by letter of vote on Stage II water alert

By Laurel Faust
Californian staff writer

LAKESIDE — The Lakeside Water District is sending out letters to all of its customers notifying them of a Stage II water alert.

The district adopted the Stage II alert status during in May, but board members determined Tuesday that a legal ad taken out in a local newspaper did not effectively

communicate to the public the need for a 10 percent reduction in water use.

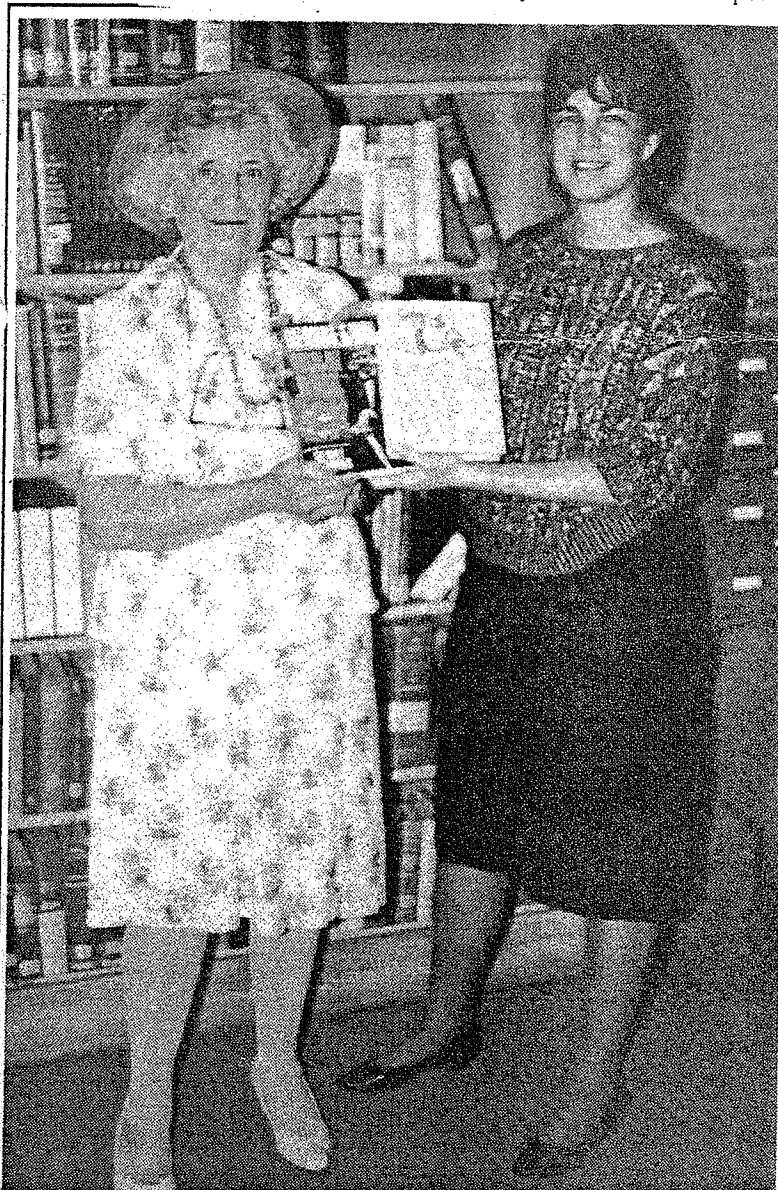
"Water conservation is really just common sense. Put a full load in the dishwasher and the washing machine," said general manager Bob Cook.

The letter notifies customers that the water conservation measures are mandatory. This contrasts with the policy of the city of

San Diego, which opted instead for voluntary conservation measures.

Stage II stipulates that irrigation is allowed only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., although drip irrigation, and hand watering with a bucket or shut-off nozzle hose are permitted at any time.

Watering during the evening hours reduces water loss due to wind and evaporation, the letter tells customers. (laf)



Ann Goodman (left) presented two best-selling books to El Capitan High School's Library last week. Librarian Pam Howard accepted the best-sellers on the school's behalf.



