

May / June 2006



What's Happening in Crest

Welcome Springtime, Our hills are green and beautiful with the April rains. The air is not as warm as we are used to, but we will be having the summer heat soon enough.

This issue has lots of information on events in Crest. The organizations have all been busy. Soon school will be out, and the children will have the long summer break in front of them. The Library will help break the boredom with our Summer Reading Program beginning July 11th. The theme this year is an animal theme, and we have lots of fun programs planned..

Thank you to our loyal readers for their support and donations. If you have information to share with the community, please send it to:

Chris at 447-5826 or by email winters72@hotmail.com

Betty at Crest Library 442-7083 or blucas@thecrestsun.com

The Next Deadline is June 20, 2006



Thursday May 18 at 11 AM

Senior Coffee (or Tea) and Chat

An informal social --

Tell us how we can serve you better--

Computers and seniors--

Explore our library

All are welcome, almost seniors, too!

St Louise Thrift Store has closed as of April 30, 2006

**Thank you to all our loyal supporters for your
donations and purchases.**

**Please do not drop off any donations.
Take them to McAlister's or the Salvation Army.**

Pups Need Loving Daycare Home

**Retired couple looking for reliable doggie daycare person for overnight stays.
Two 7-month-old springer spaniels are obedience and crate-trained and well-mannered inside
the house.**

Other dogs OK. Pay \$30/per night.

Call Rich or Mary at 619.447.7199.

Theater Organ Society of San Diego 2006 Concert Series

on the 4/24 Mighty Wurlizer located at

**Trinity Church
3902 Kenwood Drive
Spring Valley, CA 91977**

Tickets at the Door
\$10 Members – Non-members \$12

May 21 at 3 PM --Donna Parker in Concert
July 16 at 3PM –Mark Herman in Concert
September at 10 PM– Jelani Eddington in Concert
November 11 at 7 PM– Clark Wilson Silent Movie Night–
the classic *Wings* silent movie

For information regarding the concert series or
to order tickets, please contact

Jackie Porter 619-286-9979 or
mail your check made out to TOSSD
5568 Barclay Avenue
San Diego, CA 92120

CREST CLOWNS ON THE MOVE!!!!

UPDATE



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLOWN IN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE? COME
TO THE LIBRARY and

RISA THE MUSICAL CLOWN WILL SHOW YOU HOW.

Place: Crest Library (sign up—442-7083/440-1235)

Meeting Time: 3:15-4:15

Date: Next meeting, June 7

Bring: costume ideas, wig, silly hat, hi-tops, baggy pants, tee shirt, suspenders, big tie, the bigger, the brighter, the sillier the better!

Think about: your clown face. We will learn to put on clown makeup.

Even if you can't get there during that time, we still want you to participate. Call Risa at 440-1235 if interested.

Dress yourself up, your family, your animals, your bicycle—anything goes. It's not too late to join us.



Two of our clowns!

LET'S PUT CREST ON THE MAP IN 2006!!!!



a branch of the San Diego County Library System

Please note our hours...

Tuesday 12 to 8
Wednesday 10 to 6
Thursday 10 to 6
Friday 10 to 5
Saturday 10 to 3

Our Window to the World

105 Juanita Lane 619-442-7083

Our Fax Number 619-442-4972

**Attn:
Teen**

s and preteens- age 8 and up.

**Wednesday afternoons– Your day at the library
. Come for Homework, Games. Crafts.**

In May we celebrate Asian/ Pacific Islander Month

Take a trip to the Islands in the Library
Pajama Night Tuesday , May 23 at 6:30 PM

**Beginning in July,
Our Summer Reading Program:**

[Paws, Claws, Scales, & Tales](#)

**We are a full service library.
We can make color and black and white copies.
We can send and receive faxes for you.
You can borrow videos, CDs. DVDs, magazines,
books on CD, and books on Tape.**

Come visit your library

**Readers Express
7 day check out**

Fortunate Son Walter Mosley
Dark Assassin Anne Perry
Prior Bad Acts Tami Hoag
Sea Change Robert B. Parker
Gone: Jonathan Kellerman
Two Little Girls in Blue Mary Higgins Clark
Dark Harbor Stuart Woods

Crest PTA News for MAY & JUNE

Dear Parents & Neighbors:

This school year has gone by so fast! The month of May will be very busy for us! The week of May 8-12 will be Teacher Appreciation Week . Parents and children are asked to show their teacher how much they mean to them. We are asking that each student participate in the following fun activities each day that week.

Monday – Bring an apple to your teacher!

Tuesday – Bring a note of appreciation to your teacher!

