



Crown Hills News

November, 2003

FIRE

Friend and Foe

It can warm us, it can cook our food, it can provide light to comfort us in dark places - and it can terrify us when it runs out of control, wild and unstoppable. Such was our experience last week in Alpine and in many other places in the county. The loss of precious lives is the most tragic and painful aftermath, the loss of homes, vehicles, family pets and our wildlife follows a close second. We in Crown Hills were not excluded, five of our neighbors and friends have lost their homes completely. Others saw scorching of landscaping and some melted hoses, light fixtures, etc. **But we are all alive!** Thank God for that. Our hearts go out to our dear friends whose homes were consumed by the fire in Crown Hills: **Joe and Diane Dahlheim, Bill and Jane Mitchell, Dorothy Morey, and Darin Gabriel.** All on Begonia. Then on Larkspur, **Susan Lancaster.** **Other people close to us who have lost their home are the children and grandchildren of Crown Hills residents, Betty and Tom Seaman. This family's name is Valerie and Patrick O'Neil.** These people send their thanks for all of your support.

Many have already asked about how they can help our friends and neighbors as they struggle to rebuild their homes and we have been busy setting up a system whereby you will be able to do just that. It was felt that gifts of money or gift certificates from WalMart, Target, Robinson's-May, Macy, Dixieline, or Home Depot would work best and would avoid duplication of items needed. Please put your gift in a sealed envelope with the names(s) of those to whom the gift is to be directed. If you have questions, please contact Mary Kay Bradford on 659-9351 or Sandy Garman at 659-2117. **OR easiest still, just drop off your gifts at the office.** If Paul isn't there, just slip the envelope in the mail slot in the door.

RJT, the builder/developer of Crown Hills, has been contacted by Paul to try to obtain the original plans for the four Begonia models and, happy to say, they been able to locate those plans and will send them on to us. Thanks to RJT, an architects fee can now be avoided, saving some money on the rebuild. And they are going to rebuild, exactly the way they were in the beginning! That's good news. RJT has offered as much help and information as they need to complete the rebuild in a timely manner.

Many stories keep coming in about how people have been affected by our tragic fires. There have been many unhappy, unhealthy, unpleasant consequences as a result of what we've had to endure. **But,** we have so much to be thankful for! We keep good, positive thoughts for the bright future we will have. With God's help, the help of our friends and neighbors, and our perseverance, everything will be fun once again in **Crown Hills!**

Once Again We Have Occasion to Pay Tribute to Our Alpine Firefighters:

Alpine Fire Protection District Roster.....

A Shift:

Captain Brad Rushing
 Engineer Bill Paskle
 Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Champlin
 Firefighter Paramedic Patrick Dotson

B Shift:

Captain Rick LaZelle
 Engineer Doug Thomas (Absent - Workers Comp)
 Firefighter Chip Howell
 Firefighter Mike Mead
 Firefighter/Paramedic Colby Ross

C Shift:

Captain Bob Withers
 Engineer Cliff Crane
 Firefighter Dave Archibald
 Firefighter Mike Vacio
 Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Boggein

Administrative Staff:

Deputy Chief Doug Naylor
 Fire Inspector Mary Tedesco
 Finance Officer Jean Moore

And the four brave men who literally saved Crown Hills on that awful Sunday.....

In Truck ME217:

Captain Bob Withers
Firefighter Mike Vacio
Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Champlin

and in his own vehicle:

Captain Brad Rushing,
and our own Dave Kebert who fought along with the firefighters!

Will there ever be a way to fully express our gratitude to these men who daily risk their lives to save ours? Not adequately I'm sure - but we can take the time to tell them when we see them how much we appreciate the tremendous effort they made to save our community. Write, call, whatever. We need to remember if they had not come we could have been literally wiped out! And remember, the one's who weren't here were just as busy fighting the fires in other places without sufficient rest, hour after exhausting hour. God bless every single one of them - Crown Hills loves you all!

I Will

"I hope" is very positive, and yet "I will" is even more so. "I might" gets you facing in the right direction, while "I will" takes you all the way there. "I'd like to" helps set goals, and "I will" makes them happen. "I should" is good at nagging, but "I will" is the master of achievement. Crown Hills is an "I will" community!

Manager's Bulletin Board

We have many things to be thankful for this Bittersweet Thanksgiving Season!

