



## Bob Sipchen Wins Pulitzer Prize

LA Times Editor and Mt. Washington resident Bob Sipchen has won his second Pulitzer Prize, for comprehensive and powerfully written editorials exploring the issues and dilemmas provoked by mentally ill people dwelling on the streets. Read more about Bob, the editorials, and the Pulitzer Prize at: <http://www.pulitzer.org/year/2002/editorial-writing/>.

## MTA Gold Line: a Call to Action

### *The Gold Line Committee*

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will meet on Thursday, May 16, and will probably rule on the Gold Line.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> we won a preliminary victory in our attempts to make the Gold Line at Ave. 45 and Ave. 50 a safer, quieter neighbor: both the Administrative Law Judge and Commissioner Duque issued proposed decisions that would force both crossings to be operated safely and quietly.

However, the MTA is still fighting.

While neither of the proposed decisions support the grade separation we really wanted, both of them grant our basic requests for Avenues 45 and 50:

- (1) The trains may not sound any audible warning device except in cases of emergency.
- (2) The audible warnings on the crossing gates must stop sounding when the gates reach the horizontal position.
- (3) The trains must obey a 20 mph speed limit.
- (4) The crossings will be protected by 4-quadrant gates, pedestrian swing gates, an Automatic Traffic Control System, a vehicle detection system, and – at Avenue 45 – crossing guards during school hours.

But on May 3<sup>rd</sup> the MTA sent out leaflets still insisting that Gold Line trains must be allowed to:

- sound loud horns (at least 75 DBA) 400 times a day at these crossings, and
- travel through both crossings at speeds up to 55 mph.

**We need your help.** We need you to speak loudly and clearly to the PUC, the decision makers. We need you to make sure the PUC understands the community's level of concern, and we have very little time to make our voices heard.

A postcard is enclosed in this newsletter. We urgently ask you to mail this card to PUC Commissioner Loretta Lynch right now – please don't put it aside to do later,

there's no time – urging the PUC to uphold Administrative Law Judge Rosenthal's proposed decision for these two crossings.

In addition, if you can email or fax a letter to each of the PUC Commissioners, or phone them, please do. The Commissioners are:

President Loretta Lynch (415) 703-2444

[commissionerlynch@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:commissionerlynch@cpuc.ca.gov)

Henry M. Duque (415) 703-3700

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Carl Wood (415) 703-2440

Geoffrey F. Brown (415) 703-1407

Michael R. Peevey (415) 703-3703

Letters should be addressed "Dear Commissioner *lastname*". All are at the same fax number – (415) 703-1758 – and address:

California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102



## President's Message

*Carol Jacques*

Good news: administrative law judge Rosenthal has recommended to the Public Utilities Commission that safety and noise issues at the Avenue 45 and Avenue 50 crossings of the MTA Gold Line be mitigated. The Gold Line article on this page has the details.

This preliminary decision is especially satisfying when you consider the David and Goliath battle that we have been fighting. The MTA and Gold Line Authority are multi-million dollar agencies with access to attorneys, public relations firms, and a multitude of other resources. And they haven't given up yet. It is critical that you write, email, fax, and phone your support of Judge Rosenthal's recommendations. We

do not want to lose ground. With your support we can topple this giant!

You should know that there are people without whom none of this would have happened. Our lead attorney is Larry Hoffman, a resident of Mount Washington with a private legal practice. He has volunteered countless hours to our community. His pro bono work is of incalculable value to our neighborhood. He is a hero.

We are particularly grateful to Larry and to Paul Ahrens, who has been the spokesperson for the Mount Washington Association Gold Line Committee. We are also grateful to a small band of volunteers, including Lisa Moncure, Roy Zuloaga, Jim and Marie Leong, and Samantha Allen-Newman, who have been diligently working on this issue for two years. I would also like to acknowledge our PR person, Susan Baldwin, who persuaded the prestigious law firm of White and Case to

### General Membership Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2002, 7:30 PM

Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center

511 W. Avenue 46

### **Enjoying Our Northeast Community**

Details on page 3.

