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Equestrian News

By Deirdra Vierra, Andrea Gutman and Linda Fullerton

2012 has seen an increase in equestrian-related advocacy and activism throughout our "communities of interest" (Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Sun Valley and Sunland/Tujunga). SHPOA is very committed to supporting local equestrian advocacy organizations. Starting with SHPOA's unprecedented open-air, weekend meeting in May at the Stonehurst Park arena, here's a quick recap of the year's activities:

- **SHPOA Equestrian and Trails Committee** – we re-named our Trails Committee as the "Equestrian and Trails Committee" and added equestrian expert Deirdra Vierra to our experienced leaders James and Andrea Gutman and Linda Fullerton.
- **Redistricting** - SHPOA was a leader in the redistricting battle that preserved our "community of interest" of equestrian and country-style neighborhoods. This benefited all local equestrian communities.
- **Land Use** - the SHPOA Land Use Committee and the Equestrian and Trails Committee continued to fight to maintain trails and equestrian zoning throughout Shadow Hills.
- **Trails** – we continued to pursue insurance settlements that garner funds to repair trails, fencing and trees damaged by car accidents along Sunland Blvd. and Wentworth Street. We have obtained thousands of dollars in the past few years. We greatly appreciate the generosity of several Shadow Hills residents and the Hollywood Beautification team who help fund and maintain our trails, fencing and trees.
- **Equestrian Motions with LA City Council** – we have worked closely with ETI, Corral 20, The Equine Advisory Committee, Councilman Richard Alarcon and Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes on motions and improvements related to Trail Crossings, Barn Standards, equestrian information on city websites, and more.
- **Daily Fodder** – a significant portion of our Daily Fodder service relates to equestrian news and issues.
- **Newsletter** – a significant portion of our newsletter relates to equestrian news and issues.
- **Website** – we are updating our website and it will include a new section devoted to our equestrian community.

(See *Equestrian News*, p. 2)

Rock Star Visits SHPOA September Meeting

By Dave De Pinto



Richard Stewart, the originator of our local "rock structures" or "Cairns," was the featured speaker at SHPOA's September community meeting, themed "Beautifying Shadow Hills." Attendees heard a captivating story about a man who was doing local cleanups of weeds and litter and one day stacked a few rocks and liked what he saw... and the rest is history.

The "Cairns" have inspired many of us to appreciate the simple beauty of our properties and local landscapes. Richard, we are very appreciative of you and your wife Susan - thanks for being such good friends of Shadow Hills, and thanks also to local "artists, photographers and naturists" such as Judy Young, Roger Klemm and Nancy Woodruff for sharing their work and passion at our meeting. To people who attended our meeting, Richard is offering to create a custom Cairn for you at your home. You'd need to email him at richard@richardpaint.com and provide your own rocks to pursue this generous offer.

SHPOA plans to initiate new, local beautification projects to build on recent clean up efforts in the Hansen Dam area, efforts by Elektra and Gerry Kruger's "Heaver Retriever" clean up program, and pent-up local desire for preserving the beauty of Shadow Hills. We have a few volunteers already willing to help out. If you would like to help out, contact SHPOA at shpoa@shpoa.us.

NOVEMBER SHPOA MEETING

AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- HOLIDAY CHEER
- SHPOA 2013 ELECTIONS
- ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

WHEN: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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- **Public Safety and Neighborhood Watch** - we coordinate 14 different Neighborhood Watch efforts and work with LAPD, LA Sheriff, ETI and many others to keep the Wash safe and accessible for equestrians, pedestrians and joggers.
- **Membership and Horse Licensing** - we have conducted an unprecedented outreach effort to increase SHPOA's membership and to increase horse licensing which, in turn, benefits the equestrian community.



I Care for Cairns

By Nancy Evans

Perhaps it was March, maybe April, when the stone cairns began to appear along Wentworth in Shadow Hills. Some seemed to be family groups; others were statues turning a talus flow into a place of beauty and solitude. I had no idea where they had come from, but somehow I felt that the community had been blessed with their beauty. Asking around I found that no one knew his name, but they had heard that this man had built similar cairns in Sylmar and La Tuna Canyon. It seemed that he did this as a loving gift to the area.



Suddenly, I began to notice that they had been knocked down and destroyed. I immediately blamed the vandals who damage our mail boxes, scrawl graffiti on our walls and our trails, and mar the beautiful places in our community. Sometimes I noticed that the cairns had been rebuilt.