MELANIE BELLANTE BORN 3-20-90
..... IS OUR NEWEST MEMBER
JOHN SINCLAIR BORN 10-5-1895
..... IS OUR OLDEST LIFE MEMBER

HOME-TOWN NEWSLETTER

Charley & Helen Kanady's grandson Dr. Tim Kanady, wife Lynn & son Shane of Anchorage, Alaska spent the Memorial Day holiday in Lakeside...It was the first time Charley had seen his great grandson Shane and Mama Lynn...Aunt Velmalyn Magill furnished a lot of transportation and love as well as the great grandma did.

Frank Bost had heart surgery June 11th and isn't doing too good-so everybody send their GOOD THOUGHTS for him to Lee at the Dean's Photo Place.

Clarabell & Charley Cray flew to Alabama to visit his Father.

Jerry Kephart is working hard toward retirement on his 40 acres of virgin timber in Washington-3 miles south of the Canadian Border on the Columbia River - Sounds like NEAT country, eh ?

Ida Windress has been visiting her daughter Kathleen in Montana.

Vivian Birdsell now resides at Sun City Gardens and would welcome contact with old friends - Call her at 1-714-679-8598 or drop her a line at this address : 2850 Bradley #325, Suncity, Calif. 92381.

On Sunday, June 3, 1990, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, 14 Manzanita 4-H Club members and their families were guests at the Anderson residence on Lakeside Avenue to celebrate a successful year with a BBQ and Pool party. Manzanita 4-H also participated in a "Clean Up Lakeside" day in April when 15 4-H club members and 3 Moms volunteered their morning to pick up trash along Channel Road and Industry Road. Stan Anderson drove the dump truck that was donated by Anderson Drilling. Megan Hayes was the Chairperson for the event. Manzanita 4-H meets the first Tuesday of every month from October through June at 7:00 PM at Lakeside Farms Elementary School. You don't need an animal to show to be in 4-H! The club offers a wide variety of projects for all ages between 7 and 18. For further information about joining Manzanita 4-H, please call 443-3063 or 423-6621.

LAKESIDE DREAM ?

LAST WORD: La Jolla Herb Fredman, a city government guru, says La Jolla is thinking small when it talks of seceding from the city. "It ought to secede from the U.S. and become an independent nation." Monaco did it, says Fredman, with less land and about the same population as La Jolla - 35,000. The country could become self-sufficient by selling visas to visitors, including San Diegans. It could be governed by a monarchy - and titles would go to the highest bidder: "Joan Kroc might pop for \$300 million to be queen." As Fredman sees it: "Before long we could get along without paying any taxes at all."

THURSDAY & FRIDAY ARE DESIGNATED AS RESEARCH DAYS.... OTHERWISE THEY ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.....561-5512

LIFE MEMBER
OLGA
PUHN
WENT TO
ENGLAND
AND
FOUND —

LAKESIDE!



LAKESIDE - West side of Lake Windermere

Special Note to LEONARD PHILBROOK

842 yrs.
of
MARRIED
LIFE
!!!

THE MUCH-MALIGNED ACCORDION is the official instrument of San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors voted 6-4 in favor of the squeezebox despite a last-minute bid by violin fanciers. The first piano accordion made in America was made in San Francisco, a supporter said. "With all due respect to the accordion and to all my ancestors who came here with the accordion, we also are the home of the oldest violin factory in the United States," said Supervisor Angela Alioto, who voted against the resolution. The resolution needs Mayor Art Agnos' signature to become official.



Lois Threlfall demonstrates hand quilting

Quilts Galore

By Betty McMillen/Staff writer

Lakeside's Women's Club held their annual Quilt Show on May 18 and 19 at the 100-year old Community Church in Lakeside.

New quilts and other handmade items were brought in from quilters all over East County. There was also a selection of antique quilts that had been handed down through families.

CALIFORNIA HERITAGE QUILT PROJECT was organized in 1984 to document/promote appreciation of California's quilt heritage..The Machsdo quilt, made in San Diego circa 1850, is now a part of San Diego Historical Society's collection and is featured (along with 41 historic quilts) during the exhibition May 19th - Sept.3rd,1990.

