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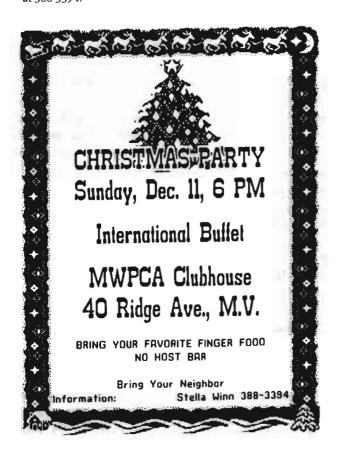
NOVEMBER 11 IS MWPCA ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1994 ISSUE

BE SURE TO VOTE Return your ballot by Nov. 7

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS INTERNATION-AL BUFFET IS DEC. 11

Cook up your favorite finger food and bring it to the Christmas party on Sunday evening, December 11 at 6 PM. Tell your neighbors and ask them to come, too. This is a terrific event at which to renew acquaintances and get to meet newcomers. For more information contact Stella Winn at 388-3394.





Friday, November 11, 1994
MWPCA Clubhouse
40 Ridge Ave., Mill Valley
7PM Dinner-8PM Meeting

Appetizers -- A - E Salads -- F - J Entrees -- K - R Desserts -- S - Z

ANNUAL MEETING

MWPCA's Annual Election Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be held Friday, Nov. 11, 1994 at the MWPCA Building, 40 Ridge Ave. Dinner will be served at 7 PM, the business meeting will start at 8 PM. Agenda items include the results of the election of 1995 officers and board members, a run-down on 1994 accomplishments in the area of disaster preparedness and fire hazard reduction, and the accomplishments to date in 1994. Our Treasurer, Clif Davenport, will report on our financial status.

This is the time for any resident wanting to see things get done, to bring their ideas and requests to the board and the membership.

To cap off the evening, we will have Part II of our Silent Auction at the meeting. There were people who didn't get their donations to us before the Oktoberfest and others who would like to contribute items. If you have anything you'd like to donate, contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to all of you who helped make the Oktoberfest a truly fun event. Keith Papulias and Stella and Howard Winn put in hours and hours of time, we owe them a special Thank You for helping us to raise over \$2000 for the siren. Thanks, too, to Marge Priest, Bernie Moss and Lynn Hindley for pitching in when the going got rough. There were many others who contributed (see list of contributors) and who were very generous in donating time, money and auction items. Thank you, Thank you!

Soon we wrap up the 1994 year and move on to 1995 with newcomers to our Board of Directors. Please be sure to send in your ballot or bring it to the Nov. 11 Potluck. Our Annual Meeting is the one where we ask you to bring your issues to the membership. Personally, I feel 1994 has been very successful. We've been able to create defensible space through our cooperation with the State Park's Grasslands Restoration Project. The AM radio station is up and running at last. We've been very successful in working with residents to achieve major brush reduction, thus reducing our fire hazard. Our Mountain Emergency Team is trained and tested. And, the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station is open for business as usual. All of this happened because we have an interested and dedicated membership and an active and effective board of directors. Congratulations to all.

But even as we end 1994, we look to 1995 and the work that needs to be completed. Major vegetation control is necessary to achieve our goal of making Panoramic a firebreak. Phase II of the Grasslands Project includes a controlled burn between the Tourist Club and 4 corners above the Sun Trail. This will build our defensible space. We need volunteers to help with limb trimming and brush dragging during our Spring Cleanup Day.

We need to have the County do its job of removing trees, limbs and brush along Panoramic. (On Sunday, Oct. 16, a 70 foot Eucalyptus tree came down across Panoramic at Marin View. It was one of the trees we'd tagged as dangerous and should be removed by either the State or County. Traffic was blocked for a long time until Jim Bramell got his chainsaw and started to cut it up. Then the fire crews came in and finished the job.)

We need to get the utility companies out to trim branches that could sever lines in a windstorm like the one on Oct. 14.

We need to get our new siren up and running and our fire danger sign at Four Corners in place.

We need to get a defibrillator.

