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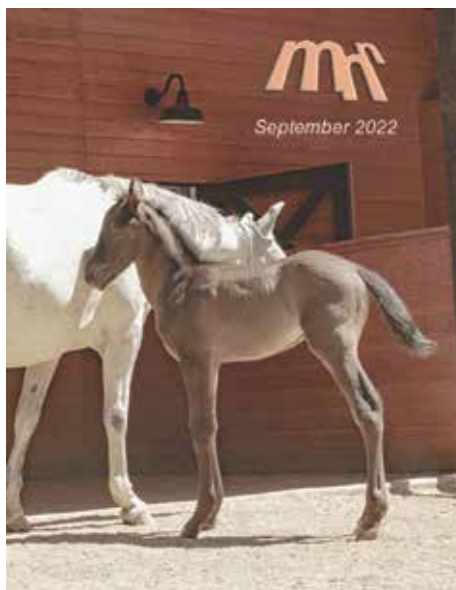
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events

Loma Prieta Museum Pioneer History Day Roger Mason

Enjoy food, music, children's games, and pioneer history on **Saturday, September 17**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Mason-Taylor Ranch, 22849 Summit Road.

This community event will include a history scavenger hunt (with prizes) for children, old-fashioned children's games, music by the Wildcat Mountain Ramblers, a barbecue lunch, short history talks, and a silent auction of merchant donations. Lunch tickets are available on Eventbrite.com. For details, visit www.LomaPrietaMuseum.org.

Pioneer family descendants will present short family stories describing what it was like to live in the Santa Cruz Mountains as early settlers. We need volunteers to help with children's activities, serving lunch, setting up, and tearing down. We are also looking for more pioneer families to share their family history at this event. Email us at LomaPrietaMuseum@gmail.com, or call 408-529-0254.

Castro Adobe History Tour

Park ranger Paul Karz, who led a hike to the historic town of Loma Prieta in Nisene Marks State Park in July, will offer a guided tour of the Castro Adobe State Historic Park on **Friday, September 30**. The park is located in Larkin Valley, near Watsonville. The Rancho San Andrés Castro Adobe is one of the grandest of all adobe buildings representing the Mexican Rancho period of California history (1821-1848). It was built between 1848 and 1850 by Juan Jose Castro, son of Jose Joaquin Castro, who was an original Juan Bautista de Anza expedition member.

For more information about any of our events, visit our website at www.LomaPrietaMuseum.org.

Railroad History in the Mountains

On **Tuesday, October 25**, railroad historian Brian Liddicoat will share the history of the early railroads in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The presentation begins at 7 p.m., at Loma Prieta Elementary School, 23800 Summit Road. Don't miss this free, interesting, and educational event.

The Loma Prieta Museum is sponsored by the Loma Prieta Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.



Loma Prieta Volunteer Fire & Rescue Annual Barbecue Lani Christianson

Join us on **Sunday, September 11**, for the Loma Prieta Fire & Rescue annual barbecue. There will be child-friendly activities, exhibits, and an opportunity to win great items in our raffles and silent auction. It all happens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Loma Prieta Playfield and Gazebo, 23845 Summit Road.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Purchase four and get the fifth one free! You could win a vacation getaway for two to Palm Springs or Las Vegas. You don't have to be present to win.

Enjoy a delicious barbecued steak or chicken meal, including chili beans, salad, and garlic bread, for just \$20. A vegetarian option is also available. Children will enjoy the hot dog lunch for just \$5. Desserts and beverages are also available for purchase.

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events

Get Your Boots On! Come Play at the Summit Riders' Arena Melany Moore

After a two-year hiatus, the Summit Riders' annual October Playday is back. Join us on **Sunday, October 16**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for horseback games and fun.

The horse-show committee is planning a great obstacle course, with games for novice through advanced riders. This is a non-competitive day for people to watch, volunteer and ride.

We need about ten volunteers to have a successful event. Volunteers receive a wholesome family-oriented day, plus complimentary lunch.



Lunch will be available for purchase on site, from the awesome taco truck *El Buen*. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, email me at melanymoore88@gmail.com, or call 408-886-4792.

C.T. English Home and School Club Got Stuff?

Goodwill Truck to the Rescue! Lila Jones

The C.T. English Home and School Club will host Goodwill donation and e-waste drive fundraisers on **Saturday, September 17**, and **Saturday, October 15**.

Clean out your closets, toy chests, bookshelves, and garage. Bring your e-waste, old clothes, books, and household items to the Loma Prieta/CTE parking lot at 23800 Summit Road, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Do not drop off donations while the trailer is unattended.

For your safety, donors are welcome to stay in their car while the attendants unload each vehicle.

Goodwill Silicon Valley can't accept furniture, mattresses, large appliances, exercise equipment, automobile parts, weapons, household trash, food, carpeting, construction debris, hazardous household chemicals, liquids of any kind, pet-related items, items over 50 pounds, and television sets with over 27-inch screens. We can

accept microwaves, VCRs, printers, and vacuums in good working order.

Thank you for bringing us your unwanted/unused items. Your donations support Goodwill of Silicon Valley and C.T. English Middle School. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. Goodwill of Silicon Valley and the C.T. English Home and School Club are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community. If you have questions, email vpcommunications@ctehsc.org.



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community

Villa Del Monte

Fuel-Reduction Chipping Project Kathy McKinney

For the second year in a row, Steve Stewart is leading a fuel-reduction chipping project in the Villa Del Monte neighborhood. This project is in partnership with the Summit Watershed Protection League, a non-profit 501(c)(3) formed 30 years ago to protect the forest in the watershed that surrounds the Villa Del Monte neighborhood.

Steve has managed the project from start to finish. He distributed flyers and talked to and solicited donations from neighbors. He applied for and received a matching grant from the Santa Clara County Firesafe Council. He encouraged neighbors to clear brush on their properties and build accessible chipping piles.