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### *Gold Line*

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### *Public Safety*

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### *Neighborhood Council*

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Newsletter edited by Scott

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donate pro bono hours to our cause. White and Case saw the credibility of our legal case thanks to brilliant legal work by Larry Hoffman and Doug Barnes.

### **Webmaster Needed**

Mike Whaley has long done an outstanding job as editor and technical expert for the Mt. Washington Association web site. But Mike has recently moved to Pasadena, so we need someone to take his place. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking over as MWA webmaster, please call Carol Jacques at (323) 225-0501.

## **Membership Report**

### *Aurora Nordhausen*

A very successful Welcome Reception for new residents and new members, sponsored by the Membership Committee, was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center. We greeted about 50 new people. Everyone had a great time getting acquainted and enjoying the live music, good food, and informative videos.

As of April 30, 2002, we have 554 memberships. Dues for 2002 have been paid

So far, we have added 44 new members since January of this year. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join and strengthen our association.

We want to especially thank those who have given extra financial support to our association – fifty-eight so far this year – thank you!

## **Advertising In This Newsletter**

### *Paul Girard*

The deadline for submitting ads for the July newsletter is June 10. The rate is \$25 per issue for a business card size (3 ½" wide by 2" high) ad. A double-size ad is \$50 per issue. Please submit your ad copy along with a check payable to the Mount Washington Association. Mail to: Mount Washington Association, Attention: Paul Girard – Advertising, P.O. Box 50716, Los Angeles, CA 90050-0716. To ensure space in upcoming newsletters, we encourage you to book space for the entire year or as many months as possible. If you have any questions, please call me at (323) 221-7822 or email me at [anahata@earthlink.net](mailto:anahata@earthlink.net).

## **Tour the Ziegler House**

### *Pat Griffith*

There will be two opportunities to see the newly restored Ziegler House and the La Casita Verde infant care program at 4601 No. Figueroa during the next month.

On Monday, May 13, at 6:30 PM, the Highland Park Heritage Trust will hold its bimonthly meeting at the Ziegler House. Peyton Hall, the preservation consultant on the renovation project, will speak.

Then on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, La Casita Verde will hold its Open House from 10 AM – 2 PM. Highland Park Heritage Trust will have docents on hand for guided tours at 11 AM, 12 PM and 1 PM, but throughout the day you can visit the house and hear about the infant care program, which opened on April 1.



*Mt. Washington Association donates \$1000 to the infant care center scholarship fund of La Casita Verde.*

The Ziegler House is a City-owned and -renovated mansion from the turn of the century, now operating a full-day child care program for children up to 2 ½ years

for 366 of these memberships. Please note that according to our Association's bylaws, if your membership dues are not paid by April 1, you are no longer considered an active member with voting privileges. We urge anyone who has not paid membership dues to do so as soon as possible. We need your ideas and energy.

old. There are subsidies available for low and moderate income families, plus care for fee-paying families.

The building has been carefully and historically restored, so come and enjoy this architectural treasure!

## May General Membership Meeting

*Natalie Seaman*

The MWA will bring you more of the Northeast Community in May. We will have a soda pop tasting presented by Galico's, a neighborhood merchant specializing – in a big way – in soft drinks for more than 50 years. Galico's owner will present the history of Root Beer as an opening to our meeting.

The organizers of the ArroyoFest will also provide an overview of their project (see Marcus Renner's article on page 4). The ArroyoFest is going to be a big party for those Northeast communities that border the freeway.

And as always there will be up-to-the-minute reports on the Gold Line and all our other hot issues.

See you there!

## Minutes of the March General Membership Meeting

*Ann Walnum*

President Carol Jacques called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM, March 18, 2002. Committee reports included the following:

**Public Safety:** Committee chair David Brunk requested volunteers for a fence-painting project on lower Mt. Washington Drive and commented on the threat of burglary scams by criminals posing as public safety personnel. Deputy City Attorney Peter Shutan, newly appointed Northeast Neighborhood Prosecutor, described his work as solving problems of quality of life and public safety. His goal is the completion of five projects in four months, from complaint through investigation, arrest, and completed court action.