We need to work on improving the safety of all who use Panoramic Hwy. The other day a car spun out and rolled in the 400 block of Panoramic enroute to the City from the beach. There has been at least one accident a month on that section of the road. We need to stripe for a "slow lane" for bikers, hikers, skaters, and walkers -- even if it means making the roadway narrower and reducing speed limits. If there is to be a raceway between the beach and the City, it should be Hwy One, not Panoramic. Panoramic is what its name implies: "a road to the view". It's an access road to homes and the Parklands, not a throughway.

Our work is cut out for us. And, it is a labor of love. We live in one of the most beautiful places on the planet. We want to keep it that way. Thanks for helping to achieve that goal.

-Del Goetz

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 5, 1994

A Carter Collins Defibrillator Fund donation was discussed again and a cap of \$1,000 from the Save Mt. Tam Fundwas decided upon. Bob Rydjord will check with Diane Collins on the amount of money currently in the fund.

The nominating committee reported that Marge Priest and Dick Popson volunteered to run for 1995 board of director seats -- along with Bernie Moss and Peter Cunningham. Incumbents running again are: Randy Barrow; Lila Daniels, Clif Davenport, Kathleen Delehanty, Del Goetz, Barney Lenheim, Keith Papulias, and Erika Teahan.

Plans for the forthcoming Octoberfest were discussed.

Robert Rydjord presented the bid from Gateway Tree Service for removal of all 14 Eucalyptus trees on the property at 40 Ridge Ave. The amount of \$1580 was considered by all to be a great price — if we can afford it. Discussion of increasing building rentals to cover the cost followed with a unanimous vote to cut the trees if rental income can be increased. Bob Rydjord pointed out that we will have to budget for advertising and that we should give preference to wedding rentals because they created fewer problems in the neighborhood.

Barney Lenheim reported that he was able to get a terrific deal on a range hood for the new Wolf Range. He needs volunteers to help install it.

Randy Barrow and Bob Rydjord reported on neighborhood organizing meetings in the Washington Park area and the Ridge area.

Randy reported on the AM Radio Station Status – they're waiting for the frequency crystal to arrive and should be broadcasting by Oct. 22. He also reported on the County's receipt of \$5.6 million and their unwillingness to reconsider the parcel tax assessment.

OKTOBERFEST SUCCESS - SIREN SOUNDS SOON

Those longing for an Oktoberfest actually held in October were amply rewarded on Saturday the 22nd. Over 60 of all ages gathered to celebrate the harvest (?) and contribute to getting a new fire siren for the neighborhood. As they socialized, the aromas of sweet/sour German red cabbage, two varieties of potato salad, and barbecuing bockwurst infused the air. No doubt anxious to help out, a curious fox surveyed the scene for a period.

Always offering top two-for-one service, the MWPCA combined the silent auction with a spirited verbal auction. Absolutely wonderful donated items were offered for sale, somewhat astounding those of us who would have to pay to get the best thing in our house hauled away. Apparently the bid-high food additives worked, because among the admission receipts, donations, and proceeds from the auction we <u>netted</u> about \$2,000 towards the siren. Wow!

As the full moon rose, Alpen Rose's harmonies spilled into the night. The cleanup crew was rewarded with the left-overs, and no hangovers were reported. Considering how many people helped out, how many donated and bid, how many attended, the delicious meal, how great a feel-good sense there was, the contribution towards the siren, and Tam's football victory over Marin Catholic that day (engineered by Mountain quarterback Peter Nelson), it's hard to imagine a better evening.

COORDINATION: Keith Papulias, Chmn., Social Committee; Stella & Howard Winn, Del Goetz.

FOOD PREPARATION: Marge Priest,, Tina Meyers & Kathleen Delehanty, Sandy Neville DeJong, Del Goetz, Keith Papulias, Peter & Lynn Hindley, Bernie Moss.

TABLE SET-UP & SERVING: Howard Winn, Peter Hindley.

BAR TENDING: Bob Olson, Bob Scheibach, John Hokanson

DECORATIONS: Kathleen Delehanty, Stella & Howard Winn.

Del Goetz, Lynn Hindley **MUSIC:** Peter Cunningham

SILENT AUCTION: Keith Papulias, Del Goetz, Marge Priest,

Bernie Moss.