Steve says, "Many neighbors have done amazing work cleaning up their properties, including Lou and Mary Ellen McTamane, Brian Whiteley, and John and Renata Harbison. There are several folks on lower Skyview Terrace/Troy that work together all the time, including Josh Maddox, Jared Johnson, and others. Malcolm De Souza heads up a team on Deerfield, and our neighbors on Chasewood have also done a lot of clearing work."

A group of neighbors conducted multiple sweeps of the neighborhood, filling a large trailer with brush from along the roads. The first round of chipping was in mid-August. Scott Green and his four-man crew did a great job chipping more than 20 piles of brush collected by residents.

Steve hopes to coordinate another round of chipping in September. If you live in the Villa Del Monte neighborhood and would like to make a donation, participate, or want more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/summitwatershedprotection>, or email Steve at steve.stewart77@gmail.com.

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Santa Cruz Rail and Trail What Happens Next? Friends of Rail and Trail

The first planning and design task for implementing passenger rail is to develop the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation, or the "30 percent design and EIR." We studied the Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Rail Network Integration Business Plan (Rail Business Plan) to see what is planned. Where will the rail stops be? How long is your commute and how often will trains come? These decisions are a necessary part of this process. Visit railandtrail.org to follow the progress.

More coastal rail trail. The staff proposal for the rail project includes designing coastal rail-trail segments 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20, from Rio Del Mar Boulevard to Pajaro. All 32 miles of trail are now in development.

More Westside trail construction. The City of Santa Cruz started construction on coastal rail trail segment 7, phase II, on July 25. It is expected to be finished in late summer of 2023. The project offers almost a mile of paved bicycle/pedestrian path between Bay/California streets and Pacific Avenue/Beach Street. It will be 12 to 16 feet wide and run along the coastal side of the existing rail line. It is designed for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities, with



running slopes and curb ramps designed for ADA compliance. It will provide a safer active transportation corridor linking the West Side to the popular Beach Street bikeway and favorite public destinations such as the east end of the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and Municipal Wharf, with a river path connecting to downtown.

Mountain Neighbors Helping Neighbors Patricia Wood

We are still here! The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic are still with us, and people need occasional, non-professional help to stay healthy and safe.

We require masks for those in vehicles and other indoor spaces. Our care receivers are often in precarious health and our volunteers are often older with health risks themselves. We also now require COVID-19 vaccination and booster shots

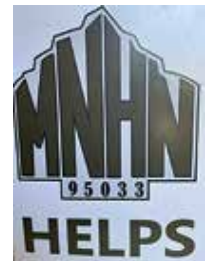
for both care receivers and volunteers.

For those receiving ongoing support, such as grocery and pharmacy deliveries, or multiple medical-office visits, we are assigning up to three volunteers to support one person/household. This helps with ongoing needs, and promotes developing human interactions.

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Most of the communities we serve are in the 95033 zip code: Aldercroft Heights, Redwood Estates, the Summit Road area, and smaller adjoining roads.

We always need volunteers. Visit <http://mnhn95033.org>, email mnhn95033@gmail.com, call 408-353-4565, or mail us at MNHN, P.O. Box 653, Redwood Estates, CA 95044.



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Fire Safe County Roads

The Summit Road Project

David Fullagar and Larry Lopp

We are happy to announce a new level of cooperation between PG&E and the Fire Safe County Roads team for the shaded fuel break along the Summit Road/Highland Way corridor. This significant agreement was made possible through the work of State Senator John Laird's Santa Cruz office.

Recently, a series of meetings were held between the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County, PG&E, and members of the Fire Safe County Roads team to coordinate the work being done along the Summit Road corridor.

PG&E and RCD staff have walked the length of the corridor together, discussing how best to implement the plan.

This is a first. In the past, PG&E has worked independently of county and property owners, often cutting trees just below the power lines, and leaving large limbs and other combustible material on the ground.

PG&E has agreed to use the same shaded fuel break scope of work that RCD is using. PG&E work will focus on eight feet on either side of powerlines, whereas the RCD effort will extend as far as 100 feet on each side of the road.

This is still a significant contribution by PG&E. It will allow the \$1.3M grant being administered by RCD to go much further than originally anticipated. It's a win-win for everyone.

PG&E work is underway. They are moving from Highway 17 east to the Mount Bache junction. Many of you have seen Davey trucks and shredders at work.



RCD will begin work in mid-September, working from the Mount Bache junction west toward Highway 17.

The overall FSCR project is a multi-year effort. Work on the Summit Road/Highland Way corridor will be completed from the east end to the Loma Prieta school district property this year. We will request additional funding for the completion of Summit Road to Highway 17, and the beginning of the Soquel-San Jose Road corridor, in the summer of 2023.

We hope that this new level of cooperation between PG&E, RCD, and our Fire Safe County Roads team will serve as a template for future community-based programs.

This is good news for our community.

First District Supervisor, Santa Cruz County District One News

Manu Koenig

Important road repairs coming

We continue to repair damage from the historic 2016-17 storms. The board of supervisors recently voted to move forward on several road and storm-damage repairs that are vitally important to mountain-area residents. These include Schulties Road PM 2.05, North Rodeo Gulch Road PM 4.31 and 4.94, and Old Santa Cruz Highway PM 1.20 and 1.36. Construction is expected to start later this year.

Regional Transportation Commission requests proposals for passenger rail

This summer, the Regional Transportation Commission voted unanimously to request proposals for a passenger-rail environmental-impact report. This report would provide details about potential rail service, including where stations would go, how frequent service would be, and new cost estimates, including right-of-way acquisition. The report, which would include significant



Supervisor Koenig met with Supervisor Simitian at the Wrights Station Winery

engineering work, is expected to cost \$17-20 million. The RTC expects to review proposals in November.

Additionally, grant proposals have been submitted to the state for the next segments of the rail trail between the Boardwalk and Aptos. We expect to know the outcome of those applications this fall.