Everyday things that certain people do for us include:

- *Hand delivering CH Newsletter to every home.
- *Delivering delicious cookies to the office by Dylan and Jim Mulvaney!
- *Picking up trash as she walks her dog, Bambi - thanks Shelly Thomson!
- *Other trash picker uppers are Georgia and Tito Cruz, who make periodic sweeps of our neighborhoods.
- *Of course, there are many others of you who take the time to bend over and remove trash. This does make our community a much nicer place!

A very personal thanks to all of you who take time to give our manager and his helper a smile and a friendly hello, and something to make us laugh when we sometimes are frowning and otherwise occupied with serious business! We appreciate your understanding and help to "lighten up"

NOW.....THANK YOU, HUGS AND KISSES, AND WHATEVER ELSE WE CAN DO TO THANK THE FIREFIGHTERS, HOMEOWNERS HELPING NEIGHBORS AND HELPING STRANGERS, AND OUR 14+ PEOPLE WHO WERE HERE AND PATROLLED TO KEEP OUR HOMES SAFE DURING THE NIGHT WHEN MOST PEOPLE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO RETURN HOME! AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S PATIENCE WHEN THE OFFICE PHONE WAS OUT. (It's not often your manager conducts business and meetings from his bedroom!)

.....Business.....

WARNING! Towing of cars parked on the streets will commence Wednesday evening, November 12, 2003.

NOTICE: The RV&Locker Area gate has been reactivated. Please move your RV's back onto the lot for proper storage. Please note towing commencement date above, This applies to RV's also.

\$\$\$\$\$ The office has many \$200 deposit checks that can be returned to the people who rented the clubhouse and (of course) left the facility in such good condition.

Would those of you who would like your checks back please come into the office and pick them up? By the end of the year the checks will be removed from our file and discarded.

Same story over and over again! Some few of you are making an unpleasant walk for others in our community. **Please clean up after your dogs!**

Attention: People using the RV/Locker area..... Do not let anyone follow you in through the gate. They must

use their own gate pass. If you have trouble with anyone doing this, or attempting to crowd in behind you, please let the office know. If this does happen and you can get a license number, it would be helpful.

OH RATS!!!! Have you had a problem with rats? Dana Guthridge, Technician from the Department of Environmental Health, has talked to us at the office, and he is willing to come and talk to anyone of you on an individual basis or as a group. He would look over your area and make suggestions regarding how to get rid of and discourage rats near your homes. Let the office know if you are interested in having this done. Stop by the office and pick up an informational paper from the Dept. of Environmental Health if you wish.

WINDOWS! As a result of the fire, if anyone needs to have the white plastic/vinyl seal around their windows replaced, a homeowner has contacted Alpine Glass and Screen. We will get special pricing if the contractor is able to do a number of jobs at the same time. Please call the office (659-3520) if you are interested.

HOUSE NUMBERS! If your house numbers need to be re-done, write: **Aero-Lite Plastics, Inc. - 2305 Los Angeles Street, Fresno, CA 93721.**

TO THE PEOPLE WHO PARK IN GUEST PARKING ON UPPER LOBELIA ROAD:

Please find alternative parking accommodations until the Utility project is completed. SDG&E and Southern Contracting need that parking area for their equipment. Your vehicle will be towed away if not removed by Friday, November 14, 2003.

DOG RESCUE! Barbara and Dwight Coblentz in Eucalyptus Hills are caregivers extraordinaire for elderly animals who need a loving home and some TLC. They will take dogs of fire victims for temporary shelter until the owners get back on their feet. Contact them at: (619) 443-7305. They are located at: 11774 Rocosco Rd, Lakeside.

NOW.....on to planning for our New Year's Eve Party!!! We need many volunteers - soon! Please call 659-3520 or come into the office to add your name to the list of helpers!

