

## History

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A straw vote was held on the proposal. Faced with 393 against and only 283 voting for the connecting of the two sections, the council rescinded the Manhattan Avenue action and all plans were halted. The Taxpayers League asked for a recall of the trustees on the grounds that they were, "inefficient, extravagant and incompetent". On February 15, 1927, with help from the, "Support the Trustees Club", all survived. However, the park plans went on.

In June of 1927, in the middle of this controversy, the City rejoiced when Proutyline Products started to build its new location here in Manhattan Beach. T.C. Prouty, who had opened the company in Hermosa Beach, manufactured architectural tiles. The products were based on his patent for a talc-body tile, which utilized his patented tunnel kiln. One of the divisions in the company was to become Metlox (abbreviation of metal-oxide). This new procedure, which he had invented, adhered metal to tile. The company would employ hundreds of workers and for many years was the only factory in the city.

In addition to new businesses, the need for

additional school facilities became apparent. Additional classrooms, a kindergarten, an auditorium and a new cafeteria were added to the Center Street School complex.

The decade was coming to a close with progressive ideas. Already the monopoly of the Pacific Electric was threatened with the opening of the Inglewood-to-Manhattan bus line and Automobile transportation was getting attention from the Sepulveda Through Committee, trying to open Sepulveda Blvd. beyond Rosecrans Avenue into El Segundo. The South Bay cities were talking about the consolidation of Hermosa, Manhattan and Redondo Beaches. It never happened for the consolidation committees could not decide on a name to make all three cities happy. And the citizens of Manhattan Beach joined with the rest of America in 1928 to give the Republican Party a ringing vote of confidence. The voters in Manhattan Beach casted 558 votes, more than 70 percent of the city's total, for Herbert Hoover, the GOP nominee and only 222 for this Democratic opponent, Governor Alfred E. Smith.

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## Frankly

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Anyway, no such "touching" occurred during this game. But the same coach knocked us out of the playoffs, so kudos to you, TM, and your fine staff. Nice to hear that some of the parents called to congratulate you after the playoff win. Just wonderin' how many congrats you got during the regular season?

So let me get this straight. Some misguided zealot out there is organizing a campaign to get disgraced Dodger slugger Manny Ramirez voted into this summer's MLB All-Star game? Ramirez, the steroid cheater, is suspended until July 3, but is still garnering votes for this summer's game, which takes place in the city of Budweiser, St. Louis, on July 14.

Man-Ram the pharmaceutical man was fourth in the balloting amongst National League outfielders. Maybe someone should organize a write-in campaign for the diminutive Dodger outfielder Juan Pierre, who has been lights out as Ramirez' replacement.

What do we know about Mr. Pierre? Well, the dude is 31-years-old, bats and throws left. Signed a megabucks free agent contract with Los Dodgers back in November of 2006, guaranteeing the Punch and Judy slapper \$44 million smackeroos for the next five years. Had a pretty darn good season in '07, playing in all 162 games and leading the league in bunt hits and singles.

And what was Pierre's reward for a pretty darn good season in '07? First he was sent to the bench when GM Ned Colletti apparently went temporarily insane and signed fatty free agent outfielder Andruw Jones to a ridiculous two-year albatross of a contract. Jones was immediately penciled in to the centerfield spot in the lineup, managed to hit about a buck thirty, or half of his weight.

When the Dodgers finally gave up on Jones, they were oh-so-fortunate enough to receive a very early Christmas present when the Red Sox had had enough of the quitter Ramirez, and gift-wrapped him for the Dodgers. So Jones was out, Ramirez was in, and Pierre stayed anchored to the bench, occasionally surfacing as a pinch runner and fill-in outfielder.

Fast forward to 2009, when it again appeared that Pierre would have to bide his time on the pine, all the while collecting his hefty paychecks. But alas, Manny was caught cheating and skulked back to Florida, Pierre was inserted into the starting lineup, and, voila, the Dodger express keeps a-rolling toward the postseason.

Check out his stats. Pierre is hitting .374, scoring runs and being a pest on the basepaths. And is quite probably playing the game steroid-free. •

## Dogwood

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before they even have a chance.

210 days from May 15 would put you around Oct. 15 to start the stratification process. To stratify the seeds using this technique simply place them in a plastic bag with some moist (not wet!) peat moss, or a mixture of moist peat and sand. Poke some holes in the bag, you don't want it air tight. Store them in this mixture at room temperature for a period of 105 days.

After 105 days move them to your refrigerator for another 105 days. Don't put them way in the back where they might freeze. You want them cool, but not frozen. After 105 days of storage in the refrigerator they should be ready to plant outside. Just time it so that you get them outside just after the danger of frost has past.