This fall, the RTC will consider a grant application to extend auxiliary lanes on Highway 1 to Freedom Blvd.

Summit-on-the-Summit with Supervisor Joe Simitian

Earlier in the summer, I attended an event hosted by the Loma Prieta Community Foundation. This event brought together leaders from several mountain-area organizations for a night of conversation with me and Supervisor Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County, District 5. We discussed important issues for constituents in the Summit area. In the 2022-23 budget, we committed funds to a new sheriff substation at the Loma Prieta School District campus. Supervisor Simitian and I are working together to ensure this facility serves residents of both counties.

We welcome your feedback and involvement

Call us at 831-454-2200, or email first.district@santacruzcounty.us. Join us at a town hall on **Thursday, September 8**, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. You can attend in-person (location TBA), or via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96708318897>. For more information, visit our website: District 1 (santa-cruz.ca.us).

Summit Horse Rescue
You Can Save a Horse
Rebecca Smith

In July, Summit Horse Rescue hosted our first open house to introduce ourselves and our resident and adoptable horses (including newborn foal Rio), explain our mission, and raise funds. Activities included a silent auction, pony rides, face painting, free barbecue, and children's games.

Our group rescues equines bound for meat plants in Mexico, where they are to be slaughtered for human consumption. The horses and ponies we save are typically purchased from Texas feedlots, also known as killpens. It is their last stop before they are loaded onto a truck to their final destination, and an often brutal and inhumane death.

Summit Horse Rescue was founded by mountain residents Christina and Brian Erdelyi, with Rebecca Smith. It began in 2017 with the rescue of Waffles, a sweet senior palomino Shetland pony, dumped by a pony party business. Our team saved three more horses, including Baby, a distraught four-month-old orphan foal taken from his mom at the kill pen.

The following year, we formed a group of eight families to jointly rescue and rehab two ponies as an educational summer project for our children. It came as a wonderful surprise to learn that one mare was pregnant. Her foal, Wonder, was delivered the following spring. All three ponies were permanently adopted by mountain families. We have rescued 14 horses and ponies, including two unborn foals, and facilitated the rescue of six more ponies, mules, and donkeys on behalf of local families.

We have fine-tuned our mission to focus on saving young horses and ponies. We don't have sufficient space to provide



long-term sanctuary for horses that are unadoptable, older, unrideable, with special needs, or that are too dangerous.

We buy horses online with little knowledge of their history, health, or behavioral issues. As a small, mostly self-funded rescue, we don't have the financial ability to take a chance on a horse that might involve costly vet bills or long-term rehab, "companion-only" horses, and those too challenging to place in permanent homes. We focus primarily on saving young horses, ideally three- to five-year-olds, that were run through the auction because they were not halter-broken. Most have had very little interaction with people. They can be feral and fearful upon arrival, and often underweight and sick.

We bring them to a healthy weight, and work on building trust and halter-breaking. We provide vet treatment, antibiotics, shots, teeth floating, gelding if needed, and hoof trimming by the farrier. We invest in professional training for horses and ponies that have the potential to be ridden. Our goal is that these rescue horses will be adopted, with contracts that make sure that the adopter can properly care for the horse or pony. We must approve of any sale or transfer of ownership to a new home.

We are committed to ensuring that these animals are never again in an auction or kill pen. Here's how you can help.

Donate. Summit Horse Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Your donation can help us with ongoing expenses.

Sponsor a horse. Our sponsored rescues enable friends and neighbors who can't care for or adopt a horse to be directly involved in a rescue. The average cost to buy a horse from a kill pen, transport to California, provide basic veterinary care, farrier work, and three to four months of feed and rehab is \$3,000 to \$4,000. For a minimum donation of \$2500, you can sponsor a rescue. You will have a say in choosing which horse you save.

We do the work and commit to providing whatever care and training is needed. You

are welcome to help and visit. You will be invited to meet the adopter. Qualifying sponsors may also have first right of refusal to adopt the equine they paid to save.

Volunteer. Horses are kept at our homes, but we can use extra help with projects. We need volunteers experienced in training young, unhandled or unbroken horses, working on gentling and desensitization, halter breaking, and horsemanship.

Foster a horse. If you have an unused barn, corral, or pasture, you can offer a short- or long-term foster home and provide basic care. No prior experience is required. We can advise and support, provide hay/feed, and veterinary and farrier care, but we can't afford to pay board.

A 30-day period would enable us to safely quarantine a new rescue. An offer of fenced grazing for a few weeks in spring would be a great contribution. We also need long-term fosters able to care for unadoptable/companion-only horses or ponies, or those that need to recover from an injury prior to training.

Adopt a horse. We have several horses available for or pending adoption. We typically encourage a trial period to make sure it's the right fit for the family and the horse. If we don't have what you are looking for, we can connect you with another rescue group, watch for a good fit, or assist you with a direct rescue.

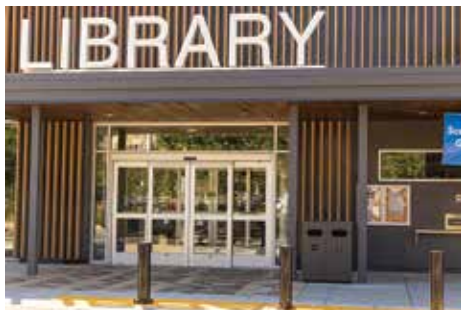
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Scotts Valley Library Reopens Neil Wiley

It's an easy drive from our mountains to Scotts Valley to find books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and access to computers. After more than a year of closure for remodeling, the Scotts Valley Branch Library is open. Conveniently located at 251 Kings Village Road, it is just down the street from the post office, and centers for shopping, banking, public transit, and pizza. The library also has its own convenient parking lot in front of the building.

