

# Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

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For the seventh consecutive year, we (and some of our dearest friends -- see photo) set out at 6:00 a.m. and personally hand-delivered 1700 American flags to the "Wood Streets" neighborhood on the morning of July 4th, our wonderful country's Independence Day! We hope you enjoyed the festive flags and look forward to our patriotic gesture again next year.

- - Tara & April

The Chit Chat is back!

A few issues were skipped due to vacations and April buying a new home. Our real estate business and relationships with our clients have remained as strong as ever — see activity report on page 3.

We hope you enjoy reading the Chit Chat as much as we enjoy writing it!!!

- - "The Sister Team"



Standing: Chris, Bethany, Teri, Heidi, Debbie, Ryan, Gregg, Jennifer, Heather and Eric

Kneeling: Dorette, Tara, April and Ruth

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## Historical August Days

- 1693 - Dom Perignon invents champagne
- 1873 - The first cable streetcar in the U.S. begins operation in San Francisco
- 1898 - The roller coaster is patented
- 1907 - The first taxicabs take to the streets of NYC
- 1909 - The first Lincoln penny is issued
- 1912 - Edgar Rice Burroughs publishes Tarzan of the Apes
- 1918 - The first regular airmail service (16 cents) begins
- 1920 - Amendment 19, giving women in the U.S. the right to vote, is ratified
- 1934 - Al Capp's comic strip, "Li'l Abner" premieres
- 1959 - Hawaii becomes the 50th state
- 1976 - RCA Victor Records announces that sales of Elvis Presley records passed the 400 million mark — no other entertainer, living or dead, has equaled that milestone
- 1981 - MTV debuts

## Don't Be a Tosser

It is estimated that several *trillion* cigarette butts are littered worldwide every year. That's billions of cigarettes flicked, one at a time, on our sidewalks, beaches, nature trails, gardens, and other public places every single day. In fact, cigarettes are **the most littered item in America** and the world. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, not cotton, and they can take decades to degrade. Those who think that tossing cigarettes is not littering — think again! Even tobacco giant Philip Morris USA says cigarettes are the most common form of litter ([http://www.philipmorrisusa.com/policies\\_practices/litter.asp](http://www.philipmorrisusa.com/policies_practices/litter.asp)). Littering of any sort is disgusting, but when your discards are also burning, there can be consequences, such as when a cigarette flies into someone's open convertible and results in an accident, or when it goes into the back of a pickup truck, where it ignites paper bags full of groceries. Some folks will say these instances are rare. Perhaps, but wildfires aren't uncommon, especially this time of year. Ask anyone who has lost their home — or a loved one — if cigarettes are harmless. Maybe more fires are started because of arson rather than careless smokers, but there's still the issue of cigarette litter.



Assemblyman Russ Bough, R-Yucaipa, came up with a bill (AB2694) that would increase the fine for tossing a lighted or unlighted cigarette out of a vehicle's window, or discarding one on private property outside of an ashtray. The bill was first introduced February 20, 2004 and had the support of California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection firefighters, the Sierra Club, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and the environmental organization Vote the Coast. There are notes from a May 4, 2004 hearing regarding the bill's status ([http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab\\_2651-2700/ab\\_2694\\_cfa\\_20040503\\_143312\\_asm\\_comm.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2651-2700/ab_2694_cfa_20040503_143312_asm_comm.html)). The summary states that the mandatory minimum fine would rise from its current \$100 to up to \$2,000 for a first offense. For a second conviction, the minimum fine would change from \$500 to up to \$4,000. Three or more convictions and the fine could be as much as \$6,000. Smokers will be thrilled to learn the bill did not pass because the committee felt the penalty was too harsh for the crime. The majority of the committee must be smokers!



— adapted from [www.cigarettelitter.org](http://www.cigarettelitter.org) and the *Ventura County Star* newspaper

### Kick Butt Quiz

1. The long stretches of sandy areas adjacent to bodies of water are generally known as?
  - A. Beaches
  - B. Giant coastal ashtrays
2. Cigarette butts are biodegradable.
  - A. True — They are made of magic material that turns into dirt, sand, or brick, depending on where you drop them.
  - B. False — They are made of plastic fibers that take many years to decompose.
3. The best thing to do with cigarette butts while on a hike?
  - A. Hang on to them and throw them out later, with your other rubbish.
  - B. Toss them periodically on the trail to mark your way back to avoid getting lost.
4. Standing on the edge of a beautiful lookout, your first reaction is:
  - A. What incredible beauty!
  - B. What a great place to toss my butt!