An international exhibition of 83 new works from 900 entries received from 23 states and 5 foreign countries will also be on display May 19-July 15.



- 44th MARTHA♥CLYDE ATKINSON
- 46th ELOUISE♥LELAND BARKER
- 32nd BEE♥RICHARD BESANCON
- 8th ELAINE♥CHARLES BRACK
- 24th MARGARET LYONS♥DON BRIGHT
- 43rd RUTH MARTIN♥BOB BUCKEL
- 54th ELLEEN KOUNS♥DANE CARENDER
- 45th JANET♥JULIAN CONANT
- 8th GAIL♥STEVE COWAN
- 46th CLARABELL♥CHARLES CRAY
- 37th HAZEL♥ED DULING
- 11th MARY♥MARTIN FISHER
- 44th DOLORES♥FREDERICK GRUNER
- 32nd PATSY♥EDD HANNIBAL
- 34th ALICE WEBB♥LANE JOHNSON
- 58th HELEN♥CHARLES KANADY
- 33rd NANCY♥RUSSELL KANADY
- 36th DIXIE CARENDER♥KENNETH LANSDOWNE
- 43rd ELAINE♥JAMES LAWS
- 37th VELMALYN KANADY♥ARTHUR MACILL
- 44th STELLA♥OSCAR MATSON
- 5th MARY♥PETER MOM
- 45th ALLENE♥DALE SAVAGE
- 2nd TERRI ANDERSON♥KYLE VAN DE GRAAFF
- 31st SARAH♥GENE WHITLOW

PALEOBOTANY

Mushroom found preserved in amber is oldest yet known

The oldest mushroom ever discovered has been found encapsulated in 40 million-year-old amber from the mountains of the Dominican Republic, scientists reported in a recent issue of the journal *Science*.

The rare find was made by George O. Poinar Jr., an insect pathologist at the University of California at Berkeley.

The mushroom almost surely had grown on a tree trunk, and resin from the tree covered the fungus before it decayed, preserving it through the ages. A tiny mite was also trapped in the same amber tomb.

The specimen was analyzed by Rolf Singer, a botanist at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and specialist in mushrooms.

He was able to identify the mushroom down to its specific family and concluded that it represented a genus not known before. It was given the new scientific name *Coprinites dominicana*.

San Diego County Supervisor
George Bailey
and the
County Parks & Recreation Department



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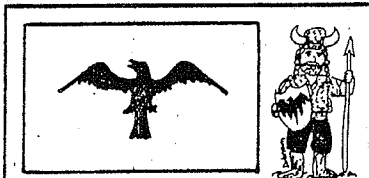
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Place: El Capitan
Open Space Preserve
13775 Blue Sky Ranch Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

Our country's flags

Flags from other countries

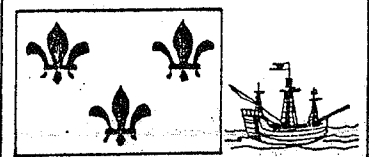
Early explorers and settlers to our country carried their own flags.



The Viking flag was the first one flown over North America, probably as early as 1003.



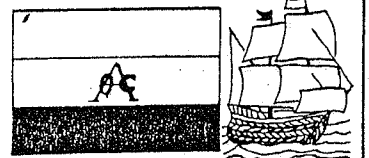
Christopher Columbus carried the flag of Spain when he landed in the New World in 1492.



French explorers carried this flag to parts of North America as early as 1604.



The British Union Jack flew over Jamestown, Va., in 1607 and over other early English settlements.



The Dutch East India Co. flew this flag over settlements in New York as early as 1609.

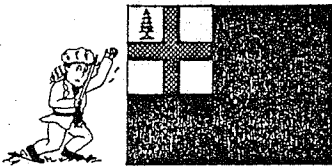
Revolutionary War flags

During the Revolutionary War, Americans fought under many different flags that they designed themselves.

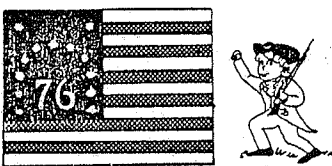
AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



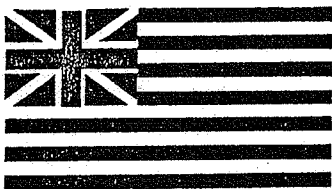
This flag was adopted by the Massachusetts navy in 1775.



