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VALLE VERDE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK'S FUTURE

by Adrienne Robillard

At present, our neighborhood park, located on Banyan Circle, adjacent to Valle Verde Elementary School has one picnic table, a trash can, a drinking fountain, and ample room for improvement. Mike Vickers, City Services Manager, has been wonderfully working with us to give our park a much needed facelift and some TLC. Proposed improvements include 2 new picnic tables, a new park sign, a BBQ, landscaping upgrades, and natural play elements for young children. Expect to see some changes in the next couple of months.



Be a part of transforming our neighborhood park into a community gem!

On September 27th, as part of Walnut Creek's Annual Community Service Day, the Woodlands Association will be sponsoring a day dedicated to transforming our park into a neighborhood asset. If you'd like to be a part of this fun community event, please email woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com. There will be morning and afternoon opportunities. The City will be providing landscaping materials and we just need Woodlands neighbors to beautify our "diamond in the rough." We will remind you in future newsletters about this fun community building event.

Get Involved: Join the Welcome Committee

Have you ever wondered how to become better acquainted with your neighbors? Have you wondered how you might have a greater sense of belonging here in the Woodlands? Often, the best way to get plugged into what's going on is to get involved. We'd love to have you join us in helping welcome new neighbors, and overall help you feel connected to the place that you call home.

So how can you get involved? We'd be glad to have you send an email to woodlandsasn@yahoo.com, with the subject line Welcome Committee. Tell us about yourself, because if we find out someone new to the neighborhood shares a passion of yours, it would be great to help you both know, if that's something you'd like. If you have an idea on how we can better welcome new neighbors, we're all ears – the best ideas come from working together. So please get involved, and help us to continue to enhance the Woodlands well-deserved reputation for being a close knit, welcoming, and fun community.



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Who to Contact?

The Woodlands Association receives some emails and questions about many issues that are best resolved by contacting the following agencies directly. The following is a reference guide:

Walnut Creek Code Enforcement, 925-256-3508 or 925-943-5863

The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department is responsible for enforcing provisions of the Walnut Creek Municipal Code involving quality of life and neighborhood quality issues. http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance_abatement_n_code_enforcement.asp

Walnut Creek Police Department, 925-943-5844

<http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/default.asp>

Oversized Vehicle Reporting, Sandy Mulligan: Parking Lead Services Officer, 925-943-5874

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (Pests and Insect Issues), 925-771-6196

http://www.contracostamosquito.com/programs_services_index.htm

Contra Costa Water District, 925-688-8000

Water conservation, information, gardening resources, moneysaving tips. <http://www.ccwater.com>

Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa County, 925-603-1144

<http://www.pleasanthillbayshoredisposal.com>

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Canal Maintenance, 925-313-2235

The canal is part of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Maintained by the Public Works Department

Graffiti Reporting: City of Walnut Creek, 925-943-5854

Contra Costa County Animal Control, 925-335-8300

After business hours, contact the Walnut Creek Police through Dispatch Center at 925-935-6400. <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59>



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Upcoming Board Meetings

8 - 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 7th

Saturday, July 5th

at Denica's,
2280 Oak Grove Road,
Walnut Creek
(in Citrus Marketplace)

Woodlands residents
are encouraged to
attend board meetings.

Upcoming Woodlands Board Elections – Woodlands President Election

The Woodlands Board of Directors is made up of four elected and several appointed positions. As required by the by-laws, the elected positions serve two-year terms. When Board members resign prior to finishing their terms, the Board fills these positions by appointment, as allowed by the By-Laws.

While two Board positions were up for election this year for President and Secretary, no one sent in a "Statement of Interest" for the Secretary position; therefore, only the President position will go through the ballot process at this time. The Secretary position will be advertised and appointed by the Board at a further date.

Elections for Woodlands President: The July 2014 newsletter will also include a ballot that will allow Woodlands residents to vote for a Woodlands President for a two-year term. All submissions or questions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at P.O. Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 or by e-mail at woodlandsasn@yahoo.com no later than June 5, 2014.

Statement of Interest:

Erik Ehlers for the Position of

President of the Woodlands Board of Directors

Having lived in Walnut Creek's amazing Woodlands neighborhood for about 4 years now, I believe it to be a welcoming, close knit and indeed special community. In order to continue to enhance the many wonderful aspects of this neighborhood, I would like to continue to serve on the board of the Woodlands Association in the role of President.

I humbly request your support.

Warmly,

Erik Ehlers



Happy Father's Day to All Our Wonderful Woodlands Dads!



