

# the Sunshine fire protection district newsletter

## Fire Danger 'Extreme'!

*Excerpted from the Daily Camera*

Increasingly hot weather, a dry forecast and recent wildfires prompted the Boulder County Board of Commissioners to approve a fire ban July 19th. The same day Boulder's fire danger was upgraded to "extreme."

The county had experienced three fires over the past week that burned through more than 40 acres. Those blazes were contained, but Sheriff Pelle said crews were exhausted and spread thin.

"Local firefighters, mostly volunteer, are tired and expended after two weeks of constant work," Pelle said.

The local ban excludes charcoal grills at private homes and fires in permanent fire pits at developed picnic sites or campgrounds.

Pelle said he will recommend lifting the ban if "it gets wet and green." That's not likely to happen soon, according to National Weather Service forecasts.

Firefighters are watching the skies across the West for dry lightning, fearing it will trigger wildfires in vegetation dried out by temperatures that reached 100 degrees in many areas.

"We're waiting on pins and needles, and hopefully it won't happen. Some areas have become powder kegs after an exceptionally wet spring," said Larry Helmerick of the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center.

The monsoon season started last week in southern Arizona, several weeks late and could bring rains to dampen the fire risk. But the storms also may bring dry lightning.

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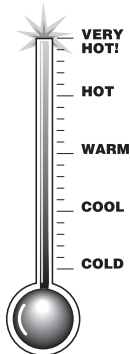
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National Weather Service meteorologist Gary Zell said that when the monsoons are tardy, they tend to be drier than normal.

Local temperatures topped 90 degrees for 19 of the month's first 22 days, including a 12-day streak of 90-degree temperatures that ended July 17th. Although temperatures are now moderating, it will require weeks of good rains to overcome the dryness and associated fire danger.



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## Calendar of events

Training and meeting schedules are also available at the Sunshine Fire Department website: [www.sunshinefire.com](http://www.sunshinefire.com)

### *Firefighter trainings:*

Trainings are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the fire station.

Aug, 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

### *Squad meetings:*

Squad meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the fire station.

Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, no meetings in Nov. & Dec. due to holidays

### *Medical trainings:*

Medical trainings are held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Aug 11 Gold Hill, Sep 21 Four Mile, Oct 13 Gold Hill, Nov 16 Four Mile, Dec 8 Gold Hill

### *Board meetings:*

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the fire station. Meetings are open to the public.

Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 12, Dec 13

### *Special Events:*

Community Fest, Sat Sept 17, 2:00 to 6:00, fire station

Sunshine Art & Craft Fair, Sat & Sun, Sept 24th and 25th, 10 am to 4 pm, Schoolhouse



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them. Being a fire department that has a much easier time hauling water down hill rather than up, we are unable to see most of these numbers. The newer signs will be a big help.

If you need a new sign right away, get a hold of me (303-786-8255), and I'll have one made up for you. More information about this signage will be forth coming.

## Volunteers

SFPD is in the lower part of its volunteer cycle. If you, or someone you know, has any interest in an exciting life as an SFPD volunteer, we need your help. No experience is required. We need people to be medical personnel as well as fire fighters. All training is free. You only have to respond to emergencies

## Board Members

Pavel Bouska, Chairman

Don Dick, Treasurer

Bill Bender, Member

Frank McGuire, Member

Joyce Schroeder, Member

Board meetings are at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the fire station and are open to the public.

## District Officers

Steve Stratton, Fire Chief

Bruce Honeyman, Asst. Fire Chief & Fire Marshal



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In any emergency, call 911.

when you want to, and come to one or two training events a month. Let me know if you are interested.

Have a wonderful summer!

Steve Stratton

Fire Chief

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## Chief's Message

### Weather

What kind of fire season is it going to be? Well, a week ago I would have said it looks like a pretty "normal" one. In other words, a lot like last summer... a little rain each afternoon, with continued recovery from the drought. However, all of that has changed in the last few days. With all of our spring rain the grasses are very tall making the fuel load huge. As I write this the FIRE DANGER has gone up to EXTREME, the ACTION CLASS (how hard it will be to put out the fire) is 5 out of 5, the BURN INDEX is 53, meaning grass will burn with flame lengths of more than 5 feet, and thousand-hour fuels (grass-like stuff) are at 8% moisture. For a cue of the danger - kiln dried lumber is also 8%. What all this technical talk means is that our chance of a big fire that will be impossible to fight directly is not just likely, but probable. Unless we get some significant rain soon, this could be one hell of a fire season, literally. The good news is the forecasts show normal amounts of rain in the second half of the summer. Let's hope that is true.