The redesigned library was funded by a \$67 million library-improvement bond measure, Measure S, passed in 2016. The improvements are substantial upgrades, including soundproofing, new rooms for



meetings and study, and self-checkout stations. Safety and comfort are improved with new seismic upgrades, roof, HVAC system, and a community room enclosure. The result is a welcoming environment for reading, researching, and meeting other people. It's the perfect place to find the perfect book.

The library is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call 831-427-7712. If you need a Santa Cruz County library card, visit catalog.santacruzpl.org.



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ON-GOING CLASSES AND MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Qi-gong classes, 8:45 to 10 a.m. at Skyland Church. Call 831-247-5617.

Pilates mat class, 7 to 8 p.m., via Zoom. Email altesta@gmail.com or text 650-465-8513.

Wednesdays

Tai chi for beginners is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Los Gatos Recreation Center.

Thursdays

Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Burrell CDF station on Highland Way.

Pilates mat class, 7 to 8 p.m., via Zoom. Email altesta@gmail.com or text 650-465-8513.

Yoga at the Redwood Estates Pavilion, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. We meet on Zoom and (weather permitting) on the Pavilion lawn. Visit pamsyogafitness.com for details.

Yoga at Skyland Church, 7 p.m.
\$10 per class

Integral yoga at Lakeside School (held online currently), 6:30 to 8 p.m. Visit www.lgsrecreation.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Redwood Estates Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.

Live bluegrass at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Fridays

Live music at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, on the first Friday of each month, 6 p.m.

All-ages karaoke at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, second and fourth Fridays of each month, 6 p.m.

Saturdays

Summit Toastmasters 95033, meets on Zoom, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit <https://summittoastmasters95033.toastmastersclubs.org>, or call Laur d'Armien, 408-634-3493.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, September 8

The Bookmobile visits the mountains:
Lakeside School, 9:45 a.m.
Building Blocks Preschool, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.
Redwood Estates Pavillion, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

Loma Prieta Volunteer Fire and Rescue annual barbecue at the Loma Prieta Playfield and Gazebo, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Pioneer History Day at the Mason-Taylor Ranch, 22849 Summit Road, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Friday, September 30

Interpreter Paul Karz will offer a guided tour of the Castro Adobe State Historic Park, located in Larkin Valley near Watsonville. For more information, visit www.LomaPrietaMuseum.org.

Saturday, October 1

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Solo or Group?

Hiking in the Forest of Nisene Marks Neil Wiley

Solitude can be a wonderful antidote. Being out in nature alone can be comforting, unless you get lost, fall, or run into a mountain lion. Now, however, fear of COVID-19, old age, and fewer community activities have led to isolation. This is why I'm happy to report on a group hike in the Forest of Nisene Marks sponsored by the Loma Prieta Museum.

The July hike was a great success. After months of staying home, it was good to be with friends and neighbors. When more than 40 people signed up, half the group went on Friday, half on Saturday. This made it easier to hear Paul Karz, our senior interpreter aide. It also helped us warn each other of speeding bikers.

We parked at the Porter Family Picnic Area, about one mile into the park. Even with frequent stops for informative talks, it took less than three hours to make our three- to four-mile round trip.

The redwoods formed a beautiful, shady tunnel, but our day was more than a walk in the woods. We learned about nature and history.

Although all indications of the town of Loma Prieta had been removed, our interpreter enriched the experience with his commentary and visual aids.

Loma Prieta was a real town with a store, hotel, Wells Fargo office, post office, railroad spur, and a large water tank. Some of the employees had homes there. Up the hill was a schoolhouse. Paul also talked about the survival and renewal of the logged redwood forest.

I hope that the Loma Prieta Museum sponsors more tours like this.

I've been on several other group hikes in Nisene Marks. The first (and longest) was led by Sandy Lydon, known as the history dude and retired professor of history at Cabrillo College. Sandy's on-site observations and stories made the hike worthwhile. He has taken students into the Forest of Nisene Marks for over 30 years. He wrote the history of Aptos Canyon for the park's general plan, and he helped convince the State Parks Commission to adopt the park. All this, and he told great stories with enthusiasm and humor.

We saw the infamous "incline," a steep



The village of Loma Prieta in 1890





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of horsetail ferns. We entered a redwood grove, complete with a shaded field of redwood sorrel and sword- and five-finger ferns. We visited Monte Vista Station, a logging camp and tourist site where nothing remains but a few twisted rails.

Another quarter-mile upstream took us to Five Finger Falls, a little waterfall that bursts out of a rocky cliff to fall 15 feet into an emerald green pool. This section of the hike is now closed.

We retraced our steps back up the trail,

past the intersection with the Big Slide Trail, continued another four miles to the Aptos Creek Fire Road, and up and down many, many switchbacks to the Porter Family Picnic Area.

It was a long hike, but if Five Finger Falls is open, I would do it again.

Although these two hikes were quite different, both show the value of group hiking, especially when you have a great interpreter/leader.