SCHOOL NEWS

Foothill Middle School

New Club for Students - The Library Council

There is a new club on campus and it is happening in the library! The new club - the Library Council - will meet once a month during AP. This club is open to all students that would like to take a leadership role in developing and promoting the library as a resource and media center. Some responsibilities will include: helping select new books for the library, maintaining/rotating the bulletin board, working at the book fair, and promoting/reviewing books. The Library Council will continue to evolve as we learn or discover other areas of responsibilities for the students. It is our hope that this club will be a fun, creative and educational time for the students. Sign up in the library today! Please contact Carol Berger (carolberger@astound.net) for more information.

2014 Walnut Festival Run for Education

Support Foothill by participating in the 2014 Walnut Festival Run for Education.

Early Bird Discount --From now through June 15, students and adults will receive a \$5 discount when they register for the Walnut Festival's 2014 Run for Education. Come run or stroll this 5K/10K USATF certified course on Sunday morning, September 7 to raise money for our school. Bonus elements include a free kids race, superhero theme and costume contest, musical entertainment and age group awards. Pets and strollers are welcome.

Invite family, friends and neighbors to join in. Select "Foothill" as their school choice when registering. Families with children at more than one school may choose to donate to PEAK Education Foundation to benefit multiple MDUSD Walnut Creek schools. Learn more at www.walnutfestivalrun.com

Student Recognition

Two Foothill students have received recognition for their outstanding writing accomplishments. Congratulations to 8th grader Catherine Zadorozhna for receiving 1st place in the Walnut Creek Library Foundation's 6th Annual Student Poetry Contest. Catherine was recognized at a reception on May 3 for her poem entitled One in Hundreds. Grace Corrigan, a 6th grader in Mr. Hoshaw's Core class, has received 1st place for her short story entry The Mystery of Angelica. Grace will be recognized at a contest winner luncheon on May 10.

Congratulations and thank you to HOP (Help Our Planet) for their successful e-waste recycling event. HOP President Jessie Biddle (7th grade) along with the members presented a check for over \$340 to Mrs. Bush on Friday. The money will be used to purchase supplies for our schoolwide recycling program.

Valle Verde Elementary

CONGRATULATIONS VALLE VERDE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

State Superintendent, Tom Torlakson, announced on Wednesday that Valle Verde is being recognized as one of 424 California Elementary Distinguished Schools for 2014. *"The award is a direct reflection of the dedication, hard work, and vision of your school's educational community."*

WALNUT FESTIVAL

This event is a charity walk or run 5K/10K that will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2014. More information can be found at www.walnutfestivalrun.com.

The net proceeds raised from this event are donated back to Walnut Creek schools. Distribution of funds will be determined upon the number of participants affiliated with each school.

For the month of May, we have arranged for a pricing discount that offers \$5 off each student and adult registration. It will start on May 4th and run until June 15th.

Northgate High School

Baccalaureate for Seniors

Baccalaureate is Sunday, June 8th. This is an approximately one hour inspirational ceremony (non-religious) which is held the Sunday before graduation. There will be student speakers and musical performances. There will also be a guest speaker. Families and friends are welcome. No tickets required. The ceremony begins at 4:00 in the Northgate High School Gym. Graduating Seniors dress in cap and gown and meet in front of the gym at 3:30.

Congratulations Poetry Celebration Winners

Two Northgate students were selected as winners in the Walnut Creek Library Foundation's 6th Annual Student Poetry Contest. There were more than 300 entries this year and two of the three chosen for 9th-12th grade were from Northgate. Congratulations to Ana Boeriu for winning 1st place and Hsin-Ysh Tsai for winning 2nd place!

Northgate High School History Night

Join Northgate's Advanced Placement U.S. History students as they present 40 years of Northgate History as part of Walnut Creek's Centennial Celebration. Don't miss a nostalgic trip down memory lane- alumni, former faculty and staff and Community members are invited. June 3rd, 7 PM at the Jack DeRieux Little Theater.

Note: School news will be taking the month off for July's edition of the newsletter. Have a great summer!



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June 10, 2014

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- Please email a digital file of your ad to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com. We accept PDF and Microsoft Word documents ONLY.
- Payment is due when you submit your ad. Please pay via www.woodlandsassn.org/advertise/ or make checks payable to “Woodlands Association” and mail to: PO Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS

The following information is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at: www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp. Some issues of the Woodlands Newsletter may include only a portion of the monthly police activity in our neighborhood, as available print-space varies from issue to issue.