In a normal year, Colorado has on average 1900 fires on non-federal lands. So keep trees and grasses trimmed, and flammables stored away from your house. Watch for lightning strikes and smoke. And obey the Fire Ban.

### Fire Ban

Boulder County has just issued a burn ban (7/19) for the entire county. This means the only fires that are allowed are in grills at private homes and in established fire pits. I will guess that

the county will close or remove fire pits and grills on public lands also. Please take this ban seriously. If you see someone ignoring the ban feel free to call 911 and report it, or call me and I will go out and wag my finger at them (303-786-8255). I can't express how easy it would be to start a fire in these conditions.

### Mitigation Grant

On a pretty regular basis I have people ask me about fire mitigation grant funds. We have handed out free money in the past to help you keep the fire danger down on your property, and I wish we could again this year... but we can't. The state and federal powers to be are requiring very specific organized community wide fire mitigation plans now-a-days in order to receive grant funding. This would require us to hire someone to study Sunshine and outline such a plan, or if we wanted to do it ourselves, spend hundreds of hours in development. In a volunteer agency such as ours we just simply don't have the resources. Perhaps in the future we can get a grant, to hire someone to make a plan, so we can receive more grants. Hmmm

### Station No. 2

The new fire station is coming along real nicely. There have been a couple of construction delays, but we are on schedule and I am pleased with the progress. There are several jobs that we as a community could do around the station property that would save considerable construction dollars. General landscaping work will need to start soon and I am hopeful that we can have a Saturday community



work day to complete a few simple tasks, like raking top soil, sewing grass seed and planting a few trees. If there is anyone who would be interested in organizing such an event, give me a call or email (303-786-8255, [steve@stevestratton.tv](mailto:steve@stevestratton.tv)).

### Address Signs

A couple people have ask how to replace their official green Boulder County address signs. The county has switched to a new metal sign from the breakable plastic ones and SFPD will be making these signs available soon. The new signs are reflective, can have numbers on both sides and are large enough to be easily seen at night. As simple as these signs are, they are extremely important to emergency personnel. The old timers on our fire department know where most of the houses are in Sunshine, but most of our volunteers are somewhat new and finding the actual location of an emergency event is often difficult. Most people have their house numbers positioned so someone coming up the canyon can see

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## In memory of Jay Schumacher

Members of the Sunshine community offer their condolences to Karen and Kate and Kelsey Schumacher following the death of their husband and father, Jay.

A long time resident, Jay gave freely of his time and energy to the community in many ways. In the early days of the department, Jay was an active fire fighter and he enjoyed reminiscing about the department's patched together engines and ragtag group of firefighters.

One of his favorite stories was about a day spent fighting a fire, returning home mentally and physically exhausted, hot, grimy, spent. His pregnant wife Karen chose that moment to tell him that the doctor had just informed her they should expect two babies, not one. He collapsed.

When Jay's workload and back problems prevented him from active fire fighting, he volunteered on the SFPD

board of directors. He served in that capacity longer than any other person.

He also worked closely with Jim Burch on the district cistern project and was responsible for installing the cistern in the 7000 block of Sunshine Canyon.

In talking about Jay, the Wheelers remember his generosity in giving a helping hand however it was needed. To help Nathan Wheeler complete his Eagle Scout project of building a community volleyball court, Jay used his bulldozer to haul boulders and level the court. The last time the Wheelers saw Jay was at the Sunshine potluck, where Jay lent his assistance and truck to get David's drum set home.

The most frequent word neighbors use to describe Jay is "brilliant". An inventor and entrepreneur, Jay was

astute in scientific, computer and mechanical disciplines and an exceptionally creative thinker.

