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Welcome to Mom's Birthday Bingo Party

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of the home, and the move to a new and so far undecided new place. What Grandma did not know was that this actually was a long planned surprise birthday party. It really was a surprise, since it took place two months after her birthday. When she got to the front door she realized that someone was being surprised, but she never guessed that it was her. Once she got into the living room and saw the set up for a bingo game she realized that she was the guest of honor. After some socializing we all enjoyed a buffet dinner of cold-cuts, salads, baked beans and drinks. Then it was time for the bingo game, and the entire group participated. There were nine regular (more or less) games, followed at the end by a special RIELO game. This game, devised by Listy and Birdy, used special cards, one of which is shown at the left. The caller called out the name of a



family member, and each player had to identify that person's picture in order to cover that square. There were cash prizes for each game, with a jackpot prize of \$270 for the RIELO winner. To everyone's surprise, and especially

Grandma's, she was the big winner. Although most of the family members claim to not like bingo very much, they all had a rousing good time, with lots of whooping and hollering. We all agreed that this was one of the best parties we have ever had, and Grandma and Grandpa thank all who contributed to its success. We especially thank Listy and Birdy, who organized the bingo game.



Saturday night, February 28th Grandma and Grandpa were invited to join family members for dinner at the Hartman home. The occasion was to get together to talk about the pending sale

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Bruce and Birdy on the move!!

9824 Bonnie Vista Drive



- ◆ 4 Bedroom / 2.5 Bath
- ◆ 2540 Square Feet
- ◆ Built in 1973
- ◆ Incredible Views!



\$749,000

Views In All Directions! Come and enjoy this Fantastic Mt. Helix Home in a Park-like setting with a wonderful in-ground pool and spa. Enjoy views to the ocean from the huge balcony off the master suite.

Living Room has a large woodburning stone fireplace, separate family room with wetbar, 4 large bedrooms with tons of closet space. Home is fully networked for computers plus there is a whole house intercom system.

Features include: Huge 3 car garage, newer foundation, 40 year roof, all new windows and exterior doors, insulated attic with storage area, updated eat-in kitchen with new Jenn Air cooktop, double bowl sink, greenhouse window and new tile counters. Don't miss this opportunity for such a nice family home!



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Yes, as you can see from the real estate ad, the Hartman estate is up for sale, and Birdy and Bruce are looking for a new home. They already have considered one possibility, buying a lot (in the same general area where they now live) and building a new home. One lot they looked at already had a full set of plans, which they studied in some detail, and discussed with Robert and Ed. After some thought, they decided, for various reasons, that this home was not for them. Thus far they have had no offers on the old house, so there is no big pressure to locate a new one. We will keep you informed as this big family decision unfolds.



1877 Home featured in local publication

PREIBISIUS' PRIZE



One of Francie's clients brought in a copy of the March issue of San Diego Home/Garden Life Style magazine because it featured a story on our old house at 1877 Lyndon Road. In addition to the photos the text gave some history on the house, which is reproduced as follows.

Designed in the Prairie style of the Craftsman, or Arts and Crafts, architectural genre, a residence built by architect/contractor Henry Harms Preibisius 90 years ago rises majestically above a deep and picturesque canyon in Mission Hills.

The Moorish curves of the brick-floored porch soften the straight lines of the front façade and echo the home's hipped rooflines.

If the exterior of this house is remarkable, the interior spaces, 17 in all, might be even more special. To the right of the foyer, with its spectacular staircase, the serenely timeless living room, runs the width of the house. Burnished gumwood used in the foyer staircase is repeated for the original fireplace mantel, ceiling box beams, paneling and trim. Built-in seating with storage lines the west and south walls of the room. The flooring is oak.

French doors are use extensively through the entry, living room and the dining room, illuminated by an original chandelier and served by a built in gumwood buffet.

Most original fixtures remain in the upstairs bedroom, as do other features, including medicine cabinet, floor and shower tile, marble doorknobs and tub/shower. The attic has been finished into a large bedroom with a pair of skylights. Canyon, city, and

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ocean. Views are visible from all the rear rooms inside the house, and two wooden decks outside behind the house. The canyon slopes down dramatically. Older, possibly original, river rock terraces and retaining walls help to level and add interest to the rear yard.

First owners of note were well known San Diego lawyer Stephen ??mnell, who later became the county's district attorney, and his wife, who served as president of both the San Diego Club and the San Diego Board of Education. Other owners included Albert J. Jones, a prominent real estate broker and charter member of the San Diego Zoological Society; civic leader Evan D. Jones, owner of the Ace Parking empire, and Dr. Robert Emerson Bond, a prominent physician. The home's current owners, who wish to remain anonymous, have occupied the house three years.