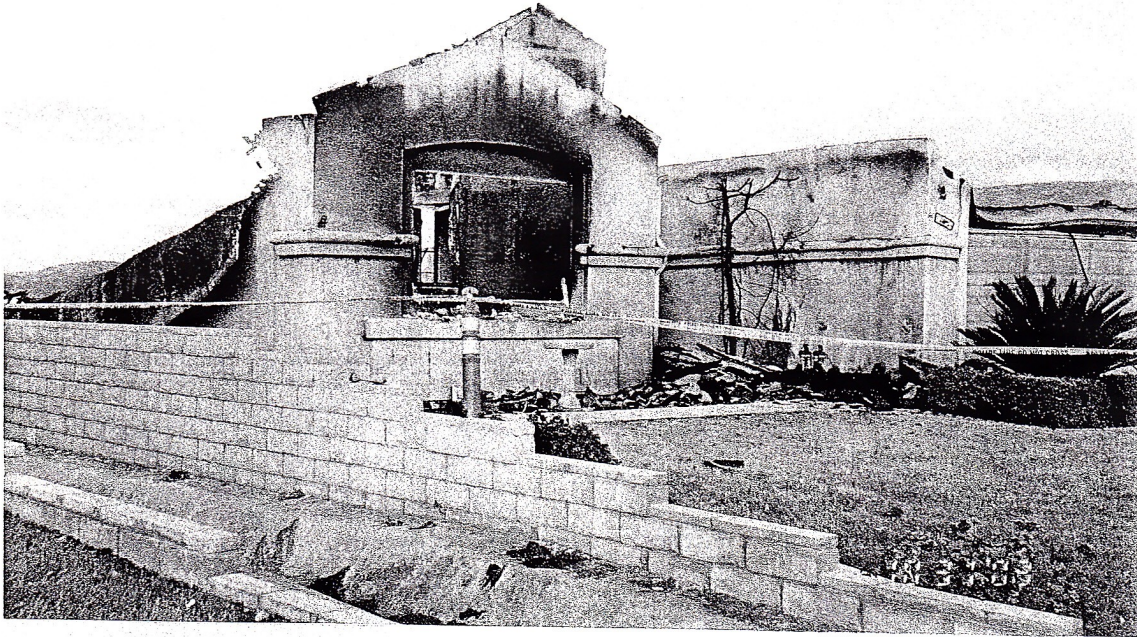
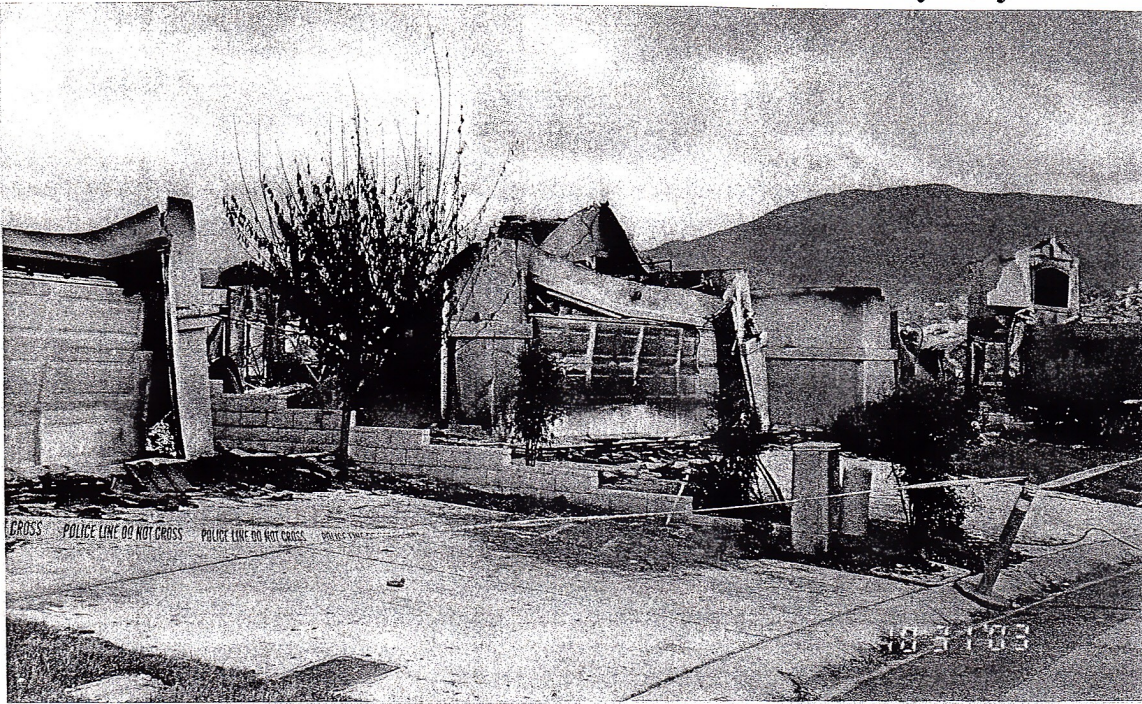
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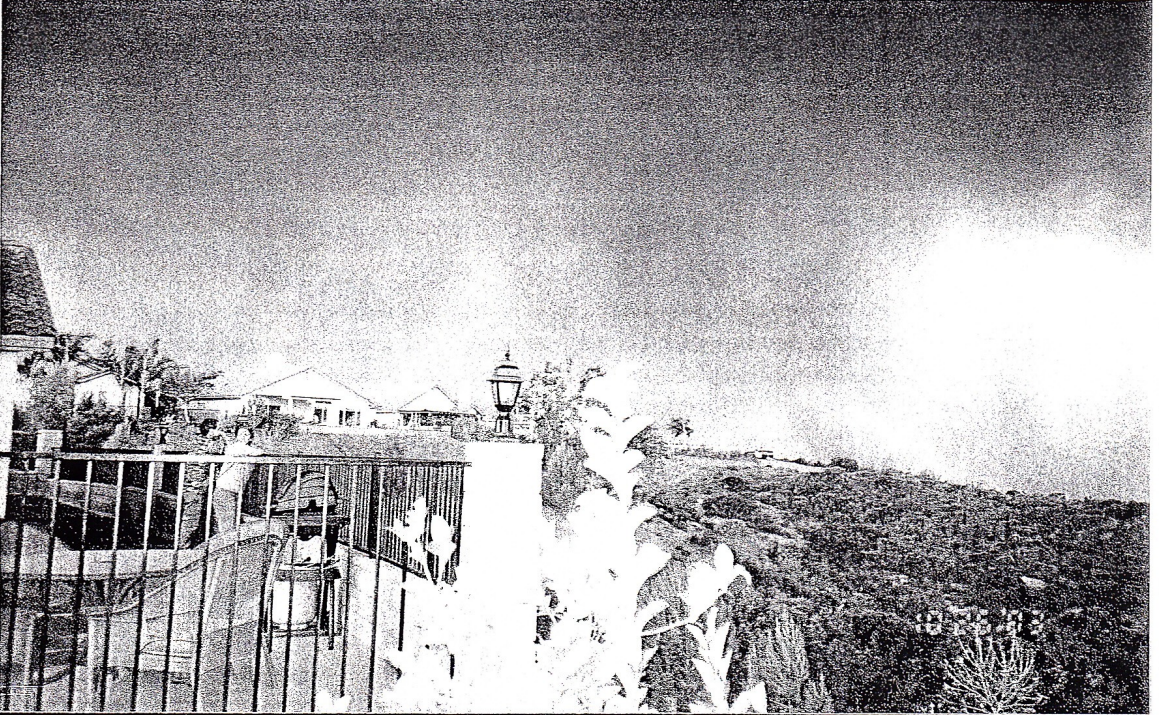
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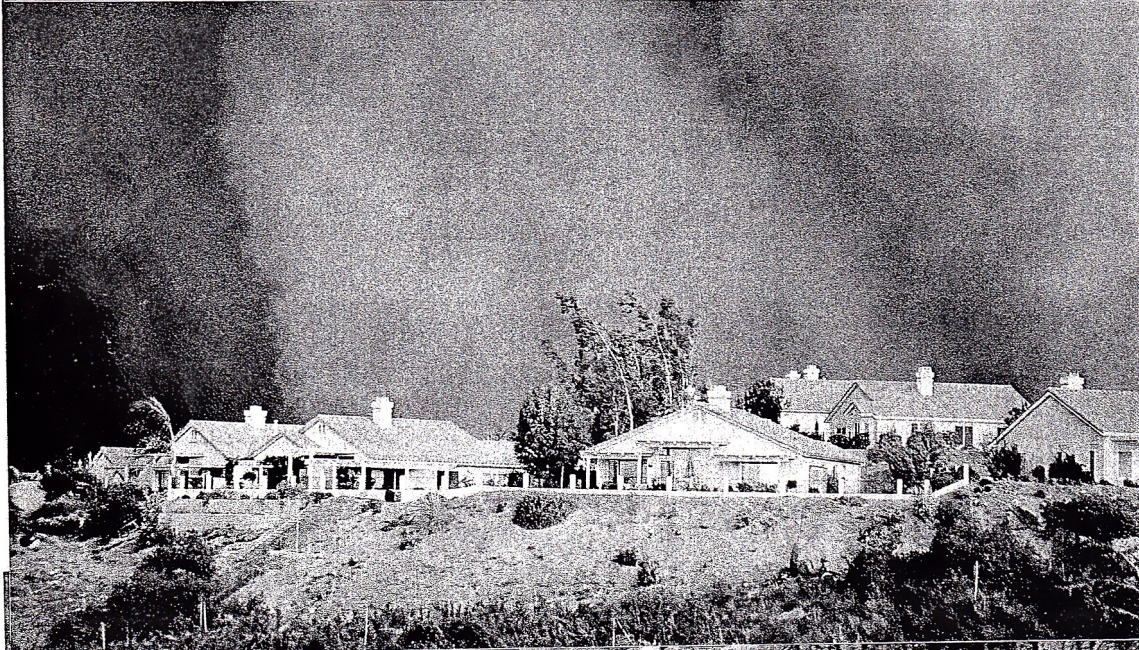
- How to Write Big Books, by Warren Peace
- I Lost My Balance, by Eileen Dover & Phil Down
- The German Bank Robbery, by Hans Zupp
- Prison Security, by Barb Dwyer
- How I Won the Marathon, by Randy Holeway
- The Lion Attacked, by Claude Yarmoff
- Take This Job and Shove It, by Ike Witt