Wednesday – Give some candy to your teacher! (Not too much!)

Thursday – Give a single flower to your teacher! (To make a full bouquet!)

Friday – Bring a smile and a compliment to your teacher! (To make their week complete!)

On May 10th the PTA will be hosting a very special luncheon for teachers and staff with a great theme, but shhhhh! It's a secret! The surprise is part of the fun! Volunteers will cater food and patrol the lunch tables and playground for a solid hour, while teachers and staff relax and have a great home made feast!

This month, Crest Elementary will also be having their OPEN HOUSE on May 18th at 6PM. The evening will start out with PTA Elections in the Multi-Purpose Room. You will also be able to view a great student ART SHOW with over 200 pieces of art , courtesy of the wonderful Art Docent Program. Each classroom has a volunteer Art Docent that teaches lessons on art each month. Don't miss seeing your child's artistic work.

The School Library will house the SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR from May 15th-19th! This year's selection will allow you to BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE or BUY ONE, GIVE ONE FREE! You and your child can decide whether to increase your own personal library or help a teacher increase theirs! Each classroom will have the opportunity to visit the BOOK FAIR on their designated day. Master Card and VISA accepted!

Parents will have their own special event on May 16th. On this Tuesday morning, parents will be able to view and buy books at our very first: MOMS & DADS BOOK FAIR BREAKFAST from 8:00AM to 9:30AM. Have a cup of coffee and danish and browse stress free! The BOOK FAIR will also be open from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on Thursday May 19th at OPEN HOUSE!

While at OPEN HOUSE, don't forget to stop by the ICE CREAM SOCIAL for a FREE Sundae while supplies last! The 6th graders will be dishing out the good stuff and the PTA will donate \$\$ to them to help with graduation festivities! Donations are always welcome, but not necessary!

On June 1st, Crest School PTA will be hosting it's annual END OF YEAR BBQ and SILENT AUCTION! This is a major community event and a fun night for all! Come for a barbecue dinner, bid on your favorite gift basket and meet your neighbors. This year we will have a great D.J. to liven up the event. Volunteers are needed to help serve and flip burgers and dogs, so please give me a call as soon as possible. We are in the planning stages right now! We could always use donations for the gift baskets! If you have a business that can provide coupons or goods, please contact me ASAP! You will be recognized at the BBQ and in our weekly newsletter. A great way to advertise!

Still available for sale is our "A TASTE OF CREST COOKBOOK" at a fabulous price of only \$12. Stop by school to pick one up. 197 recipes from friends and neighbors in Crest. You have to have this!

All proceeds from the above events will go directly to the school to help upgrade their computers and keep us current in this technological age, so please help wherever you can!

Sincerely,
Karin Weiss / PTA President crestptanews@cox.net
www.crestschoolpta.com

<p>Join us at Crest School for the</p> <p>End of the Year BBQ and Auction</p> <p>Thursday, June 1st 5:30- 7:30 PM</p> <p>Burgers, Hot dogs, salads, drinks Watermelon and a DJ</p> <p>Adults \$5 Kids and Seniors \$3</p> <p>Bid on your favorite baskets and items at the Silent Auction. Pick up a tasty morsel at the Bake sale.</p> <p><i>All proceeds go to technology upgrades at the school!</i></p>	<p>"A Taste of Crest" Cookbook</p> <p>will be available at the Resource Center</p> <p>throughout the summer and at the</p> <p>July 4th Event in the Park.</p> <p>Inquires, call Karin 579-3951</p> <p>crestrecipes@cox.net</p>
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Random Thoughts
Millie Colburn Walker

I love my job, my boss and my co-workers. Usually I go to work looking forward to doing my job. I don't do too well in the morning and am not the kind of person who can get up and rush through breakfast, dressing and all it takes to get out of the house. Therefore one of the things

I like best about my job is that I can go in late in the afternoon or in the evening and get the tasks done that don't need interaction with clients, or other employees for that matter.

Someone is always on duty so I am never alone but I can work without interruption. My boss and I can work in the same office on our projects without interaction yet enjoying the fact that the other of us is there.

All of that changed on March 17th around 7:00 pm, and I am anxious to get back to the comfort of my awesome job. You see I stepped out of the office and as I was going down the hallway toward the lobby I slipped and crashed to the floor! I knew something had cracked and I screamed, probably too loud, but that is just the way I express surprise and fear. I landed on my left side and in a flash there were others at my side. "Can you move?", "NO!", "Don't move!", "I won't, I can't", "Do you want something under your head?", "NO!", "Someone call 911!"