The Bunker Hill flag was carried in the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775.



The Bennington flag was flown in the Battle of Bennington, Vt., in 1777.

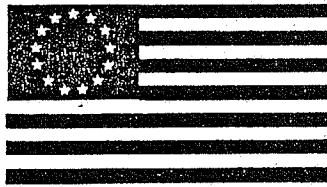


The Grand Union flag was our country's first national flag. George Washington first raised it in January 1776. The 13 stripes stood for the first colonies. The British flag in the corner showed our close ties with the "mother country."

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



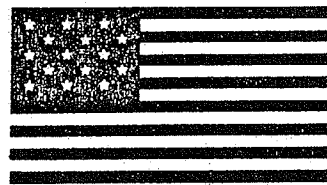
The Stars and Stripes



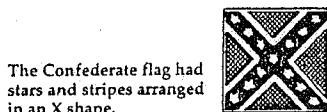
The first Stars and Stripes was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars. There was no set way to arrange the stars. Some versions of the flag used stars in circles. Others used stars in rows.



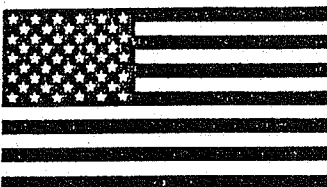
Many people believe that Betsy Ross made the first flag, but this has not really been proven.



When two new states joined the union, then new stripes were added. The flag of 1795 had 15 stars and 15 stripes. One like this inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."



The Confederate flag had stars and stripes arranged in an X shape.



In 1818, Congress realized that too many stripes would spoil the design of the flag. It passed a law saying that there would be only 13 stripes and that a new star would be added for each new state. The last two stars were added in 1959 when Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states.

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* RECYCLING PLASTICS
* LAKESIDE BACKS SEWER CAPACITY
* HERE'S MEDICAL LOWDOWN ON MALATHION

Volunteers
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lending their hands
in every corner of your community.
Now it's your turn

GET INVOLVED

WHO has CONNECTIONS ?

THINK-THINK-THINK-THINK-THINK-THINK-THINK-THINK

WE DESPERATELY need a P.A. SYSTEM.....

WE have wood (cable) reels that need someone with a paint-sprayer....and paint ? ? ? ?

WE need STORE SITTERS to fill in for our "REGULARS" on vacation...10:00 to 2:00? ?

HELP

S.O.S.

News from The NUTTERY

by the NUTTY CARETAKERS
(Clyde & Rosemary Nelson Strickler)

One of Clyde's "not-so-glamorous" job is being CHIEF SANITARY ENGINEER - emptying the fluent wastes from the trailer in his handy portable sani-potty and finding a place to dispose of it... Being an enterprising young (?) man, he discovered an open, concrete-lined trough leading out of the nut-drying warehouse used to release waste waters while washing walnuts... a long metal pipe runs from this into an earth-lined reservoir-type hole.

Being bored, he looked off into the orchard and out of the corner of his eye he caught the movement of a very wet - and VERY INDIGNANT - black and white kitty!!! no one will ever know who was the MOST SURPRISED - the skunk or Clyde - but they EACH took off in the opposite directions.....
.....V-E-R-Y Q-U-I-C-K-L-Y.....

We were told that the same animal had a batch of babies last year!!!
MORE WILD LIFE???

We have all spring-type birds - robins/bluebirds/sparrows/canaries/etc... Clyde has 3 feeders out and we really enjoy them - the poles are 4-5 feet high so the cats don't have bird-dinners... and then - there are SNOW GEESE - so o-o-o- noisy - they sound like avenging Apaches on the warpath! With a little imagination (on a foggy morning) one can actually visualize war-painted savages lurking behind the huge 30 year old walnut trees... If the geese fly really low, all your hear is SLAP - SLAP - SLAP of their wings!! We think we should start the STRICKLER chapter of the SIERRA CLUB and talk about the birds and honey bees!!