Then I was hospitalized by a stroke.

My friends and family spared me the reports on "Daily Fodder" from area residents who were angered or perhaps frightened by the possible religious or racial significance of the cairns. Returning home, I was saddened that we live in a world that has become so suspicious of the motives of others and takes so little time to become informed.

The internet yields literally heaps of information about cairns. They are harmless and have a long history of use around our world. To some, cairns have religious significance, to others they are markers of the way across a treeless plain, an arctic waste, or the grave of one who passed away in an inconvenient place. In our own country, they were built by Native Americans, by Pioneers and Explorers, and even Boy Scouts. I think you can still get a merit badge for trail marking and cairn building. In
(See *Care for Cairns*, p. 4)



**Introducing the
New Shadow Hills Little Free Library**

By Lisa Wood

Editor: Just when you thought the Cairns had captured the essence of beauty and creativity in our community, we get this: our very own Shadow Hills Little Free Public Library, located at 10518 Johanna (Shadow Creek Ranch, the home with the little stream) near the intersection with La Canada Way. This information was contributed by Johanna neighbor Lisa Wood.

"You requested stories, photos, etc. regarding Shadow Hills, about our community. One of our neighbors from up the street on Johanna Ave. has made a little "house" that is a book exchange. It's not much bigger than a large mail box, but someone has taken the time to hand-make this gem. And there are even doggie treats at the Library! I just thought that might be a nice story. All the neighborhood kids have fallen in love with this. Okay...thanks a bunch for hearing me out!!!!"



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other countries cairns mark special places. Stonehenge is a cairn, as are many other historic structures in Europe and Asia.

A simple pile of rocks, even walls and huge rock piles are considered cairns. It depends upon the meaning behind the construction. There is historic evidence that cairns have been built, torn down, rebuilt, and added to. As you read about cairns, you realize that our displeased residents are responding to these cairns as people have throughout history. "If you don't like it, tear it down." However, someone else who appreciates the beauty, or the gift, or the meaning may build it back up again.

Antoine de Saint Exupery, who authored *The Little Prince*, wrote the following about rock cairns:

"A rockpile ceases to be a rockpile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral."

This is beautiful; to many it bears a strong religious significance in the word Cathedral. But a cathedral can also mean a place to worship the beauty that surrounds us – a place to revel in the works of Mother Nature.

I wanted to meet this man. Knowing that he would be there, I attended the SHPOA meeting on Tuesday, September 11th. The focus was upon beautifying our community. Richard Stewart, "the rock statue man" or "the builder of the cairns" is a simple man who bears none of us malice. He gave a short talk, and showed many pictures - he and his wife are contemplating a coffee table album that might raise funds for local projects. Richard built each cairn as an act of love: a love of nature, a love of the task, and as a gift of love to the place and the people that might enjoy it.

Thank you Richard for making our community a unique and more beautiful place.



**Coming To Your Neighborhood Soon....
Our New Website!!!**



Thanks to the many SHPOA members and Shadow Hills residents who have contributed their photography and artwork for our new website. We have more than 100 incredible photos and images to grace our website home page and inside pages. We plan to launch the new site at our November 13th SHPOA meeting, so your artistic contributions are welcomed on an ongoing basis! We have been very impressed by the quality and depth of artistic experience possessed by Shadow Hills residents. We welcome your involvement in our community!

**Welcome New LAPD Senior Lead Officer
Don Boon**

LAPD and Shadow Hills Neighborhood Watch are excited to welcome Donald Boon as our new Senior Lead Officer (SLO). There has been an uncharacteristic amount of change and re-organization taking place the past few months at LAPD's Foothill Division. Now with Captains Sean Malinowski and Stephen M. Carmona at the helm, and Michelle Rodriguez, SLO for Sun Valley and southeast Shadow Hills, Don Boon will complete the "line up" for our Foothill community.

A former Marine who served in Special Operations, SWAT and counter-terrorism, Don has been with LAPD over 18 years, and brings expertise including street patrol, narcotics, gangs and the homeless. For most of his LAPD career, Don has served these Foothills, so he knows us well already! You may reach Don by phone 818-634-0705 or email 31095@lapd.lacity.org.