Oh-my-God, I felt like I was having a nightmare or I was watching an episode of 911 from a few years ago. Only this was so real and so painful. They all ministered to my needs, and I kept my eyes shut. The paramedics had to scoop me up off the floor with a device that seemed other-worldly. Yes, perhaps I do watch too much drama on tv. The Gurney ride from the hall floor to the ambulance was painful. The ambulance ride from work to the hospital was painful, that is until the EMT asked if I was allergic to morphine. Visions of my husband's relief from a painful cancer while he was on morphine made my answer, an extremely loud, "Not at all," seem out of order in a way but hey, I was in a tremendous amount of pain.

The four times I went through child-birth I never refused the offer of 'a little something for the pain'. I am not a 'suffer in silence kind of gal'. So began an ordeal, the likes of which I never want to experience again. I had surgery, I could easily be in love with the surgeon. I was taken to Mercy Hospital even tho my choice would have been Grossmont.

From the hospital I went to a rehab facility which was a nightmare in itself and a whole book could be written about that experience. There was an insurance mix up so there's another book. Recovery alone is worth many pages.

The biggest obstacle seems to be sitting down at the computer long enough to get these books written before the memory fades. I not only have the procrastination factor but now I have a nagging pain that keeps saying, "Oh go back to the bed where it's more comfortable". Of course the urge to put this off for 'another day' just becomes stronger. I sure won't be able to ask myself if I have something to write about so brace yourselves for more to come when I am feeling better and stronger or get my laptop hooked up to the internet and can compose straight from the bed.

Warning: Meth-fueled ID Thieves are Out for Your Receipts

By Dianne Jacob, Bonnie Dumanis and Greg Cox

From explosive labs to crazed users, to weapons, porn, violence and toxic sludge dumped carelessly in places where children play, San Diegans already know that the ravages of meth extend beyond the individual user. To those familiar with the meth lifestyle, it will come as no surprise that the intense stimulant now is fueling another crime: identity theft.

Last year, local prosecutors witnessed a 30 percent jump in identity theft cases involving meth. An informal survey of local district attorney investigators indicates that 75 percent of suspects in local identity theft cases showed evidence of meth use.

Powerful and highly addictive, meth lends itself to identity theft in the way it affects the body. It revs up the central nervous system and rockets users on sleepless benders for days, sometimes weeks, on end. In the "tweaking phase" of the meth high, it's not uncommon for users to become fixated on repetitive tasks. Investigators who specialize in identity crime say that hacking into computers, stealing mail, counterfeiting checks, and forging documents are the favorite pastimes of the new meth user.

To the addict rooting through a trash bin, your personal information is a ticket to the next high. Each time you use your credit card to buy gas, groceries or pay bills, a little-known State law is working to protect your personal information from these thieves. The Truncation Law requires merchants to block out all but the last few digits of your credit card number on your receipt.

Most merchants are in compliance with the law and have updated their equipment to protect your account number. Others however, are unwittingly aiding thieves. You can help the Meth Strike Force thwart these crimes and protect your good name by taking a closer look at your next credit card receipt. If your card number is printed in its entirety, that merchant is putting you and other businesses at risk of devastating financial loss.

On average, an identity theft victim will spend 330 hours and \$1,400 in out-of-pocket expenses to regain control over his or her financial situation, according to the San Diego-based Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC). That figure does not include time lost from work.

The business community loses an average of \$15,000 per compromised identity, according to the ITRC. Federal statistics indicate that identity theft costs the national economy upward of \$53 billion annually.

By using the anonymous Meth Hotline or the Meth Strike Force website to report businesses that print your credit card number in full, you can help educate those who don't truncate. The Strike Force will contact the owners and help them to comply voluntarily with the law.

Last year, Strike Force officials surveyed recovering meth users in San Diego County to learn more about the connection between the drug and identity theft. One user estimated that 95 percent of addicts traded stolen information for drugs. Another meth user offered this advice to those seeking to protect themselves: "A Dumpster is a box of presents. Shred everything," she warned.

Because the craving for the next fix of meth is so intense, addicts don't think twice about destroying the good names of others. The public must be equally as determined to stop identity thieves by making certain that important barriers to the crime, such as the Truncation Law, are firmly in place.

The Meth Hotline is 1-877-No2Meth. The Meth Strike Force website is www.no2meth.org Both are anonymous.

Dianne Jacob is a member of the County Board of Supervisors and initiated the Meth Strike Force in 1996. Bonnie Dumanis is the District Attorney of San Diego County. Greg Cox is a

member of the County Board of Supervisors and has been active in the fight against identity theft.

