



HOOFBEATS



The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter
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DLPOA Board Meeting

Feb 5th, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Location: the Pick's home @ 44 Dapplegray

DLPOA Calendar:

Board meeting	Mar 4th
Board Meeting	April 1st
Easter Egg Hunt	Apr 11th

DLPOA Board of Directors

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Our own Sorrel resident Kelly Michelle Kelley is running for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, seat 131 on March 3rd.

To find out more about her go to:

<https://michellekelleyforjudge.com/>

Chucks Corner:



Very belated but sincere congratulations to Alex Johnson and Danielle Beranek on their engagement! The wedding is scheduled for late 2021 when Danni returns from Portland, Maine where she is finishing nursing school. We are of course hoping for a wedding in Lisa and Gary's back yard so we can all crash... I mean participate!

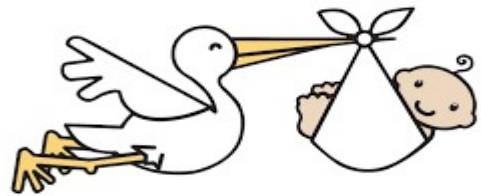


Speedy recovery wishes to young Miss McKenna Marshall who broke her arm just as school started... On a positive note, she gets to wear a beautiful, bright pink cast for everyone to sign!!



To the following February birthdays:
Jason Beck, Marie Gallien, Keith Kelley, Brian Little (AKA Brian II), Gayle Mitchell, Adam Pick, Carla Ramirez and Debby Taymour!

WELCOME TO THE WORLD



Jillian & Justin Scarpetti welcomed a baby girl in January. Proud grandparents Fred & Julie Hatch are over the moon happy!



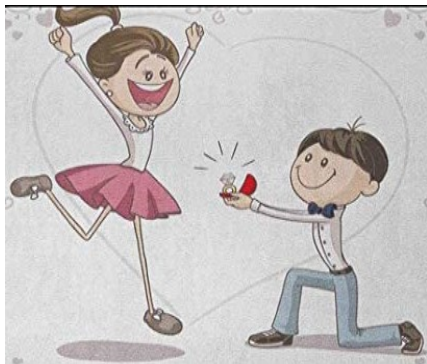


With Valentine's Day knocking on our doors shortly, I headed out to ask some important questions from the neighborhood kids! As usual their answers were very intriguing:

How do you decide who to marry?

McKenna M. 9 yrs old: If they're nice you can marry them.

Rowan T. 8 yrs old: If you're walking around with a ring in your pocket, you can just ask when you see someone you like!



Kavi C. 12 yrs old: First of all you have to know that they're not a gold-digger and they can't be mean. If they are not those 2 - then it's a go.



Harper T. 7 yrs old: You fall in love first and then you pick the one you love the most.

Madeline M. 11 yrs old: Watch the person for a while and make sure they don't get in trouble a lot.

Connor P. 6 yrs old: No idea, my parents never told me.



Grace J. 4 yrs old:

You ask the person first if they are a girl or not. If you're the girl you put on a nice dress and then you get a ring.



Isabelle B. 7 yrs old:

My mom made my dad do it.

Landon B. 12 yrs old:

If they have a good personality, they have to be funny, happy & kind.



Trac B. 10 yrs old:

You go on a bunch of dates and then you find out if they're a Republican or not and then it may work out.

Cole P. 8 yrs old: You go to a restaurant together and find out.

Ryan P. 12 yrs old: I'm staying single. Maybe just take chances?! I'm not sure...

What's the right age to get married?

Leo C. 7 yrs old: 23. If you marry someone when you're 40 - then you're too old.



Cole P. 8 yrs old: I would say 20 or 21 because you have graduated college so you have more time to spend with them.

Elijah J. 8 yrs old: 32, because before then you can get a good car like a Lamborghini.



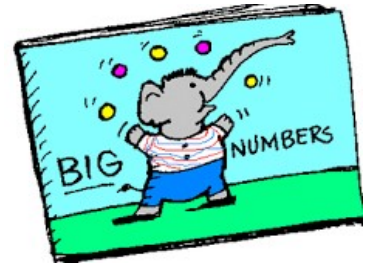
Madeline M. 11 yrs old: 26 – cause you need time to think about this.

