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## Frank speaks! ... and reveals...

Long overdue and probably not worth the wait... the long awaited column from one of the California contingent of the famed Joker/Meister match-ups. So much has happened since my last column... the national deficit has reached a record high, the Oakland Raiders came within one game of disproving a conspiracy theory, the San Francisco Giants came within a few outs of ending nearly fifty years of baseball futility, Matt and Kelly added a new member to the second generation of Meisters, and the Redwood Reporter became the **Evergreen Times?!?** The new name sounds like an air freshener... not a bastion of journalism like the Redwood... wait a minute, we are talking about the Redwood Reporter. It sounds fine.

Lot's happening down here in Santa Rosa. We have been making the usual repairs to the house... double paned windows, French doors, landscaping the yard, replacing the fences, etc. We have been very busy in our little house. Nicole has completed her first year at Schaefer and she ended the year with straight "A"s. She made new friends and was very active with 4H, band, chorus, Girl Scouts, etc. Max is quite the handful and he is quite verbose for a young man of three. He has several superhero pajamas and he alternately dresses like Batman, Spiderman, Hulk, or Superman each night.

We recently returned from a road trip to Arizona and New Mexico. we visited my Uncle in Payson, AZ, and Tami's folks down in Albuquerque, NM. My parents and sister did the caravan with us and we all had a nice time. it was tiring but nice. Always good to see the different parts of the USA. We are hoping to make another trip to Oregon and Washington and visit the home office of the... **Evergreen Times (!!!)**.

We recently had a new addition to the family. Our very own... Firebird. Yes, I have been talking about it for years and we finally decided to get one. The four of us drove down to Sebastopol about a month ago and looked at a 1976 Firebird Trans Am. The car was orange and it was not mobile. The car that was described in glowing terms on the phone was a different car in person. The car did not run, had damage to the hood and side, the true owner was out of the country, and.. did I mention the car was red and orange? The whole deal smelled as fishy as Bush's win in the last election. I thought about it and I realized that I am married with two

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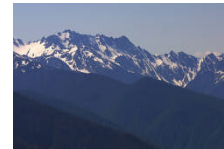
**Snow? in July? If you live in the Great Northwest, Yes.**



VANCOUVER - The above photo of Mount St. Helens was taken on the 4th of July. It was about 85 degrees. Mount St. Helens looms over Vancouver as an ever present reminder of the ominous Cascades volcanoes and their violent potential. Interesting is the fact that substantial snow still remains on the Volcano's slopes. This provides an interesting scenic contrast to the otherwise summer

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Frank discovers 'lost' Joker/Meister photos from Concord!



## Camping Northwest style

We have been camping quite a bit this year as we bought a tent trailer a few months ago. There are so many out wonders here that we could camp



every weekend for two years and not see it all.

We spent several days after the 4th

of July in Olympic National Park. it was awesome. The Olympics receive more precipitation than anywhere in the 48 contiguous states with over 200 inches. The rain shadow is equally impressive with the shadow side of the mountains getting just 12-15 inches (*that's L.A. dry!*). The view from Hurricane ridge was absolutely breathtaking. The coastal portion of the park was quite impressive as well. The 'rain forest' comes right down to the beaches. It looks like Hawaii although the water and air temperatures is much cooler.

We also went to the coast recently on a camping trip. that trip was excellent except that it rained quite a bit. The coast gets a lot more rain than the inland valleys. Vancouver was 80 and warm while we were dumped on with an inch of rain. There

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kids and a mortgage. Do I really need a bright orange car with a six foot bird on the hood? Probably not. Plus, I was worried that Tami might give ME the bird if I wanted to buy it. I could hear the "it's the great Pumkin car, Charlie Brown" ringing in my ears. we decided to pass.

Was it Socrates or Monte hall that once said... sometimes one door closes and another one opens. We were driving home one night and saw a "for sale" sign in a neighbor's Firebird. The car was a 1982 Firebird Trans Am and a quick call to the owner confirmed it. the owner mentioned that he had just put the car up for sale that night and that it was a 'special edition' Trans Am. it took a few weeks, but we finally bought it.