RECEPTION & FINANCE: Clif Davenport.

PUBLICITY: Del Goetz, Stella Winn, Erika Teahan, Les Draper, Emily Clemons, Beth Popson, Julian Williams, Bethli Scheibach.

CASH DONATIONS (\$1035.00 TOTAL): \$250.00: Gage Schubert; \$100.00 Sandra & Peter Wilson, Virginia Meyer & Don Jewett, Del Goetz;

\$25.00-50.00 Carol vanWijnen & Dr. Ruud, Marie Ann Monti, Sandy Neville & Eric DeJong, Emily & Bob Clemons, Beth & Dick Popson, Lonnie Barbach, Meredith Nordschow, Wilma & Jim Brodale, Hans Roenau, Louette Colombano, Phil Saltonstall;

\$10.00-20.00: Peggy & Merle Smith, Bonnie & Jeffrey Cohen, Alison & Bob Shapiro, Laura Sheehan, Jean Sublett, Ruth Olson, Diane Yates, Tina & Tom Meyers.

FOOD DONATIONS: Keith Papulias, Sandy Neville DeJong, Del Goetz, Lynn Hindley.:

SILENT AUCTION DONORS:

Mt. Home Inn-Weekday bed & breakfast

Dowd's Barn—display baskets

Stella & Howard Winn-silk screen prints & baked goods

Marge Priest-frames, prints, decorative items

Julian & Alan Williams-baked goods

Constance Richardson—software

Don Jewett—riding lawnmower (not running)

Larain Boyll—three necklaces

Molly Jones—one hour bodywork

Sue Lopez—wood jewelry case

Kate & Stuart Walton—Jamestown daybed

Blake Richardson—piano tuning

Elizabeth Zenker—clairvoyant energy work

Lila & Bill Daniels--CDs

Arlene Hoffman & Christine Leonardich—basket of candles

Cindy Rizzo—dinner for two

Nancy Ballard-doll and original painting

Virginia Soper & Peter Spear—software & champagne

Bethli & Bob Scheibach-New Zealand coins

Elizabeth & John Graham—bookends, frame & coffee grinder

Foo Kennedy—smoked salmon

Bernie Moss & Martha Metzger—litho prints

John and Ann Hokanson—carved bric-a-brac shelf

Laura Sheehan—one hour Raike session

Gus Arnold—Apple printer & modem

DONATION PLEDGES: Joe Friedman, Diane Krantz & Carroll Wall, James Sanders, Peter DiGrazia, John Dakin, Susan & Henry Riehl, Marcia & Steve Weiss, Anna & Carolos Noguiero, Barbara Caulfield & Steve Mayo, Anne Spillane, Phyllis Herrin, Joseph VanHise.

RESULTS: FUNDRAISER BALANCE SHEET

Income: (Total: \$2603.00)

 Dinner/Bar:
 1070.00

 Silent Auction
 658.00

 Cash Donations (thru 10/22)
 875.00

Expenses 597.00

NET Profit to Siren Fund

\$ 2006.00

Our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this such a special event.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT -- SHRUBS

State Park Resource Manager David Boyd recommends two native shrubs that make good windbreaks: Toyon, which has red berries, and Coffeeberry. Both are evergreens, native plants and don't usually grow over 12-15 feet in height. If you're using a non-native exotic like Acacia (which is on our "hit list") for windbreaks. Toyon and Coffeeberry would make good replacement vegetation.

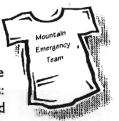
COLLINS DEFIBRILLATOR FUND REPORT

Over \$1000 has been raised for the Collins memorial defibrillator to be placed at the Throckmorton Ridge Station for use on emergency calls. It presently takes at least 20 minutes to get an ambulance up here from Sausalito, sometimes longer. Having this vital piece of equipment on the Mountain will save lives. Our association has agreed to work with the Collins family to help raise funds for the new unit. We have committed up to \$1000 of our Save Mt. Tam safety funds for the unit. Plans are to request donations from the MMWD, the GGNRA and the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation because most of the people benefiting from the use of the defibrillator are public open space users. With residents and friends of the Collins family contributing over half the funds, it's only fair that open space users contribute.

