

# NEWHOUSE NEWS

## A FAMILY NEWSLETTER

### 2009 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE

The adventure began August 21st when all of the Newhouse family piled into their big van at 4:30 in the morning. They were officially ON THEIR WAY to Yuma, the first destination. Why do you drive for 4 hours to a place hotter than Tucson you ask? Well it happens to be the home of the best play ground in the world because children



helped with the plans and invented it to be extremely fun. You can climb up a castle wall, explore the mazes inside, slide out of a dragon's mouth, climb across a spider web, get dizzy on a tire swing and you might even get wet. Sound too scary or big for the little ones? It doesn't leave them out, they can go climb on an airplane or play throughout the buildings of a small town. If you don't think this playground sounds fun... then you MUST be an adult that is too grown up!



#### Book Nook by Bethany Newhouse

*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran, illustrated by Barbara Cooney [Click here to check it out on Amazon](#)

*Roxaboxen* is a story about a "town" that children in Yuma many years ago made up. The playmates made outlines of houses with rocks and used wooden boxes that were dumped in the vacant lot.

Then they made shops and soon a town was made. You can still go and make "houses" out of rocks that people have brought from all over the country.



The Stewart Vincent Wolfe Creative Playground is located in West Wetlands Park, right off the Interstate at the Arizona/California border. Across the parking lot from the playground is a launch area for boats and inner-tube riders where you can wade in the Colorado River to cool off!



# CELEBRITY CORNERS



**Newhouses  
Attend Above  
Rubies Family  
Camp in  
Southern  
California**

Colin and Nancy Campbell, of *Above Rubies Magazine* out of Tennessee, spoke at a wonderful weekend event at Pine Valley Baptist Camp outside of San Diego. They are godly mentors to families all over the world who preach about the importance of prayer and studying God's Word, being fruitful and multiplying, adopting children in need, homeschooling, eating healthy, and other practical topics. There are many helpful articles at their website: <http://aboverubies.org/>



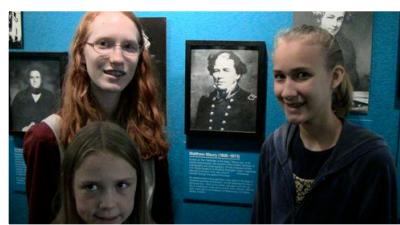
**Jordan got to paint with Norm Daniels!**

Norm Daniels works and lives at the Pine Valley conference center. Mark happened to walk by his garage and saw the painting of Gregg Noll (surfer in above photo) being worked on. As soon as Jordan found out about "this guy who was painting in his garage", she went over to join the conversation. Before she knew it, she was mixing oils and experimenting on a small canvas! She picked up a lot from the time spent with Mr. Daniels and hopes to see him again next year!



Fun tidbit about the Campbells: their sons manage the Christian band, the Newsboys, and their daughters were "Considering Lily", an alternative band in the 90's. Now Serene and Pearl have written and

recorded wonderful albums for mommies and babies--their lullaby CD is our favorite for quiet time. The Newhouse "girls" did 2 of their songs for the Sat. Night Family Concert which were well received. They can be seen on the Tangle website here: [Beautiful Homeschool Mom](#) and [Teach Me](#) (Click the blue underlined words to view videos).



## Related to a Creationist

On their way to San Diego after Family Camp, the

Newhouses stopped at the Creation Museum in Santee, CA. As they walked through the Hall of Scholars they were excited to see a picture of Matthew Fontaine Maury (on the Creationist side of the wall), who they are related to through (Great) Grandma Dorothy (Fountain) Holsinger. Maury was nicknamed Pathfinder of the Seas for his work seeking the Paths of the Seas mentioned in Psalm 8. [Read more about M. F. Maury on his wikipedia page.](#)

Click [here to go to the Creation Museum Website](#)



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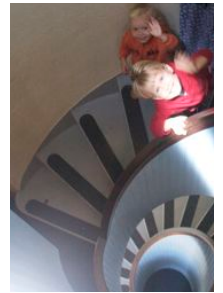
## Quick Trip to San Diego

After enjoying 3 days in the mountains at family camp, the Newhouses headed into San Diego for some ocean fun. First stop was Mission Bay Park to wade in the water, look for shells, and take turns riding the 2 bikes they brought. After a nap at the hotel, they headed out to The Old Spaghetti Factory to meet up with Mark's cousin and his wife (Jonny and Sylvia). The delightful meal was followed up with a surprise for Bethany, whose birthday we were celebrating: complimentary tickets to Sea World! The girls knew a venue like that was out of the question for this family of 7 who are budget travelers, so they were speechless. The next day brought 10 hours or so of aquariums, shows, and rides. The boys' favorite thing? Shoveling in a sand box in the garden area. Kiddie rides and 4-D Sesame St. movie: too scary! They all enjoyed the tide pools and the shark encounter quite a bit, and Moriah rose to the challenge of photographing the animals in action.