**Beautification:** Committee chair Lynnette Kampe announced the Jack Smith Walk. She also discussed the Department of Water and Power Shade Tree Project: the City of Los Angeles is giving away up to seven free shade trees per household, delivered at no charge. For information, visit [www.greenla.com/tree/](http://www.greenla.com/tree/) or call 1-800-473-3652 and ask for the Trees for a Green LA hot line.

**Land Use:** Committee chair Liz Herron invited members to a meeting on Monday, May 13, to discuss residential use of solar panels and potential modification of slope grading and setback rules to be more appropriate for hillsides and less intrusive on natural terrain. Taylor Yard and Cornfields State Park issues will also be discussed.

Current reports from the **Membership, Action, Neighborhood Council,** and **Gold Line** committees, and a supplemental **Public Safety** report, appear elsewhere in this newsletter. For details of the meeting's "Art in the Arroyo" program, see the MWA web site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

## Action Report

*Cheri Uno*

A couple of weeks prior to the start of work on the *Oneonta/Olancho Stairway Mural*, an abandoned house next to the stairway was left open; this invited a local "tagger gang" to move in and tag the house and stairway. The property owner has been working daily to board up the property and get rid of the graffiti. If this clean-up is enough to keep the "taggers" away, we can begin work on the mural again. Thanks to all of you who called to volunteer. I will keep your names and phone numbers and contact you when work begins.

Recently, I was having problems getting through to the *Community Partnership and Problem Solving Unit* – (213) 847-3137. The Unit was dealing with staffing issues for several weeks. It is now back up and running.

The *Hathaway Family Resource Center* – (323) 257-9600 x220 – needs Volunteer Mentors. Orientations are held every 3 months from 10:30 to 2:30 on Saturdays. There is a long waiting list of youths that need mentors. You can make a difference in a young person's life by contributing just a few hours each month. Call today if you are interested!

The California State Water Resources Control Board has issued Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 01-82 for Municipal *Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges* Permits. The LA Storm Water system was built in 1930 for a much smaller population. It was never intended to handle all the junk our current population keeps putting in the drains. Do your part to keep the storm water clean. If you see anyone dumping stuff into a storm drain, please call the Storm Water hot line at (800) 974-9794. Give them as much information as possible: license number, description of person, date and time.

We have had a decrease in *traffic accidents* in 2002. The current statistics show a 42% drop in accidents and a 66% decrease in injuries. Still, drive safely and please wear your seat belts. Generally *crime* is up about 6% from last year. Last year and previous year were historically very low years.

See the MWA web site for this month's complete Action report.

## Historic Certification of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

*Anna Carpenter*

The Certification hearing for the newly forming Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at Franklin High School in Highland Park. Even if you can only come for a short while, your support will demonstrate how this community values our active involvement in City government.

The ASNC will hold its last pre-certification General Meeting on the Wednesday before the hearing, May 22, at the River Center from 7 to 9 PM.

## Public Safety Report

David Brunk

For repair of *street lights*, call Operation Bright Lights at 1-800 DIAL-DWP (1-800-342-5397). "Bright lights for safe streets".

The DWP has announced that they are adding chloramines to the *water supply* starting in April. They advise you not to use tap water in your fish tank as it will kill the fish. Chloramines are a combination of chlorine and ammonia – yet another reason to continue the search for a purer drinking water source.

Rochester General Hospital says you can *survive a heart attack when alone*. From the onset of a heart attack, when you start to feel faint after the chest pains radiate into your left arm, you may have only 10 seconds before losing consciousness. You can help yourself by coughing repeatedly and vigorously. Take a deep breath before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep in the chest. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing squeezes the heart, which keeps the blood circulating. The squeezing also helps the heart to regain normal rhythm. The breath and cough must be repeated every 2 seconds without letup until help arrives or you reach the hospital if driving, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

## Jack Smith 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk

Lynnette Kampe

About 30 friendly people and half a dozen dogs walked and talked as they traveled the Jack Smith Trail the first Sunday after Easter. Denise, Jackie and Doug Smith visited with hikers as we enjoyed a beautiful morning. Residents along the route seemed to have taken extra care with their gardens and several clean-up projects were done in preparation for the day. Many thanks to Ann Walnum, Jerry Schneider, and Bob & Bruna Tribble and others for their kind help.

