



January, 2010, got here too fast for me and then it was over! Amidst a whole lot of rain, I must say! More rain than I've seen outside of Houston, TX, which I



left in 1986! It rained and rained constantly here for about 5 days.

Nothing like rain on the roof of a mobile home or Park Model! Below are some photos Dave send me of actual water in the wash, taken by some anonymous member: Wow! So much rain, so few days!

Just look at that white water gushing down the rocks! Sure moved a lot of sand, too! To say nothing of what it

did to the road in to DeAnza Springs!



Fortunately, February is here, including slightly warmer weather and sun, sun, sun! However, we may get some more rain. Two years ago we got 6 inches of snow on February 14, 2008, so no telling what's ahead!

Ah, February the month of Love and Sports, and the Love of Sports, too, of course. The 44th Super Bowl, Daytona 500 and Valentine's Day, all in the first two weeks of February. Yikes, I better get going!

Sunday 2/7 - Root for the Colts or the Saints in Super Bowl XLIV (44). Even if

football's not your thing, come in for a cold beer, free dogs, wings and other appetite-ruining treats. Yum! We'll have four big TVs showing all the action! Pre-game at noon, 3 pm game time.



Saturday 2/13 - Treat your Sweetheart to a wonderful Valentine's Dinner before the traditional Valentine's Dance. This year's theme is "Favorite Jock". I wonder how many will be costumed as Tiger Woods with a black eye? And his wife with a golf club!

Sunday 2/14 - Help open the 2010 racing season by watching the Super Bowl of Racing direct from Daytona. I'll bet there's some leftover dogs and wings from super bowl for this one as well.

Saturday 2/27 - Now is the time to start thinking about forming your "Krewe" and decorating your "float" for the biggest parade in DeAnza's history. Although the real Mardi Gras is on a different day, DeAnza celebrates Mardi Gras on 2/27 beginning the day with its traditional "Cart Parade". Don't forget to ask "Give me somethin' Mista".

I want to say that the cart parades are one of the most fun things I have participated in here at DeAnza Springs. And decorating the cart, oh boy!! I'll be there, will you?? Good heavens, whatever will I wear? Oh, yes, I guess that's not a problem out here, chuckle! Whatever will my cart wear?

And Dave and Helen expressed, "A special thanks to all of you who have been putting your cans in the recycle bins. After two years of storing, we finally took the cans to the re-cycler and collected enough to pay for 2/3 of the new sauna which is now up and running in the fitness center. Keep up the great work."



One of our members here at DeAnza, Mike Murray (no relationship that either of us know of) sent me this lovely story of his experience here at DeAnza a few months back. Thank you, Mike!

One Saturday in the late afternoon, I walked down to the Hot Tub with my towel and I was wearing my black DeAnza Springs Resort hat. (the weather

was great, so I wasn't wearing anything else).

As happens many times, other people began getting in the Hot Tub also and pretty soon spirited conversations developed between us. Suddenly I looked up at the wall clock and realized that it was much later than I realized.

Also, it had become very dark and when I got out and gathered my towel and glasses I couldn't find my hat.

I looked all around the area, inside the indoor pool, under benches, but couldn't find it. I just couldn't remember exactly where I left it, after I took it off long ago. There was one other man left in the Hot Tub, he saw my troubles and offered his flashlight he carried to the pool area, to help me see better in the darkness.

I know his first name is "Larry", but I don't know his last name. He and I had played water volleyball together earlier in the day, and I know he's been a Member here for many years.

Anyway, I told him I didn't think the flashlight would help much at this point, but thanks anyway. I guessed that maybe some other guest had accidentally picked it up earlier with their stuff. Larry suggested looking in the Lost & Found basket in the Cactus Flower Cafe, leading into the Bar area, I thanked him, and went inside but there was no Cap turned in yet.

I just walked back home to my trailer, hoping it would maybe turn up the next day somehow. Now, it's only a \$10 baseball cap, mind you. Not a significant item to replace. I do like the hat a lot, though.

