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Two-Year-Old Stands on Head!

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Eight-year-old Bethany was laying on the floor in the living room, when cries of excitement (or pain?) rang out. Observers ran in to find two-year-old Daniel standing on her head! No, not on *his* head, he was standing on top of

Bethany's head! Needless to say, he was immediately removed. Bethany suffered no lasting injuries.

(Neither did Daniel.)

The fine print: APRIL FOOLS! This did not actually happen. We just made it up to be April Foolish. ☺



Tree House Closed for Renovation

Sorry for the inconvenience of this occasion. Work will proceed as fast as possible. The designs of the tree house are not done yet. News for the up-coming change will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your patience.

The head engineer is Norman Newhouse. He will start demolition on April 2nd. More about the tree house on page 4....

*The dress form
and a sneak peek
at my current
project*



Sew... What's Up?

By Jordan Newhouse

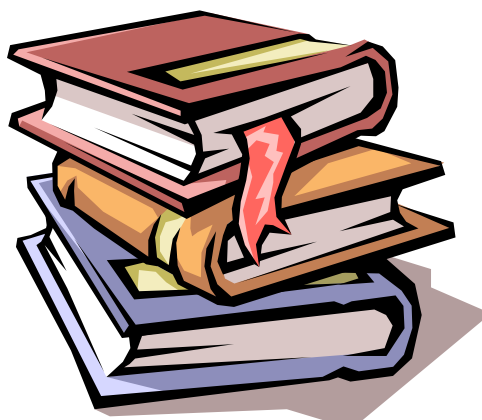
My current project is a 1910-inspired lady's suit for a contest this summer. Since I was planning on making quite a few changes to the original pattern (1940's retro), I was hoping to be able to use a dress form. My mom had noticed that our elderly neighbor had one, so she suggested that I offer to "store it at our house" for a while. After contemplating that

suggestion, she felt God was telling her to give me the dress form. I was so excited!!

The form is adjustable and goes down just small enough for me. It has been extremely helpful in the beginning stages of my suit, and I'm sure it will prove to be even more so in the future. I can't wait to try out some draping techniques!

Book Nook

By Moriah Newhouse



Sarah, Plain and Tall

(A four book series)

By, Patricia MacLachlan

I enjoyed the books because they encouraged writing in a journal about anything you have on your mind good or bad. You can even write what you want to happen. It has everything you need in a book: history, sadness, romance, real life tragedy, families working together, surprises, and even a mysterious man on the farm.

And I Quote...

"Our actions are
seen by people,
but our motives
are monitored by
God"

--Franklin Graham

River of Words Contest

The River of Words website describes the contest: "Each year, in affiliation with The Library of Congress Center for the Book, River of Words conducts a free international poetry and art contest for youth on the theme of **WATERSHEDS**. The contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express, through poetry and art, what they discover."

Members of the Newhouse family have entered and won this local contest for four years in a row. Their artwork and poetry has been on display at various galleries throughout the city of Tucson and a full-color book of all the winners' entries is published each year. Jordan has received grand prize twice, earning a week of art classes at the Desert Museum Art Institute and a Desert Museum family pass. This year's award ceremony is on April 9 at the Tucson Children's Museum.

Special Visitors from New Jersey!

By Jordan Newhouse

Aunt Becki, Uncle Brian, cousin Isabella, and my newest cousin Caleb came from New Jersey for the week of Easter. They all attended our church and came over for lunch afterward. Moriah and Jordan hid the eggs, and the little kids found them. Well, all but two...but on Friday we found them when they visited again.

Isabella's birthday was Monday and Jordan made her a "princess" dress. We decided to

give it to her a day early so she could wear it for Easter.

On Isabella's actual birthday, we went to the zoo. The visiting New Englanders were hot on this 80 degree day; they said the weather is gloomy back home. Isabella does not like the bright sun and needs her sunglasses at all times outside!

After lots more fun on Friday, we said a teary farewell. Hopefully they'll be able to come again next year!

MO'S HAIKUS

*Haiku is an art
A very weird kind of art
Do not ask me why*

Cute Cwips

Daniel (almost 2) was devouring one of his favorite fruits. Moriah asked him, "Is that good?" He answered, "No, it's watermelon!"

Sad Saga of the Tree House Tree

After a pause in its construction due to the chief builder suffering a heart attack, the Newhouse Tree House was open for playtime fun. Although Moriah was badly allergic to the pollen from the mulberry tree, the children all enjoyed their time in and around the wonderful

house on stilts. But then the tree died! Gone were the climbing branches and shade, so play shifted to UNDER the tree house and the fun continued. Now the house is slated for makeover....stay tuned!

Court Date Changed

The Newhouse family was to receive word of the progress in the case of their foster son on April Fool's Day, but the hearing has been changed to Arbor Day (4/25). Plant a tree (or just sit under one) and think of precious Baby J. on that day! The case plan is still "return to parent"....

Steve Green, aka "Mr. Prayer Bear", gave a concert in Vail, AZ (after quickly getting over his disappointment that it wasn't Vail, CO he had committed to!) He blessed the crowd with songs from his new worship album in addition to highlights from his 2 decades in Christian music. A favorite was the medley he did with his wife, Marijean. Check out some of his video clips at:

<http://stevegreenministries.org/>

