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Northern California Trivia

- Q. First called Smith's Landing, what Contra Costa County town has the name of a biblical city in Syria?
- A. Antioch.
- Q. What two mountain ridges guard Los Gatos?
- A. El Sombroso & El Sereno.

From *Northern California Trivia*
by Ernie & Jill Couch.

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Printer Problems

Well, I've finally managed to get my printer fixed—for how long I don't know. Many thanks to Kristin Patterson for getting it up and running. I will now finish the newsletter and try to get it mailed prior to our second meeting???

Meeting Programs

I will give a short program on Nigerian scam letters along with examples of the bogus stamps and meters used to mail them.

Anyone wanting/needng a repeat of the demonstration on the removal of unsoakable stamps without damage can call or e-mail me prior to our next meeting and I will repeat it for them.

It would be very nice if you would agree to give a short talk or demo on an area that interests you and that you would like to share with the rest of us.

Westpex

There will be a first day of issue on Friday morning for Tropical Fruit 27¢ definitives which is the postcard rate. They will be issued in panes of 20 and as coils of 100.

The illustrations are pomegranate, star fruit, kiwi, papaya and guava.

The art work is by Sergio Baradat and is quite attractive in a somewhat simplistic manner.

Westpex has once again issued a show souvenir sheet. This year's S/S illustrates ships of the California gold rush. There is also a Davy Crockett lapel pin available.



For more information you may go to the show website at westpex.com.

Filatelice Fiesta

With the support and help from numerous members of other stamp clubs we had a successful show. The attendance isn't what we would prefer, but most of the dealers did well. As always there were those who did not have a good show and there were those who never have a good show according to them.

San Jose Fire Chief Darryl Von Raesfeld appeared to cut the opening day ribbon along with a 1931 Mack fire engine. Firefighter Craig Black was there until 3:00 pm with the fire engine for photos and answering the many questions of show goers.

Shortly before 3:00 pm on Saturday the fire engine arrived with firefighter Victor Loesche for the "Local Post" run to the Willow Glen Post office and while there were few letters to carry, the run was great fun, though a bumpy and windy (no windshield) ride.

With great thanks to the San Jose Fire Department Chief and his men the theme and mail run were a great success.



San Jose Fire Chief Darryl Von Raesfeld cuts the ribbon to open Filatelice Fiesta 2008 with show chairman James Sauer on his right and firefighter Craig Black on the chief's left.



Firefighter Craig Black pointing out the finer points of a 1931 Mack fire truck to show goer Kristin Patterson.

