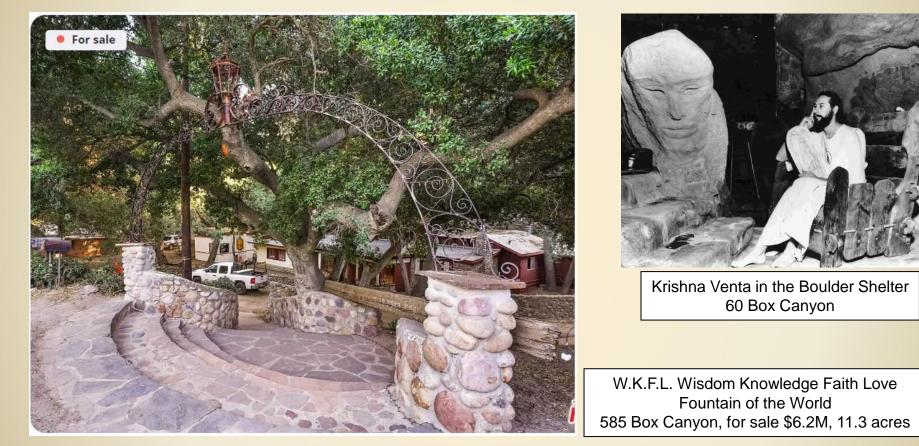
W.K.F.L. Fountain of the World



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From 1949 to the 1960's, the cult "The Fountain of the World", run by Krishna Venta, resided in two places in Box Canyon, Chatsworth Lake Manor. In 1958 two suicide bombers, former cult members upset by their leader's sexual misconduct, blew themselves up at the headquarters building, killing Krishna Venta and seven others.

The remains of the site at 585 Box Canyon Road is for sale today, \$6.2 million for 11.3 acres.

This presentation will be divided into four parts:

- Krishna Venta's background, born Francis Pencovic in San Francisco in 1911.
- The lower site at 60 Box Canyon, the Boulder Shelter (1950 to 1954)
- The upper site at 585 Box Canyon, The Fountain of the World (1949 1970) no mention in newspapers after 1969, stories that Charles Manson stayed at the Fountain for several months in 1968.
- A 25 minute film made by Callie Shanafelt, a daughter documenting her father and uncle who lived as children at The Fountain of the World. Her grandparents and their one year old child died in the 1958 bombing.

This presentation will be posted at our website, chatsworthhistory.com, Digital Archives, Presentations.

"In Greek mythology, Pandora was given a box and told not to open it. She did it anyway and unleashed all the troubles of the world."



Squeezing the Box

• This program is timely as the Fountain of the World property in Box Canyon is up for sale. The long-time owner of 585 Box Canyon is Phil Shiver, who has owned property in Box Canyon since 1967. He recently sold it to an acquaintance and it is up for sale.

the canyon, she says, "You need to see the good side" of people.

By T.J. Sullivan Staff writer

Box Canyon is full of Pandoras. The gorge that connects Simi Valley to Chatsworth used to be a wellkept secret, a boxed escape for people who just didn't cotton to city life. Less bears to aven the means

It has been a home for years to people like June Matthews, a 77-year-old woman who cares for nearly 400 caged birds around her trailer, and Phil Shiver, a 30year resident of the area who collects vehicles and other scraps of this and that on his property.

"Some people could call it junk," said people who move next to an airport and

Shiver, "but one man's junk is another man's treasure. For decades Shiver and his neighbors were allowed to live as they pleased, hidden away in Box Canyon. Because Ventura County's building inspectors are bound by policy to respond only to complaints, residents rarely were hassled for violating L.A. County zoning or building codes, even though such violations were rampant.

Then newcomers discovered the Box in the 1980s and opened it up. Trouble soon followed.