**From the Resource Center
By Linda Chase**

**Crest Community Association: Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 pm
May 16: Guest Speaker, Greg Smith, County Tax Collector
Membership Drive starts now!**

**Rental of new CCA building contact Jackie Grace -442-1018
Garden Committee for new building: contact Debbie Fox-442-8058
July 4th festivities Committee meeting, May 25th, 7 pm, Resource Center**

Pick up your copy of CCA minutes at the Crest Library.

**CCA Building should be finished end of July; Volunteer workers for new building needed every Friday, Saturday and Monday. Call 447-7471 for more information.
Crest Kiwanis: Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th of the month, 7:30 am Saturday, at The Crest Resource Center. We are a service organization dedicated to changing the world one child at a time. We invite you to visit and join the fun. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings,**

The Great Duck Race: Adopt a duck for \$5, a chance to win \$1 million dollars and other great prizes. Help Kiwanis raise funds for housing for Homeless Children and Families. Pick up your duck adoption papers at the Crest Resource Center and local stores.

**Crest Coordinating Committee for Fire Recovery: Crest Resource Center
crestrecovery@yahoo.com
May 2, 6 to 8 pm: Seniors Workshop: Eldercare, Medicare, Social Security, and other resources and information for Crest residents. Resource Center.
May 13, 10 to 12:30 pm Digital Camera Class, donation of \$20 suggested.**

The Crest Resource Center will close this summer. CCC Potluck and closing celebration: date to be announced.

Fire folks! Moved back? Please let us deliver a welcome home basket to you.

South Lane Park Committee: Anyone can join. All welcome to help plan. We meet on a semi regular basis to create a long term plan for the park. County parks will begin to plant trees this month. Stop by the Resource Center or call for more information. 619-328-0900

Fire Safe Council Don't be left out! You can still sign up for the EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM- an automatic phone call in case of an emergency affecting our community. Pick up your forms and leave them at the Crest Library and the Crest Resource Center, or mail them to Fire Safe Council, 120 North Park Drive, El Cajon, 92021. Call 619-328-0900 for more information. Want to help! Give us a call!

Fire Safe Council meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Resource Center. Siren will be installed in the next two months- look for announcements.

Crestridge Ecological Reserve; volunteer opportunities to guide students with The Earth Discovery Institute. Call Cathy Chadwick 619-749-5767 or chadgroup@aol.com.

OUR BACKYARD by Christina Seebold

SAYING GOODBYE: Crest says good-bye to two amazing men. The month of March brought the passing of two long-time Crest residents - Roger Lewis and Francisco Muñoz. This article is dedicated to them.



ROGER LEWIS - During the Cedar Fire my next-door neighbor, Roger Lewis, fought the flames as they licked their way up the canyon around our homes, barely escaping through town as the fire shot across La Cresta Blvd. Our two homes miraculously escaped, although the neighbors on either side of us were not so lucky. Roger returned home and celebrated his 70th birthday several days later with a big party thrown by his wife, Francine. He knew about fire. He moved to Crest in 1969, lost his home the following year in the Laguna Fire, rebuilt, and raised two daughters here. Many residents remember Roger and his wife Francine riding bicycles up and down the old grade, and through town with their dog Chica riding in the basket. When the coffeehouse was open, they would sometimes stop in after their ride for refreshments. Roger was full of life, funny, and a great storyteller. One of my fond memories of him occurred at Coyote Country during Halloween. Dave Dotson, as Dracula, was putting on a "scary" skit for the kids. He had asked Roger to perform as someone who had just had the terrifying experience of having caught sight of "the Count" lurking on the streets of Crest. Roger came running into the coffeehouse, weaving between the tables, agitated, obviously horrified, and crying out "Have you seen him? Have you seen him?" He put himself wholeheartedly into the role, and obviously relished every minute of it.

His obituary follows - Crest Resident, Roger Martin Lewis - Athlete, Race Car Driver, Muscle Man and World Adventurer, dies at 72. Roger Martin Lewis died as a profuse snow fell in the quiet, early morning hours of Saturday, March 4, 2006 in Provo, Utah. Roger was born in Riverside, California in 1933, to Grace Elizabeth Martin (of Provo, Utah/Riverside, California) and Roger Lewis Sr. (of Overton, Nevada). Roger graduated from Poly High School in Riverside, California in 1951, attended Riverside City College on a football scholarship, attended Brigham Young University on a Track and Field Scholarship, finished his B.S. at San Diego State University, and post graduate courses at UC Davis. Roger served a 2 ½ year religious mission to Mexico from 1954-1957, serving in Durango, Tampico and Mexico City. Roger was drafted into the U.S. Army (1959-1965) and attended Officer Training School, achieving the rank of Lt. Sergeant. He later settled in San Diego, California. Roger worked for San Diego County Public Health, as a Health Inspector from 1967-1985, and later for Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials as an Environmental Specialist. He was married to Linda Margaret Watson (of Hartsville, South Carolina) from 1958-1974, Connie Marie Iverson (of Takoma Park, Maryland) from 1975-1983 and Francine Garcia Plisich Garcia (Richmond, California) from 1994-present.

