

SPORTING GREEN



Some Cousins Resort to Hardball in Softball Game

By Glenn Sickly
SENIOR SPORTS DUDE

Debate rages as to who actually won the game. Evidently, score keeping is a lost art. All we know for certain is this: Jenna's team, the Jennettes, couldn't get anybody out unless the ball was hit to team MVP Gretchen playing third. Adam, the last player picked when teams were chosen, convinced some that he should have been the first player picked. Tom was thrown out in a rundown trying to stretch what should have been an out at

first into a triple. Rick proved that playing once a week does make you a superior player. Bob (Can I get some Advil) Trapp showed how flip-flops won't slow you down when you're not fast to begin with. Dave had a lively game of catch going with Danielle, even as other balls were in play. Christopher, Drew and Grant looked like power hitters of the future. And Garey, who organized the whole party around a softball game so he could play baseball for the first time in years, decided he better stick to skiing.

Steroids: Say It Aint So

Sadly, the specter of steroid use raised its ugly head even here.

The player in question looked innocent enough as he approached the plate. But then he smacked the very first pitch he saw, revealing a talent shared by no one else on the field.

Yes, little Ricky got our attention with that hit, and when he refused to run to first base ala Barry Bonds we could only suspect the worse. Steroids.

BALCO representatives declined to comment.

In the End, Everybody Got Wet

By day's end everywhere you turned kids were squirting water at you. Del seemed to be a favorite target.

At least one adult got revenge however when he emptied an entire ice chest on Drew, who remained literally frozen in place for several minutes.

Kathleen's Marin County Birthday Bash

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Funny, She Doesn't Look 75!

By Garey and Maria De Martini
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MILL VALLEY — On a sun-kissed afternoon Kathleen De Martini, survivor of two serious bouts of cancer, celebrated her 75th birthday with family and friends at a party reminiscent of past 4th of July get-togethers.

Kathleen was born seventy-five years ago in Illinois. America's Great Depression soon followed.

Kathleen and America have always gone hand-in-hand. And that's why, despite what President Bush might say based on the letters he has received from her, Kathleen is a great patriot.

As described on a poster hung at her party, she is an American icon. (This also explains the stars and stripes decorations in case you were wondering what the heck they were all about.)

Paparazzi Eluded

Flash bulbs were going off all day long, but not one camera belonged to the paparazzi. Only respectable journalists such as ourselves were admitted to the exclusive event.

According to Joan Rivers, "The clothes were fabulous." Some guests were dressed more formally than others, so you could tell right away who was ready to play ball and who wasn't.

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And why the baseball theme anyway you ask? Because when Garey and Bob were young boys, and the family played baseball in the backyard, they'd fight over who got Kathleen on their team. She was that good. And we know at heart she's still a jock. Plus Garey wanted to play baseball at this party.