I went to bed and in the morning, as I was getting around to fixing breakfast, I heard a knock at my front door.

I opened the door and found Larry standing there - with my lost hat in his hand! He smiled and said that he was playing water volleyball at 10:00 AM, and had gone back to the Hot Tub again and saw my missing hat over on the ground. He picked it up, cleaned it off, and brought it to my front door. I didn't even know he knew where my trailer was.

The moral of this story is that even small acts of kindness can mean a lot. The idea that this nice man would take the trouble to return my cap to me was very

touching. DeAnza is a special place and the people here make it so. I don't experience these acts of kindness very often in the Big City.

I will make a point of learning Larry's last name the next time I see him playing Volleyball, or in the Clubhouse or Hot Tub area.

And I will endeavor to share my own acts of kindness to others here - that's what makes DeAnza a special place!"

Thank you for sharing your heart-warming story, Mike! And thank you, Larry, and all the other honest, good-hearted people out here in DeAnzaLand.

Here's another good one contributed a while back by Mike Hardy:

Law of the Garbage Truck:

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport . We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As



their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... 'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!



On another note, the following information was sent to this editor by Wayne and Pat Miller. They asked the question, Will these happen in our lifetime?

25 Things About To Become Extinct in America:

25. U.S. Post Office: They are pricing themselves out of existence. With e-mail, and online services they are a relic of the past. (refer to #9) Packages are also sent faster and cheaper with UPS.

24. Yellow Pages: This year will be pivotal for the global Yellow Pages industry. Much like newspapers, print Yellow Pages will continue to bleed dollars to their various digital counterparts, from Internet Yellow Pages (IYPs), to local search engines and combination search/listing services like Reach Local and Yodel Factors like 20 an acceleration of the print 'fade rate' and the looming recession will contribute to the onslaught. One research firm predicts the falloff in usage of newspapers and print Yellow Pages could even reach 10% this year--much higher than the 2%-3% fade rate seen in past years.

23. Classified Ads: The Internet has made so many things obsolete that newspaper classified ads might sound like just another trivial item on a long list. But this is one of those harbingers of the future that could signal the end of civilization as we know it. The argument is that if newspaper classifieds are replaced by free online listings at sites like <http://sandiego.craigslist.org/> and Google Base, then newspapers are not far behind them.

22. Movie Rental Stores: While Netflix is looking up at the moment, Blockbuster keeps closing store locations by the hundreds. It still has about 6,000 left across the world, but those keep dwindling and the stock is down considerably in 2008, especially since the company gave up a quest of Circuit City. Movie Gallery, which owned the Hollywood Video brand, closed up shop earlier this year. Countless small video chains and mom-and-pop stores have given up the ghost already.

21. Dial-up Internet Access: Dial-up connections have fallen from 40% in 2001 to 10% in 2008. The combination of an infrastructure to accommodate affordable high speed Internet connections and the disappearing home phone have all but pounded the final nail in the coffin of dial-up Internet access.

20. Phone Land Lines: According to a survey from the National Center for Health Statistics, at the end of 2007, nearly one in six homes was cell-only and, of those homes that had land lines, one in eight only received calls on their cells, unless they live in DeAnza Springs Resort.

19. Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs: Maryland's icon, the blue crab, has been fading away in Chesapeake Bay. Last year Maryland saw the lowest harvest (22 million pounds) since 1945. Just four decades ago the bay produced 96 million pounds. The population is down 70% since 1990, when they first did a formal count. There are only about 120 million crabs in the bay and they think they need 200 million for a sustainable population. Over-fishing, pollution, invasive species and global warming get the blame.

18. VCRs: For the better part of three decades, the VCR was a best-seller and staple in every American household until being completely decimated by the DVD, and now the Digital Video Recorder (DVR). In fact, the only remnants of the VHS age at your local Wal-Mart or Radio Shack are blank VHS tapes these days. Pre-recorded VHS tapes are largely gone and VHS decks are practically nowhere to be found. They served us so well. ~sniff!