## Bike & Walk ON the Pasadena Freeway!

Marcus Renner

Building on the Arroyo's long tradition of community activism, representatives of several community groups have come together to organize a historic event. On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, the winding 110 will close so that people have a chance to bike and walk on the oldest freeway in the American West.

The event will include a performing arts festival in Highland Park as well as tours, exhibits and workshops over the weekend.

ArroyoFest will be a celebration of those things that connect the communities lining the Arroyo Seco's scenic canyon, from Lincoln Heights and Mt. Washington



to Pasadena and La Canada Flintridge. The event will also highlight the efforts of the many agencies and groups working to improve the area's quality of life and showcase the Arroyo as a model for the rest of Southern California and the nation.

The ArroyoFest Working Committee, made up of representatives of local environmental, transportation and heritage groups, is in the process of securing the permits for what we hope will become an annual event. The Working Committee needs your support and participation. For more information, check out our website at <http://departments.oxy.edu/uepi/arroyo/> or contact Marcus Renner with the Urban and Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College (323) 341-5093.

## Free Concerts for Everyone

Michael Alexander

Summer is fast approaching and with it the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> season of free outdoor concerts just minutes away from Mt. Washington. Grand Performances is the premier free concert presenter in Southern California and offers an eclectic mix of local and touring performers reflecting the many cultures found in Los Angeles.

Based at Downtown's California Plaza, the evening component of the season opens on Friday, June 28 with a performance by Bombaleo from Cuba. A total of 24 evening events are currently scheduled. Most evening performances begin at 8:00 PM, but a few as early as 6:00 PM and a few a little later. For those working near California Plaza on Bunker Hill (Grand Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets), there are 14 lunch hour concerts each Friday beginning on June 28 (except July 5).

Because of the unique environment, late-comers and early-departers are not stigmatized as they are at indoor theatres. Many people come early with picnic dinners and others take advantage of the rich array of restaurants in the area.

Season brochures will be available after Memorial Day. To get on the mailing list, call Grand Performances' Concert Line at (213) 687-2159 or check out the web site at [www.GrandPerformances.org](http://www.GrandPerformances.org).

Michael Alexander directs Grand Performances and lives on Mt. Washington.

## Then and Now

Pat Samson

Two MWA members (Grayson Cook and Mimi Smith) have volunteered for the History Committee, and a meeting is planned in mid-May. If you would like to be a part of this group or if you have historical items to give or loan, please call Pat Samson at (323) 223-4895.

*Continuing Notes from the 1990s*

As the 1990s continued, efforts were underway to protect Heidelberg Park, a bowl-shaped parcel located near San Rafael and Moon Avenues and Aldama Street. Its dominant tree, the California black walnut (*juglans californica*) is one of our few native hardwoods. Santa

Monica Mountains Conservancy funding approved in 1999 contained money to purchase the 19-acre site. The land is still in private ownership, but it has been nominated for acquisition and is currently a part of the Conservancy's work program.

In November 1992 opposition to the Blue Line plan to build the light rail line with a flyover grade separation at Figueroa Street and Marmion Way resulted in the present below grade separation. Ten years later, other issues remain.

## Fahrenheit 451

*Ed Raspa*

Mayor Hahn's "One Book, One City" program comes to Mount Washington on Thursday, May 30th. At 7 PM that evening, the MWA will sponsor a discussion of Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* at the Southwest Museum. In order to encourage discussion, groups will be limited to 20 participants each. The museum has generously provided space for two groups. As seating is limited, please reserve a place by calling Ed Raspa (223-9934). For more information, see [www.lapl.org/F451](http://www.lapl.org/F451).

## Remembering Eric Hood

*Bill Rumble*

Eric Redifer Hood, of Killarney Avenue, passed away on April 17. He was nineteen years old.