The car has 77,000 original miles, T-tops, dual exhaust, 305 V-8, and it's black. Not orange. Pontiac changed the body style in 1982 and I always preferred the "classic" style as the Firebirds that I owned when I was younger were all pre-1982 (1971, 1973 and 1978). I never though much of the post 1982 style but I did always prefer the fact that the monstrous Firebird that was common on all previous Trans Ams was removed for post 1982 editions. the car is very similar to the car that was used in the television show "Knight Rider". Plus, the previous owner was right about the fact that the car was a special edition Trans Am. The car is one of the few remaining recaro Editions. Only 2,000 were made in 1982 and they have several features which differentiate them from other Trans Ams. The car is stock but more than 20 years old so it needs some work. that being said, it was quite a thrill to load up my wife and kids, take off the T-tops and drive off for ice cream that first night. No idea how long we'll have the car, but that was a nice memory.

Geez, we didn't even get to discuss X-men 2, The Hulk, Matrix, Matt's new house, the next Joker/Meister showdown, etc, etc. next time. I found the following pictures from what I believe to be the first Jjoker/Meister battle in Concord. Note the early 90's fashion and the hint of a mullet. it's easy to note these things when you were the one taking the photograph and thus not open to criticism. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

## The Lost Photos

SANTA ROSA, CA - Frank uncovered these lost relics while unpacking some boxes at his new home. These babies date back to late 1992 or early 1993. They definitely pre-date even the Redwood Reporter's archive photos! A true archaeological dream as we can look into the lives and times of the ancient Joker/Meister rituals.



## Fireworks Extravaganza!

Vancouver has a fireworks presentation on the Columbia River billed as the largest in the U.S. west of the Mississippi. Some 80,000 people from this side watch who knows how many in Portland watch.

Well why bother, the fireworks in the neighborhoods were awesome! Aerial bursts all over. we can buy the really good stuff here! All over town the sky was alive. we had a fantastic display ourselves as 10 families pitched in.

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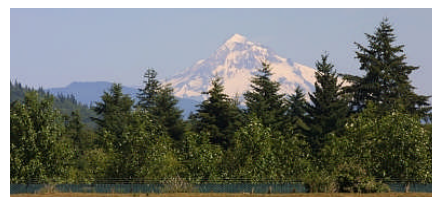
scenes here in the Northwest. Notice also the Mt. Hood has plenty of snow as well it should it is 3000 feet taller than St. Helens.

Mount Adams which is the tallest of the peaks easily visible from Vancouver has yet even more snow. Mt. Rainier is often visible on really clear days way off in the distance, beyond Mt. St. Helens.

This past June was extremely dry for this area. Normally June is a rainy month gathering over 2 inches of rain. But this year it was a scant 1/2 inch. This has let the area actually dry out a bit. NO not like tinder dry Sonoma County, but some of the grasses have tanned slightly.

We have now entered the 6 week period in which little rain typically falls. Mid July to Labor Day is almost as rain free as Sonoma County. It was about 80 degrees today. It is somewhat more humid here although not uncomfortable like the South or Eastern U.S. 80 feels like 85-90. There has not been a 100 degree day here yet and it is unlikely that there will be. Only a few scattered 90's and one scorching 99er! Upper 70's and low 80's is the norm.

Rarely is there any 'coastal fog' here as we are 75 miles inland. The nights have been noticeably warmer with overnight lows in the upper 50's to low 60's. that is 10 degrees warmer at night than down there but still well within the evening comfort zone.



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were clearings though and Long Beach, the longest continuous beach in the world was fun as you can drive on the beach itself. That was cool.

We are planning to go to Mt St. Helens on a day trip and Mt. Adams on a camping trip as well as a trip to Mt. Rainier National Park. Carron and I also plan to visit her brother in Vancouver B.C. (about a six hour drive) and then visit Victoria while we are there. we were supposed to take the Ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria on the Olympic trip but I forgot our papers.