Last night the weatherman said rain was expected, ..but didn't mention the WINDS that would accompany it. It didn't RAIN A DROP, but we were convinced (2:00 am) that we would BLOW AWAY in all FOUR DIRECTIONS!
We are both fine, but I think the mold from the walnut tree leaves (400 acres full) causes my midnight asthma - like attacks, but I have aired out everything in the trailer except the dog and Clyde.... It's time for a trip into town and STOP for this SAGA..... Regards to all
-LOVE-

Rosemary & Clyde



IN MEMORIAM

AUGUST PIMENTEL, a dairyman, fisherman, and iron-worker died May 15 at his home on El Monte Rd. He had lived in Lakeside since 1952. Survivors include his wife, Ida; a son, Augie of Oregon; 5 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

HENRY DALE LONG Died May 16, at Mission Bay Hospital. Hank, as he was better known, was the owner of the Texaco Gas Station on Maine and Woodside for 13 years. He had lived in San Diego county for 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen, three daughters, Patty Long and Dale Shryock of Lakeside and Becky Long of Elcajon.



EDITH (Swink) DONAHOO, DOBBS, 74yrs. passed away in her home June 10th after a lingering illness... She was a native of Lakeside, being born 2 weeks before the flood of 1916 which washed away the family home.

Edith was a Life Member of the Lakeside Historical Society, a retired Grossmont High School District Classified Employee and was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America and the Tawasi Club... She took an active part in P.T.A. and all youth activities... After retiring, she enjoyed traveling.

A family graveside memorial will be held at Rosecrans... She leaves a daughter Barbara Dobbs of Santee; a son Dick Donahoo of Lakeside; two step-sons - Jerry and Henry Dobbs; 4 grandchildren-Diana Papworth, Jim & Dick Dobbs and a step-granddaughter Kim Dobbs and 6 great grandchildren... Also two sisters - Carol Pignatelli and Edna Kouns.

Family suggests donations may be made in her memory to Lakeside Historical Society to be used in restoration of the Olde Church in which she attended as a child and later as an adult leader of teen-age groups.

LAST LOOK

Sign in window of auto muffler shop:
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

Prom night is when parents lie awake wondering if their daughter's dream-boat is one of those ships that make a pass in the night.

LAST MINUTE NEWS :

BILL & GERTRUDE DAVIS HAVE RETURNED FROM A MONTH'S RV TRIP TO THE EAST COAST.

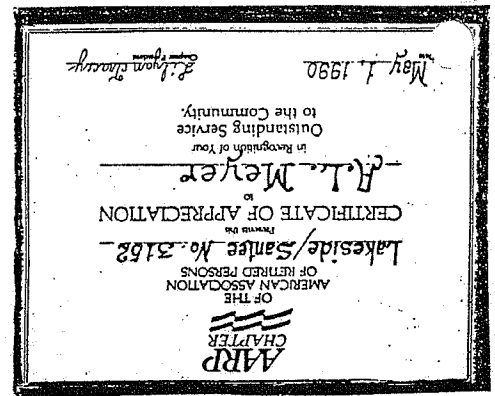
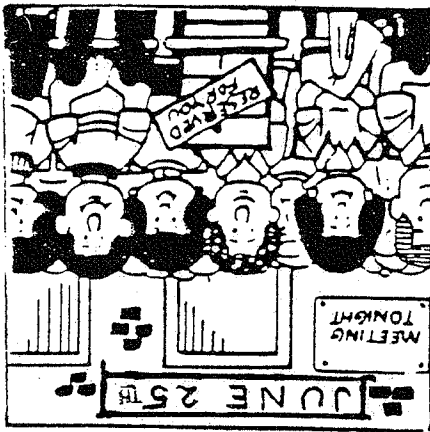
Who volunteers

There are some surprises in the following data on who volunteers among the various age groups and among both the employed and nonemployed.