Safety on Our Streets

By Dave De Pinto

As you may know, many trees and brush are overgrown throughout Shadow Hills, posing fire and safety dangers, and are in need of trimming. Some of these locations are public city properties and some are private residences. SHPOA is working with our council office and city agencies to take care of city properties. We implore everyone in Shadow Hills to take responsibility for keeping your and adjacent properties safe from fire and safe for motorists, equestrians and joggers/pedestrians. If you know a location where SAFETY is impeded by overgrown brush and trees (Stop Signs, Speed Limit Signs, Horse Safety Signs, etc.), please contact SHPOA at shpoa@shpoa.us and we'll make sure it gets taken care of. Please don't wait; the life you save may be your own or that of a loved one or friend!

**Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church -
An Evening of Courage and Inspiration**

You are cordially invited to an evening of courage and inspiration! On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the Glendale Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will present "In Our Own Voice" at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church. This free event will feature the autobiographies of two extraordinary young adults who are learning to thrive in the face of mental illness. Both speakers were diagnosed with mental illness as teens. They will recount the dark days when they were first diagnosed, how each learned to accept their illness and reach out for treatment, and how they are celebrating their successes and planning for the future.

One of NAMI's mottos states: "Mental illnesses can affect persons of any age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status and are not the result of personal weakness, lack of character, or poor upbringing". This presentation is open to all adults and teens and we hope you will come away inspired. There will be time for questions and answers with a reception to follow. ***If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the church office at 818-353-2500.***

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Day of the Horse

By Deirdra Vierra

The "Day of the Horse" Resolution was presented by Richard Alarcon and the entire City Council in honor of Day of The Horse on October 5th at Van Nuys City Hall. Dale Gibson, Lane Bensco, Billy Washington and Shawn Jones were on horseback and rode through the promenade to the steps of City Hall to help celebrate the event. Councilman Alarcon and Councilman Buscaino got up on horseback for a few photos as well. Members of our community were honored with certificates of appreciation for their dedication to the community and to the equestrian lifestyle.

Those honored were : Doc Larsen, Bert Bonnett, Otis Wallace, Randy Horton and Liz Helms. Members from the Los Angeles Equestrian Advisory Committee - Dale Gibson, Mary Benson, Lynn Brown, Scott Perez and Melanie Coto - were on hand to receive the Certificate declaring the first Saturday of October to be "Day of the Horse" in Los Angeles County.

No Declawing

by Elektra Kruger

In late September 2012, Governor Brown signed a Bill which bars landlords from forcing renters to declaw or devocalize pets to reduce noise and property damage. Per this Bill, a landlord may not reject a tenant for refusing to have these surgeries done on their pets and they cannot advertise their rental units in such a way as to discourage renters having pets with claws or vocal chords, however, they may still enforce a "no pets" policy.

"Country Living" in Shadow Hills

By Dave De Pinto

SHPOA was recently informed by CD7 Councilman Alarcon that it would be recipient of an AB1290 grant of approximately \$5,000 to assist in community beautification efforts. In this case, SHPOA is working to install 2-3 "Country Living in Shadow Hills" signs (much like the existing sign at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church). Such signage would naturally call attention to our rural, country and equestrian lifestyle by being located strategically on major roads such as Sunland Boulevard and Wentworth Street. We want to promote and take pride in our community and do all we can to enhance it's beauty and our property values. We will update you on progress related to this project as it unfolds.

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Pilgrims and Native Americans at Shadow Hills Preschool!

By Kathy Shanley

Shadow Hills Preschool students will celebrate Thanksgiving with a yummy Turkey Luncheon on Wednesday, November 21. Each class will spend the morning making one item to contribute to our lunch. At 11:30 all students, dressed as Pilgrims or Native Americans, come together to share our feast of turkey, fresh vegetables, homemade applesauce, corn muffins and a special dessert. It's a great tradition enjoyed by students and staff.

In December, our main event is the celebration of Christmas and the birthday of Baby Jesus. On Wednesday, December 12, all students will perform for our parents and friends. They practice and rehearse and then present a most enjoyable performance of songs and verse. This has been an annual event for years and is guaranteed to entertain

Update on Multiyear/Discounted Equine License Fees

by Elektra Kruger

In late September 2012, the City Attorney presented to the City Council - upon their request - a Draft Ordinance authorizing the Department of Animal Services to issue multi-year and discounted equine licenses. Currently the cost of annual equine licenses is \$14.00. The proposed Ordinance provides for a discount of 10% for a one-year license (does that mean an annual fee of \$12.60 which is 10% of the current \$14.00?), 20% for a 2-year license, 30% for a 3-year license, 40% for a 4-year license and 50% for a 5-year license.