Trac B. 10 yrs old: 32. You might break up with a lot of people in your 20's so it may take a while to find the right one.

Kavi C. 12 yrs old: 27 – mid 30s because you don't want to be married when you're in the prime of your life.

Grace J. 4 yrs old:

At 16 - because it's a very BILLIG number.



Xavier J. 12 yrs

old: 21 - because you're old.

Isabelle B. 7 yrs old: 25, 'cause then you're really old.

Harper T. 7 yrs old: 24

or 41 that's an appropriate age. You need a ring and you can get one at that age.



Landon B. 12 yrs old:

Around 35, if you're in your 20's its too early.



Connor P. 6 yrs old: 18, 19, 20 or 21... you can pick better then.

McKenna M. 9 yrs old: 26 – you're not a teenager anymore.

Ryan P. 12 yrs old: 27 & 32 because that's the age my parents got married.



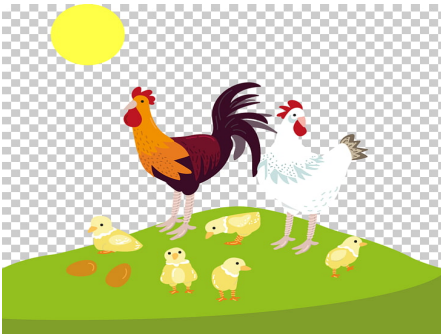
Is it better to be single or married?

Grace J. 4 yrs old: Married, because you stay together forever and ever.

Xavier J. 12 yrs old: Single – it costs less money to buy airplane tickets.



Kavi C. 12 yrs old: If you're married to a good person then it's better to be married.



Harper T. 7 yrs old: Married because after you have children then they keep you company.

Connor P. 6 yrs old: Single – you can do a lot of stuff and not have to worry about what the other person thinks.

McKenna M. 9 yrs old: Married – so you have company.



Landon B. 12 yrs old: Married – you can't take your pet to the movies and you're not lonely.

Isabelle B. 7 yrs old: Married, because you'll have someone to protect you.

Elijah J. 8 yrs old: For me it is single – it's weird to be married.

Rowan T. 8 yrs old: Married, because you have someone to play games with and stuff.

Cole P. 8 yrs old: Married – you have someone with you and you won't be lonely.



Trac B. 10 yrs old: Married - because you have someone that loves you.

Ryan P. 12 yrs old: Single – so you don't have someone telling you what to do all the time.



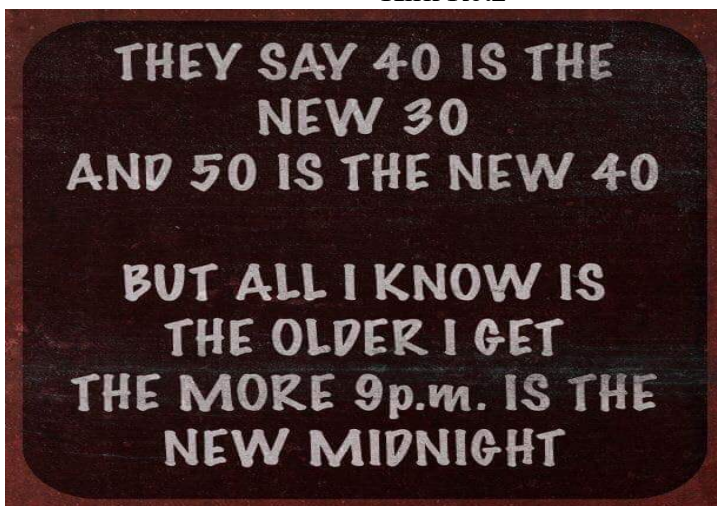
Support Your Local Tap House!

At the end of Hawthorne, next to where Admiral Risty's used to be, is a fantastic local pub called Peninsula Tap House with over 20 rotating craft beers and great food. Their BBQ chicken flatbread is even better than CPK's! The best part, it's owned by our neighbors Rob Wenning and Gina Galetti who live in the Lanes on PV Drive North. The pub is generally open from 2:00 to 10:00 during the week, noon to midnight on the weekends. We have been there with several of our neighbors and loved it.



