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Tranquility Has Returned to Kenwood Oaks.

Whew...thank goodness...the quiet tranquility of our perennially beautiful neighborhood has been restored now that the traumas of the recent past are gone, *i.e.*, after the "micro" earth quake in May and the unusually fierce gale-force winds of June. However, "*I felt a great disturbance in the Force*" (a Star Wars reference by the legendary Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi) recently when two homes, one home on

Kenwood Avenue and one home (hit twice) on Park View Court, were discovered with toilet paper in their trees, aka "Tee-Pee" pranks, perpetrated by unknown and woefully thoughtless juvenile actors.

However, we need only to observe the great explosion of summertime colors, the children laughing and playing, and adults walking their dogs to fully appreciate the restoration of tranquility to our exceptionally special neighborhood. Flowers and butterflies always bring on a smile...and facilitate reestablishing tranquility for all...check out this photo from our neighborhood.



The Truth About Nuclear Reactors.

There are 104 licensed nuclear reactors in the USA producing approximately 20% of the electricity generated in the country today. The last reactor built in the nation began construction in March 1977 in Louisiana. The top three (3) US states for the generation of nuclear power are Illinois, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. Nineteen (19) US states have no active nuclear plants (*source*: Department of Energy).

The Truth About Oil Refineries.

“There hasn't been a new oil refinery built for 30 years!” True.....sort of.

A more accurate phrase would be, “There hasn't been a new oil refinery built for 30 years, but they've been expanding the old ones....”

Two foreign companies broke ground on December 10th, 2007, on construction of the largest oil refinery in the U.S. in the Gulf Coast town of Port Arthur. Motiva Enterprises LLC, owned by Royal Dutch Shell and Saudi Aramco, will invest \$7 billion to expand an existing refinery. Saudi Aramco is also building refineries outside of the USA, but the Port Arthur project is massive. The expansion efforts will more than double the capacity for the existing refinery to 600,000 barrels a day. It will make enough fuel to fill about 700,000 cars a day. The project should be finished in 2010. Motiva awarded a contract to Bechtel/Jacobs Joint Venture to manage the expansion project as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor. Demand for oil is growing in the USA, exceeding current demand, which is why the country imports roughly 1 million barrels of gasoline daily, or 60 percent of the country's oil and gas supply. No one has built a new refinery in the U.S. in the last three decades, though many refineries have expanded their capacity. The last oil refinery to be built in the USA was in Garyville, LA in 1976 or 32 years ago.

Useful Web Links:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

Link to Fairfax County Gov't.

www.geocities.com/wsca2000

Link to West Springfield Civic Association.

www.fema.gov

Link to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Important Telephone Numbers:

Police, fire and ambulance for a non-emergency:
703-691-2131

Poison Control:
800-222-1222

Power Outage:
888-667-3000

Cable Outage:
703-378-8440

Sewer Line Breaks:
703-323-1211

Animal Control:
703-830-3310

Voting Information:
703-324-4735

Traffic Tickets:
703-691-7320

Recycling Information:
703-324-5052

Fairfax Schools:
800-839-3277

Fairfax County Government:
703-324-3185

Résumé Repair Services Available.

Only a very few people ever get a job without first offering a well written résumé outlining their education, training, job skills, and experience. In most situations the résumé is the first introduction to a potential new employer. A poorly written résumé or even a weak résumé will often literally destroy any chance for an interview especially considering the exceptionally strong competition for jobs in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Normally a good résumé should result in one interview for every 10 résumés sent out; and if this isn't your success rate, you need help. Assistance is now available and for a fee of \$75 you will get a personal one-on-one job search consultation, a new résumé (1-to-4 pages), and for a total of \$100 you also get a cover letter, a thank you letter, with revisions to all documents for 30 days. We also fix our competitor's résumés.

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Boost Your Vocabulary...

The vocabulary of the average person consists of 5,000-to-6,000 words. Here are three more words to add to your vocabulary:

- **Syzygy** (n. Latin, si-zə-jē) is a kind of unity, the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies (as the sun, moon, and earth during a solar or lunar eclipse) in a gravitational system. Lovers of wordplay may know it as the shortest word in the English language containing three ys.
- **Prosody** (n. Greek, pră-sə-dē) is the rhythm, stress, and intonation of speech; the rhythmic and intonational aspect of language. Prosody may reflect the emotional state of a speaker; whether an utterance is a statement, a question, or a command; whether the speaker is being ironic or sarcastic; and emphasis, contrast and focus.
- **Kakistrocracy** is government by the least-qualified or most-unprincipled citizens. The word is Greek and has been around for a long time, with "kakistro" meaning "the worst". An example of such a government is Zimbabwe, Africa, with the official inflation rate now at 2.2 million percent. In January, 2008, the Zimbabwe government issued new bills in denominations of \$1 million, \$5 million, and \$10 million, and in May, it issued bills from \$25 million and \$50 million up to \$25 billion and \$50 billion. The new \$100 billion bank notes are equal to one US dollar (\$), however, the bills are actually bearer checks and have an expiration date of December 31st, 2008.

An Ordinary Day That Became Extraordinary.

By: Gene S. Bartlow

It is very interesting how some events are seared into the memories of young people for life. This is a short story of one of those very special memories. For some unknown reason one of the earliest events of my life growing up in Waynoka, a very small town in Northwest Oklahoma, is burned into my memory as an ordinary day that became quite extraordinary. The day began quite ordinarily; it was springtime in early April, 1945. I was with my mother Mildred Bartlow and my grandmother Minnie Stevens and we were sitting on wooden benches in the relatively small lobby of the AT&SF (Santa Fe) depot waiting for a train to arrive. We were expecting friends, who it was we were to meet I don't remember. At the time I was just 5½ years old and I remember that I was carrying two of my favorite toys, small painted figures of a fireman and a policeman.

