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Ramblings

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Gary has returned to the fold, but our beloved "Godfather" remains absent.

Jay suffering from cracked vertebrae.

Jay has returned home while **Doctors** ponder what to do next. There are no easy solutions, **Jay** is suffering pressure on his spine that comes from a bone pressing against it. All this from falling out of bed. It should be removed to prevent anything else happening if he should fall again. However we all know his history of heart problems, so that is not an easy option either. Meanwhile he is home and seeking company, and I'm sure **Eleanor** would love you forever if she could have a little respite during the day. Somehow the words **Jay** and **patient** probably have not been seen in the same sentence very often. Hang in there **Jay**, you are loved by all of us. Be careful, no falling will be tolerated!



Things just won't be the same till Jay comes back!

Kiwanians Greeted by Indian Princesses!

As I approached the clubhouse I noticed a group of young girls wearing headdresses, full of bright accoutrements. (I had to use the word to impress. For only a dollar I will explain what it means.) An Indian chanting contest around the campfire perhaps? Not really. These young ladies and their leaders, had come to thank us for our generosity in letting them use **Kiwanisland**, just as the E.P.A. guy walked into the room. How sweet it was. "We are great!" "We are noble" "We are kind!". "Cried" the Huntington Beach Indian Guides! And by the way, here is the EPA guy, who is here to see if we should be fined for something we didn't do in 1967. It was so good I wondered if **Peter** would say he did it on purpose. fortunately, **Peter** just smiled, as the **Indian Guides** presented us an album to track our visitors, and a check for \$400.00.

In other news

President Elliott said that **Scout Troop 1776**, will be planting plants **Sunday** along the back fences. **Kiwanisland Board** meeting will be held early in January. **Which Segues into- - -**

Bring A turkey Wednesday December 22 4-7-PM

What a day it will be, **Turkey** for the poor, drinks and snacks for the decadent, and join us as we gather around **Bob Main**, for cocktails, round table and **Turkey** delivering. My kind of meeting!

The EPA and You!

Lance, (Thank you **Gary**, for telling me I had his name wrong, (**Mark**.) What would I have done had you not pointed that out to me? How come everyone catches those mistakes and misses the jewels that I provide on a weekly basis?) **Richman** of the **Environmental Protection Agency** was our guest speaker. **Lance** is who decides whether to sue or recommend our case be dismissed. He seemed quite knowledgeable about the problem. Thank you **Peter**, for explaining our side. In the late 1960's **Kiwanisland's** name appeared on two manifests that said we dumped 4200 gallons of liquid trash in their beautiful dump site in Monterey Park. It was legal then, But no longer, and the Government, has made it retroactive. Since we would have no reason to do so, we are fighting it. They also agree that the paper work was seldom checked and it could be a lie, or an embarrassed **Kiwanian** who was ashamed about the condition of his lawn, could be the guilty party. Stay tuned. In the meantime, **Lance**, not **Mark**,) talked also about that facility. Originally a quarry, well over 330,000 liquid gallons have been dumped there. The hill of sludge and whatever, is 275 feet high and on a 38 degree angle. Almost straight up. He mentioned that it was difficult to climb, although I am not sure who would wish to do that.

No Happy, No Sad,

That was good though. Since we showered server **Helen**, with **Christmas** dollars, there was no collection taken for happy or sad dollars. So if you were searching for the list, you will just have to wait till next time. Many thanks to **Helen** for taking care of us this year. Whatever we collected she richly deserved.

Alta Beaudoin feels compelled to finally speak out!

I received a lovely note from **Alta**, who asked that I put this in the bulletin. Just the fact that **Alta** thinks somebody reads this, is exciting. She says "The Vanuatu you see on T. V's Survivor series is not the same Island **Kim** and **Judy** were on in the Peace Corps. Nor was it the same Island **Kiwanis** so generously helped build a school. Vanuatu includes 48 Islands of which only 24 are inhabited. The ones that we built on had no running water, no Electricity, no toilets or even a school. (It had burnt down.) With our generosity a school was built, is running, and our family will always be grateful for all **Kiwanis** did to make it possible.

Coming Soon

December 22: Special Round Table Turkey Shoot. December 30th, Ladies night: Jan. 6th: Iraq Correspondent Gordon Dillow.

Thought for the week

You can live to be a hundred only if you give up the things that make you want to live to be a hundred.