Compiled by Anne Talmage

Police Calls from 04/04/14-05/02/14

04/05/14 9:34:15 3400 Bl Sugarberry Ln.
Req 11-24 tag for whi motorhome. Per RP veh was tagged over a week ago and still has not moved/ been towed.. Dispo: Motorhome has been retagged but no tag left 04/07/14 at 11:07. Service to citizen.

04/05/14 17:0:128 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.
Warrant service. Dispo: Arrested for outstanding warrant for Santa Clara, booked at MDF. Outside misd. Warrant.

04/06/14 8:32:52 3200 Bl Primrose Ln.
Attempt 459r. Poe: broken front dr, no loss. Dispo: front door kick to residence occurred at 2200 hours on 04-05-14. Resident did not call PD at time of incident. No loss. Burglary.

04/07/14 11:14:56 3500 Bl Sugarberry Ln.
11-24/ white Merz. Dispo: vehicle was tagged at 11:15 on 04-07-14. Service to citizen.

04/07/14 13:16:42 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.
Drk gry veh poss Jeep no plate info, occup by WM wearing lt gry hoody, sunglasses, RP has seen the same veh in the pl for the past 5 days, veh is parked to where he has visual of the ATM machines. Dispo: unable to locate. Gone on arrival. Susp. Circumstance.

04/08/14 17:45:33 3600 Bl Citrus Av.
Reports theft of bike from driveway sometime within the last several hours. 10-21 only. Dispo: theft of bike occurred on 04/08/14 between 1600 - 1730 hours. Theft.

04/09/14 18:05:13 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.
20002 to parked blk toyt rav4 parked ifo post office. Occrd since 1430 hrs. Witness left a note w/ susp info. Susp grn veh., driver elderly female.. Dispo: determined non-injury collision and facilitated information exchange between involved parties. Accident exchanged info.

04/20/14 10:46:27 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln.
911 hang up. Nothing heard on open line. Dispo: determined premises secure and apparently unoccupied. 9-1-1 hangup

04/22/14 15:46:54 3400 Bl Lime Tree Ct.
WF driving dk bei suv / sped past kids riding bikes then pulled into res on Rock Oak, unk addr. Dispo: reckless letter to be sent. Reckless Driving.



04/24/14 10:13:00 3600 Bl Citrus Av.
21 RP req advice regarding contractor that RP has asked not to return - employees keep showing up looking for tools even though they have already been picked up.. Dispo: advised ex-contractors continue to show up at his home and enter b/y. Advised to call pd to have them removed. Civil matter.

04/24/14 12:32:38 100 Bl Rock Oak Ct.
Large bee keepers box on the sidewalk with 1000 bees flying around it, appears to have been dropped off a vehicle. Dispo: advised cy. Service to citizen.

04/29/14 19:00:12 Citrus Av / Sugarberry Ln.
Approx 6 juvs skateboarding in canal area.. Dispo: six juveniles warned for skating in the canal. Service to citizen.

04/30/14 22:24:55 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln.
911 open line with static then disconnects.. Dispo: checked entire campus, all appeared secure. Unable to locate any phone. No signs of any problems. 9-1-1 hangup.

05/01/14 12:29:49 400 Bl Peppertree Rd.
Reports theft of items from garage sometime over the last year. RP would like 21 from officer. No suspect info. Dispo: occurred: unknown (sometime in the past year). Poe: unknown (no forced entry). Loss: helmet, gloves, Jiu Jitsu gear. Burglary.

05/01/14 19:17:28 600 Bl Rock Oak Rd.
Reporting a rattlesnake in the residential area. Dispo: info given to animal control. Animal complaint.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Please remind your young children to be aware of their surroundings!

Please remind your teenage drivers to go slowly through our neighborhood!

Please be a good role model yourself by taking YOUR time through our neighborhood streets!

We have so many young kids playing outside, we should be aware of all that is going on around us.

This Month at The Cabana Club

Opening Day

May 10th was opening day at the Cabana Club. The weather wasn't as cooperative as it has been in years past, but people still came out to enjoy the pools, food and games. If you have considered joining the Cabana Club but haven't done it yet, it isn't too late. Contact Cathy Escobar at: membership@woodlandscabanaclub.org

4th of July

The 4th of July is just around the corner and the Cabana Club will be hosting a parade and pool party so save the date!