Roger was a talented athlete throughout his life. Early on, "Lewy" was known for his prowess on the football field, and as a master javelin and shot put thrower. In addition to his talent on

the football field, he carved a magnificent figure as a title winning body builder. His titles (1955-1979) include Mr. Hollywood, Mr. San Diego, Mr. California, and Mr. United States. Throughout his life, Roger was a talented auto mechanic and had a passion for high performance vehicles and race car driving. This life-long love began in the 1940's drag racing with friends in the orange groves around Riverside County. Roger's idea of a family vacation always included driving very long distances (3,000 miles or more) in a short amount of time (3-5 days). Roger was a great adventurer, driving and traveling over much of Northern Europe (Denmark, Austria, Germany) and England, Scotland, and South America (Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, and Chile). He spent his post-retirement years racing his "Baby-Grand" as a class 4 racer at Sears Point, Laguna Seca, and around Baja California. His amazing personal ethic of self-discipline, hard work, and practice propelled him to excellence in every aspect of his life.

Roger loved San Felipe in Baja California. He was one of the very first "gringos" to visit that sleepy Mexican fishing village in 1959. He spent many of his weekends throughout his working life, and many years of his retirement there. He had a powerful life energy that attracted all kinds of people. He was interested in and accepting of other's eccentricities. He was a great conversationalist and loved a good story. It is hard to believe such a man, larger than life, can be gone so soon. He died two years after suffering a massive stroke in 2004.

He is survived by his daughters, Sunny (US Navy Captain Paul Stewart) and Luz (Jorge Perez-Alcazar), his grandchildren Zachary, Grant, Noah, and Wyatt (Stewart) and Ivan and Sage (Perez), his wife, Francine Plisich Garcia (of Richmond, California), and his sisters Sharon Stagg (Yucaipa, California) and Luanne Cosby (Seal Beach, California). He is preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Grace, and his first wife, Linda.

A portion of Roger's ashes will be laid to rest with Linda in South Carolina and with Roger and Grace in Riverside. The remainder will be spread by his wife Francine along the shore of their "morning walk", in the Campos of South San Felipe. Roger-our grand figure of strength, energy, adventure, spontaneity and discipline-you will be greatly missed. The earth is definitely a more boring place without you. Rest in peace.

One of the guests at Roger's 70th birthday party was my former neighbor, Francisco Muñoz, who died 2 weeks after Roger. The following obituary by Jack Williams, is excerpted from the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Saturday, April 1, 2006. To read more about Francisco's remarkable life online, go to www.thecrestsun.com Click on past issues, then Nov/Dec 2005, "Meet your Neighbors".



Francisco
Muñoz

FRANCISCO MUÑOZ, 86; FOUNDER OF BAJA AIRLINES LOVED TO FLY He was a famed author's passport to Baja California, a daringly resourceful pilot and the inspiration for a song - "The Kissing Captain" - that glorified his nickname. Francisco Muñoz logged close to 25,000 hours of flying in his lifetime, many of them as the founder of Baja Airlines, which he operated until its closure in 1970. It never would have happened, however, had he not left seminary school after one semester to follow his dream. "He realized he would never be a priest, although his family wanted him to be," said his daughter, Amy Muñoz Friedlund. "He had been building airplanes since he was little, and he wanted to fly." Mr. Muñoz, who at 19 became the 237th commercial pilot licensed in Mexico, died March 20 at his home in Crest. He was 86. The cause of death was complications from Parkinson's disease, Friedlund said.