Despite what you see on the streets, the following combinations **do not** go together: A nose ring and bifocals.....Spiked hair and bald spots.....A pierced tongue and dentures.....Mini skirts and support hose.....Ankle bracelets and corn pads.....Speedos and cellulite....Bikinis and liver spots....Open disco shirts and midriff bulge.....**but otherwise, your lookin' good!**

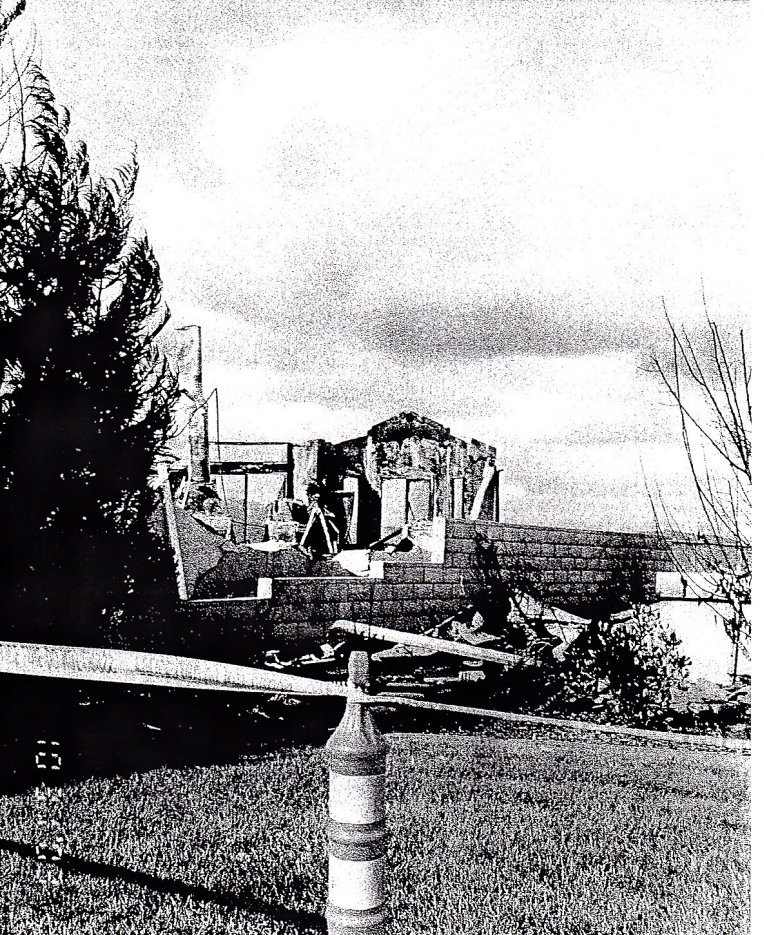
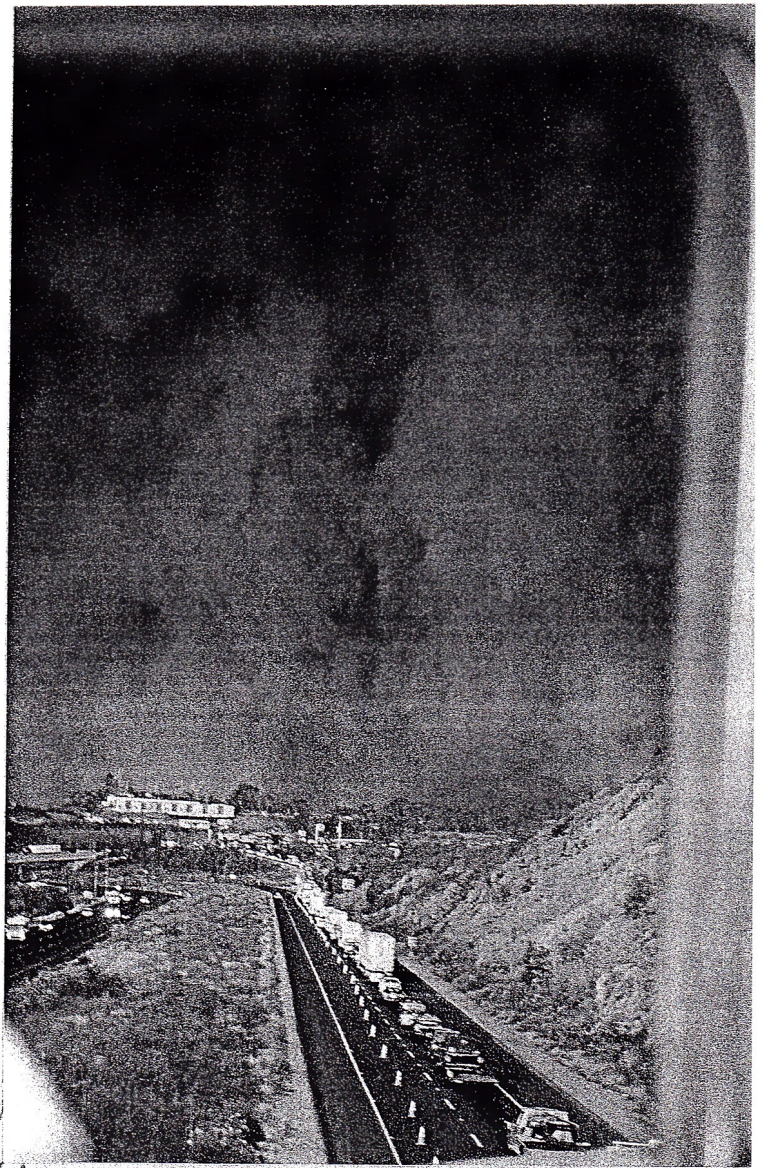
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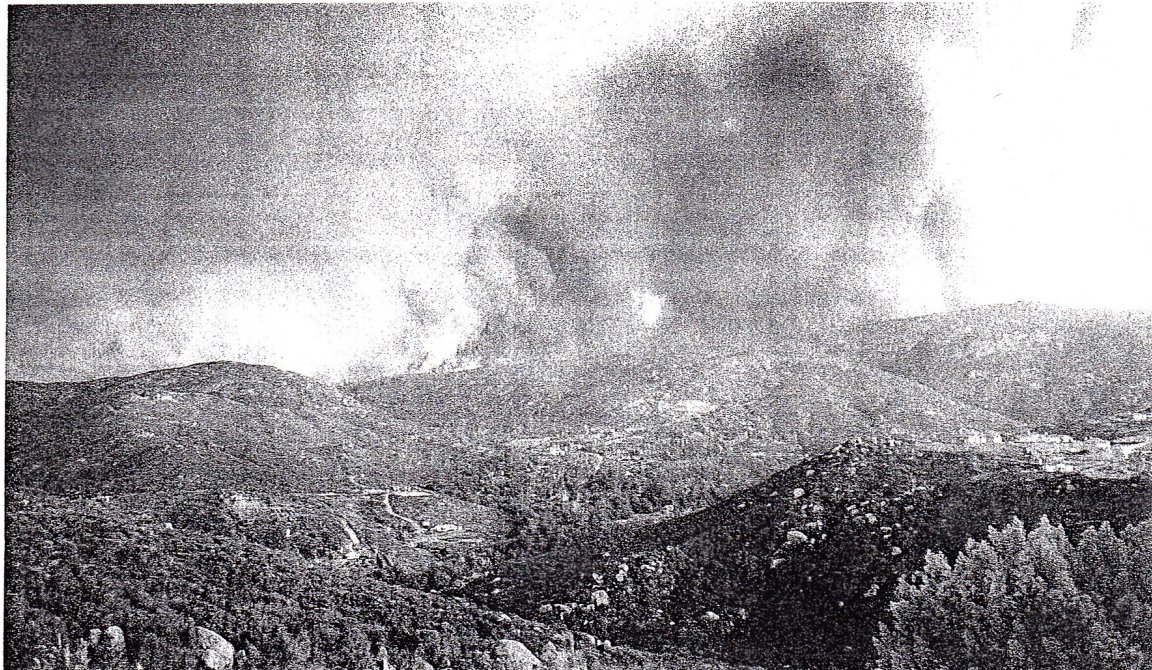














BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY

REGULAR CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES:

- Monday Alpine Chorale Rehearsal, 7 to 9 PM.
 - Tuesday & Thursday at 8 AM and Saturday at 7:30AM. AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASSES led by Charline Hallauer, 445-4015 or 659-9351.
 - Tuesday 9 AM - CARD GAMES, eats and wake-up coffee!
 - Tuesday 12:30 to ??? - ARTS & CRAFTS. Bring your projects or just come and find out how much fun this is!
 - Thursday, second and fourth of each month. 10 AM to Noon. SCRAPBOOKING! Call Diane Keneally at 445-8380 for more details.
 - BOARD MEETING - FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE ATTEND!
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Thanksgiving 2003

Too many people put off something that brings them joy because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming, or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking the other day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to 'cut back'.

How many of you women will eat at home because your husbands didn't suggest going out until after you had defrosted something? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on TV?

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, "How about going to lunch in half an hour?" Only to have her gasp and stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday. I had a late breakfast. It looks like rain." And my personal favorite, "It's Monday!"She died a few years ago. We never did have that lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when Stevie is toilet trained. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college. We'll entertain after we replace the living room carpet. Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and

JOY is an attitude. **HOPE** moves us from the pain of the past to the promise of the future. **FAITH** is the bird that sings to greet the dawn while it's still dark.

the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on," and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit."

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream for ten years! I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process altogether! The other day I stopped the car and bought a triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home I would have died happy!

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry-go-round or listened to rain lapping on the ground? Ever follow a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask someone, "How are you?" Do you hear the reply? When the day is done, do you lie in bed with the next hundred chores churning around in your head? Ever told your child, "We'll do it tomorrow." And in your haste not see his sadness? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say, "Hi?"

When you worry and hurry through your day, it's like an unopened gift....thrown away....life is not a race. Take it slower, enjoy the music before the song is over.

"Life may not be the party we hoped for....but while we are here we might as well dance!"

Remember life's a gift, that's why it's called "the present."

Author Unknown



Our recent fire's certainly should have taught us all the importance of family, friends, neighbors and a greater sense of community. We have much to celebrate this Thanksgiving Season and much to share with each other.

Crown Hills Entrepreneurs

Services offered by Crown Hills Homeowners:

Alpine Mountain Reading Center. Serving people of all ages with varying needs for reading instruction or improvement. Located at 2605 Alpine Blvd. Call Cara Day at **445-1845** for additional information.

Alpine Property Inspections. Owned and operated by Crown Hills residents Rick and Nadine Starks. They also provide escrow and pre-purchase property inspections. They are members of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. **659-0268**

All Star Seamless Raingutter Systems - at reasonable rates. Custom built and installed on premises. Custom colors to match your home. Call for FREE estimate. 749-7246

Cookie Lee Jewelry. Great affordable jewelry. Home and office shows can be arranged as well as individual orders. Catalog shows and fund raising events. Call Teresa Evans for further information and to discover how you may earn free jewelry. Teresa, (619) 244-3858 is a Cookie Lee Consultant.