Pool hours for Summer 2014

Weekdays 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM *middle pool only*

Weekends/Holidays 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

June 13 to First Day of School

Weekdays 11:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Weekends 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

First Day of School to September 14

Weekdays 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Weekends/Holidays 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

September 21 - 29

Weekends

* Weather permitting 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Swim School Schedule

If you haven't signed your child up for swim lessons yet, now is the time. The following classes will be available from June 17 to August 18th. Please visit our website at: www.woodlandscabanaclub.org for complete course descriptions and registration forms.

Woodlands Swim School

Join us at the Woodlands Cabana Club this summer for swim lessons and water aerobics! You can contact Emily Andrews at woodlandsswimschool@gmail.com for more information and sign-ups. Class descriptions can be found at: www.woodlandscabanaclub.org/swim_school.php. Here is the 2014 summer schedule from June 16th through August 22nd:

Mondays and Wednesdays:

Beginner Group (Members & Non-Members): 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Intermediate Group (Members & Non-Members): 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Advanced Group (Members & Non-Members): 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Private Lessons begin at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Drop-In Water Aerobics Class: 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Valle Verde Children's Center Beginner Group: 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Valle Verde Children's Center Intermediate Group: 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Valle Verde Children's Center Advanced Group: 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Fridays:

Private Lessons all day beginning at 12:00 p.m.

COST:

*Water Aerobics- FREE for Members, \$5.00/class for Non-Member Seniors, \$10.00/class for Non-Senior/Non-Members

*Group Lessons (30 Minutes twice a week)

Members (M,W) and VVCC students (Tu, Th): \$45.00 total

Non-Members (M, W): \$65.00 total

*Private 30-Minute swim lesson

Members (M, W, F): \$30.00

Non-Members (M, W, F): \$40.00

DEALS:

Are you signing your swimmer up for multiple 30-minute private swim lessons? How about our BOGO deal? Buy a swim lesson and get the second one half off! OR you can buy two swim lessons and get a third one free!

Open Position: Newsletter Circulation Manager

How Does This Newsletter Appear on Your Doorstep?

Just how does the Woodlands newsletter arrive on your doorstep every month? Find out by being part of the team! We are looking for a new Newsletter Circulation Manager to contribute 1-2 hours/month to the community. Attendance at our awesome monthly board meetings is optional but encouraged at Denica's (yum).

The job is a simple and straightforward way to make a difference in the community, and appropriate for a responsible high school senior (looking for something unique on your college apps?) and adults alike.

The way it works: the printer delivers the newsletters to your house each month. You then take the bundles to two distribution points in the neighborhood, and from there they are delivered to our homes. You will also maintain the list of volunteers (in Excel) who deliver the newsletter throughout the neighborhood. Each month you mail a copy of the newsletter to advertisers who do not live in the Woodlands (about 5-10 total). If you are interested in knowing more, please email woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com or call Adrienne at 415-615-2647. We look forward to hearing from you!

Book Club: Ladies, Please Join Us!!

Do you like to read?

Do you like to socialize?

Do you like to meet people from diverse and interesting backgrounds?

Do you like to get out once in a while?

Are you between the ages of 20 and 100?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, you are perfect for our group! We've joined together to form a book club, and meet the last Friday of the month to socialize and discuss a chosen book. We've just finished "The White Queen" by bestselling author Philippa Gregory, and our next discussion, on May 30th, will focus on "Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage" by Hazel Rowley. Please consider joining our group! ... You do not have to host anyone in your home; and we meet within walking distance of everyone! Come find out what interesting people live in your neighborhood! Call Jan Gall at (925) 933-3244 for information. We look forward to meeting you!

Be on Guard- It's Tick Season

Due to drought conditions and a warm spring, ticks are in more abundance this year. According to the California Department of Health, ticks are small, insect-like creatures most often found in naturally vegetated areas. Ticks feed by attaching to animals and humans, sticking their mouthparts into the skin, and sucking blood for up to several days. There are many different kinds of ticks in California, but only six kinds are known to commonly bite humans. Sometimes these ticks carry germs like bacteria or viruses that can be transmitted to a person while the tick is attached and feeding. Although most tick bites won't transmit a disease, some can, and there is no vaccine to protect you from most of these diseases. If you spend time outdoors, it's almost impossible to avoid ticks completely. But you can take steps to lower your risk of getting bitten or of becoming ill. According to Harvard Health, here are some measures you can take to avoid infection:

Protect yourself: Avoid wooded, bushy, or grassy areas whenever possible. When venturing into them, wear light-colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants. Use an insect repellent that contains DEET.

Check yourself: After you've been out in tick territory, undress and examine your skin, using a mirror for hard-to-see places.