Much of Mr. Muñoz's colorful career was tied to his decade-long relationship with author/adventurer Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of fictional lawyer Perry Mason. The pair met in 1960, when Mr. Muñoz began flying Gardner to sites in Baja that inspired six nonfiction books.....When they first met, Gardner's celebrity status failed to register with Mr. Muñoz. Then, as Mr. Muñoz flew Gardner from Guerrero Negro to San Diego in his twin-engine Cessna, he realized this was no ordinary passenger. "I thought Oh, my God, I've got Perry Mason on board!" he told the San Diego Reader in a 1995 interview. Mr. Muñoz, known to Gardner as "Don Francisco," practically made a career out of shuttling scripts, mail and secretarial replacements between the author's Temecula digs and the Baja outback. Fred Astaire, Leo Carrillo, James Arness, Chuck Connors, and Desi Arnaz also requested his services. And he was the private pilot of Miguel Alemán, president of Mexico from 1946-52, during a presidential campaign. In 1967, when Dean Jones was critically injured on a motorcycle deep in Baja, Mr. Muñoz flew the actor to safety and was credited with saving his life.

Mr. Muñoz's "Kissing Captain" moniker stemmed from the way he greeted female passengers as they boarded and left. A Mexican quartet wrote a "Kissing Captain" song describing his warm and affectionate demeanor. "He was the kind of a person you knew well even if you only talked to him for 15 minutes," Friedlund said. "People were attracted to him." The eldest of nine children, Mr. Muñoz was born April 15, 1919, in Parras, Coahuila, Mexico, and raised on his well-to-do grandparents' ranch. He fell out of favor with a bishop in seminary school by asking too many questions, he later recalled. Mr. Muñoz finished high school in Monterrey, Mexico, and worked as a butcher to pay for flight lessons. Two months short of his 18th birthday, he earned his private pilot's license after fewer than 10 hours training. After two years of flying passengers on sightseeing trips, he earned his commercial license and joined Aeronaves de Mexico.

In the late 1940's he briefly changed career paths by working in the concrete industry in Coahuila. "He had a house made of concrete," Friedlund said. "Then he bought a plane for use on the weekend and little by little starting flying people again." On a business trip to San Diego, Mr. Muñoz learned that Tijuana was lacking and air service. In 1955, he started Baja Airlines with a four-passenger Cessna 170 and established residences in Imperial Beach and Bahia de Los Angeles.

Mr. Muñoz began flying deep-sea parties up and down the Baja peninsula, shuttling supplies into fish camps on the Gulf of California and its islands. He expanded his service to fly teams of oceanographers into Baja for research. The oceanographers' projects led to the establishment of D.K. Ludwig's expansive salt works at Guerrero Negro Lagoon. From 1974 until his retirement in 1983, Mr. Muñoz worked full-time as a pilot for Exportadora del Sal, the operators of the salt works. His assignment:shuttling plant personnel back and forth to San Diego and to mainland Mexico.

After a divorce from his first wife, Guadalupe Valdez, in 1968, Mr. Muñoz moved his main residence from Imperial Beach to Crest. He lost the home in the 1970 fire and rebuilt. Then he lost it a second time in the 2003 Cedar fire. Again, he rebuilt, refusing to abandon his panoramic view and the apple and avocado trees he loved. Survivors include his wife, Anne Leysl Semler of Crest, daughters, Olivia Muñoz of Imperial Beach, Amy Muñoz Friedland of Rancho Peñasquitos and Rebecca Muñoz Sanchez of Chula Vista; son, Francisco Muñoz Jr. of San Diego; sisters, Pilar Aguirre of Ensenada, Genoveva Tames of Queretero, Guanajuato, Mexico, Refugio Marca of Mexico City, Socorrina Hernandez of Queretero and Clemen Junco of Mexico; brother, Jose Luis Muñoz Cegallos of Guadalajara; eight grandchildren' and one great-grandchild....

Critters in Crest

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Mice

By Shelton Stanley

Some people in Crest have mice, but most probably don't. When we were baiting for rats, we found 12 dead rats but only *two* dead mice. A neighbor, on the other hand, has had more of a mouse problem than a rat problem, and he only lives about 120 yards away from us. We both live on "the edge" of Crest. The mice I am writing to here, tend to stay within a relatively small territory of 15 to 25 feet in diameter all of their lives! Yes, that's what my research turned up. There isn't much on *field mice* on the Internet either!

When I thought we had mice, because I'd seen "*one*", I bought one of those traps that you wind up and when the mice go into the hole, it swats them into a chamber, trapping them. You would then later dispatch them by drowning in a bucket of water. Well, I had that trap for over two years and never caught a single mouse. So I gave it to the above mentioned neighbor. No word yet if he's caught any mice.

As a child of seven or eight years of age, our family was staying with friends in the San Jose area in a good sized house that was infested with mice. My father told me that he would give me a quarter if I caught one with my bare hands. That was a princely sum to a child my age in those days, but we both knew it would probably never happen. Mice are fast on their feet and could easily out run a child, of that age, much less an adult.