Don Dick first met Jay when Don was a professor and Jay a student at CU. Jay was pointed out to Don as the person who was smartest at using computers. Don describes Jay as "a tremendous fount of knowledge", ingenious at finding ways to make things simpler and cheaper, and always trying to be helpful.

Jay's most recent invention was a semi-liquid material that, when applied to dirt roads and slopes, would bond to create a smooth surface and reduce erosion. Jay was working toward commercialization of this process during the last few years of his life.

According to Jay's wishes, his ashes will be interred at the Sunshine Cemetery.

We need **Your** help to make the Community Fest a success.  
The job can be as big or as small as your schedule allows.

- Contacting or referring local businesses for donations
  - Donations of your products or services
  - Auctioneering
  - Set up
  - Clean up
  - Chili
  - Children's activities

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## Beetlemania–Bugs Chewing up Trees across the West, Raising Fire Danger

*Excerpt from the AP, Kim Nguyen*

According to Forest Service figures compiled for The Associated Press, the acres of forest killed by beetles in 12 Western states jumped from 1.4 million in 1997 to 8.6 million last year.

Experts blame the infestations on a series of cold winters, hot summers and drought.

Beetle outbreaks come in cycles and are determined in part by drought conditions and overall forest health. The extent of the current outbreak, however, has many people worried as the dead trees dry out and begin to fall, creating a canopy than can cause long, intense fires.

Thousands of beetles can attack a single tree, with each female capable of laying dozens of eggs under the bark. The

insects stay inside until the next summer, when they fly out to new trees.

Many experts say there is no practical way to reduce beetle numbers. Spraying insecticide is too expensive, and the risks are too high to do prescribed burns in hot, dry conditions.

"Over the past 100 years, everyone has done everything they can to prevent the beetle activity," said Matthew Koehler, director of the Native Forest Network, a conservation group based in Missoula, Mont. "People have cleared a mountainside, others have even used dynamite. And in the end, they didn't work."

Black, an entomologist and ecologist, said having a diverse array of

trees in the forest will cut down on the number of bark beetles, as they are species-specific to each kind of pine. For instance, mountain pine beetles attack a variety of pines, like the lodgepole and ponderosa, but they aren't interested in Douglas firs.

Black said the mountain pine beetles are doing the most damage in the current outbreak.

"There's less tree diversity, less diversity in size and age, and that's allowed the beetles to spread easily in large areas," he said.

Black said logging is partly to blame for the uniform forests and for destroying potential nesting areas for woodpeckers, a natural enemy of the beetles.

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### Volunteer thank you

Our thanks to those individuals who helped make the Sunshine Potluck and Open Mike a great evening:

Janice Wheeler–set up for the potluck and overall organization

John Hoffmann, John Metzger, Steve Spencer & David Wheeler–set up of the stage area and sound system

Also, thank you to all the great performers.

### Humor:

One day I noticed a photo of a famous politician and his gorgeous wife in the paper. Slightly jealous, I turned to my wife and said, "It's unfair that the biggest jerks in the world catch the most beautiful wives." My wife smiled and replied, "Why, thank you dear."

Have you ever noticed.... Anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?



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## Sunshine Kids Corps

A group of neighborhood youth volunteers finished their first community project: painting and hanging signs to remind motorists to slow down. Steve Spencer, their adult advisor and a local artist, provided professional tips, materials, and encouragement.

The corps includes: Dylan Hall, Tucker Hall, Brendan Hoffmann, Alex Honeyman, Erin Kirton, Wilder Lavington, Gigi Mesch, Dustin Spencer, Katie Walsh, Mike Wheeler.

The group will resume their activities next fall after the summer break. If you'd like to join or have suggestions for activities, please contact Mary Mesch at 303-447-1471 or [mmesch@ionsky.com](mailto:mmesch@ionsky.com). The group is open to Sunshine kids aged 8-16 years.



*Alex Honeyman painting "UFO Xing" sign while Gigi Mesch looks on; Steve Spencer and Dylan Hall in background*



*Brendan Hoffmann*



*Sign created by Erin Kirton and Gigi Mesch*

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## A Tribute to the Community of Sunshine

This is a story of how by the gift of a loving and caring family and community turned a painful and difficult event into a profound and touching experience.