Because the Ordinance involves a mere change in fees and will not result in any impact, direct or indirect, on the environment, it will be exempt from CEQA as alterations in fee structures do require public hearings per California State code. SHPOA will keep you updated on this matter.

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Why You Want to Plan for Long Term Care – Reason #3

By Seth Walsh

Would you go to a dentist to have your car repaired or go to your doctor to have him review your Will? No, you would want to go to the appropriate professionals to have them take care of your needs in their given field of expertise, right?

Well it's the same with long term care. If you don't plan, guess who you will need to rely on for help? That's right, your family. Is anybody in your family a care giving professional? A nurse? A licensed Care Coordinator? A doctor?

How will your family members know how to tackle this problem? I know I didn't when my mother needed care. Neither did my brother. Yet we were tasked with taking on another full time job of caring for our mother. Don't get me wrong. I loved my mom and wanted to be involved, but I wasn't trained for what was coming down the pike. And looking at that in retrospect my mother would have gotten much better care if my brother and I weren't the ones trying to plan it and then implement it. We weren't trained for that.

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**2012
"Spirit of Johnny Carpenter"
Honorees**

The 2012 "Spirit of Johnny Carpenter" Honoree's were chosen by the New "Heaven on Earth" Ranch Board of Directors at their September meeting. The award was created to honor the legacy of the late Johnny Carpenter - stuntman, cowboy and actor, whose original Heaven on Earth Ranch stood on Foothill Place in Lake View Terrace for almost 25 years. Johnny taught physically and mentally challenged children/young adults how to ride a horse.

The awards will be hosted by Courtship Ranch, 11270 Dominica Avenue in Lake View Terrace under their new covered arena, on Friday November 16th, 2012, 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is free.

This is the 10th year of the "Spirit" awards. The first eight were hosted by All Nations Church and included Johnny's tradition of having a Thanksgiving dinner, like he did for his kids. The Reel Cowboys agreed to host last years awards at their December 2011 monthly meeting.

The honorees are well known to the community. Rene Hererra is the President of Foothill Mounted Patrol. He is with the Los Angeles Fire Department and his tireless effort to organize FMP has not gone unnoticed. Michael Carpenter is the one who started this all in 2003 when, in his capacity as consultant for All Nations Church, told them about Johnny Carpenter and the original ranch. The Senior Pastor said to "bring it back." Foothill Mounted Patrol has been out front in making our area safer for all riders. They are an all volunteer unit.

For more information about the event and how you can participate or to RSVP, please call 818 470-5235, email: lamikec@yahoo.com. You can also visit NHOER's web site: www.NHOER.org or go to Facebook and "like" them under New Heaven on Earth Ranch.

Past honorees of the "Spirit" Awards are:

2003: Ahead with Horses, Judyth Foley, LA Bridges, Phoenix House, Tierra Del Sol, Vaquero Heritage, Valley Vaqueros, Valley View Vaulters, Valley Village.

2004: Lee Diebold.

2005: Otis Wallace, the Reel Cowboys.

2006: Cile Borman, Pacoima Graffiti Busters.

2007: Phyllis Hines, Sunland Tujunga Lions Club, Joe Soto.

2008: ETI Corral 210, Station 24 LAFD, Foothill Division LAPD.

2009: Fritz Bronner, Royan Herman.

2010: Andrea & James Guttman, Eva Lund, Richard Troy.

2011: Nancy Woodruff, Sue Bartlett, Robert Stephens.

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Weekend Tujunga Wash Patrols?

by Elektra Kruger

The Council District AB1290 Fund provides funding to each of the city's 15 Council Districts for redevelopment or community services within those districts. For a 10-week period this summer the Foothill Division of the LAPD and the Valley Traffic Division conducted weekend patrols in the Tujunga Wash, the weekends being the time of greatest violations to the Hansen Dam Regional Park's (the Wash area) rules and regulations.

Given that sufficient funds remain in the CD7 portion of the AB1290 Fund, in late August 2012, Councilmember Alarcon presented a Motion to City Council asking that \$44,880 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P Account No. 281207 (the account for CD7's Redevelopment Projects-Services) be transferred over to the Police Fund No. 100-70 Account No. 001092 for "Sworn Overtime" to support the weekend patrols of the Wash. City Council approved the Motion at its September 4, 2012 session.