If you would like to make a contribution contact Bob Rydjord at 388-3621.

Mountain Emergency Network Shirts are still available!

Sweatshirts are \$20; T-shirts \$10; available at Dowd's Barn. Shirts are Kelly green with white lettering. Sizes: large & X-Large. T's: medium, large and X-Large.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SAT. DEC. 18 AT 3 PM

Santa Claus will make an early stop on our hill to spend quality time with our children. If you have young children or grandchildren plan on being at the MWPCA Building at 3 PM on Saturday the 18th. Bring a gift for each of your own children (under \$5) and a plate of finger food to share. For more information contact Beth Popson at 388-1135 or Chris Davenport at 383-1043.



CONDOLENCES

C. MICHAEL ANSEL of 85 Marin View Ave. died on October 8. Before retirement he owned his own antique store in San Francisco and worked as an interior designer for Robert Morry, Inc. He's lived in Marin since 1964. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Luciclare (Ding) Ansel, family and friends.

We also extend our sympathy to Ruth Bramell whose father passed away on October 17. And, sympathy to Robert Rydjord who also lost his father on the same day.

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CURRENT REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Pacific Union of Marin for this update of listings on the mountain. For more details just call Kathleen at 388-4516 or 383-1900, ext. 107. For current interest rates, call Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

Pending		
311 Edgewood Ave.	3br/2ba	\$399,000
120 Marin View Ave.	1br/2ba	379,000
320 Panoramic Hwy	Lot	259,000
Active Listings		
90 Mt. Lane	3br/2ba	299,000
25 St. Jude Rd.	2br/2ba	359,000
7 Mt. View Ave.	3br/2ba	376,000
73 Ridge Ave.	3br'/2ba	1,395,000
687 Amaranth Blvd.	5br/3ba	\$659,000
6 Walsh Dr.	5br/4.5ba	1,380,000
Sold		
680 Panoramic Hwy	2br1ba	255,365
23 Ridge Lane	3br/2ba	429,000
280 Edgewood Ave.	3br/2ba	528,000
30 Sunnycrest	4br/2ba	775,000
Lots		
0000 Edgewood		345,000
760 Edgewood Ave. #2		\$379,000
760 Edgewood Ave. #1		369,000
720 Edgewood Ave.		\$400,000
000 Edgewood Ave.		45,000
484 Panoramic Hwy		179,500

Apologies to Kathleen for reprinting the September data rather than the new October data she had provided us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Bailey & Michael Wechsler, 23 Ridge Lane

PG&E PICKS UP \$5000 TAB FOR FRANK'S VALLEY FIRES

Downed wires just west of the Ranger's house in Frank's Valley sparked the first fire on Friday, Oct 14 at 7:15 PM. Fighting winds of up to 45 mph, firefighters from Throckmorton Ridge, Tam Valley and Mill Valley had the one acre blaze out at 8:15 PM. Residents along Ridge and Panoramic could see the fire so we used it for a fire drill for the Mountain Emergency Team people in that area. Neighborhood liaisons were alerted at 7:30 PM and were called back at 8:30 to cancel the Alert.

Apparently the PG&E repair crew working on repairing the downed wires caused a transformer to spark a few minutes before 10 PM. The second fire occurred between the Dipsea Fire Rd. and the Muir Woods Rd. Once again the Ridge and Panoramic MET Liaisons were called and put on alert. Most came out to watch the spectacular blaze and were rewarded with being able to watch fire crews from Throckmorton Ridge, Mill Valley, Tam Valley, Tiburon, Muir Beach and Stinson Beach extinguish what could easily have developed into a firestorm. The Mountain Angels were with us that night.

During the fire, Fire Marshall Rosevear was able to get our MET people progress reports on the fire fighting and assure us that there was no need to evacuate. They had the fire contained and pretty much out, except for hot spots, by 12:30 AM. The alert was self-canceling – everyone was exhausted and went home to sleep.