The story begins on an April 18th a lovely spring morning; the sky was blue with a warm sun telling us that spring was coming. Jack had just come through a pacemaker operation and we had great hopes that it would enhance the quality of our future years together. We went to DIA to pick up his daughter Heather who was coming to document Jack's life for his 80th birthday party in July.

Out of the blue lightning struck and shattered the day. As we crossed over to the airport to meet the 10:45 flight, a Hotel Shuttle Bus hit first Jack and then Donna, dragging them and then smashing them against the curb. Jack was unconscious and Donna crawled over to hold his hand and told him she loved him. Stretchers, ambulances, sirens, police and fire department quickly gathered to comfort and transport them to the University of Colorado Hospital. Heather rode in the ambulance with her father and ran between the emergency rooms at the hospital where her father and Donna were being cared for. She brought Donna a note from Jack, who through his pain was able to write:

*Donna My Love: You and I will come back as strong as ever.  
We have lots to do in our future lives together.  
I Love you. Your Jack."*

After CAT scans and x-rays, Jack with a bruised arm, neck and shoulders was sent home with his daughter Heather. His pacemaker kept him alive through the entire trauma. Because of a fractured skull and broken ribs Donna stayed in the hospital. She woke to see her children Margot, Suzanne and Lee, holding her hand and saying they loved her. The Grandchildren: Alex, Maddy, Sammy and Max stood in the background, their eyes wide with concern and fear for their grandmother who had always seemed so strong. After several days Donna came home to a house full of love and care. Jack met her at the top of the stairs. Her children and grandchildren met her with flowers and "get well grandma" drawings in their hands.

With Donna's broken and dislocated ribs and Jack suffering from vertigo, we could not make it on our own. For two weeks Margot and Suzanne shopped, cooked, cleaned, changed sheets, tucked Jack and Donna into bed, took them to doctors and pharmacies. They put fresh flowers in the house, had a fire in the fireplace, sang and celebrated our lives. Lee never left our sides, as he cared for house, the Misty and us. He built us an addition on the gazebo and we all celebrated that we could get on with our lives. The grandkids made pictures, brought flowers and helped wherever they could. The community of sunshine burst forth with flowers, calls, gifts, and wishes of goodwill. Tulips, azaleas, strawberries, chicken soup, banana bread, dinners, candles, soaps, candies flowed in.

Two days after we got home, winter returned with a vengeance. Two feet of snow crushed our gazebo and piled up in our driveway. We were snowed in. And there was a great possibility that the power would go out with snow on the lines. Power outages in our house mean no gas for electricity, heat, water, stove, refrigerator, and we couldn't get to our cars because the garage door is electrical. We had just taken the studded snows off of the Subaru. If our power failed (as it had in the past) we could be in deep trouble. For the first time Donna's spirits spiraled down with the enormity of the situation. Margot and the kids were out trying to shovel out our driveway, when we all heard a familiar scraping outside our door. We looked out and there Alan Kirton was in his jeep clearing our driveway to get us out if we needed it. Donna opened the door and Alan came in and put his arms around her and told her not to worry he would be there if anything happened. That evening Debbie Miller and Erin brought us in freshly made bread and told us should anything happen they too would be there.

To mention only a few names of our angels: Laurent Nicault came over and helped Lee get the snow off the gazebo. Jennifer called daily to see we were all right. My sister Lee and her husband Jim brought us dinner. The women of Sunshine (Ardie Sehulster, Deb Miller and Mary Mesch) called daily and came biweekly to take Jack to the univer-

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## New Station Update

Foundation Complete! Concrete work on the foundation of the new fire station at 5880 Sunshine Canyon Drive was completed on June 28<sup>th</sup>, leaving Sunshine Canyon with the largest fire fighting cistern in its history. The foundation of Sunshine Station 2 was designed to hold 136,000 gallons of water. Conventional construction would have called for back-filling the area with dirt hauled up from Boulder, but that proved to be so expensive that the additional cost to use concrete and fill it with water was irresistible. Plumbing of the water tank will take place as the superstructure of the station is finished. The cistern will be filled slowly from the new well that was drilled on-site.

The building of the new station is proceeding on schedule, despite early weather delays. Framing of the garage bays will start the second week of July, with completion of the facility planned for December first.