*ANSWERS: If you actually need to check, you didn't pass. Here they are anyway: 1-A; 2-B; 3-A; 4-A*

## REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY REPORT

### Listed and Sold by "The Sister Team"

#### SOLD (April through July 2004)

3923	5th Street, Riverside 92501	\$275,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1600 sq ft	6- car garage
1250	Alessandro St, Banning 92220	\$269,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1992 sq ft	2-car garage
2124	Arroyo Dr, Riverside 92506	\$541,621	3 bed, 3 bath	2427 sq ft	2-car garage
3957	Bandini Ave, Riverside 92506	\$256,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1100 sq ft	1-car garage
6658	Belinda Dr, Riverside 92504	\$295,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1324 sq ft	2-car garage
4364	Brentwood Ave, Riverside 92506	\$375,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1700 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
4528	Brentwood Ave, Riverside 92506	\$320,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1600 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
6870	Coronado Way, Riverside 92504	\$289,500	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1338 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
4947	El Molino Ave, Riverside 92504	\$381,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1815 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
3714	Elmwood Ct, Riverside 92506	\$342,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1300 sq ft	2-car garage
4210	Elmwood Ct, Riverside 92506	\$255,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1200 sq ft	2-car garage
3581	Elmwood Dr, Riverside 92506	\$449,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	2052 sq ft	2-car garage
3190	Jane St, Riverside 92506	\$205,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1032 sq ft	2-car garage
1742	Jensen Cr, Riverside 92506	\$355,000	3 bed, 2.5 bath	1777 sq ft	2-car & pool
3756	Larchwood Pl, Riverside 92506	\$325,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1522 sq ft	2-car garage
3499	Lemon St, Riverside 92501	\$360,000	3 bed, 3 bath	1300 sq ft	Triplex
3849	Loring Dr, Riverside 92501	\$340,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1801 sq ft	2-car garage
4444	Maplewood Pl, Riverside 92506	\$325,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1340 sq ft	2-car garage
3452	Mulberry St, Riverside 92501	\$400,000	5 bed, 3 bath	1300 sq ft	Triplex
3492	Ramona Dr, Riverside 92506	\$349,000	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1511 sq ft	2-car garage
3880	Rosewood Pl, Riverside 92506	\$289,900	2 bed, 1 bath	1180 sq ft	1-car garage
3483	Skylane Rd, Riverside 92509	\$159,900	2 bed, 1 bath	720 sq ft	1 carport
3481	Sunnyside Dr, Riverside 92506	\$334,900	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1548 sq ft	2-car garage & pool

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4373	12th St, Riverside 92501	Sold	3 bed, 2 bath	1700 sq ft	2-car & guest & pool
3138	Brockton Ave, Riverside 92501	prices	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1529 sq ft	Two 1-car garages
25631	San Antonio St, Moreno Valley	will be	3 bed, 2 bath	1774 sq ft	3-car garage & pool
		posted in			
		next			
		"Activity			
		Report"			

## Welcome New Clients!

*Here are some past clients, and new clients who became members of our "Real Estate Family" recently. We'd like to welcome you and wish you all the best!*

**Timothy Glenn and Judith Harris (past and treasured clients)**

**Gary Stewart (past and treasured client)**

**Jo Thompson (past and treasured client)**

**Sue Nash & Tom Paulek (referred by Jo Thompson)**

**Danny & Veronica Davis, and Ryann Patterson ("Wood Streets" residents)**

**Jeanette & Fred Bagwell, and Rachel Dudek (sold a home in the "Wood Streets")**

*We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing clients who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us.*

## August Quiz Question

Of all the Ancient Wonders of the World, which one still exists?

*Everyone responding by calling or e-mailing us with the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for:*

**A \$30 gift certificate for a store of your choice!**

*Drawing to be held on 8/20/04*



## April Quiz Answer

**Question:** What is the world's fastest land animal?

**Answer:** The cheetah. They are the odds-on favorite in almost any footrace. After all, they can accelerate to freeway speeds of 60-70 mph in just a few steps.

**Congratulations to  
James and Laurie Warhol**

Your names were selected at random from all of the correct quiz entries and you'll receive a \$30 gift certificate for a store of your choice!

## See An Interesting Home?

No need to wonder about the price. No need to call a high-pressure sales agent who will just make you feel obligated. Our computers can send you the information quickly and easily, for any house, listed or sold, anywhere.

**Just ask "The Sister Team"!  
It's all part of our  
Free, No-obligation  
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Leave the address on our voicemail pager:  
**(909) 278-8755 ext. 121 or 124**

We'll fax, mail or e-mail you the information on that listing within 24 hours.