Jordan, not quite into the sun, rides, and shows, spent a relaxing day prowling the area near our hotel, namely Fashion Valley Mall and Borders Bookstore.

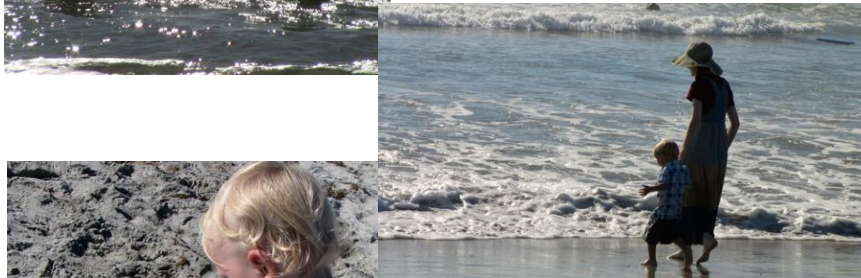
The last day of activity started at Cabrillo National Monument where Moriah and Bethany earned Jr. Ranger Badges as they explored the museums, lighthouse, and statues of the beautiful peninsula. Even though the tide wasn't very low at that time, they were still able to spy some tiny sea anemone, crabs, and snails. The cliffs were pretty treacherous for toddlers so they didn't stay long.



Last stop before heading out of town was Ocean Beach to catch some waves. Moriah and Bethany bodysurfed, Jordan and Daniel waded, but Joshua stayed firmly in the sand! After changing clothes and grabbing some food for the road (hummus, crackers, cheese, fruit, veggies, and bottled water from a Whole



Foods store), they started home, barely getting to the Yuma playground before it closed at 10pm. Joshua was out cold but everyone else enjoyed stretching their legs in the night air before the final leg of the journey. (Can you see Daniel with his glowing sword at the castle? That little white dot to the right is the moon.)



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## MO'S HAIKU

*Rocks are fun to climb  
Go into battle with sticks  
That's what Daniel says!*



## Baby N Update

We still have the precious newborn foster baby, but we did not take him to California. At 3 months old he has finally hit Bethany's birth weight of 10 lbs. 11 oz.! He's full of smiles and coos and is quite a delight!

## Sew... What's up?

Early in August, I put together an apron from Jennie Chancey's

[Edwardian](#)

[Apron pattern](#).

This is the second apron I've made from the pattern, the first being one for mom last Christmas.

Based on my experience with that one, I decided to make some changes. First, we found that the neckline was too high, especially when worn with any kind of collared shirt. I remedied that by making my apron with a wide scooped neckline. I also made a minor adjustment to the back which made it fit a little better. I didn't bother to use the pattern piece for the



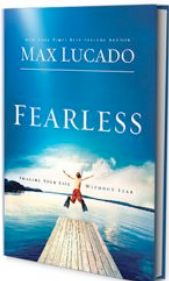
back ties, I just eye-balled the length and width. The fabric I used is from a neighbor who passed away last year.

In the lower right corner, you can see the dress we made for my cousin Ivy's birthday (it's the purple one). Moriah, Bethany and I collaborated on the design, and Bethany did most of the construction. I used the

[Girls' Regency dress pattern](#) and added the "sleeves" from the [Pinafore and Pantaloon pattern](#).

The pockets were eye-balled.

Stay tuned for my next Twinn design--the Ivy dress!



## BONUS BOOK NOOK by Kim Newhouse

*FEARLESS: Imagine Your Life Without Fear* by Max Lucado

I would further subtitle Lucado's latest enjoyable read "A Call to Prayer". Amidst his trademark anecdotes, stories and analogies is the bottom line: cry out to your God, the Maker and Sustainer of all things, and He will give you peace. Full of Scripture and brimming with encouragement, *Fearless* gives hope in the midst of troubling times and trying days. Certain chapters will apply to some more than others as our anxieties differ--he addresses them all with both creativity and down-to-earth logic. There's a link to a town hall webcast where you can hear Max talk about being fearless on this website, <http://thefearlesstimes.com/>