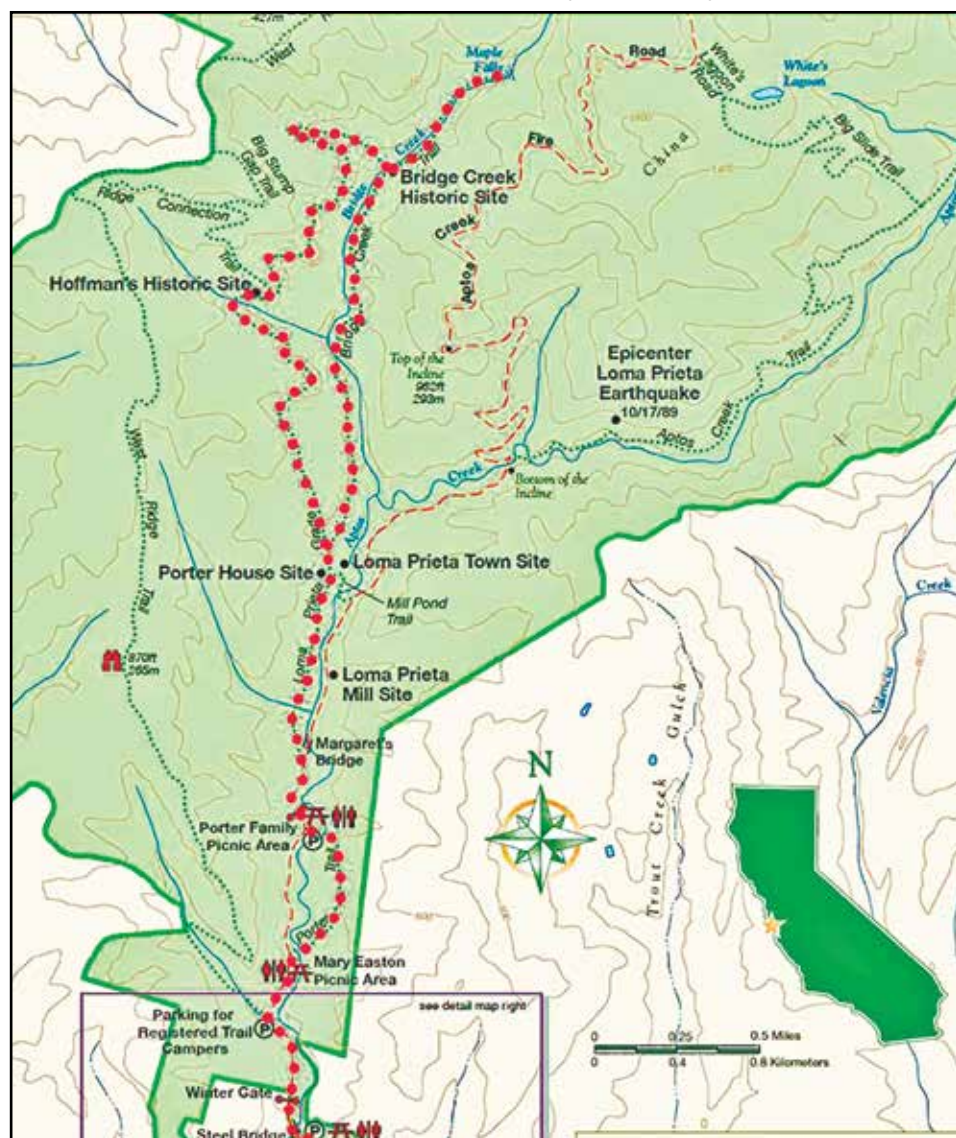
If you can walk and listen, you should sign up to get outside together.

rail line that lowered stacks of split wood on narrow-gauge flatcars by wire cable and a steam donkey. It lowered these cars 600 feet in elevation over a distance of 2250 feet. In case of emergency, a rider would jump off the car and ring one of the bells next to the track. They rang often. Fortunately, the incline was no longer in service.

We took the Aptos Creek Fire Road to White's Lagoon Trail, about five miles north of the Porter Family gate. The lagoon was shallow and thick with reeds, grasses, and willows. We saw many signs of feral pigs.

We cut back to the Big Slide Trail, which took us about a mile and a half to Aptos Creek Trail. The first half mile was a gradual descent, but then we plunged steeply down about 600 feet in elevation through a series of switchbacks. When we reached Aptos Creek Trail, we could look down about 150 feet over the canyon. We could also see several long fissures from the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

Aptos Creek Trail led us to one of the most beautiful areas of the park. We stayed high on the canyon wall for about half a mile, and then dropped down into a thicket



history

Women of the Santa Cruz Mountains

Sara Bard Field

Joan Barriga

Josephine McCracken demonstrated that women could exert influence on legislative bodies to enact worthwhile laws if they could get public support for their cause, but until the second decade of the 20th century, women had no real voice in the government, because they were denied the right to vote.

Steps to correct this inequity were made by the first Women Voter's Convention, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. Twelve western states had already granted the right to vote to their female residents by 1915. Western women were determined to bring this message to the women in the East. In fact, they intended to take their message directly to President Woodrow Wilson.

The moving force behind this crusade was a woman named Alice Paul. During the Exposition, she and her followers collected enough signatures supporting women's suffrage to fill a petition more than 18,000 feet long. She sent her emissaries across the country by automobile (unheard-of in 1915). The crusading ladies would make speeches in cities and towns along the way and add more signatures to the petition, which would then be presented to the President in Washington, D. C.

Two women were selected to represent the Women Voter's Convention: Frances



Sara Bard Field

Joliffe and Sara Bard Field. These two women would drive cross-country in a massive Overland automobile driven by two Swedish ladies who wanted to get their newly acquired automobile back home to Providence, Rhode Island. They generously agreed to take the two extra passengers along. After a jubilant send-off in San Francisco, the Overland headed north to Sacramento.

In 1915, the only cross-country road was the so-called Lincoln Highway, which was not much better than a wagon trail. There were few road maps, no gas stations along the "highway," and no motels. By the time the Overland reached Sacramento, Frances

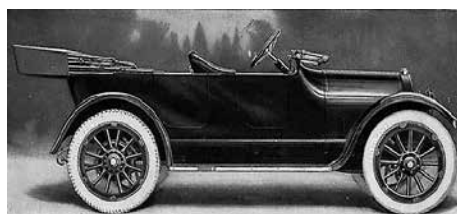


Joliffe had become ill and reluctantly dropped out of the great adventure.

Sara may have had second thoughts, too. She wasn't sure how she had ended up in the big car with two strangers who barely spoke English, driving across the United States. After all, she was a poet, not a speechmaker, and now the responsibility for the success or failure of the crusade for voting rights rested on her.

As the car turned east toward Reno, Sara had time to think about those last hectic days before the departure. There were the tearful good-byes to her two children, Albert and Catherine, who were living with her divorced husband, Rev. Albert Erghott, in Berkeley. And there was the good-bye to Charles Wood, a distinguished lawyer in Portland, Oregon, who was the reason for her divorce.