Some newcomers paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to build houses with all the proper permits. And when they were done, they didn't blur the distinction between "rustic" as easily as some of the old-timers. In the simplest terms, they wanted the

Staff graphic by Wendy Nota that's probably going to be hard on everybody." Although county officials are bound by state law not to reveal the source of complaints, they concede that complaints of come from the canyon's recent arrivals. Robert E Lawry, director of the Center

junk cleaned up.

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Some people, including several Ventu-

Others raise ethical questions about

Bob Wood, a real estate expert in Box

then complain about jet

"If they move next to

house with aban-

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what's the big sur-

prise?" said Wood.

whose for-sale signs in

the canyon almost out-

number the ubiquitous

no-trespassing signs

"I think that evolution

is inevitable (in Box

Canyon) ... but to just

come in with a hammer

and beat down all the

old-timers, I think

the fairness of forcing people to change

their lives because someone with more

Canyon, compares the situation to that of

noise

money or different values moves in.

for Professional Éthics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, said it doesn't seem fair to allow one way of life for years and then expect a change Please see BOX CANYON on AG

STUDY IN CONTRASTS: A castle on the hill in Box Canyon looks down on a home made from an older water tank. Deputy Sheriff Wendall Hildebrandt calls it a "candominium."

1997-05-04 Ventura County Star pg1

 The article above discusses how newcomers to Box Canyon have brought County Inspectors. Phil Shiver is quoted as saying "Some people could call it junk, but one man's junk is another man's treasure."

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Box Canyon: When 2 cultures clash

Phil Shiver went to jail for four months as a result of his violations. He said he would rather serve the time than accept three years probation and pay the \$250 fine the court offered him.

"I won't take probation for any reason because you're under contract with the government," he said. "Then all they have to do is allege that I'm a bad guy and they can jack me anytime.

"If your freedom ain't worth fighting for, you don't deserve it."