This was during World War II when the dreaded news of the death of military service members was received by telegram from the telegraph office in the Santa Fe depot. A black stripe was taped on the telegram if the news concerned a death.

All of a sudden, without warning, every single person in the crowded waiting room of the Santa Fe depot (including those railroad employees behind the counter) began crying uncontrollably, sobbing with tears all around. As a young five-year-old child I was understandably distraught and joined the crying as if on cue, not knowing or understanding why all the grown ups were all crying. Clearly I had never experienced this phenomenon before (or since), a group of adults beginning to cry simultaneously without warning, and it scared me frightfully.

I inquired as to why everyone was crying. My mother answered through her sobs, "Gene, the President has died"! This answer had little meaning for me at the time and it was only much later in a high school history class that the significance of that day came clear. As the World War II drew to a close, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's health deteriorated, and on April 12th, 1945, while at Warm Springs, Georgia, he died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Telegrams were sent out to all stations throughout the nation about the news of the President's death, the only President the country had known for over 13 years, since 1932.



Those of us alive at the time all remember where we were on the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22nd, 1963, and the day the New York City twin towers came down on 9/11, 2001. I remember where I was on the day FDR died.

***Note:** This article by Gene S. Bartlow was originally published in the "Waynoka Chronicles", Waynoka Historical Society, Waynoka, Oklahoma, Summer 2007, Vol. 5, No. 2, page 1, 4.*

More Especially Unique Photography.

Imagine this.... You are working the night shift on a oil drilling rig in West Texas, south of the small town of Ft. Stockton. It is a very dark night and there have been several thunderstorms in the area. The only lights in the area are those on the drilling rig and some faint red glows from a near-by radio tower.



You begin to wonder where that approaching freight train sound is coming from since there are no railroad tracks anywhere near the oil rig. A startling bolt of lightning suddenly gives you the answer.... One you may not have wanted to know.

Note from left to right, the oil rig, the tornado, the lightning bolt and the distant radio tower on the right.

Remember that these monster tornadoes frequently happen at night.

KONA President's Message.

Residents of Kenwood Oaks are facing yet another crisis in the planned widening of Rolling Road. VDOT convened a meeting on July 28th with Supervisor Pat Herrity present to discuss the possibility of creating a service road/interparcel connector where the Sunoco gas station property adjoins the Springfield Country Club property opposite where Kenwood Avenue intersects with Rolling Road. If additional traffic from the Sunoco station and from the businesses near it were to enter Rolling Road opposite Kenwood Avenue our dilemma of entering and leaving Kenwood Oaks would be exacerbated because more cars would be using this new intersection. Doug Miller, the Program Manager from VDOT, advised me that representatives from KONA were not welcome at this planning meeting. However, VDOT is willing to meet with Kenwood Oaks residents separately to discuss our concerns. Please let me know if you would be willing to participate in these discussions.

Comments from KONA were submitted to VDOT for the public record after VDOT's Design Public Hearing of June 12th. KONA comments indicated that we support the project as presented noting that at Kenwood Avenue a designated stopping area should be added half way across Rolling Road for vehicles making left turns out of Kenwood Oaks. As now designed the plan does not permit turning vehicles to stop for vehicles going north on Rolling Road when turning vehicles are in the middle of the intersection.

After some prodding and gentle agitation of Millwood Estates representatives, the rail fence along Kenwood Avenue has finally been replaced. Also, missing rails were replaced in the rail fence belonging to the Kenwood town houses. Now the entire fence is in new condition. This will add to the value of all homes in our neighborhood.



We are still looking for a Block Captain for Kenwood Avenue from Essex Court to Lamese Court. Let me know if you are interested in serving on the KONA Board.

Finally, the KONA annual neighborhood picnic will be held on Sunday, September 7th at 3:00 PM on Park View Court. KONA will be providing all the amenities that have made all previous picnics great successes.

Bill Wojanis
KONA President

Editor's Notebook.

This issue of the KONA Newsletter is the fifth edition of Volume 2 (our second year of official publication) and represents a planned annual schedule of six issues, published bi-monthly. It may be already obvious that your Editor is from Oklahoma. Once again, all of the photos herein were taken by "Your Editor", except of course the FDR photo and the UPI photo of a West Texas oil rig with a tornado and lightning.



Tidbits: More trivial yet somewhat pleasing morsels of totally useless fun information.

- The Virginia opossum is the only marsupial (pouched mammal) indigenous to North America.
- Wisdom of the Ages: There are two tools essential for the home, one to stop stuff from moving (duct tape) and one to get stuff to start moving (WD-40).
- In Disney's "Fantasia" (a 1940 animation film), the Sorcerer's name is Yensid, which is Disney spelled backward.
- Theodore Roosevelt was the only US president to deliver an inaugural address without using the word "I". Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Dwight D. Eisenhower tied for second place, using "I" only once in their inaugural addresses.

Labor Day:	September 1st.
Grandparents Day:	September 7th.
Patriot Day:	September 11th.
Autumn Begins:	September 22nd.
Rosh Hashana:	September 30th.
Yom Kippur:	October 9th.
Columbus Day:	October 13th.
Boss's Day:	October 16th.
Mother-in-Law Day:	October 26th.
Halloween:	October 31st.
Veteran's Day:	November 11th.
Thanksgiving:	November 27th.

Live Long & Prosper.