Overview of LA Equine Areas - Update

by Elektra Kruger

Given the important role our horse trails have in the City, equestrian leaders are seeking to update the City's General Plan for equine areas and to develop a list and map of public equine areas. In an effort to encourage this, Councilmember Alarcon presented a Motion to City Council asking that they direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to prepare and present an overview of all City-Owned equine areas and the work that is being done to maintain, improve, expand and promote these areas.

There has been an immense outpouring of public support for this Motion. Public comment has included: requesting the City website be updated to include locations of all public trails and equine facilities; creating a COHESIVE trail network linking City recreational areas; noting the need for improved safe passage for all recreational users - pedestrians, hikers, runners, dog walkers and equestrians; and suggesting decomposed granite pathways.

There were offers of and urgings to make use of venues such as SHPOA meetings, the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee, Neighborhood Councils, and any number of other local community equestrian groups to allow City agencies and "communities of interest" to discuss bringing this motion to fruition. Offers of outreach capabilities such as SHPOA's Daily Fodder and the



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websites of countless organizations such as SHPOA, ETI and its many individual Corrals and Neighborhood Councils were also made.

Comments were also made regarding the known therapeutic and restorative health aspects of interaction with horses and the need to retain access to, and support for, equestrian facilities offering these services. SHPOA will keep you updated on the progress of this Motion.

Installation of Trail Crossings - Update

by Elektra Kruger

The Department of Transportation (DOT) submitted a report based on community input to Councilmember Alarcon as Chairperson of the City Council's Parks Committee in late July 2012. According to DOT, equestrian trails need to be officially dedicated and connected. But then where they cross high speed arterial roadways, a mere marked crosswalk is not as effective as DOT desires and they recommend further consideration to determine if full traffic signals or an equestrian-actuated flashing yellow light could be justified.

These locations would additionally have "equestrian crossing" warning signs installed (with "Share the Road" messages). DOT recommended that elevated, equestrian-level push-buttons be installed at all existing, as well as potentially newly-installed, signalized crossings along with the equestrian warning signs. DOT recommended locations to include:

- Foothill Blvd. and Orcas Ave.
- Foothill Blvd. and Wheatland Ave. (LVT)
- Foothill Blvd. and Osborne St. (East)
- Bledsoe St. and Olive View Drive
- La Canada Way and Sunland Blvd.

(See *Trail Crossings Update* on p. 12)

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(Cont'd from **Trail Crossings Update** on p. 11)

Personally, I see an oversight in not including:

- Wentworth St. and Mary Bell Ave.
- Wentworth St. and Wheatland Ave.
- Wentworth St. and Stonehurst Ave.
- Sunland Blvd. and Wheatland Ave.

Both Foothill Blvd. and Sunland Blvd. are designated as Major Highways in the S/T et al Community Plan. Wentworth Street is designated as a Secondary Highway and both are designated as streets with equestrian trails. It is DOT's hope to have the equestrian trails located off the roadway and not to have equestrians in the street mixed with high speed traffic.

Thankfully, we here in Shadow Hills have our off-road trail on Sunland Blvd. which is maintained by SHPOA. Unfortunately, Foothill Blvd. in LVT has only intermittent trails off-road. This does need to be addressed. SHPOA will keep you informed as to further action on the part of DOT.


Sordid History/Status of Wealtha Project

By Elektra Kruger

In 2007, Moshe Zemach pleaded "No Contest" in court to operating an illegal rock/gravel operation in a residential area (the intersection of Wealtha and Wentworth) and was fined \$650,000 to be placed in a Community Improvement Trust Fund, initially to be under the management of a court appointed fund manager. The intent of the Fund was to compensate those that had been negatively impacted by the Project and the Community itself would have a say in how the monies would be dispersed.

Fast forward to 2009 - no payment had yet been rendered to the Fund and Mr. Zemach engaged in a variety of legal maneuvers up to the point that we heard Mr. Zemach had filed bankruptcy and was incapable of paying the \$650,000. That, however, was in question since, despite a claimed foreclosure of the Wealtha property and a personal bankruptcy case having been filed by Mr. Zemach, the City Attorney stated that he was prepared to show evidence to the court that Mr. Zemach and his companies actually did still have \$2.5 million in property assets.

Fast forward to 2010 - no payment had yet been rendered into the Fund. The next judge to hear the case (number 4?) called the District Attorney and Defense Attorneys



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to join him in chambers, a meeting which led the District Attorney to believe that if no payments were made soon toward the \$650,000, Mr. Zemach would be remanded to custody. It was agreed that Mr. Zemach would pay \$1,000/month into the Fund. At a court appearance before the 5th judge to hear the case, a \$10,000 check was deposited into the Community Trust Fund.