The home today is known as the Connell-Preibisius House. It is San Diego historic landmark number 595.

NOTE: The home's architect, Preibisus, also designed the landmark 11-story St. James Hotel at 830 Sixth Ave. downtown-for years the cities tallest building. The building is still in use as a Ramada Inn.

Listy pictured in TierraTimes paper

Recently we got a copy of the February 19, 2004 copy of the above mentioned paper, and noted that Listy was in the news by meeting with other school principals in the neighborhood. Here are the details.



Serra High School Principal Donna Somerville (center), Farb Middle School Principal Susan Levy (left) and De Portola Middle School Principal Listy Gillingham (right) meet regularly to discuss ways in which the three Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon schools can work together to improve student achievement. They are also working to make sure that the courses students take at the middle schools will flow into the courses offered at Serra. In addition to strengthening the connection with Farb and De Portola, Serra is reaching out to students through the Serra High Administrators Reception Evenings (SHARE), during which families of future Serra students are invited to come to Serra, meet the administrators and learn about the many fantastic features that Serra offers the students of the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon community.

Birdy commended by Parker Headmaster

Listy sent us the following e-mail message recently,

Dad - The Headmaster, Tim McIntyre wrote this to the Parker community....thought you might enjoy seeing what he thinks of the Bird and her colleagues.

Listy

"On Jan. 25, 2004 the Parker Board of Trustees met and, as usual, produced much that in general is good for Francis



Parker School and that specifically benefits our faculty and staff. The evening held an auspicious beginning because it featured a faculty presentation followed by faculty introductions. Specifically -- in my humble opinion -- the three greatest kindergarten teachers in the universe of schools delivered not only a high tech but also a highly personable demonstration of why kindergarten

matters and other aspects of early elementary education. Special thanks to Birdy Hartman, Holly Panton, and Sue Christian."

Bryce finishes high school wrestling season

We have the following e-mail from Bryce, which tells how well he made out in the finals. As you can see, he finished well, and we congratulate him for all of the hard work and dedication it took to compete so strongly. We wish him the best of luck in next year's competition!



Hey Grandpa,

Well I guess I should tell you about the conclusion of my wrestling season. In the city tournament at point Loma I went 4-1 and got 3rd place, and my high school, Scripps Ranch, got 1st place in city. And

at the CIF tournament at Mar Vista I went 3-2 and got 4th place. My team got 4th place as well. Since I got

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4th place in CIF I qualified for masters. That means I'm one of the top 24 kids in the San Diego/San Diego county area. Unfortunately I went 0-2 just showing how hard it is. But even though wrestling is over I'm still hard at work getting better so next year you can report that I went to the state tournament. Well, I look forward to seeing the story in the paper and if you want new pictures of my city or CIF medals call me so Mom and I can bring them over to your house one day. Bryce

Ed's new home project in north county area nears completion

Recently we had a chance to visit Ed's latest home building project (six homes) in San Marcos. It is nearly complete, and Ed is hoping that the rain will hold off so the final tasks can be completed. We took some pictures, as shown below. The homes are very nice, and Ed has done a great job in putting them together.



Grandpa, Grandma, and Ed visit Quail Valley lot in Riverside County

Back in 1955 Grandma and Grandpa made a small investment in a building lot located in a development named Quail Valley. It is located just north of Temecula between I-15 and I-215. The original plan was to develop the area into a country club, with a golf course and club house. Unfortunately, the project failed, and the original plans were dropped. However, we paid off the loan (\$1550), and acquired title to the property. Its current value is dependent on passing the Perc Test (a test of water drainage rate), needed for a septic tank. Since the adjoining lot has failed the test, it seems unlikely that our lot would do any better. After discussions with a real estate agent, we decided to keep the property, in the feeling that eventually a sewer system will be installed. At that time, the lot will increase considerably in value. In the meantime, we will continue to pay the taxes, and wait and see what develops.



CONNIE ZIMMERLEE
Feb. 25, 1927-March 7, 2004
Connie Zimmerlee, 77, of San Diego died Sunday. She was born in Kansas and was a homemaker.
Survivors include her daughters, Vickie Haynes, Paula Worley and Karla Rielson, David; sister, Johanna Welsh; and eight grandchildren.
Visitation: noon to 2 p.m. today, El Camino Mortuary, 5600 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego.
Services: 2 p.m. today at the mortuary.
Interment: El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego.
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It is with sadness that we report the passing of Karla's Mom, Connie Zimmerlee. She had been in poor health for quite a while, and spent her last days in more or less of a coma, in the hospital. We express our deep sympathy to Karla, Bob, Katy and Brian. At Karla's request, the service was very private, hence we did not attend.