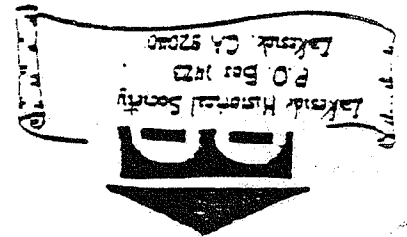
	Volunteer	
Ages 25-34:	44.6%	4.0 hours/week
Ages 35-44:	59.9%	5.3 hours
Ages 45-54:	47.5%	5.8 hours
Ages 55-64:	47.1%	4.7 hours
Ages 65-74:	40.0%	6.0 hours
Ages 75 and over:	28.6%	4.4 hours

Women:	Men:
46.7% 4.7 hours	43.8% 4.8 hours
Self-employed, full-time: 56.1% 4.7 hours	Self-employed, part-time: 59.0% 6.4 hours
Other employed, full-time: 46.4% 4.4 hours	Other employed, part-time: 52.9% 5.7 hours
Not employed: 38.0% 4.7 hours	

SOURCE: 1988 Independent Sector survey, Giving and Volunteering in the United States



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Frustrated Lakeside residents told drug fight depends on them

By David Harpster
Tribune Staff Writer

One man complained that his apartment complex is becoming a haven for drug dealers.

Another said he suspected his neighbors down the street are manufacturing methamphetamine.

A third bemoaned the community's lack of youth recreational activities and other alternatives to drugs.

They were among dozens of Lakeside residents who gathered Tuesday night seeking solutions to the methamphetamine problem plaguing their community.

They were told much of the answer lies with them.

"It's going to be up to each and every one of you and your neighbors," said Deputy Chief Probation Officer Doug Willingham, one of 11 speakers who addressed the crowd at Lakeside Middle School. "Nothing is going to happen unless it comes from you."

Methamphetamine — a highly addictive substance known also as crank, speed and crystal — is the major drug problem in Lakeside, said Sheriff's Deputy Ed Prendergast.

Although deputies are stretched thin in the community and often must cover 80 square miles in just two patrol cars, drug arrests are up.

In 1987, officers arrested 308 people on drug charges in the East County community. Last year, that had risen to 438, Prendergast said.

Many in the audience said they have been victims of burglaries, auto thefts and robberies — crimes that Prendergast said were probably committed by drug addicts to support their habit.

"Nearly everyone is affected," he said. "It is a very complex and far-reaching problem."

Other speakers at the two-hour meeting included Dan Plough, vice principal at El Capitan High School, and Mike Handman, a hazardous materials specialist for the county.

Handman said the chemicals used to make methamphetamine are deadly and are frequently dumped on roadsides, in wells or merely left in neighborhoods where children play.

"They're toxic, corrosive, reactive, flammable and explosive," he said.

To drive home his point, he played a video showing a 35-gallon drum of methamphetamine waste that, when ignited, produced a massive fireball that damaged the insulation of nearby power lines.

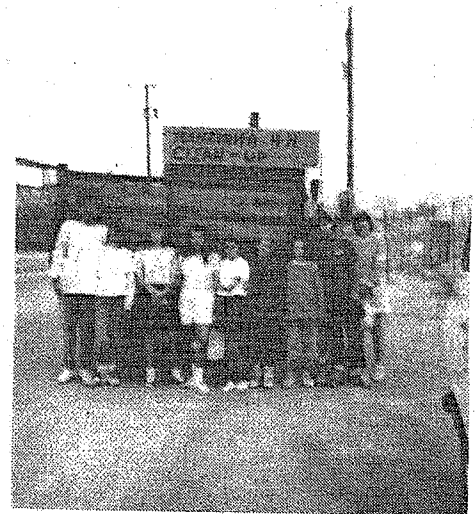
Getting rid of the hazardous chemicals is expensive, too, and can cost the county up to \$1,500 to dispose of one barrel, Handman added.

Some residents say they are frustrated with the drug problem and don't know what to do about it.

"I can't even take my boy to Lindo Lake Park because dealers hang out there," Frank Jenkins, who lives near the downtown Lakeside park, said after the meeting. "I guess we have to do what the speakers said and pull together to tackle the problem."

Supervisor George Bailey, who organized the session, agreed that the fight against drugs must be a community-wide effort.

"It's got to be federal, local, state and individual if we want to stop the drugs," Bailey said.



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