Digital Integrity, Inc. A Computer Consultant Business. Specializing in designing custom software solutions for business management. Additional services include computer networking, graphic design, web design and computer training. Call Richard Swan at 619/999-1379.

Get healthier, thinner, and younger looking! Make 2003 the year you get fit and trim, enjoy optimal health, and reduce the aging process. Donna Mulvaney, R.N. has the answer. Don't wait another day! Call Donna at **445-4728** and she'll share with you what's working for her and thousands of others! Free samples.....

Mary Kay Skin Care and fragrance for both men and women, Bath and Body products, Cosmetics - free facials and classes. Available for weddings, photo sessions, etc. Call Karen at **445-5818** and leave message, and she'll call you right back.

Mobile Home Detailing. Wash/Wax your auto, trailer, motorhome at your home or RV storage lot. Reasonable rates. For appointment call: Tyler at (619) 445-6190 (home) or (619) 889-5086 (cell)

Mortgage Refinances and Purchase Loans: No Cost Loans. No Point Loans. I offer a diverse variety of loan programs to fit your needs and as a Crown Hills resident I can provide quick and easy personalized service. Call Sean Clark at Capstar Financial, (858) 354-4289.

Notary: - Call Marci for appointment at 445-9737

Not Too Shabby Shop. Located at 1935 Alpine Blvd. Offering handcrafted ironworks, rustic metal art and many unique gift items for home and garden. Call Bertha at **659-9188** or Yolanda at **464-5485**.

Personal Trainer. Charlene Hallauer offers personal fitness and strength training. Call her at **445-4015**.

Piano Teacher. Helen Kendrick has been teaching piano for 25 years. Adults and children. Lessons are scheduled Monday through Friday. Call Helen at **659-0857**.

Popp Art by Susan Prosapio-Popp. Featuring Murals, Borders and Faux Finishing of walls, window and fireplace surrounds, etc. For estimates and pricing call Susan at **654-1492** e-mail poppart01@aol.com

Real Estate Agent. Charlene Hallauer, a Crown Hills Homeowner herself, knows our area. Call **445-4015**.

Repairs. CD/DVD Game Discs. Can repair most scratched discs so that they can be played again!

CD/DVDs \$5
Game Discs. \$7 Call: **659-3976**

Sewing and Alterations. Reasonable rates, excellent work. Call Karen at **445-5818**, leave message and she'll call you..

Sitting Services. For Children and pets, call on Brittney at **659-3477**. Reasonable rates vary with job.

Travel Bargains!! Ever wish you could stay in a five-star luxury resort anywhere in the world? Can't afford it? Yes you can! Let Karen show you how you can get bargain rates. Call her and leave a message at **445-5818**, she'll call you right back.

Women's Sportswear by Iron Girl. For information regarding outstanding sportswear for women, go to www.iron-girl.com or call Helen at **659-1326**.

Stuff for Sale & Stuff Wanted

Custom-made Fabric Valances for all windows in the Plan 4 great room. Brand new - still in plastic wrap! Interested? Call Tom or Marci at: **445-9737**.

Dresser for Sale: White wood, 4 drawer dresser in good condition. Quality material. \$50. Call Donna at: **445-4727**.

Ironing Person Wanted. Please call Rith at: **659-3459**.

Rolando Electronic Piano. Beautiful instrument of cherry colored mahogany. Internal computer plays 3 1/2" floppy discs and also records. Has 6 voices, full band accompaniment plus rhythm selection. New, played only once. A bargain at \$2800. Call Frank at **445-5668**. A must see. Would be a lovely addition to any home.

Storage Shed, Metal. \$50 and it's yours! Call Becky at: **659-5101** evenings.

Table Fountain. \$5. I think it needs a new little motor. Soothing sound of water tinkling down ledges and rocks.

Call Sandy at: **659-2117**.



Association Office

Newsletter, Sandy Garman

In emergencies or when our office is closed, call: Castle Breckenridge, John Kalas at: 619/697-3191

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