1997-05-04 Ventura County Star pg2

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Frank Schillo, whose district includes Box Canyon, said his Still, there wasn't much call for	A CONTRACT OF	Contraction Visit		
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To help them, he said, it's nec- the canyon had been the backdrop	and the second second second		WILLIE JI	Tell and the state
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Changes in the enforcement of such ordinances will be discussed "Once you were here you real-	Contraction of the second	and a stand of the second stand	1// 35 STO 200	in the second seco
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The proposed changes would there with Gene Autry and Zorro. Movie crews were hardly the			A. 1997	2
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code countywide. The proposal In 1958, a cult that had settled in provides for fines of up to \$500 a the area — WKFL Fountain of the	States and the			1.2
day, and allows the cost of enforce- ment to be charged to property husbands who believed the leader		and the second sec	S. A. A.	
owners found guilty by a county- of the commune was sleeping with			MARKEN A	Staff photo by Greg A. Coo
The county also would be two husbands, the commune The	HE WATCHER: This large face has	been carved into a rock along Box	Canyon Road in eastern Ventura Co	ounty.
allowed under the proposal to leader, Krishna Venta, and tive place liens on property to recoup others. cit	tes her experience with a motor-	There's an elaborate castle	Todd Collart, manager of the	"just discovered" Box Canyon.
some of the fees. An unpaid tax Infamous murderer Charles Cy	cle gang in the area as a lesson. "They hated this woman who	built beside a cliff. There even have been a few	county's zoning administration section, takes a hard line on the	"It will be another Topan Canyon," Wood said, referring
of the land by the county. ple of uneventful days in the area liv	ved here because she would implain about them constantly,"	cave residences over the years, a situation that has puzzled county	matter. In his opinion, the struc- tures have been on borrowed time	an area near Los Angeles who houses are often priced at mo
all obeying the law." Schillo said, is that he was run off because he sa	aid Matthews, who purchased	officials because there were no	since the day they went up, and he'll use "any means available to	than \$500,000 apiece. "Proper values will be extremely high, I
ofted in is that the property val. Those kinds of credentials have 38	er trailer in the canyon 13 years go. "Whenever they came by	codes on the books that dealt with caves.	get them to comply."	it will still be imbued with the
ues are sustained in that area." given the place the stuff of leg-	ey would throw all their junk ver here because she caused	There are ramshackle shacks pieced together alongside trailers	The Internal Revenue Service gets a call if the person is suspect-	rustic unique model dwellin Right now Topanga is proba
fied of the proposal, talks about It has been used as a hideout th	"When they came by one day I	or other vehicles.	ed of operating an illegal business. Child Protective Services gets a	150 to 200 percent above our v ues, and we'll get up there."
the move as a Gestapo tactic. for people processing illegal "It's complete tyranny over the drugs. Automobile chop shops, we	aved at them and one of them	"It's everything and anything," said Gloria Goldman, a code	call if the people have children liv-	There already have been hon
people that own their property," where stolen cars are carved up sto	topped and said, 'You live here ow?' And they said, 'OK, lady,'	enforcement officer with the county Planning Department.	ing in shoddy structures. The Humane Society is called if ani-	in Box Canyon that have sold more than \$500,000, he said.
have now is strictly trying to get there. Occasionally, a dead body an	nd they saluted me and they ever dumped anything here	"You've got people living in lean- tos."	mals are being kept in poor condi- tion. Even the sheriff gets a call if	The old-timers say that's the fight is about - money - a
everybody into a position where will be dropped in the area. Interest they've got to get a permit." Some people tell tales of a	rain.	· County officials say they	the people look "nefarious."	they don't like it.
Such notions are foreign in secret Hells Angels shooting in	"They told me, 'If you're ever a trouble, lady, you just let us	understand the stress it puts on people when the codes are	"The last resort is to go into court (on the building code viola-	Billy Hall, who has lived in area for more than 20 years, s
ple say they have a right to do as have a clubhouse nearby in Los	now and we'll take care of you.' o you see, you just see the bad	enforced, but they're there for a reason, said Liz Cameron, a Ven-	tions), and that's a long, involved, expensive process that	the point was made clear to hir few years ago by a man w
That might explain why many encountered a shooting range.	ide of people. You need to see the ood side."	tura County code enforcement	still isn't very successful," Collart	bought a house nearby. "He si 'I didn't pay \$372,000 to look
nave scotted at county infraction Rookie deputies have become	John Hand, who has lived in	officer, described by some of the locals as a tyrant.	said. Some people have been given	that,' and he started pointing a
ing tickets. mistake the screech of wild pea-	lox Canyon since 1979 on the ame land the cult used to occupy,	"Sometimes they don't realize that their actions affect other peo-	more than two years to fix a prob- lem and still did nothing.	rusty car here or someth there," Hall said.
far as to take some of them to County officials say they feel	aid the media is to blame for ome of the stereotype.	ple and their health," Cameron said. "If one house goes and burns	More moving boxes	It makes Cindy Marlow, a year resident of the canyon, sa
meanors, a process that can take canyon because some residents	"Once in awhile (a Los Angeles ewspaper) would print an arti-	down because they went and boot-	Box Canyon is among the coun-	"Just because somebody wa
more than a year and still not have expressed anti-government di	le about all the weirdos and cra-	legged the electrical, who knows? It could spread."	ty's top five pockets of concentrat- ed building violations, Cameron	to build a big house next to you doesn't mean that you sho
Shiver went to jail for four pounded by the rock walls, which H	ies that live up in Box Canyon," fand said. "They'd print it and the	Cameron said drastic measures are not the county's first course of	said. What makes it a special case is	have to move your cars," she s Wood's advice: "Live and
tions. He said he would rather and cellular telephones.	eople would come up to watch he weirdos and they'd, of course,	action.	that it has significant appeal to home buyers from Los Angeles	live."
serve the time than accept three As a result, county workers by years probation and pay the \$250 travel with deputy escorts in the	ring a gun with them. "Right away you had an explo-	"I'd be more than happy to help them make the connections (for	because it's secluded and still	"There are some who are go to move in who will see it as
	ive situation."	free help), but a lot of them don't want it or are too proud," she said.	within a few miles of a major shop- ping mall.	opportunity to clean up an an and I think they're going to se
reason because you're under con- timers.	Putting up walls	"I've gone out and gotten free	So the newcomers keep com- ing, innocently opening the box.	lot of resistance," Wood s
tract with the government," he City folks just scare too easily, said. "Then all they have to do is the old-timers say. Ci	Creativity abounds in the anyon.	Dumpsters in the area to help them clean up and they're not	Wood said his real estate office	"There are people up there v have been out of compliance for
allege that I'm a bad guy and they can jack me up any time. Matthews, who's affectionately called Auntie June by her friends, ha	One house is fashioned from a use water tank.	willing to follow through and make the corrections."	gets about one telephone call a week from people who say they	decade or more and they proba aren't about to change."