Eric was the son of Connie and Chet Hood and was a graduate of Mount Washington Elementary and Eagle Rock High Schools. Residents of Avenue 37 will remember him as the impossibly blond "golden boy" who walked up their street on his way to school every morning. Along with his father, Chet, and such "henchmen" as fellow students Matt and Maya Rumble, he entertained hundreds of local residents as a cast member of the Traveling Trunk Theatre. He was an accomplished vocalist and a violinist in the Mount Washington Youth Orchestra. In high school, he played trumpet in the marching band and virtually lived in the band room.

Eric was an honors graduate of Eagle Rock High in June 2000. He earned several scholarships to Boston University. Late in his freshman year, he became quite ill. In a tremendous exhibition of personal courage, he managed to finish his final exams before flying home. During the summer, he was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma.

For more than six months, Eric underwent chemotherapy and convalesced at home. Despite his condition, he enrolled in a German class at Occidental College. By January, he appeared to have recovered and returned to Boston University. The disease flared up again in February and Eric flew home to enter the City of Hope Cancer Institute in Duarte. It was there that he expired.

Eric is survived by his father, Don Redifer, his mother Connie (Mrs. Chet) Hood, and Chet Hood. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you contribute to one of the following groups:

Eagle Rock High School Alumni Association  
c/o Kitty Dustin, Assistant Principal  
1841 Yosemite Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Lymphoma Transplant Research Fund  
c/o Dr. Steven Forman  
City of Hope National Medical Center  
Division of Hematology and BMT  
1500 E. Duarte Rd.  
Duarte, CA 91010-0269

A memorial service is planned for May.

## Long Time Mt Washington Resident Passes

*Natalie Seaman*

Mirian Strong, who lived on Avenue 37, passed away at age 81 in April. Mirian, who visited on the hill as a child, acquired her property after a fire in the 1950's destroyed the existing structure. Despite limited funds, she hired an architectural student to design and build her house and together they came up with a charming mid-century modern. Once the house was built she concentrated on the garden, collecting plants from the neighborhood and around the Southland. And she helped generations of her neighbors build their gardens as well.

Mirian was the type of person you wanted to go hang out with. She was fun and interesting and you got her full attention whenever you were with her. Young children knew this and came to play. Tired working people knew it and stopped by to chat after work. Animals knew it and came to visit, even though she chased them away!

Although Mirian worked very hard at Times Mirror for over 40 years, she led an exciting and adventurous life. She went on Sierra Club trips all over the country, including a primitive trip down the Grand Canyon, and also took trips to many foreign countries. In her later years she enjoyed historical and architectural house tours both formal and informal, always happy to "take a peek" at properties being developed in Mt. Washington.

To many residents of Ave 37, she was the heart of the neighborhood and we will sorely miss her. When we think of her, these words comfort:

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on  
You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived

## The Nomlands are Moving

*Jerry Schneider*

A 50-Year Mount Washington resident and noted architect, Kemper Nomland Jr., and his wife Joan are moving to Leisure World in Seal Beach. They haven't tired of Mount Washington, but their multi-level hillside home requires a lot of stair climbing that Joan's health no longer allows.

Kemper came to Mount Washington shortly after World War II along with a group of Pacifists. Kemper and

many of his friends had served in camps for conscientious objectors during the war. They looked to Mount Washington for a place where they could live together and not be subjected to prejudice for their beliefs. This group obtained many cottage-sized lots at auction for back taxes and re-subdivided them to form more buildable parcels.

Kemper designed his house and many of the homes of his friends. His architecture was in the "modern" tradition, following in the footsteps of his father who was trained by Frank Lloyd Wright. Over his career, Kemper has designed many noteworthy homes, including a "Case Study" home in Pasadena and at least a dozen on Mount Washington. His designs are characterized by a conscious fitting of the structure to the terrain and solar orientation and windows offering close and distant views.

Kemper served the Mount Washington Association as a Director and was Democrat of the Year in 1999 for the Northeast Democratic Club. His first wife, Ella, led Head Start programs; both she and Kemper were instrumental founding members of the Mt. Washington Preschool.