17. Ash Trees: In the late 1990's, a pretty, iridescent green species of beetle, now known as the emerald ash borer, hitched a ride to North America with ash wood products imported from eastern Asia. In less than a decade, its larvae have killed millions of trees in the Midwest, and continue to spread. They've killed more than 30 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost in Ohio and Indiana. More than 7.5 billion ash trees are currently at risk.

16. Ham Radio: Amateur radio operators enjoy personal (and often worldwide) wireless communications with each other and are able to support their communities with emergency and disaster communications if necessary. Proliferation of the Internet and its popularity among youth has caused the decline of amateur radio. In the past five years alone, the number of people holding active ham radio licenses has dropped by 50,000, even though Morse Code is no longer a requirement.

15. The Swimming Hole: Thanks to our litigious society, swimming holes are becoming a thing of the past. '20/20' reports that swimming hole owners, like Robert Every in High Falls, NY, are shutting them down out of worry that if

someone gets hurt they'll sue. And that's exactly what happened in Seattle. The city of Bellingham was sued by Katie Hofstetter who was paralyzed in a fall at a popular swimming hole in Whatcom Falls Park. As injuries occur and lawsuits follow, expect more swimming holes to post 'Keep out!' signs.

14. Answering Machines: The increasing disappearance of answering machines is directly tied to No 20 our list -- the decline of landlines. According to USA Today, the number of homes that only use cell phones jumped 159% between 2004 and 2007. It has been particularly bad in New York ; since 2000, landline usage has dropped 55%. It's logical that as cell phones rise, many of them replacing traditional landlines, that there will be fewer answering machines.

Editors note: I guess they don't live out here in DeAnza, where we can't get cell reception!

13. Cameras That Use Film: It doesn't require a statistician to prove the rapid disappearance of the film camera in America. Just look to companies like Nikon, the professional's choice for quality camera equipment. In 2006, it announced that it would stop making film cameras, pointing to the shrinking market-- only 3% of its sales in 2005, compared to 75% of sales from digital cameras and equipment.

12. Incandescent Bulbs: Before a few years ago, the standard 60-watt (or, yikes, 100-watt) bulb was the mainstay of every U.S. home. With the green movement and all-things-sustainable-energy crowd, the Compact Fluorescent Light bulb (CFL) is largely replacing the older, Edison-era incandescent bulb. The EPA reports that 2007 sales for Energy Star CFLs nearly doubled from 2006, and these sales accounted for approximately 20 percent of the U.S. light bulb market. And according to USA Today, a new energy bill plans to phase out incandescent bulbs in the next four to 12 years.

11. Stand-Alone Bowling Alleys: Bowling Balls. U.S. claims there are still 60 million Americans who bowl at least once a year, but many are not bowling in stand-alone bowling alleys. Today most new bowling alleys are part of facilities for all types of recreation including laser tag, go-karts, bumper cars, video game arcades, climbing walls and glow miniature golf. Bowling lanes also have been added to many non-traditional venues such as adult communities, hotels and resorts, and gambling casinos.

10. The Milkman: According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1950, over half of the milk delivered was to the home in quart bottles, by 1963, it was about a third and by 2001, it represented only 0.4% percent. Nowadays most milk is sold through supermarkets in gallon jugs. The steady decline in home-delivered milk is blamed, of course, on the rise of the supermarket, better home refrigeration and longer-lasting milk. Although some milkmen still make the rounds in pockets of the U.S. , they are certainly a dying breed..

9. Hand-Written Letters: In 2006, the Radicati Group estimated that, worldwide, 183 billion e-mails were sent each day.. Two million each second. By November of 2007, an estimated 3.3 billion Earthlings owned cell phones, and 80% of the world's population had access to cell phone coverage. In 2004, half-a-trillion text messages were sent, and the number has no doubt increased exponentially since then. So where amongst this gorge of gabble is there room for the elegant, polite hand-written letter?