One of the consistent problems throughout construction has been the extreme high speed of traffic passing

the construction site. Several “near misses” have occurred as local residents often drive by at speeds 30 miles per hour above the speed limit. Construction workers are trying to respect those who need to pass through the area, but there seems to be little regard for their safety. Please take a moment to slow down through the area and consider the possible consequences of extreme driving behavior on this dirt road.

Even though the project has been continuing on budget, it is anticipated that we will need an additional \$40,000 to totally complete the building. Ancillary items like grass seed and landscaping, fire department hook-ups to the cistern and road signage required by the county were not part of the building budget. As al-

ways, your contributions are appreciated and necessary for the operation of the fire district.

If you haven't already, drive by the building site (next to the Sunshine Cemetery) and see what is being accomplished. This is an exciting project for our fire district, and one that will add significantly to the service your fire department can provide.

Steve Stratton  
Fire Chief



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## A Tribute to Sunshine (cont.)

sity, to shopping and put themselves at his disposal biweekly. Penny, Madeline and Frank, the Rovtars and Langs, Penny Townsend and the Rubins reminded us that they were there if we needed them. Gary and Sue Townsend were a pillar of strength and help. The children of sunshine volunteered to help us and we are

looking forward to having them help us plant our flowers for the spring.

Unfortunately Jack suffered a severe bout with pneumonia after his return from his granddaughter's wedding in Dallas. Although he is slowly recovering he has a way to go as

he is still suffering from vertigo. Summer is coming and every day Jack and I celebrate our good luck: – we are alive and cherish each day, our children and our community. Thank you to all of you. God has blessed us.

D onna E dwards



## Sunshine Trivia

1. How many times has Dustin Spencer broken his arm?

- a. Four, his motto "Not Milk"
- b. Each one once, they just never healed
- c. Seven, after the fifth break his parents wore "Will work for insurance" signs around town

2. Match neighbors to their vacations

- a. Wheelers      a. Phoenix & Las Vegas, where a record of 117 was set
- b. Voorhees      b. Oregon, because who in their right minds would go to Phoenix or Vegas in the summer?
- c. Luchangcos      c. Central City, for its culture

3. Whose family nicknamed her "Queen of the Silver Lining"?

4. Who has been mentioned in the Wildlife column more than anyone else?

- a. Chris Voorhees, just check his freezer if you don't believe his stories
- b. The Lavington family, whose home is a magnet to every dog, kid, bear and lion in the district
- c. It's a toss up, between Chris' FACs and Steve's rum punch, they've contributed equally to Sunshine wildlife

Answers: 1. Four 2. Wheelers-Oregon, Voorhees-Central City, Luchangcos-Phoenix & Vegas 3. Donna Edwards, who else could see the bright side of being hit by a truck? 4. Toss up

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## A Firefighters Life is Never Dull...

Recently I volunteered to spend a day patrolling on a Colorado State Forest Service brush truck. We went to Big Elk Meadows and wound up at the top of a steep, heavily rutted road at one point. Soon after we arrived, an old, beat up VW van came up the same road and stopped beside us.

The driver, a man about 50 years old and wearing somewhat grubby clothes, got out to talk to us. He asked if there was anywhere they could go for a hike and avoid the ATV's and dirt bikes that frequented that area. I showed him a trail which prohibits all motorized vehicles so he parked his van under a tree. He came around to the passenger side, opened the side door and carefully led a burro out from the back! The burro seemed perfectly happy and the man explained that they've taken it many places in van.

His wife also got out and the couple grabbed shovels to muck out the back of the van while the burro patiently waited. After completing this task, the three of them went cheerfully down the trail for a hike. The burro didn't carry any pack or people---he just went with the people for exercise.

I'm thinking that the van won't have much resale value, but the people and the burro didn't seem to mind.

Don Dick

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: Either the car is new or the wife is.



## Sunshine Events

Sunshine Community Fest!  
Saturday, September 17th, 2-6pm, Station

Sunshine Schoolhouse Annual Arts and Crafts Show  
Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 24-25th, 10-4, Schoolhouse

Sunshine Community Fest! Mark your calendar for September 17th. Our annual bash boasts good food, great beer, interesting mountain folk, kids games and activities, an auction for crafts and fresh baked goods, and too many other things to mention. And all supporting a good cause—the Sunshine Fire Protection District.