You can check out their website at peninsulataphouse.business.site, give them a call at (424) 404-7366 or better yet drop in and see them at 31234 Palos Verdes Dr. West, Suite B, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. You'll have good food, craft beer, a great atmosphere and be supporting one of your neighbors. Enjoy!

Kirk Retz



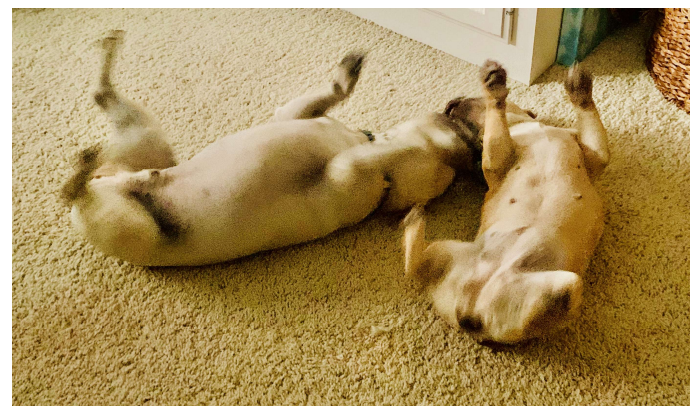
Pets in the Lanes...

Hello Neighbors,

My name is Hadley Jane Pearce and I'm an 11 month old French bulldog. I have very unique coloring, some have compared me to looking like a deer, a hyena, or a small twin of our horse Foxxie – she's a red roan. I am the newest member of the Pearce Family.



I am Ryder's emotional support dog - yes it's true, my Mom bought the dog an emotional support dog – please don't judge. My Mom tried everything to make Ryder nice to other dogs, and the only option she felt was left was to find him a friend to help him with his anxiety. That's where I came in....you see, I am super friendly and I love everyone. It's my job to help Ryder when he starts to lose his mind for various reasons. In just a few short months, I've already done wonders for my new brother.



However, my Mom says I need to ease up on the poor guy – she said I’ve started taking over his life. When I first came to my new home, I had an open mind about my brother Ryder. I could tell he needed my help because the first week I was there, Ryder had to wear a Hannibal Lecter mask (it wasn’t a good look), because he clearly had some issues to work through. After a week or two, I was able to get my brother to see that I was loveable, and that we could be friends. However, I didn’t stop there...I slowly started taking his toys, his bed, and then his people. I felt like this was part of his therapy, he needed to learn to share. Despite being 11 lbs smaller than Ryder, I’m not intimidated by him at all and I stand my ground – after all, it’s for his own good, he needs to know there’s a new boss in town.



While I’ve told you all about my work with Ryder, I haven’t told you much about my work with my family. As some of you may already know, my Dad doesn’t love having animals (he’ll deny this – but the struggle is real). So you can imagine his surprise when my Mom went and bought a horse and a matching dog in the same week. Regardless of her reasoning (which I know was all good), I’ve done wonders for my Dad too.

If the truth be known, I struggle with potty training (I’m happy to report that I’ve been doing much better), and my loving presence has helped my Dad to not completely lose his mind over my little mishaps.



Yes, it’s only been 2 months and he’s already installed new wood flooring on the stairway in our house because I made a few mistakes. And yes, he already has plans to rip out all of the carpet in the master bedroom because I made a few more mistakes there too. But through it all, he still holds me and calls me princess. I feel these “accidents” have really helped him to realize that the love I bring to the family is well worth all the remodeling he is doing. While it hasn’t been easy, I think my Mom is grateful for the flooring upgrade too – she really wanted the stairs redone.

There are lots of things that I enjoy doing other than just helping my brother and Dad. I love going on walks, playing and chewing on a bone. I also have a shoe fetish; I like to sleep in a basket full of shoes. My family thinks it’s a little strange since I have a very nice princess bed, but everyone knows that a girl loves a good pair of shoes!

To feature your pet, please e-mail a picture and story to: ta_jacobson@hotmail.com

Living with our multicolor friends



As anyone who has driven through the Lanes knows, some of our closest neighbors are Peafowl. These magnificent birds have been part of the Peninsula for over 100 years. In addition to being beautiful, our iridescent friends bring many benefits. They eat spiders, snails, slugs, bugs, rodents, snakes, lizards and just about everything else you don't want in your house. However, living with these wild birds comes with some responsibility. Here are a couple of tips to make co-existence with these splendid creatures easier.