While the seeds are being stored check them weekly, if you have fungus growing in the bag sprinkle a little fungicide in. Near the end of the storage period you should be checking for germination, as soon as 10% of the seeds have germinated they should be planted out. If it's too early, plant them in a flat indoors, just make sure they get plenty of sunlight.

To plant them simply sprinkle the entire contents of the bag on top of the soil and spread it out. Sprinkle some light soil over top. Do not plant the seeds too deep. " of soil over top is all you want. Water them thoroughly after planting, then allow the soil to dry out before watering again. Make sure you plant them in an area that

drains well, you don't want them in soggy soil or they will rot.

That's one technique. Another technique is to nick each seed in a couple of different places with a knife right after the seeds are cleaned, and plant them out immediately in the fall. Cover the seed bed with a piece of screen so the critters don't dig them up and eat them.

Which technique works better?

I don't know. There are so many variables that can change the outcome that I have not seen where one works better than the other. I suggest you do some each way and see what works best for you. I like getting them planted right away in the fall and putting Mother Nature in charge, but it's disappointing if something happens and you have a poor stand, that's why it's always nice to try some both ways.

You can also grow Chinese Dogwood (Cornus Kousa) from seed. Chinese Dogwood is very popular because it flowers much later than most other ornamentals. Late June is usually when they are in bloom, and the flowers are cream colored against dark green foliage. It makes the flowers look mint green in color. Just use the same techniques as above.

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## Stanley Cup

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involved in my wedding many moons ago, has a slant on the Cup finale. His theory is "Screw Marian Hossa." Apparently SW is ticked off because the goal-scoring star Hossa jumped ship in the off-season, moving from the young and upcoming Penguins to the veteran winners in Detroit.

Doing a little research with SW last Saturday while watching game one before he departed in search of his next discounted libation, one could only hear the bitterness in his comments. Maybe he was a little distraught because at age 50, he wasn't going to make it to the NHL?

Or maybe there were underlying reasons for his flip attitude? In fact, I think I could figure out the genesis of his somewhat sardonic comments, but I don't fancy a libel suit, so I will demur. But then again, anyone who knows me at all can figure out my slants too, right?

And in conclusion to the week that was... Last Saturday was one crummy day, baseball-wise, for me. It was supposed to be the day that the Mighty Mariners continued their relentless pursuit of a Little League championship, but that hope went down the drain earlier in the week. No Mariner game to be played Saturday. So I started out the day watching the Babe Ruth Battlin' Beavers play game one of a doubleheader against the

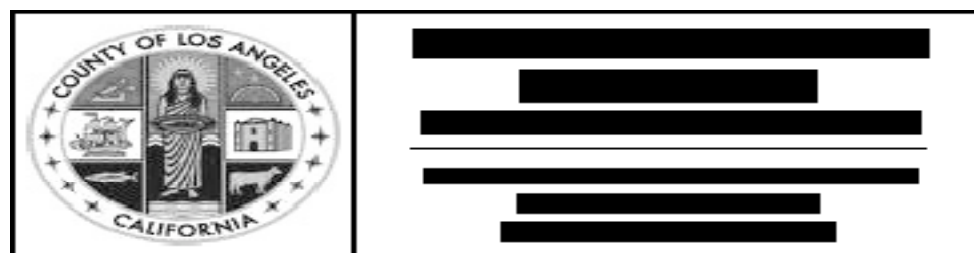
league-leading Stars.

The Beavers played the Stars tough, but dropped the first contest, and then were steamrolled in game two. So the kid's team was swept, although they did regroup to pick up a win on Sunday.

Stayed away from the Little League field Saturday, still smarting from the ousting of the Mariners. As I mentioned, I watched a bit of game one of the Stanley Cup playoffs, with another eye on the Magic's series-clinching win over the Cleveland LeBrons. Returned to the mansion to catch the tail-end of my Angels' tilt with the Seattle Mariners. Angels were up 3-0 with two out in the top of the ninth when Halo closer Brian "Tito" Fuentes coughed up a three-run homer.

They keep saying that Fuentes leads the AL in saves, which must be true or they wouldn't keep saying it, but the dude makes me extremely nervous when he takes the hill, chucking those side-arm frisbee-like pitches up to the plate.

Anyway, the Halos ended up losing in extra innings, 4-3, to drop another game behind the Texas Rangers in the AL West. But Mike Scioscia's crew miraculously rebounded on Sunday afternoon, overcoming an early seven-run deficit to hang a 9-8 loss on the Mariners. All's well that ends well, I guess. •



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