Suggested donation is \$7 per person, with a \$20 maximum per family. Kids under 12 are free. Bring a dish to share or a baked item for raffle. chili, beer (micro and macro) and soft drinks will be provided. Your donation gets you door prize tickets for some great items. You may buy raffle tickets good for valuable goods and services. And our auction offers the best in locally baked foods and local handicrafts.

Please contact Beth Byerlein at 440-9559 or [byerlein@ionsky.com](mailto:byerlein@ionsky.com) if you'd like to volunteer your time.

Sunshine Schoolhouse Annual Arts and Crafts Show, Featuring the work of local residents. Free admission and refreshments. Arts & Crafts Show proceeds benefit the Schoolhouse and Cemetery Association. Call Linda Luchangco at 303-413-1282 by Sept. 5th to be a vendor.

## Sunshine Schoolhouse and Cemetery News



### Sunshine Cemetery Association Board

- Haydee Kuner was elected the new board chairperson. Tom Stevens resigned as chairman, but is continuing as a member.
- Linda Luchangco resigned from the board; her position is open. Interested persons should contact a board member.
- The board voted to purchase liability insurance for the association.
- The board is evaluating options to upgrade the school's electrical system.
- The board did not approve a request for a horseshoe pit fearing that an errant horseshoe might create damage.

### Sunshine Cemetery Association Board:

Haydee Kuner, chairperson  
June Howard  
Tom Stevens  
Chris Voorhees  
Janice Wheeler  
Danny Williams

### Annual Art & Craft Fair

"Back to Nature" is the theme for this year's Art & Craft Fair. Vendors will be offering items for outside use, made from natural materials, or depicting nature. To be a vendor at the fair, please contact Linda Luchangco at 303-413-1282 by Sept. 5th.

## Mountain Gardening

The fight against non-native plants. Of the 1,300 native species of plants in Colorado, 130, or 10 percent, have already been displaced completely by non-native weeds, according to the Colorado Weed Management Association.

Diffuse knapweed — considered the state's most prolific noxious weed — has already consumed more than 145,000 acres across Colorado, according to state weed managers.

In Boulder County, only about 20 percent of the land — mostly in the mountains — remains covered with totally native vegetation, estimates Tim D'Amato, Boulder County weed management coordinator.

The state now keeps three lists of non-natives plants that residents and local governments are asked to keep an eye on, ranking them A, B and C according to the potential threat. "List A" consists of 17 that have not yet taken a strong foothold here, but have wreaked havoc in other states (they include purple loosestrife, myrtle spurge and Mediterranean sage). They are illegal to sell or grow, homeowners are required to keep them from re-seeding, and they can be fined if they don't.

In particular, myrtle spurge is a problem in our canyon. Attractive light green with yellow flowers, rapid growing, drought resistant—it's a tempting groundcover to plant. However, the plant is highly noxious and a Sunshine child suffered nasal blisters from sniffing the plant.

## Wildlife Watch

There have been numerous bear sightings this summer of a "really big black bear". As it turns out, two bears that fit that description were seen crossing CR 83 together by Steve Lavington and Mary Mesch. They are beautiful animals of impressive size with thick black coats.



Returning home one night after babysitting for the Lavingtons, Mike Wheeler was greeted by a bear near his front door. Rumor has it that Mike broke a speed record when he jumped back into the car.