When Charles heard of the impending trip he left his law office to see her off in San





Sara Bard Field portrait

Francisco. He brought with him a perfect gift—a heavy robe of buffalo fur.

It would have been even more comforting to have Charles along on the trip. He had campaigned in the West during the Indian Wars and was familiar with much of the country they would be passing through, but the trip had been publicized as a women's crusade. That left no room for a male passenger. In addition, Sara had too much pride and determination to admit her anxiety about this long trip with two strangers. Her concerns proved to be well-justified. The journey would take over two months and cover 5,000 miles.

They were east of Reno in the Great American Desert, as it was then called, when Miss Kinstedt began complaining about the "unaccustomed servitude of her role." She resented the fact that Sara got more attention when they arrived in a town, because Sara made the speeches. The driver, Miss Kindborg, tried to smooth things over, but Miss Kinstedt kept muttering to herself in Swedish and throwing dark looks at Sara.

In Wyoming, they had to push the car through snowdrifts. In Kansas, the Overland dropped into a deep mud-hole. It was towed out by an amazed farmer and his team of horses. His comment about three women attempting to cross the United States in an automobile in the dead of winter: "Well, you girls got guts."

At one point during the long trip, Miss Kinstedt turned to Sara, riding in the back seat, and said, "At the end of this trip I'm

going to kill you!" Many people on long trips have probably felt the strain of being at close quarters with a fellow-traveler who grated on their nerves, but there was something about Miss Kinstedt's tone, and the gleam in her eyes, that gave Sara a distinct chill. Not even the warmth of Charles' buffalo robe could dispel it. Not until the trip ended did Sara find out that Miss Kinstedt had been a patient in a mental institution. In her enthusiasm over getting the crusade launched, Alice Paul hadn't investigated the backgrounds of the two generous ladies.

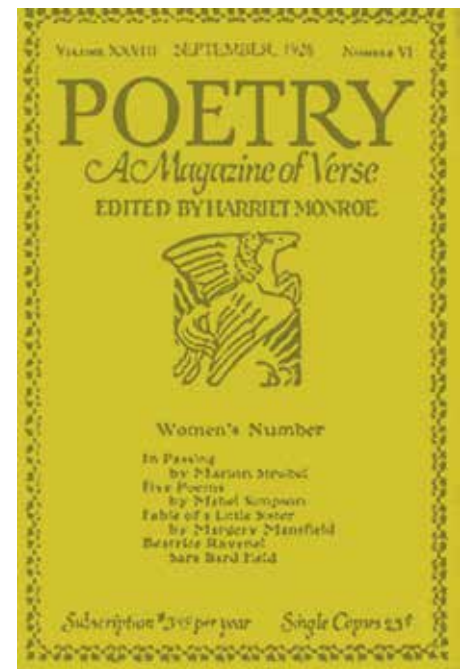
Sara had one traveling suit. When it needed to be cleaned, the dusty travelers had to stay an extra day in town. Sara made good use of that time by making speeches about granting women the right to vote, collecting signatures for the petition, and meeting dignitaries.

When the battered Overland finally reached Washington in December, Frances Joliffe—happily recovered from her sudden illness—met them for the parade to the White House. She had made the journey by train.

President Wilson, amazed at the length of the petition when it was unrolled in the East Room, promised to support their cause. He kept his word, but it took three more years



Celebrating life in the Santa Cruz Mountains



before Congress passed the amendment. In 1920, women in the United States finally had the right to vote in the Presidential election. Sara Bard Field must have had a sense of great accomplishment for her part in the women's suffrage movement.

After the great crusade was over, Sara returned to California and continued writing poetry. Her first book of poetry, *The Pale Woman*, was published in 1927. Five years later, the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco presented her with a gold medal for another work, *Barrabas*.

Charles Wood gave up his Portland law practice in 1919, to devote himself to Sara and his own writing. They built a home up a wooded canyon just south of Los Gatos, which they called "Poet's Canyon." It overlooked Los Gatos Creek and the new highway leading to Santa Cruz. Sara loved the solitude of their home, as well as the stimulating times when they entertained other artists and writers. She and Charles often spend evenings walking in the garden, where he enjoyed identifying the plants and explaining the uses of the many herbs that he cultivated. Together they planned a pair of statues to be placed at the entrance to Poet's Canyon. Sculptor Robert Paine created "The Cats" who took their place on either side of the gateway, a symbol of grace and dignity to everyone passing them on the way into the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Sara Bard Field lived in our mountains. She made a significant contribution to woman's rights and our democracy. Thank you, Sara.

Underwater Geography

Bruce Sudweeks

Recently, an avid reader of the *Mountain Network News* suggested that I include a description of underwater geography in an upcoming article. I recently dove at a location that was completely new to me, so I was able to comply.

The reason why there is an abundance of marine life in the Monterey Bay is due to the presence of the Monterey Canyon. The canyon allows cold, nutrient-rich water to flow from the depths to reach the surface. It starts offshore near Moss Landing, extends 95 miles, and reaches a depth of 11,800 feet.

How the canyon was formed is a bit of a mystery. Normally, underwater canyons are carved by major flows like the Mississippi or Amazon rivers. The Salinas River doesn't have a major flow. One theory is that the Monterey Canyon was formed by a combination of a change in the Colorado River course and shifting tectonic plates.

The canyon is made up of multiple arms. My favorite diving location is Monastery Beach, where the Carmel Canyon arm comes close to shore. The recent location where I dove was part of the Soquel Canyon arm, off the coast of Pajaro. The area often has poor visibility, but I caught it on a good day. I saw a pack of Wolf Eels, and got this photo.



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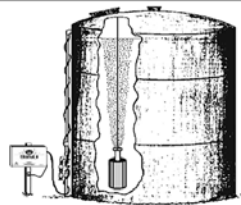
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Josef (Sjef) Cornelius Andrianus van der Pyl Annalea Defasio

Josef (Sjef) passed away in June, at the age of 72. He was born in June 1950, in the Netherlands, to Hank and Trudy van der Pyl. In 1953, their family made the long journey from Holland to Canada, and later from Canada to the Santa Cruz Mountains, where they settled in 1960.