Lessons learned: Our MET system works well. But there is room for improvement. We should do a couple of things to make our task easier:

- 1. MET people with cell phones should give us their number so we can make an emergency contact phone list.
- 2. We should make a similar list of people who own scanners. Everyone we knew who had one wasn't home the evening of Oct. 14. Scanners enable us to monitor firefighter and safety broadcasts so we know what they're doing and where.
- 3. We need to devise a plan for determining what information should go out over the 1280 AM radio station and who should supply the information to whom. We made a phone call to KCBS to alert them to the situation about 10:30 PM on the 14th so that residents wouldn't panic.

Our thanks go to the firefighters who fought the blaze. Throckmorton Ridge crews stayed on the job all night and all the following day. We appreciate their good work.—Del Goetz



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President	Del Goetz	388-8493
Vice President	Keith Papulias	388-9219
Treasurer	Clif Davenport	383-3892
Directors	Randy Barrow Jim Campbell Lila Daniels Kathleen Delehanty Barney Lenheim Bob Rydjord Erika Teahan	381-6634 381-9320 383-8422 388-4516 383-1447 388-3621 388-1122

COMMITTEES

Clubhouse Maintenance Public Safety	Barney Lenheim Randy Barrow/Lila Daniels
Elders Network	Stella & Howard Winn
	Les Draper
Environmental Health	Del Goetz
Newsletter	Lila Daniels/Gari Thompson
Social	Keith Papulias/Stella Winn/Lynn Hindley
Parents Network	Beth Popson/Erika Teahan
Cancer Cluster Study	Jim Bramell
Membership	Kathleen Delehanty
Community Affairs	Bob Rydjord
MWPCA Clubhouse	Peter Cunningham

FOR RENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION:

Weed wrenches: Rates: \$5 first day; \$2.50 each additional day; \$15/week; maximum rental period: 2 weeks. Call Clif Davenport at 383-3892.

Field meter to measure EMF's: \$10/day. Contact Jim Bramell at 388-6176. Not a bad price when you consider the 2-week plus wait list to go through PG&E.

MWPCA 1994 CALENDAR

Nov.	2	Board Meeting — 8 p.m.
	4	Gari Thompson meeting
	5	Ruth Bramell party
	9	Gari Thompson meeting
	11	Annual Meeting & Potluck — 7 p.m.
	24	Mrs. David Raskin party
	30	Gari Thompson meeting
Dec.	3	Mt. Tam Interpretive Assoc.
	7	Board Meeting — 8 p.m.
	8	Popson party
	11	Annual Christmas party — 6 p.m.
	14	Gari Thompson meeting
	17	Children's Christmas Party — 3 p.m.
	28	Gari Thompson meeting

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Metal Signs: 'Maintain 12 Foot Fire Lane Clearance': 'Violators Will be Towed per MCC 15.33.010' \$2 0 (18"x24"); 'No Parking, Fire Lane' \$12 (12"x18"). Available from MWPCA. For information contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL RATES

Working Member Rate:	Week Days	Weekend Days
Group of 30 or less	50	85
Group of more than 30	75	125
Non-Profit Rate:	Week Days	Weekend Days
Group of 30 or less	75	175
Group of more than 30	150	250
Commercial Rate	750 - 1,000	
All Others:	Week Days	Weekend Days
Group of 30 or less	100	300
Group of more than 30	200	450

For rental information please call Clif Davenport at 383-3892.

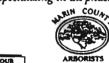
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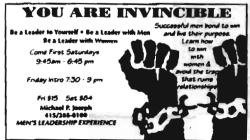
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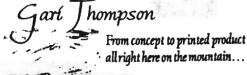


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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The following residents have volunteered to help with neighborhood disaster preparedness as members of the Mountain Emergency Team

Upper Ridge Ave: Robert Rydjord 388-3621

Lower Ridge Ave: Bob & Bethli Scheibach 388-6349

Ridge Lane: Dick Popson 388-1135

Tourist Club Area: Peter Cunningham 388-9987

1-95 Marin View: Roy & Evanne Diner 381-1313; Erika

Teahan 388-1122

110- 140 Marin View: Constance Richardson 388-9332 No. Edgewood: Barney & Sue Lenheim 383-1447