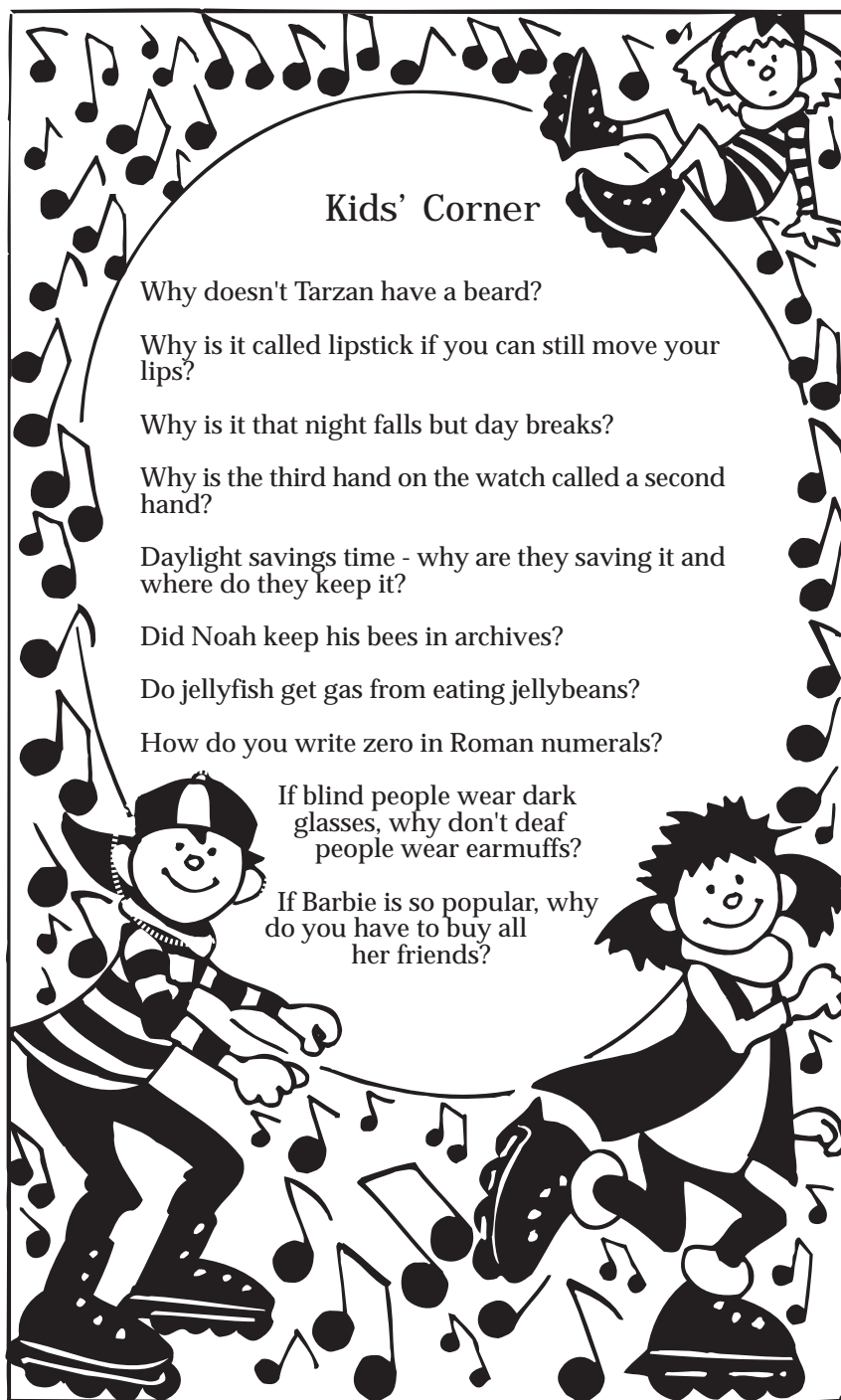
Many residents have had bears on their decks or entering garages in search of garbage. As always, property owners should eliminate all outdoor food sources and close windows and doors at night.

Chris Voorhees reports seeing a mountain lion bounding across CR 83 near the Lavington residence.

Hmm...seems to be a trend with the Lavingtons and wildlife.

Another resident reports a friend had a severe rash and temporary blindness from touching her face after contact with the plant.

To view images of purple loosestrife, myrtle spurge and Mediterranean sage, go to [www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/nature/weeds.htm](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/nature/weeds.htm). Excerpted from July 22nd Daily Camera



## Classifieds

Babysitting and petsitting. Call Gigi at 303-447-1471.

Yoga Classes. Call Dee at 303-443-0121

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Remember, this is *your* newsletter. Please contact me if you have ideas, comments questions, or letters.

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A teenager brought her new boyfriend home. "Dear," said the mother, "he doesn't seem very nice."

"Oh please, Mom," replied the daughter, "if he wasn't nice, why would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"



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