8. Wild Horses: It is estimated that 100 years ago, as many as two million horses were roaming free within the United States. In 2001, National Geographic News estimated that the wild horse population has decreased to about 50,000 head. Currently, the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory board states that there are 32,000 free roaming horses in ten Western states, with half of them residing in Nevada .

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking to reduce the total number of free range horses to 27,000, possibly by "selective euthanasia".

7. Personal Checks: According to an American Bankers Assoc. report, a net 23% of consumers plan to decrease their use of checks over the next two years, while a net 14% plan to increase their use of PIN debit. Bill payment remains the last stronghold of paper-based payments, for the time being. Checks continue to be the most commonly used bill payment method, with 71% of consumers paying at least one recurring bill per month by writing a check. However, on a bill-by-bill basis, checks account for only 49% of consumers' recurring bill payments (down from 72% in 2001 and 60% in 2003).

6. Drive-in Theaters: During the peak in 1958, there were more than 4,000 drive-in theaters in this country, but in 2007 only 405 drive-ins were still operating. Exactly zero new drive-ins have been built since 2005. Only one reopened in 2005 and five reopened in 2006, so there isn't much of a movement toward reviving the closed ones.

5. Mumps & Measles: Despite what's been in the news lately, the measles and mumps actually, truly are disappearing from the United States . In 1964, 212,000 cases of mumps were reported in the U.S. By 1983, this figure had dropped to 3,000, thanks to a vigorous vaccination program. Prior to the introduction of the measles vaccine, approximately half a million cases of measles were reported in the U.S. annually, resulting in 450 deaths. In 2005, only 66 cases were recorded.

4. Honey Bees: Perhaps nothing on our list of disappearing America is so dire; plummeting so enormously; and so necessary to the survival of our food supply as the honey bee. Very scary. 'Colony Collapse Disorder,' or CCD, has spread throughout the U.S. and Europe over the past few years, wiping out 50% to 90% of the colonies of many beekeepers -- and along with it, their livelihood.

3. News Magazines and TV News: While the TV evening newscasts haven't gone anywhere over the last several decades, their audiences have. In 1984, in a story about the diminishing returns of the evening news, the New York Times reported that all three network evening-news programs combined had only 40.9 million viewers. Fast forward to 2008, and what they have today is half that.

2. Analog TV: According to the Consumer Electronics Association, 85% of homes in the U.S. get their television programming through cable or satellite providers. For the remaining 15% -- or 13 million individuals who are using rabbit ears or a large outdoor antenna to get their local stations, change is in the air. If you are one of these people you'll need to get a new TV or a converter box in order to get the new stations which will only be broadcast in digital..

1. The Family Farm: Since the 1930's, the number of family farms has been declining rapidly. According to the USDA, 5.3 million farms dotted the nation in 1950, but this number had declined to 2.1 million by the 2003 farm census (data from the 2007 census is just now being published). Ninety-one percent of the U.S.FARMS are small Family Farms.

Both interesting and sad, isn't it?

Some new & updated & some old favorite Links Of Interest:

Another **new** one from Ardath:

THIS SEARCH ENGINE IS TRULY FANTASTIC!!

Cuil's search index spans 120 billion Web pages, three times the size of Google's index.

Cuil is touted to outshine Google in several ways, including its method for identifying and displaying pertinent results. Rather than trying to mimic Google's method of ranking the quantity and quality for links to Web sites, Cuil's technology drills into the actual content of a page. And Cuil's results will be presented in a more magazine-like format instead of just a vertical stack of Web links.

Instead of saying 'Google it', we can now say 'Cuil it'!!!!

Check it out <http://www.cuil.com/> <http://www.cuil.com/info/>

New! Contributed by Paul Cumming: Readability! It's a free button for your Web browser's toolbar (get it at lab.arc90.com/experiments/readability). Then, once you have moved the button to your Bookmarks, when you click it, Readability eliminates everything from the Web page you're reading except the text and photos. I promise you, it's the next best thing to sliced bread!