But, I got lucky! I heard mouse noises in the kitchen trash can and upon investigation discovered a mouse eating the crumbs inside of a cookie package. I grabbed the cookie bag and clasped the opening shut, thus capturing the mouse inside. I yelled for my father who took the bag from me and then set it on the floor and stomped on it. I was a bit surprised, but then, would he just let it go? outside? when it could find it's way back inside again? I had no idea! He had killed the mouse!

He threw the bag and mouse back into the trash and gave me a quarter. I was happy and forgot all about the poor mouse's demise.

Later in life, in my pre-teens, I was spending the night with an aunt and uncle that lived in Santee in an old rented dairy farm house. The cows were long gone but while they were renting there, the milk barn was dismantled and hauled away. The house was old and it was easy for mice to get in for shelter and to look for food. (The area where that dairy used to be is now a housing project off of Prospect Avenue in Santee..)

We were watching TV on this particular night when I saw a mouse walking along a wall. My aunt saw it too, but my uncle had his eyes glued to the TV. I said **BOO** in a loud voice and that mouse jumped straight up in the air about two feet and then ran off. My aunt and I laughed really hard while my uncle was trying to figure out what we were laughing about. It took us several minutes to be able to explain it to him.



The house mouse (*Mus musculus*) is a small rodent with a body 1 ½ to 2 inches long that has a slightly pointed nose; small, black, somewhat protruding eyes; large, scantily haired ears, and a nearly hairless tail. The tail is about 90% the length of the body. The adult mouse weighs between 2/5 of an ounce to an ounce. They are generally grayish-brown with a light gray or whitish belly. There are likely some in Crest, but, the field mouse (*Microtus Pennsylvanicus*) is also likely to be found here. The Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) is probably present in Crest too, but mightn't be as much of a nuisance in or around the home. The field mouse is slightly larger than the house mouse, and the deer mouse is larger yet, reaching seven inches long, including the tail.

Many mice (there are approximately 1100 species) can be problematic. They will eat just about anything, though they prefer seeds and insects.

Being generally nocturnal, partly to avoid predators, they feed mostly at dawn and dusk, but will nibble whatever they can find throughout their day (night). It's their nibbling that causes so much food damage to human foods, not the amount that they eat.

CREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

MEETING DATE AND TIMES FOR OUR REGULAR MEETINGS HAVE CHANGED: We will now be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Crest Resource Center.

Great news! Thanks to Chief Jobes, the siren was ordered and will be here the week of the 28th of May. Chief Jobes has taken care of all of the permits needed and has even secured a pole from SDG & E to be used for the siren. Look for the announcements of the connections date and the first test on the sign board. You will also receive a call from our notification system of the date and time of the test if you have signed up.

Members of the CFSC have become certified for special programs from Office of Emergency Services. These two day classes provided our community with a computer program to collect and store data for our community as well as be the conduit for connections to other emergency services. More on this program and to see it in use will be demonstrated at our CFSC meetings.

Your CFSC is now working on the data entry for the Crest Emergency Communication system. Our goal is to get all data sent off by the end of May. We still will be collecting data but will not do any additions until after the 4th of July Celebration. If you still have not signed up, come by the table, sign up and meet your CFSC board.

Grant writing, additions to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan as submitted by OES (evacuation element), and working on information for our community to become a FIREWISE COMMUNITY are the next few months of meetings. If you can contribute any time or ideas come and share.

A SPECIAL HAM RADIO EVENT FOR CREST AT SOUTH LANE PARK JUNE 23-25TH. COME, PARTICIPATE, AND LEARN! The partners of CFSC who will be assisting us in communication, evacuation, and education will be setting up a mini-ham radio area to participate in a National Ham Radio Event. Our residents are invited to observe, ask questions, and try for themselves, ham radios. The CFSC will be BBQ'ing lunch from 12-3 Saturday at the south end of South Lane Park. There will be a fee charged for the lunch, sodas and water. Come join in the fun and learn how we can keep ourselves safe. Any questions you can email us at crestfiresafecouncil@yahoo.com or call the Crest Resource Center at 328-0900.