Next up: A 2-minute video, "Xanadu" 585 BOX CANYON, Ventura County PRICE RECENTLY IMPROVED TO \$6,200,000

BY HOLLY HATCH AND CHRIS JOHNSON

Welcome to Xanadu, a hidden gem nestled within the breathtaking Santa Susanna Hills of Ventura County. For more than 75 years, Box Canyon has remained a well-kept secret, preserving its rich history of life and love, which is truly unique to Southern California. Secluded just far enough to provide the feeling of being in the middle of nowhere, yet conveniently close to everything you need, this pristine landscape awaits a grand transformation.

Upwards of 16.8 acres, and 10 separate APN's, each with its own story to tell. Explore a mesmerizing terrain adorned with mysterious caves, intriguing buildings, and a concealed waterfall, multiple artesian wells, all of which add to the allure of this remarkable property.

Xanadu https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxsaX876N58&t

https://hollyandchrisluxuryhomes.com/box-canyon/

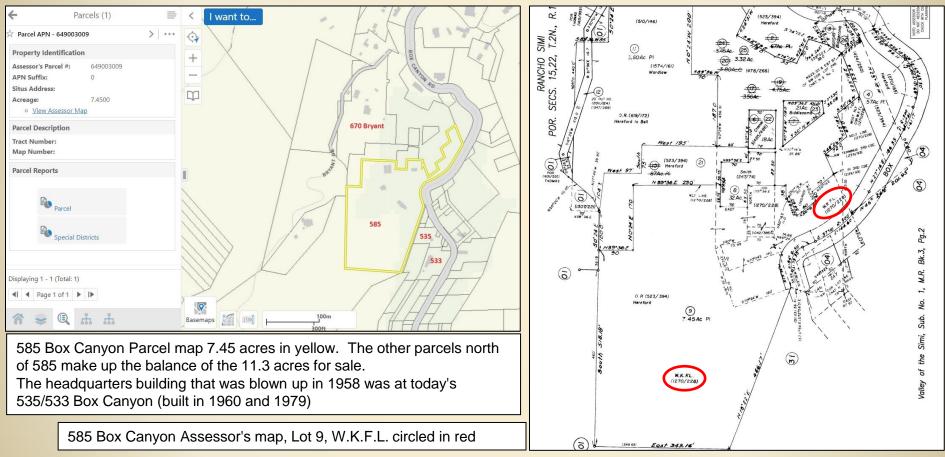
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- In 1949, Krishna Venta's cult was living at 60 and 585 Box Canyon Road, both properties owned by Floyd and Essie Berry, early real estate investors in <u>Chatsworth Lake Manor</u> pgs 30-35
- In the 1950 census, Floyd and Essie were living at 23300 Valley Circle Drive, today's Log Cabin Mercantile Co.
- In the 1950 census, Krishna Venta and his wife Ruth were living at 662 Box Canyon with their 3 children

Occupation: Teacher of Philosophy Industry: Spiritual Group



Census Taker notes: This person head of religious cult. Refused to give age & place of birth. Left an I.C.R. to be sent directly to Bureau of Census. 3 houses also listed under same number, because there is only one "head" the "Master", namely Mr. Venta.