No ads, blinking, links, banners, promos or anything else. Times Square just goes away.

You wind up with a simple, magazine-like layout, presented in a beautiful font and size (your choice) against a white or off-white background with none of this red-text-against-black business.

You occasionally run into a Web page that Readability doesn't handle right — no big deal, just refresh the page to see the original. But most of the time, Readability makes the world online a calmer, cleaner, more beautiful place. Thank you, Paul!

Food Stamp Application Form Online:

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/foodstamps/entres/forms/english/DFA285A1.PDF>

How many people with YOUR name? Check it out on this website:

<http://www.howmanyofme.com/>

For those of us who are members of SWNN, you can log in to the member site and look at the new Business Directory. Available NOW within the membership area at <http://www.swnnmembers.net>

you can choose from a list of contractors, company names, business owners, etc., and put your money back into our community by hiring SWNN Members to do the job. And if you are a business owner, entrepreneur, contractor, or just have a hobby or product you would like listed, you can be one step ahead of the game by listing your advertising for others to see!. Include the type of business you want to advertise, and any information you wish to share, and edit it at any time yourself. HIRE NAKED!

<http://www.swnnmembers.net/>

You will need your member ID and a password in order to login. I couldn't find my ID card, so I couldn't log in. Try it. Let us know what you think.

Area Code Finder: <http://www.mmiworld.com/telephone.htm>

See deleted web pages: <http://www.archive.org>

Test your Internet Speed: <http://help.sbcglobal.net/dsl/speedtest/>

Learn about how stuff works (really interesting stuff):

www.howstuffworks.com

Check movie ratings: www.filmratings.com www.mpaa.org

File 1099 forms for people who work for you: www.filetaxes.com

Sex advice column, etc.: <http://askthecouch.com/>

Another site sent to us by DeAnza long-time member, Ardath:

USA DEBT CLOCK: <http://www.usdebtclock.org/>

<http://www.FreePrintable.net>

Here's a site to check out when you are wondering if the URL you are trying to go to is down just for you or for everyone on the Internet:

<http://downforeveryoneorjustme.com>

Links to fun brain training sites: <http://lumosity.com>; <http://fitbrains.com>

Read more about Dr. Green's brain fitness tips:

<http://www.prevention.com/cda/categoryextpage.do?channel=health&category=brain.games.training>

General preparedness information:

<http://www.ready.gov/>

<http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.d8aaecf214c576bf971e4cfe43181aa0/?vgnextoid=72c51a53f1c37110VgnVCM1000003481a10aRCRD&vgnnextfmt=default>

Updated & detailed weather forecast for Jacumba, CA:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Jacumba&state=CA&site=SGX&textField1=32.6392&textField2=-116.183>

Have you seen the **Loxie & Zoot Naturist cartoon**?

<http://loxieandzoot.comicgenesis.com/cast.html> I think it's well done, in good taste, and light-hearted fun. This link was sent to us by Mike Hardy, oft-times contributor to our Newsletter.

Here's a tasteful nudist video you may find interesting, from 1938. Again, sent to us by Mike Hardy. Thanks, again, Mike. Fun and in good taste.

<http://www.veoh.com/videos/v661264Eh8Nx796?confirmed=1>

And, of course, here's our **DeAnza Springs Resort** web site:

<http://www.deanzasprings.com/>

The **DeAnza Springs Blog**, includes lots of interesting news, fun & funny stuff!

<http://deanzaspringslive.blogspot.com/2008/02/welcome-newcomers.html>

Attention: If you have any favorite links you'd like to recommend to your neighbors and friends, please send me the link/s. I check these existing links each month (mostly) to make sure they all work, so let me know if you find a problem. Examples: problems with the link, you didn't find them in good taste, you love them, incorrect information, etc.! This Newsletter is yours—I can only do it with your help! We all enjoy having our horizons expanded, right?