First, **don't feed them**. Not only is feeding them a violation of our City's Municipal Code, the food causes the birds to become dependent on humans and to stop eating their natural diet. It will also cause them to congregate in one area possibly creating a more odiferous experience than you desire and several unwanted shoe hazards.

Next, there are many flowers you can plant that the Peafowl will not bother. Succulents, Roses, Bougainvillea, Mexican Sage, Bird of Paradise and Lavender are just a few of the "safe" plants. Armstrong Nursery has a complete list of the numerous plants and flowers available. Before spending a lot of money on spring flowers that could be someone's lunch, give Armstrong a call.



If you want to keep the birds off of your property, you can get a lawn sprinkler connected to a motion detector. The water spray tends to humanely discourage them. You might have fewer skunks and possums too.

Finally, **slow down when driving** through the Lanes. This is good advice across the board. Because we have no sidewalks, children, horses and all sorts of animals walk or play in the streets. The birds also strut their stuff right in the middle of the Lanes but do not have our same work schedules or sense of urgency.

While the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, that might be too fast to stop in time if you come up on something or someone who should not be in the street.

Kirk Retz

Micro chipping clinic

When Sara Walters, a senior at POLA High school was reading about all the recent wild fires she was devastated to learn that some horses had been separated from their owners. What would she do if her horse Opie was separated from her during some type of natural disaster? Her dog would be reunited eventually because he was micro chipped... a light bulb went off and her National Honor society community service project was born!



Sara who boards her horse here in the Lanes attended the Jan DLPOA board meeting and presented her idea. With the help of our local veterinarian Dr. Sobeck and Kelly Yates, she organized the horse Micro chip clinic at our Ring on Jan 25th.

In fact, so popular was this idea that 23 lucky horses got micro chipped that day! The chip is injected right into the neck of the horse and can be scanned from either side of the neck. Kelly Yates reported that the event ran like a well oiled machine and went off without a hitch! Thank you to Sara and Dr. Sobeck for a great day!



Madeline Marshall with Biscuit – both cute as buttons!



Belinda Barge & her favorite man Rusty



Jessica Fine with her best behaved kids; Nani & Hua.

Why do we have leap years and other interesting leap year facts:



Leap days are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the Sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.242189 days – or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds – to circle once around the Sun. This is called a tropical year. Without an extra day on February 29 nearly every four years, we would lose almost six hours every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days.

How do you remember if it's a leap year? Simple: If the last two digits of the year are divisible by four (e.g. 2016, 2020, 2024...) then it's a leap year. Century years are the exception to this rule. They must be divisible by 400 to be leap years—so, 2000 and 2400 are leap years, but 2100 will not be one. As a bonus, U.S. leap years almost always coincide with election years.

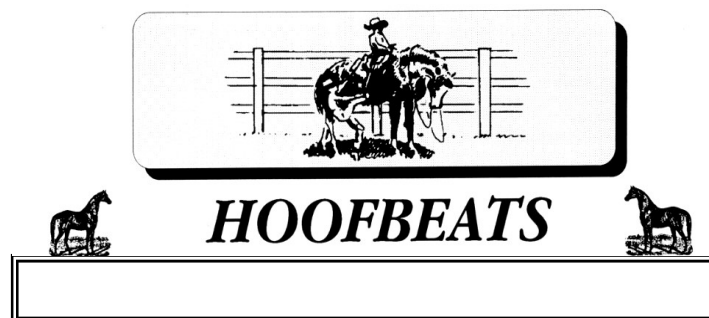
February 30th? This even rarer date occurred in Sweden and Finland in 1712, when they added an extra Leap Day to February to help catch up their outdated Julian calendar with the new Gregorian calendar.

The odds of being born on a leap day are 1 in 1500

Karin Henriksen of Norway gave birth to three children on consecutive February 29ths – a daughter in 1960 and two sons in 1964 and 1968.

The only notable person known to have both been born and died on February 29 was Sir James Wilson (1812–1880), Premier of Tasmania.

Leap years in history: During leap years, George Armstrong Custer fought the Battle of the Little Bighorn (1876), the Titanic sank (1912), Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity (1752) and gold was discovered in California (1848).



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