# The Pet Page



**LARGE REWARD**

## IMPORTANT UPDATE

“The Sister Team” is willing to donate money to help those who would like to adopt a needy (and doomed) pet from any animal shelter!

And **remember**....spaying and neutering is the most important thing we can do to help dogs and cats!

We are willing and able to *confidentially* help those who are unable or unwilling to spay or neuter their companion (or stray) animals.

Please contact us and we will donate our time and money to this most-important cause!

Together, forever and always ..... for the animals!

--Tara and April

## LOST CAT

Missing since July 8th from Brentwood Avenue (could be anywhere by now).

Weezer is a neutered 2-yr-old light gray tabby male who escaped from his new home without his collar!

He has green eyes and black rings around the end of his tail like a raccoon.

He's a “scaredy cat” so it's unlikely he'll be caught, so please look in your backyard, garage, shed and under cars. Look & listen for a lost cat. Even if you think you see or hear him, **please** call April at 951-205-4429 immediately!

Don't try to catch him or he'll run away.

Please check with friends and relatives that live outside the “Wood Streets” just in case Weezer kept traveling in his confused state-of-mind.

-- April Glatzel

I'm being optimistic for his safe return because I recently heard a wonderful pet/owner reunion story: A man who lives in Canyon Crest found a cat in his yard and called the phone number on the collar. The owners had been looking for the cat, which is from Norco, since Christmas Eve 2003 !!!

# Neighborhood Yard Sale...



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN PARTICIPATING,  
PLEASE CALL  
ROBIN 683-7255  
OR  
APRIL 686-0669**

**IF YOU WANT TO SHOP,  
GET READY TO FIND  
SOME TREASURES!**



Date: Saturday, August 14, 2004  
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Brentwood Avenue  
(between Brockton & Palm)

Your trash is someone else's treasure!



Do you have stuff  
you've been meaning to get rid of?  
Is it time to de-clutter your home?

We are planning  
a neighborhood yard sale  
on Brentwood, Maplewood, etc.

Signs, pens, price tags and advertisement  
provided by "The Sister Team".

## The Benefits of Cycling Helmets

Bicycle helmets are 85-88 percent effective in mitigating head and brain injuries, making the use of helmets the single most effective way to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes. Despite the fact that 70 to 80 percent of all fatal bicycle crashes involve head injuries, only 18 percent of all bicyclists wear bicycle helmets.

### Selecting and fitting a bike helmet

- Choose a bike helmet that meets current safety standards. Most helmets are made of EPS foam with a thin plastic outer shell. The shell helps the helmet skid easily on rough pavement to avoid jerking the neck. The shell also holds the EPS together after the first impact. Some excellent helmets are made by molding EPS in the shell rather than adding the shell later.
- Fit the helmet so the front is just above the top of the eyebrows. Teach your child to wear it this way.
- Adjust the two side straps so they meet in a "V" right under each ear, and check often to make sure straps stay snug and the helmet stays level on the head.
- Adjust the chin strap snugly under the chin. Make it tight enough so the helmet pulls down when you open your mouth. The helmet should not move more than an inch in any direction, and must not pull off no matter how hard you try.
- Standards are no longer a big issue in the US market, but check inside for a CPSC sticker.
- Pick white or a bright color for visibility to be sure that motorists and other cyclists can see you.
- Ponytail ports can improve fit for those with long hair.
- Bald riders should avoid helmets with big top vents in order to prevent funny tan lines.
- Some head shapes require more fiddling with fitting pads and straps. Extra small heads may need thick fitting pads.
- For a softer landing, seniors should pick a thicker, less dense model without huge vents.



Many people buy their helmets after a crash. You can be smarter than that. Happy cycling!!!

– Adapted from [www.bhsi.org/guide.htm](http://www.bhsi.org/guide.htm)

## Good Timing

A manager wanted to offer an incentive plan to attract a job applicant and to motivate him to improve rapidly in his first months on the job.

Accordingly, the manager said, "I'll pay you \$10 an hour to start, and if you get better and faster at your work, I'll increase your wage to \$15 an hour after six months. When would you like to start?"

The applicant thought for a moment and said, "In six months."

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customer service you deserve!***



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**Chit Chat**

## *Referral Reward Program ...*

We want to thank those of you who have participated in our Client Referral program! Marketing for new clients costs us tons of time, money and energy. Like any company, we need new clients to stay in business. Over the years we've found that looking for new clients takes away from the time we would rather be spending focusing on your goals, explaining your options, and providing the excellent service you expect.....*and deserve!*

If you refer your friends and relatives to us, everyone benefits. We can serve you better. We send you a nice gift. And we assure you that we'll take the very best care of anyone you refer to us.

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