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I have to confess sometimes I just can't seem, to get started on this newsletter. I will not write about trash, so I have to have a subject to kick it off. I was getting close this month when I got a plaintive call from Carl. Like a lot of people, he's had to struggle to keep finding work and since it was the first of the month he called me to ask when he could start delivery. After apologizing for not even started to write I promised him I would have it by the next weekend and asked him for ideas to put in the newsletter. He suggested a couple of ideas, unfortunately neither played out. Later that same evening Sandi told me there was nothing new on TV, so here I am trying to write a newsletter, without really knowing where it will end up?

I have been writing a monthly newsletter since June of 1993,

making this month's edition the seventeenth year? I think my interpretation of Roman numerals may have gone astray some time ago, because I see the last several editions indicated that it was in the nineteenth year already. I don't know where the numbering went wrong, but I have the first copy, which I personally walked around to the neighborhood, and it is dated June 1, 1993. It wasn't long after that when I found Carl and he has been faithfully delivering it ever since.

The first edition opened by saying;

“This is the first edition of what I hope will be a long standing and contributory newsletter, about/and for my neighbors and friends in the Plaza.”

The early editions were smaller and only filled one page and as many in the neighborhood will remember my punctuation and spelling took a lot of liberties.

Many of the early letters were sent back to me, anonymously, filled with red corrections and chastising me for my poor use of the English language. I should never have told people that I was a product of Long Beach schools, all the way through my Bachelor of Science from Cal State Long Beach. I instead tried to explain by saying; I write as I speak, which didn't result in any relief. I don't get any of these type letters any

more, I hope it's because I improved over the years, but it may be that my friends and neighbors just got tired of correcting my writing, or got use to my style. Either way, it's been a great run and we have covered a lot of issues affecting the neighborhood.

One issue, and it's one that I have just sent our School Board a letter about, is the demolition of our Middle School. I addressed the seeming conflict between building new schools and the laying off teachers. Who will staff these new classrooms if we can't afford to keep the teachers we have. I have never heard that we pay our teachers too highly, so the problem is obviously somewhere else? Hopefully, someone at the School Board will respond with a rational explanation. If you have similar feelings, please send him your thoughts;

Christopher J Steinhauser
Superintendent of Schools
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A Farewell to DeMille Middle School

DeMille Middle School will commemorate 54 years of serving students during a Closing Celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 11 in the gym. The school is closing to make room for

the construction of a new, small high school.

Meet the family of legendary movie director Cecile B. DeMille, whose films included "Samson and Delilah," and "The Ten Commandments." Join staff and students for tacos, funnel cakes, one last tour of the school, and drawings for DeMille memorabilia.

Contact the school at 421-8424 for more information.

Cecil B. De Mille Middle School

Farewell Reunion

June 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to all Alumni, parents, teachers and anyone else wishing one last look at the school prior to demolition, scheduled to begin August of 2010.

I was concerned recently because I kept hearing about "Smash & Grab" incidents in our neighborhood. I asked our Community Policing Representative to review the recent "Smash & Grab" activity in our neighborhood. The following was her response;

"There have been a total of 16 reported incidents that occurred between January 1st and June 3, 2010.

- *January (4) 3 occurred the same evening.*
- *February (6) All occurred the same evening.*

- *March (2)*
- *April (3) 2 occurred the same evening.*
- *May (1)*

In all cases, the loss was in plain view inside of the vehicle. The losses were:

- *GPS (4)*
- *Briefcase/Backpacks (4)*
- *iPod/Cell phone (3)*
- *Laptops (2)*
- *Other Misc items (2)*
- *No loss (1)*

Approximately 1/4 of the vehicles were parked in the driveway; the others were parked on the street in front of the residence.

We do not see this type activity throughout the city, but I think the most important thing to tell residents is, do not leave anything of value inside their vehicle. If they see something suspicious, they need to contact dispatch immediately. There is no real secret to preventing this type of crime, other than hardening the target. Make sure there is nothing in your vehicle of value, make sure your vehicle is locked and the alarm set, increase residential lighting and use motion detector lights, make sure that the front yard foliage does not obstruct the view of the street, park as close to your home as possible, and leave your porch light on at night."

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On the real estate front, our prices appear to be holding, but activity has again slowed a bit. The end of the Federal Tax Rebate for home buyers is in part to blame, but the continuing difficult job market seems a more probable cause.

Interest rates are at an all time low, in the neighborhood of 4.75-percent for a 30-year, fixed interest loan. Of course this rate is only offered to buyers with very good credit ratings, but the rate for others is still low.

In April and May we had seven homes go into escrow and during the same time another eight closed escrow. This is pretty good since at any one time we only have, maybe twenty five to thirty homes on the market. The big threat we have been hearing about a great number of foreclosures to hit our market has not materialized. I see a small number of homes being auctioned, due to foreclosure, and a goodly number of these are eventually refreshed and put on the market.

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Please keep me in mind for all your real estate needs, I am ready and willing to do the best job possible for my neighbors and friends.

Last month I included the planning for a potential Dog Park located in El Dorado Park, the

latest word is that one of the sponsors (Nutra Dog Foods) has since had to withdraw from the plan, so until a new sponsor, in addition to Petsmart, comes forth the plan is on hold.

It came to mind, as I was writing; perhaps one of the most derisive issues I presented and supported in this newsletter was the plan to build a Sports Park in the same area of El Dorado Park. That plan was thoroughly trounced, and rightfully so, it would have had a detrimental effect on the park and our neighborhood. It took me a while to realize this and I am still feeling the wrath of a few neighbors. Interestingly enough, the second location planned for the sports Park hasn't made it either, due to environmental concerns and the state of our city budget.

Every now and then I get a call asking why I haven't published a list of recommended service providers from the neighborhood. The reason is simple, I have no control over the quality of work these people provide and found myself occasionally taking flack for other people's failure to provide professional work. I do have my own personal list of people I call on when I need work and I am willing to share that with you at any time, just give me a call. Another source that appears to be working is the Rancho's neighborhood website;

CliffMayRanchos.com

This is a Yahoo sponsored site which can be joined by anyone in

the neighborhood. Once you are a member you will receive emails about happenings in the area and contributors also share experiences with all sorts of contractors and service providers.

If you are not in to email, give me a call and I'll personally search the site for you.

WORK WANTED

One of our neighbors, and a close friend from my years at McDonnell-Douglas, called the other day to ask if I would put a note in this newsletter for her. She is a wonderful person and has been having trouble getting work recently, she is heavily in debt and needs any work she can obtain, She is willing to do most anything, i.e.; house sit, dog walk & care, shopping, anything, just to keep the creditors off her back. Give her a call, you won't be sorry.

Bernee' at (562) 421-5667

St. Mary Medical Center is currently providing free to low cost medical services to seniors at the Long Beach Senior Center. Their care team is dedicated to treating illnesses and promoting healthy lifestyles, education, and preventive care for older adults. These services are available to men and women over the age of 50, encompassing specialty care in the fields of Dentistry, Ophthalmology, Geriatrics, Endocrinology, Pulmonary, Rheumatology, and Podiatry. The clinic also provides free screenings for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, body mass index, fall and balance evaluations, and diet.



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