What's Happening at DeAnza Springs Resort..., February, 2010?

Daily Monday thru Friday Events: Water Aerobics *Indoor* Pool 9 AM

**The Second Wednesday of each month, through March, 2010:
Wednesday evening at 6:15 PM—Potluck in the Oasis. Bring a dish, your own utensils, dishes, etc., and join the social get together. Get to know your neighbors!**

Every Wednesday—Texas Hold 'Em Tournament 7:30 PM

Every Thursday—BBQ on the Patio 5 PM; Full Bar open, and Bowling, Golf, Tennis, Boxing, and/or Baseball on Wii at 7:30 PM

Every Friday—Social Hour—Oasis Lounge 5 PM; Bingo—7:30 PM—ish; Karaoke with Host Papa Dave after Bingo; Social Hour—Oasis Lounge 5 PM until midnight.

Every Saturday & Sunday—Water Volleyball 10 AM and 2 PM—*indoor* pool!

Weekly Events:

Friday, February 5th : Bingo followed by Karaoke w DJ Papa Dave

Saturday, February 6th: DJ Dance w DJ Papa Dave

Sunday, February 7th— Super Bowl XLIV Party, Noon for Pre-game; 3 PM game time to end of game — cold beer, free Hot dogs, wings and other appetite-ruining treats. Four TVs showing all the action.

Friday, February 12th — Bingo followed by Karaoke w DJ Papa Dave.

Saturday, February 13th — Treat your Sweetheart to a wonderful Valentine's Dinner before the traditional Valentine's Dance. This year's theme is "Favorite Jock" w DJ Papa Dave. Come as your favorite Jock—not too many Tiger Woods with a black eye, I hope.

Sunday, February 14th – Valentine's Day, Daytona 500 Party. Free Hot Dogs and wings.

Friday, February 19th: Bingo followed by Karaoke w DJ Papa Dave

Saturday, February 20th : DJ Dance w DJ Papa Dave

Sunday, February 21st: Academy Awards & Spaghetti Feed & Wine.
Sign up at the office. Time? Whatever time the Academy Awards start.

Friday, February 26th: Bingo followed by Karaoke w DJ Papa Dave



Saturday, February 27th: Mardi Gras Parade—get your "float" ready for the biggest parade in DeAnza's history! Starts about 10 AM. Mardi Gras Dance—8 PM to midnight with live band, Double Trio Play ar (that's not a typo, Kim assured me).



Thanks to so many of you who have sent in articles, short or long, serious and funny; stories you wrote, interesting experiences you've had here at DeAnza Springs, photographs; cartoons and web links! I couldn't do this without you!

And don't forget to check out the new gym and the sauna that is up and working in the gym area! Wonderful!

Please feel free to contact me at 619-766-9339 or email me at bethany_murray@yahoo.com (That's the underscore key between bethany and murray) to make any suggestions, comments, ideas, Tips, typos, etc. I was just lovin' hearing from all of you! What do *you* think? Please help out and share your thoughts, ideas, inspirations with others in this community!! We all love to hear what you have to say!

I hope you've seen the printed copy of the Newsletter up at the office for those of you without an Internet connection and/or for those who have other problems

reading the Newsletter. **Please let me know if you have an Internet connection and still aren't getting the Newsletters.**

Also, for those of you *with* Internet connection, I recommend going to the <http://deanzaspringslive.blogspot.com/2008/02/welcome-newcomers.html>

Many of our members, Ardath, in particular, have been making a serious, and often hilarious contribution to the blog for over the past couple of years. I've been there and was very impressed. Take a read. I guarantee you will learn something about our Community, the surroundings, and our members (no gossip, however, of course).

I think I got a little "Clip Art" happy this month, did you notice?

**And, remember, if you can't be at DeAnza Springs...
*Have fun wherever you are! Warmly, Bethany, R-72***