So. Edgewood: Dr. Paul Fitzgerald 383-6890; Judith Newton

383-6868

Annie Ln. & 222-239 Mt. View: Jack Helsper 381-6754:

Diane Yates 389-8248

240-251 Mt. View and Hamilton Ln: Eric DeJong 383-9744;

Jim Bramell 388-6176

Wash. Park /Muir /Redwood /Adams /Mt. Lane: /600-604 Panoramic: Randy Barrow 381-6634; Jane Marshall 388-7726; Lila Daniels 383-8422; Dirk Van Waart 383-0843; Kathleen Delehanty 388-4516; Barbara Hochman 389-0127; Les Draper 383-6594

Monte Cimas: Bernie Moss & Martha Metzger 388-8131;

Robt. Rovin 381-3803

St. Jude:: Marge Priest 383-8119 & Steve Thompson 388-9630

Sunrise/Chanticleer: Bob & Alison Shapiro 383-5282

Madera Way: Faybeth Diamond 388-9255; Ellen Hammerle

389-9445

Kings Way: Keith Papulias 388-9219 Bay View Dr: Anne Spillane 381-4212 **214-240 Panoramic:** Jim Fisher 383-4802 **270-284 Panoramic:** Joan Herz 388-4830 295-301 Panoramic: John Thomas 383-1780 318-390 Panoramic: Diane Krantz 380-8792

395-415 Panoramic: Stella & Howard Winn 388-3394; Jackie

Cursi 388-0758

40-446 Panoramic: Laura Chariton 388-7060 **474-496 Panoramic:** Marlene Baar 383-1290 **530-546 Panoramic:** Cindy Rizzo 383-8250 **560-566 Panoramic:** Elly Graham 383-6537 **680-696 Panoramic:** Virginia Soper 383-1941

AREAS STILL NAEDING COVERAGE:

455-479 Panoramic (west side) 568-578 Panoramic (east side)

730-814 Panoramic (east side)

Sequoia Valley Rd.

Walsh Dr.

Lone Tree

For more information contact: Kathleen Delehanty 388-4516; Randy Barrow 381-6634; Del Goetz 388-8493.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BOOK AVAILABLE

Volunteers listed above can provide residents with the Mill Valley disaster preparedness book, Personal Responsibility for Emergency Preparedness. Books have been distributed in the Washington Park, Marin View, Mt. View, and 600 block of Panoramic Hwy. If you didn't get your copy, contact your neighborhood liaison person (listed above), Randy Barrow at 381-6634 or Del Goetz at 388-8493.

FIRE SEASON LESSONS

ABSTRACTS FROM 2 ARTICLES IN SAN FRANCISCO

CHRONICLE, OCT. 18, 1994

FIRE OFFICIALS DEFEND CASTRO VALLEY EFFORT

"Steep terrain, eucalyptus trees and shifting winds contributed to the destruction of three homes during a weekend fire. Fire Chief Bill McCammon said residents in the area decided last year not to cut down the stand of eucalyptus trees. He said the dried brush and debris beneath the trees contributed to the spread of the fire."

[TV showed a fire fighter who said he was instructed to save neighboring homes instead of wasting effort trying to save those homes with shake roofs and overhanging eucalyptus limbs.]

RULING VOIDS MOST SUITS IN '91 HILLS FIRE

"Alameda County Superior Court Judge Demetrios Agretelis on Friday threw out allegations from homeowners who maintained that the blaze (in the Oakland hills) would not have intensified so quickly if the city had not tried to keep the open-space property in a natural state. The judge's ruling effectively scuttles lawsuits based solely ... upon Oakland deciding to buy and preserve open space in the hills."

What is to be learned from this?

Simply that we will only have ourselves to blame if a wildfire occurs and MWPCA recommendations have not been taken seriously to replace shake roofs and eliminate eucalyptus forests from private properties in our community. If we take no action on these most serious hazards there will probably be homes unnecessarily lost. If this occurs we can anticipate suspension or cancellation of fire insurance coverage in our neighborhood.

-- Provided by Robert Rydjord





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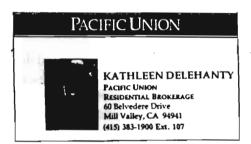
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