Remove ticks promptly: If you find a tick, use narrow-tipped tweezers to grasp it as close to your skin as possible, and pull upward slowly and steadily. Then wash your skin and hands with soap and warm water. Never crush or squeeze an attached tick.

If you have been exposed to ticks and you develop flu-like symptoms or a rash, see your clinician—even if the symptoms go away on their own. A tick-borne infection usually causes no lasting harm if it's recognized and treated early. Also, please don't forget checking your pets for ticks as they, too, could get sick and die from tick bites. For more information, please go to <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HEALTHINFO/DISCOND/Pages/TickBorneDiseases.aspx>

Rattlesnake Warning

Rattlesnakes have been found in abundance already this year not only in the Open Space areas, but on our residential streets. Please keep your eyes open while hiking and walking the trails and sidewalk streets. Snakes are more likely to find a warm rock or paved area to soak up the warmth during the day but move around more when it's cooler. If you find one in a residential area, you can call the Contra Costa County Animal Control during business hours at 925-335-8300. After business hours, contact the Walnut Creek Police through the Dispatch Center at 925-935-6400. <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59>

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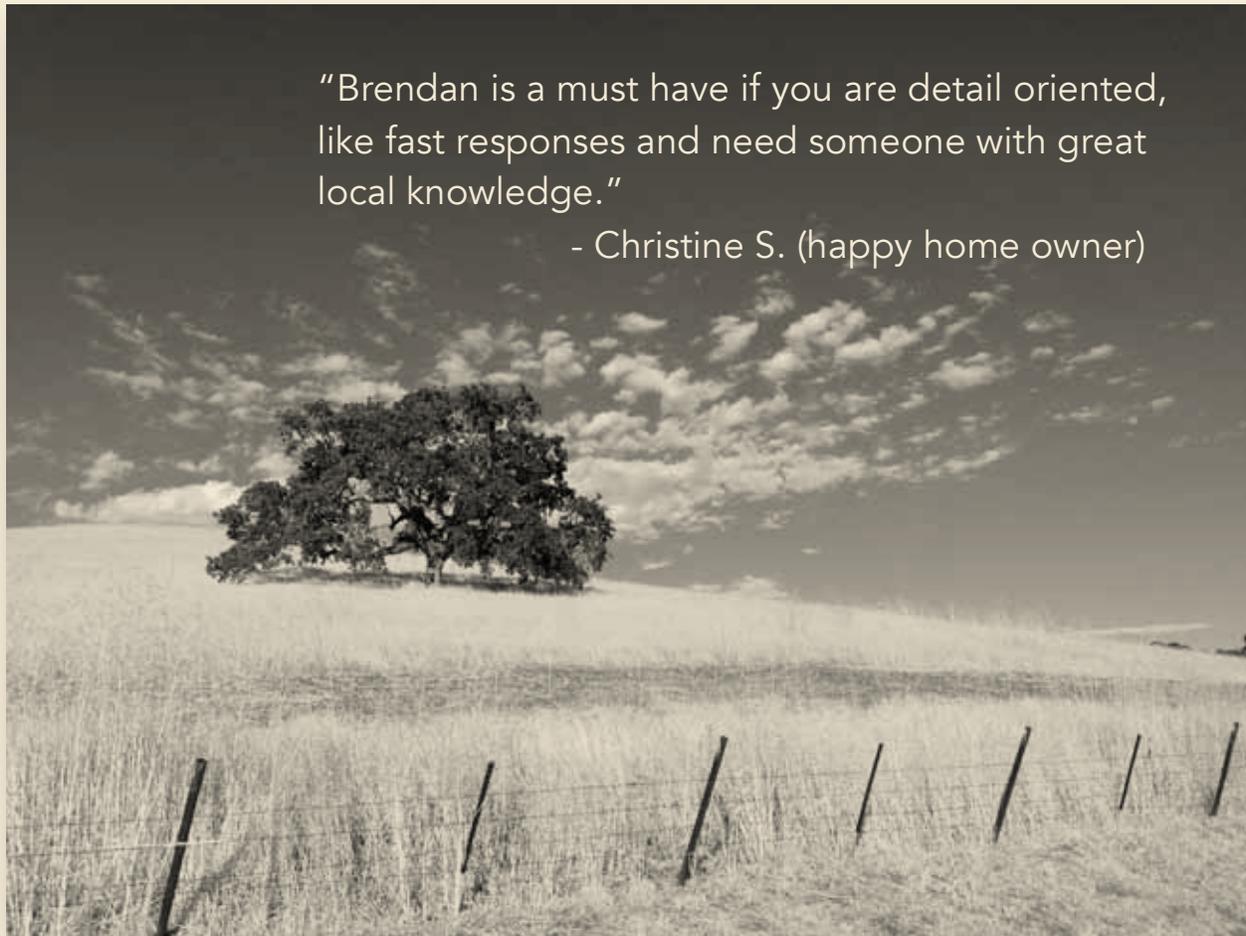
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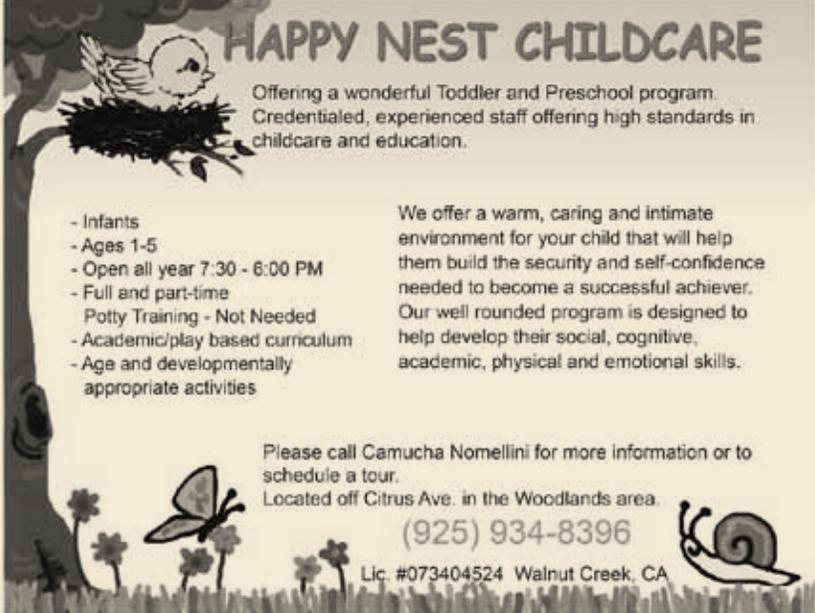
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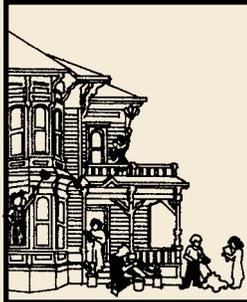