Fast forward to late May 2012 - yet another court Hearing (how many does this make?). Yet another new judge was warming the bench (the 6th now to hear the case?). Mr. Zemach still claimed inability to pay the \$650,000. The District Attorney informed the Judge that it was up to Mr. Zemach to provide proof to the court that he was truly unable to pay the fine and that failure to do so would constitute a violation of his probation. The Judge stated that it was the burden of the people (the City) to prove willful failure to pay the fine. The DA had to remind the new Judge that it was by order of a prior Judge hearing the case that it was to be up to Mr. Zemach to do and produce the accounting, something that was never done.

Mr. Zemach's attorney mentioned that there currently is \$40,000 contributed in the account by Mr. Zemach, thus Mr. Zemach is NOT willfully failing to pay into the account and IS following court orders to pay the fine - at least pending the outcome of an appeal.

Mr. Zemach's attorney told the judge that he would be willing to sit down with the District Attorney and present documentation of property foreclosures his client has faced to assure the court that there is no willful desire to disobey any court order. Documentation would include a list of properties owned by Forum Engineering and Forum Sand and Gravel (Mosche Zemach's corporations) on the basis of which he is claiming bankruptcy stating that all properties owned by the corporations "lack value".

The current judge apologized for not being familiar with the history of the case and doesn't really know "where to (See **Sordid History Update** on p. 14)

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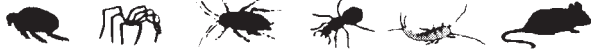
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(Cont'd from **Sordid History Update** on p. 13)
go" (aren't judges supposed to review the history of cases on their dockets?). The District Attorney stated that he does not believe the \$1,000/month payments having been made or even whether Mr. Zemach now owes anything at all - however did believe that a third party "forensic accounting" is in order.

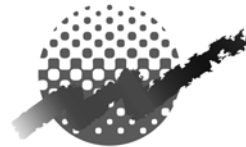
The latest - At the late May 2012 court session, the now 6th judge to be presiding over the case that has dragged on for so many years, stated that the case would be continued until late August 2012, that all orders initiated by prior judges, e.g. the status and conditions of "probation" shall remain in effect, that Mr. Zemach shall produce forensic accounts, that both councils (i.e. Mr. Zemach's attorneys and the City's District Attorney) are to meet and confer prior to this next scheduled court date and present the outcome of this meeting, and that at the next scheduled court date Mr. Zemach shall present the accounting to the court and an argument for the ability/inability to pay the \$650,000 fine. At the October court session Mr. Zemach's attorney did not show up, nor did he advise the court and, thus, there was no court session. The case was then continued until December.

In Remembrance of Grace Forrest

By Chris Arlington

Grace didn't want a funeral, Grace didn't want a memorial, but no one ever really heard her say she didn't want a celebration of her life - and that is exactly what 60+ family and friends did under the shade of the trees near the horse arena of Stonehurst Park - we celebrated Grace's life.

Many had tales to tell of their experiences with Grace through the years. Carol Roper and Grace met in the late 50's or early 60's at a stable where both were boarding their horses. When the stable closed, they - along with a number of others - moved to the Shadow Hills area. Carol's first home in Shadow Hills was close to that of Grace Forrest's and she would occasionally



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One day, there was Grace in what would one day become her arena and in front of her was a great big hole – a hole that was to be a posthole. She was digging the hole with a coffee can and a tablespoon. Carol offered her a shovel and post-hole digger, but Grace declined the offer because “the arena ground was too sandy and the only way one could dig a posthole there was with a coffee can and a tablespoon”. That was Grace – and that was the way she did it.

Grace was always a good eater – 6 eggs for breakfast was not beyond the norm – so she decided to get a flock of chickens so she could get her own eggs. Mixed in with this flock happened to be a rooster. He was a handsome rooster and Grace really liked him. But one day, for some reason, the rooster attacked her. It was a short battle which Grace quickly won having grasped the rooster by the neck, swung him around a few times and popped him into a pot. He made good eatin' that night.

Shadow Hills will sorely miss Grace.

Helpful Hint of the Month for the Horse Owner

By Dr. Lindsey Brown

A full list of Helpful Hints for the Horse Owner is shown on the SHPOA website (www.shpoa.us). Due to length, we'll cover one tip per issue of our newsletter.

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