Josef grew up in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He graduated from Loma Prieta School in 1964, before there was a C.T. English Middle School, and from Los Gatos High School in 1968. He worked for a time at La Tienda store, before it became Summit Store.

He enjoyed travelling, especially to New Zealand. He also loved kayaking and sailing in Monterey and San Francisco bays.

Josef was a master home builder. He constructed his own home and completed many remodels. He loved his work and took great joy in a job well done. He was a close friend of Charlie Norman and his family.

His laughter, smile, humor, and intelligence will be missed. A gentleman and friend, Josef had a special way of making life grand, be it at work or play.

Josef was preceded in death by his first wife Mikki, daughter Karel Ann, mother Trudy, and father Hank. He leaves behind his second wife Connie, stepson Charlie, sister Annalea, brother-in-law Joseph, sister-in-law Patti, brother-in-law Robert, sister-in-law Sandie, nieces Ann and Kimberly, nephews Cole, Keenan, and Robert, and many grandnieces and grandnephews. He also has family living in the Netherlands and many dear friends in both countries.



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Obituary
Christa Sinclair
Rob Sinclair

Christa (McClintock) Sinclair passed away Saturday, July 9, after a two-and-a-half-year journey with cancer. Her husband Rob was at her side. She was 52.

Christa embodied a luminous spirit that lit up rooms and filled her friends and family with joy. Christa's gift for storytelling captivated us. Many who shared a meal or a drink with Christa were fortunate to hear her tales directly from her smiling mouth, sprinkled with hyperbole, laughter, and suspense. She saw the best in everyone. Her innumerable friends and family miss her dearly.

She grew up in rural Gilmanton, New Hampshire, where she was fond of creating adventures with her friends or sitting on the roof of her house in a green lawn chair, reading and writing. She attended Horizon's Edge School in Canterbury, Gilmanton public schools, and graduated from Derryfield School in 1988.

Christa graduated from Bradford College in Haverhill, Maine, in 1994, with a bachelor's degree in creative writing. At the urging of her college friends, she began a yearlong handwritten-letter exchange with her future husband and Bradford College graduate Rob Bowles. They met in person for the first time at Logan Airport, with Christa wearing a brown paper bag on her head, refusing to remove it until Rob was sitting shotgun in her Subaru Justy. By the end of that summer, they moved in together in San Francisco, and inevitably married June 29, 1997.

Christa's career spanned several high-tech businesses, including Apple, Intuit, The Learning Company, and Leap Frog Toys, where she was senior director of product development. She hit her stride as a toy inventor, tapping into her life-long love of children.


Prior to the birth of their first son, Connor (now 16), Christa and Rob decided their growing family should share a last name so they placed all their grandmother's maiden names in a hat and picked Sinclair. When pregnant with their second son, Griffin (now 13), and after much discussion, she decided to focus her time and considerable energy on parenting. The Sinclairs moved to the Santa Cruz Mountains shortly after Griffin's birth.


She found a loving community in the mountains and was instrumental in getting high-speed internet installed in their remote location, moving their neighborhood into the Loma Prieta school district, and teaching art at the elementary school. She also enjoyed reading, skiing, and



singing. Christa, we're glad you were born.

In addition to her husband Rob, and sons Connor and Griffin, Christa is survived by her brothers R. Daniel McClintock of Los Angeles, and Adam Olson of Hillsborough New Hampshire, stepsister Nell Dodge of London, England, dad Kirke Olson and his wife Sher Kamman of Henniker, New Hampshire, stepfather Jay Dodge of Deer Island, Maine, biological father R. David McClintock of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and in-laws Bob and Margie Bowles of La Selva Beach, California. She was predeceased by her mother, Darby French, in 2020.





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Back to School

Lakeside School News

Shama Marshall

Over the summer, facilities manager Cody Franks and parent volunteers installed new sand in the sandbox and on the track, added wood chips to our play structure area, and expanded the play area around the new kindergarten playground. They also installed large TV monitors in the classrooms to replace outdated smart boards. Many families helped water and maintain our garden over the summer. We thank everyone who helped improve our campus for our students.

On the day before school started in August, we welcomed our incoming transitional-kindergarten and kindergarten students to a “jump start” day. It was an opportunity for our youngest students to



become familiar with their new classroom, classmates, and teacher, before school started. We also invited families to visit the campus to create chalk art on the blacktop to welcome everyone on the first day back to school.

As our students, teachers and staff excitedly entered their classrooms to begin the new school year, the Lakeside School Community Foundation hosted a coffee meet-and-greet for parents, for our community members to connect and reconnect with each other. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers and donations from our community,



LSCF is able to offer science, art, P.E., dance, and theater programs during the regular school day. We are also developing an age-appropriate coding program for TK through fifth-grade students. If you would like to know more about how to support LSCF, visit <https://www.lakesidescf.org/>.

After School Basketball and Art

Beloved (now retired) Lakeside teacher Marcia Williams will teach after-school art classes for local students in kindergarten through fifth-grades, beginning **Monday, September 12**. Stanford Park Youth Sports will offer a ten-week basketball program for TK through fifth-grade students, at Lakeside, beginning **Wednesday, September 14**. They will also offer a soccer program later in the school year. For more information, email ljsd@lakesidelosgatos.org.

Preschool

Enrollment is now open for Champions Preschool on the Lakeside School campus, 19621 Black Road. Nurture your child's creativity and sense of discovery this fall. They will learn, play, and make friends in a safe, fun, and educational program.

Champions Preschool is open to children ages three to five. Weekly tuition is \$227 for one to two days per week, and \$378 for three to five days per week. School hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To find out more or to enroll your child, call Gretchen Jacobson at 408-460-7935, email ch001895@discoverchampions.com, or visit discoverchampions.com.



