

—Around Town—

Marina Fitzsimons celebrates 99 years



MARINA FITZSIMONS

Marina Fitzsimons, a resident at Diamond Terrace, turned 99 on Dec. 1. She celebrated and her family celebrated

with a day in San Francisco to see the DaVinci exhibit at the Moscone Center. The family had a birthday lunch at Chevy's, where the restaurant staff created a paella especially for Marina. The day wrapped up with a tour around Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39.

Born and raised in Panama, Marina has lived in New Jersey and Arizona. She moved to Diamond Terrace last November to be near her niece who lives in Concord.

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COLOR, COLOR AND MORE COLOR was the watchword at this Oakhurst home at 4001 Hummingbird Way.

a chorus of oohs and aahs. Only three points separated this year's first and third place winners.

In first place was the Holmes' house at 1185 Pine Lane. An elaborate light show synchronized to music was hands down the most unique display of the bunch.

Designed by Jeffrey Holmes, 16, the project was two years in the making and featured a series of trees and other holiday decorations illuminated by thousands of colored lights. The lights flash on and off in different sequences, animated by the music. The songs include holiday favorites such as "Rudolph" and "Frosty" and classics such

as "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night." Holmes' favorite is the last song, featuring the Trans-Siberian Orchestra that Jeffrey describes as "sort of an energetic rock genre."

To see this display, turn down Pine Lane at the Pumpkin Farm. Turn left at the golden arrow. The Holmes' driveway is marked by two brick posts. Turn in and enjoy it nightly between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

In second place was the Bazan home at 7 Nottingham Place. Their front yard featured a large snowman, an igloo, reindeer, an assortment of lighted trees, a collection of huge lollipops and a dazzling display of lights.

CLAYTON PIONEER'S 2007 HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS

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| Marsh Creek Road Area 1185 Pine Lane | Upper Easley Estates 121 Cabernet Court 302 Chardonnay Circle |
| Dana Hills 510 Mt. Davidson Court | Jeffrey Ranch 2 Nottingham Place 19 Atchinson Stage Road |
| Oakhurst 422 Wawona Lane 5114 Keller Ridge Drive 5163 Keller Ridge Drive 4001 Hummingbird Way 8040 Kelok Way | Vintage 1204 Bridlewood Court 1226 Bridlewood Court |



A DAZZLING DISPLAY of lights greets visitors to 2 Nottingham Pl.

Third place went to Steve Hobbs and Eileen Payne at 510 Mt. Davidson Court. Their focal point is a 10-foot high, moving carousel, along with large lighted drums and a brightly lit rocking horse, against a backdrop of supporting characters and well-placed lighting.

Honorable mention goes to Steve and Sue Brye at 19 Atchinson Stage Road, where a happy, waving snowman and a lit sign pointing to the North Pole welcome you.

Another display worthy of special mention is the colorful and imaginative light display, with oversize lighted ornaments hanging from the trees, at Robert and Carol Barrick's home at 4001 Hummingbird Way.

Thanks to everyone who entered this year, and to those of you who did not, there is always next year. We hope next

December finds our judges out in front of your home, enjoying the wonderment of the season.

We encourage everyone to visit all the homes in our Parade



SEE THIS BRIGHTLY lit pony at 510 Mt. Davidson Court.

of Lights. Our hats are off to the folks who labor long and hard to make their front yards a wonderment and something we can all enjoy. Thank you, decorating angels, for helping to make the season special for all of us.

Photos by Tamara Steiner

65 years of bliss for Howard and Betty Boyd

Howard and Betty Boyd celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently with a party and a musical tribute performed by their children.

Howard and Betty met at the Glendale Presbyterian Church's youth group. The country was at war and Howard, a graduate of UCLA, had been drafted



HOWARD AND BETTY BOYD

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Police volunteers honored at La Veranda dinner



Matt McLaughlin, Chief Dan Lawrence and Herb Yonge.

Two Clayton Police Department volunteers were honored by the department at a special dinner last week at La Veranda. Herb Yonge was named Volunteer of the Year and Matt McLaughlin is Police Explorer of the Year.

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A FRIENDLY, WAVING SNOWMAN beckons visitors to the "North Pole" at 19 Atchinson Stage Road.

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