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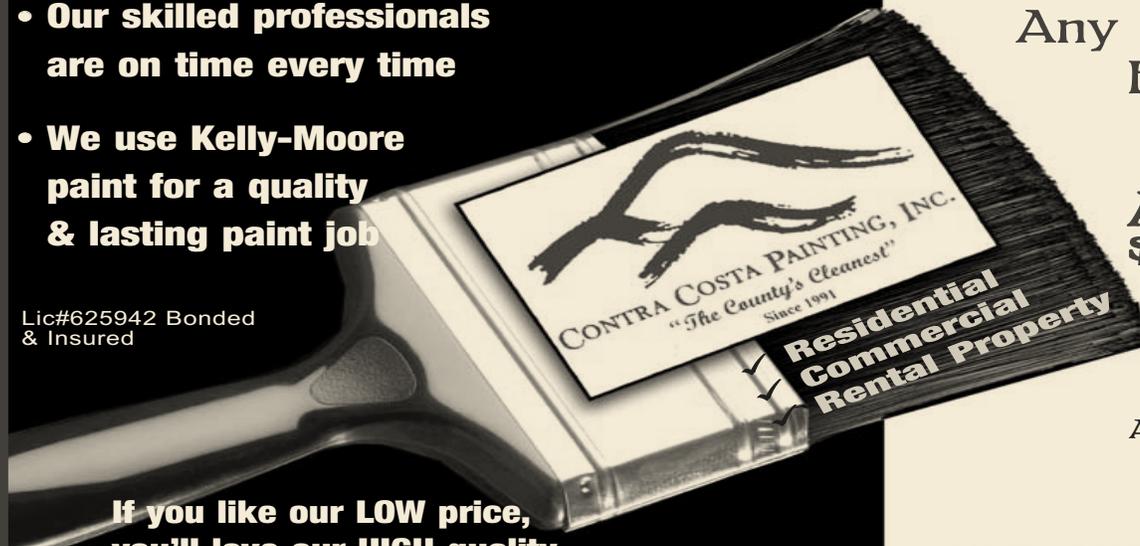
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