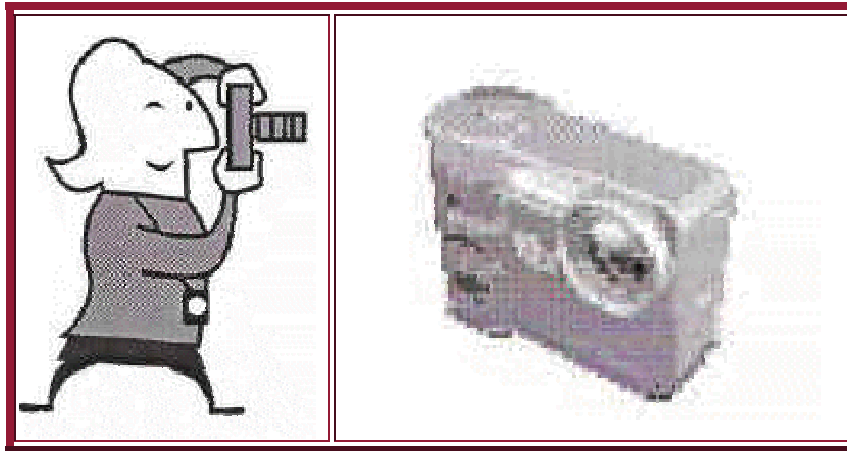
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On the Internet

Here is a new site to check your area to see if there are sex offenders near your house and schools. <http://www.familywatchdog.us> When you visit this site you can enter your address and a map will pop up with your house as the small icon of a house and red, blue, green, dots surrounding your entire neighborhood. When you click on these dots a picture of a person will appear with an address and the description of the crime he or she had committed (lists rapists

and child molester locations) The best thing is that you can show your children pictures, and see how close these people live to your home or school. This site was developed by John Walsh from Americas Most Wanted. Another tool to help us keep our children safe

Tips and Tricks with Digital Cameras



When: Saturday, May 13 10:00 - 12:30 p.m
Where: Crest Resource Center

Considering the purchase of a digital camera?

Have a digital camera but don't know how use it?

Want to learn how to save, enhance, print, and create
slideshows on PC computers, create photo CDs and e-mail photos
to your friends?

Join Us - Call 517-9838 to register!

**A suggested \$20 tax-deductible donation to the Crest Community Center
will be collected at the door.**

This seminar is Sponsored by Hj-Technologies located in Crest, CA

WANT YOUR OWN PERSONAL TRAINING IN YOUR HOME?

**With a minimum of 8 participants, your can have your own digital camera
training with your friends in a fun and relaxed setting. Call 517-9838 for details.**

SOUTH LANE PARK UPDATE

On April 10th, the County Parks Dept. came before the Planning group to present the plan for South Lane Park. Kandhy Franklin Collins and Linda Chase were there to answer questions. The restoration has begun with the planting of 100 native trees: oaks, sycamores, and poplars. There is a plan to limit vehicular traffic in the park, with a gate to be placed at the north end,

and logs to be positioned around portions of the perimeter. See the accompanying plot map. A larger colored plot plan can be viewed at the Resource Center. Thank you Keith Lowry!

The focus of the initial planting is primarily in the southern half of the park. Concerned community members have been meeting to develop a plan for restoring the northern half of the park to a native habitat. On April 19th. a meeting was scheduled with Richard Halsey, a land restoration expert from Escondido, and his brother, landscape architect, Steve Halsey. They have been asked to assist with the plan. Unfortunately, only 5 residents attended. Steve is willing to go to the American Society of Landscape Architects and ask for volunteers to help our community do a design implementation workshop.

He asked that we write him a letter requesting their help. They suggested we have at least 20 people representing all aspects of the community who would use the park. Linda suggested the following groups: Crest School, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Eagle Scouts, park neighbors, Equestrians, Crest Library and Historical Society, County parks, Crest Community Church, St. Louise Church, CCA, Friends of Crest, and Crest Kiwanis as well as the current park committee. This way many folks will have input in the park plan, and not feel excluded. If you would like to participate in the park plan or have any questions please give Linda Chase a call at the Resource Center - 328-0900.

Also note...the Resource Center will close sometime in mid July. The staff will be busily preparing for the closure during the month of June.

If you want South Lane Park to be improved there needs to be some commitment to help. Linda is currently soliciting 3 different volunteers for the following:

1. Make phone calls to remind folks of meetings.
2. Help set up a calendar of meeting times.
3. Help put together a binder of what has happened so far.

Please let Linda know what you are able to do. She has put together a list of the committee members email and phone numbers for the phone person. The county started planting trees on Monday, April 17th.

Contact Monday thru Thursday: Crest Coordinating Committee for Fire Recovery 120 North Park Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021 (619) 328-0900

CREST COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 20
NANCY JANE PARK**

SETUP 7AM-8AM

SALE 8AM-3PM

**NO SPACE RENTAL OR RESERVATIONS
JUST SHOW UP!**

**IF YOUR ITEMS ARE TOO LARGE TO TRANSPORT,
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