We wish Kemper and Joan well in their new "flat land" home. We know they will be missed, as they will miss our unique hillside community.

## Mt. Washington People: Grayson Cook

*Julie Nagesh*

Grayson Cook is one of the most colorful, fun and genuine people I've met in a long time.

As I listened to his voice and looked at him sitting across from me in my living room, I realized that Grayson could be Mt. Washington's very own version of Orson Welles. Similar in appearance (though not in size) and with a compellingly dramatic voice, Grayson has dabbled in show biz. He fondly recalls working as an extra in

"Spartacus". In that film he played a Roman soldier in a scene with Sir Laurence Olivier. Grayson's appearance wound up on the cutting room floor, but that didn't diminish the experience for Grayson. He got to lunch that day with someone who had long been his idol, Charles Laughton. Laughton, an extraordinary storyteller and humorist, inspired Grayson to follow in his footsteps. Now that he's retired, Grayson is nearly a full-time storyteller, volunteering at libraries, agencies and literacy programs throughout the City.

Grayson's father put him through USC. To this day, tears come to Grayson's eyes when he recalls the personal sacrifices his father made to support him during those days.

On graduating from USC, Grayson served in Japan as a naval officer, guarding secret documents and working in media. His father, afflicted by manic depression for many years, ended his own life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. The pain was so deep that Grayson went into therapy and studied psychology to try to cope with his loss. What came out of this was a whole new career in which Grayson was able to make what he feels is the greatest achievement of his life. He became a probation officer and ran a camp for delinquent girls. He instituted programs that really helped girls who had failed everywhere else in life. The girls were able to participate in motivational reading programs, work with animals at the humane society, work one-on-one with neurologically damaged children, and talk openly about their problems. As a result, their reading levels shot up from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade in six months, and their recidivism rate dropped in half, from 35% to 17%.

What has been written here merely scratches the surface of Grayson Cook, but let it be said that he continues to do many good works for our City and our hill.

### Coming up...

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| May 19     | <i>Museums of the Arroyo Day</i> . Free admission, free shuttle. Southwest Museum, Lummis Home, Heritage Square, Gamble House, Pasadena Historical Society.                 |
| May 19     | <i>Garden Series</i> session on river revitalization and reintroducing native plants, at the Southwest Museum. Call (323) 221-2164 for information.                         |
| May 19     | Los Angeles <i>River Ride</i> , leaving from Gene Autry Museum 7 AM to 6 PM. (213) 629-2142.  |
| May 22     | Last pre-certification <i>ASNC General Meeting</i> . At the River Center, 7 to 9 PM.  |
| May 27     | Parents Forum on <i>Multiple Intelligences--Eight ways of Being Smart</i> , Joe Morris (CSUN). 7 PM at Friends Western School. 5827 York Boulevard, (323) 257-2727.         |
| May 28     | <i>ASNC certification hearing</i> by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Franklin High, 6:30 PM.   |
| June 3     | Ruskin Art Club presents <i>world music</i> at Southwest Museum. 2 PM.  |
| June 8-9   | <i>Garden Series</i> class in Botanical Water Color technique at Southwest Museum. 10 AM to 3 PM.   |
| June 13    | <i>Police officers Town Hall Meeting</i> , at Police Historical Museum on York Boulevard. 6 PM.   |
| June 14    | <i>Garden Series</i> session on landscaping with native plants at Southwest Museum. 2 PM.   |
| June 14-16 | Pikuni Blackfoot <i>photos</i> and Plains Art Symposium at Southwest Museum. All day.   |
| June 22-23 | Mata Ortiz <i>pottery show and sale</i> at Southwest Museum. All day.   |
| June 26    | Parents Forum on <i>Children at Work/Children at Play--How Children Learn by Playing</i> , Judy Nygren. 7 PM at Friends Western School. 5827 York Boulevard, (323) 257-2727 |
| June 27    | <i>Police Chief's Town Hall Meeting</i> at Thorn Hall on Occidental Campus. 6 PM.   |