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The Gala

Lydia Harville

LPEF presents the 20th Annual Gala on **Saturday, October 1**. The theme is *The Roaring Twenties*. Join us for an elegant afternoon and evening under the stars with music, dinner, and dancing. Participate in silent and live auctions. Enjoy being together.

It is a magical celebration, bringing together parents, teachers, and community members to rejoice in the support and generosity our community gives to Loma Prieta Elementary and C.T. English Middle schools.

It's more than a fun party. This is our primary fundraising event, raising more than half of our annual budget. The LPEF supports critical programs at our schools. Our mission is to ensure each child has access to a rich curriculum that helps them grow and thrive.

We are delighted to welcome our two newest board members: Kim Girard, who is serving as Gala lead, and Shannon Harell, who will serve as secretary.

We need your help. Volunteers are critical to create a spectacular event. We need donations for our silent, live, and online auctions, as well as sponsors. If you want to get involved with the Gala planning committee, have items to donate, or want to sponsor the Gala, email us at gala@lpef.org.

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Kingdoms of Summertime Day Camp 2022 Dr. Kevin Grier

This summer, LPJUSD Kids & Company offered an eight-week nearly sold-out Summer Day Camp for students ranging from incoming kindergartners through middle-school age. The theme for this summer was "Kingdoms of Summertime."

Our campers participated in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, science



projects, group games, and field trips. Some of the highlights were Harry Potter science, identifying dragons from around the world, and edible scenes.

Campers became kings and queens of their own kingdoms. They went on quests for monsters and buried treasures while creating fairy homes.

We sincerely thank the Loma Prieta Community Foundation for awarding us a grant to help us purchase a new waterslide.



Loma Prieta Schools

Universal Meals for ALL Students

Amy M. Ramsay

Beginning this fall, all students in our schools will be able to get free breakfast and a lunch every day of the week, as part of the state's new Universal Meals program.

When students have healthy food in their stomachs, they are better able to concentrate on learning in school. In addition, this mandate helps to break down the stigma of students who have been unable to access healthy food during the school day.

We are excited about this program, but also need volunteers from our community to help serve the meals to our students. We have hired a food-service coordinator, Craig Ponkey (a long-standing mountain member), who will lead us through the Universal Meals program. Now we need community volunteers who can commit up to five days a week to serve breakfast, lunch, or both.

We have contracted with Los Gatos Union Elementary District to help prepare meals so they are ready to distribute to students. Volunteers for breakfast would need to help from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Volunteers for lunch would need to help from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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Building Blocks Preschool Building Friendships

Rebecca Witmar

Since its founding in 1993, Building Blocks Parent Cooperative Preschool has been a place where children and adults form lifelong friendships.

Director Nicole Gomez sees American psychologist and child development researcher Urie Bronfenbrenner's ecological systems theory reflected in our co-op program, especially since it's situated in our tight-knit, interdependent mountain community. She elaborates, "A child's world begins with their household family, then extended family, and our preschool is the next expansion. This transition has always been a big step for young children, but it is even more so now due to the pandemic. Because we have parent participation, school and family are able to overlap, making the transition to school feel safer and more inclusive."

As part of a parent co-op, our families contribute actively to our school's success. They assist the teachers, raise funds, and maintain the campus. These efforts benefit the school, but also unite the parents around shared goals, and inspire a sense of ownership and community. Volunteering in the classroom allows them to develop relationships with their child's classmates.

The children benefit from having more caring adults in their lives and seeing how their family fits into a larger community.

The Swartwood family enrolled their three-year-old in our school last fall, after their family moved to the mountains from out of state. Leanna Swartwood shares, "Moving 3,000 miles away from family with little ones has been challenging at times. I feel so much more at home in these mountains since my son started at Building Blocks. It's been a great way to connect with other moms and families. I'm finally starting to feel at home!"

Our classes are all about learning how to play and be a part of a group. During the first few weeks of the year, the students engage in lively activities to learn each other's names and become acquainted. Story times focus on friendships with reading aloud, songs, fingerplays, and puppet shows. Collaborative projects and interactive games deepen their relationships throughout the school year.

Preschool is also about social-emotional development. Teachers help children tolerate frustration, negotiate solutions, and play cooperatively. They follow a technique that simplifies helping children resolve conflicts on their own through modeling six steps: Approach quickly and calmly, stopping any hurtful behavior; acknowledge

feelings; gather information; restate the problem; ask for solutions and choose one together; and be prepared to give follow-up support. When a teacher helps students go through this process, they learn that feelings are important, and that another person's feelings may be different from their own. They also learn to problem-solve so that they are more empowered to seek resolutions independently in the future.

Most of our graduates go on to attend Loma Prieta Elementary School, so the connections that started at our school continue to grow throughout the children's school years. Incoming kindergarteners enter their first year at Loma Prieta confident that they will know many of their classmates after being together for several years at Building Blocks. Both Loma Prieta and Building Blocks staff members are familiar with each other's programs, and collaborate to support the students' transition from preschool to elementary school. Building Blocks families gain experience volunteering in their child's school in preschool, so that they are better prepared to engage in the Loma Prieta school community.

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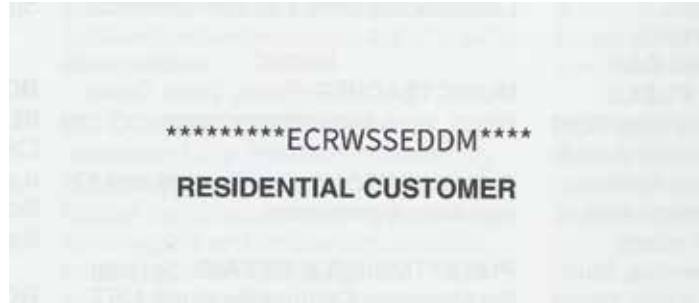
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