- Francis Herman Pencovic (1911-1958) was born in San Francisco on <u>March 29th</u>, 1911 to Albert Pencovic (1888-1963), a Jewish immigrant from Romania and his wife Maude Busenbark (1889-1981), born in Utah. His father remarried in 1914.
- His mother Maude was previously married to Chester Fenner in Reno in 1909. They moved to San Francisco, Chester ended up in San Quentin, and they were divorced.
- It appears Maude and Albert Pencovic had Francis as an illegitimate child in 1911. At the age of 3 it appears that Maude gave her child up for adoption in Utah to Maggie Jessen. In 1915 Maude married Andrew Hansen in Pocatello, Idaho.
- Note: In a 1949 newspaper article, Krishna Venta said Francis Pencovic was the name of a child who disappeared from San Francisco "miraculously" at the age of 3.
- Maggie Jessen was married to Nephi Jessen in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1905. Nephi died in 1913, before Francis was adopted. Francis was brought up under the Mormon religion by a single mother.
- In the 1920 census (age 9) he is listed as Frankie Jessen, the adopted son of Maggie Jessen (from Utah) in Elko, Nevada. In 1927 Frank Jessen is a member of the Elko High School Glee Club.
- In 1930 (19) in El Paso, Frank Jessen is arrested for burglary, sentenced to 90 days in county jail.
- In 1932 (21) in Los Angeles, Frank Jessen is arrested for petty theft, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 60 additional days suspended.
- In the 1940 census Francis Pencovic (29) is married in Berkeley, Ca to Geneva Webster, they have two children, Peter and Laveta.

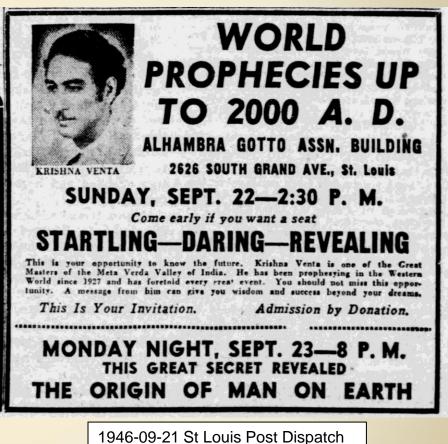
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- On <u>March 29th</u>, 1945 (34), Francis Pencovic marries Ruth Britzell from Utah. (Note: He was married on the same day as his birthday; in 1945 this was also Good Friday. All weddings at the Fountain will take place on March 29th)
- In July 1945 he enlists in the Armed Forces at Fort Douglas, Utah, and is discharged in December of that year.
- In 1946 (35), he speaks for the first time as Krishna Venta, (no beard or robe)....Do You Want Wisdom?



1946-06-27 Krishna Venta Ogden Standard Utah

- 1946-09-21 Krishna Venta Speaks in St. Louis, world prophecies, from India
- 1946-11-14 Speaks in Cincinnati, a prophet from India, no accent is proof of his mind power
- 1947-05-08 Speaks in Florida, Evangelist Philosopher
- 1947-06-01 article on Krishna Venta, in Florida writing a book. He is a tall lean man with monogramed white silk shirts and white pants. Monogramed in a circle of pale blue are the four letters WKFL ...his creed, Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith and Love.
- 1947-06-20 Speaks in Boston, Philosopher from the valley of Shangri-la, India.
- 1947-08-03 Portland Maine -- Nepal-born Krishna Venta, descended from Altantians and Shangri-La residents.



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- 1948-02-14 Speaks in Arizona, 15-hour program on world prophecies
- 1948-04-03 Speaks in Denver, on a mission to save the world, with Florida license plates
- 1949-03-02 Man in Denver wears no shoes, protected by an "aura", taught by Krishna Venta (the voice)
- 1949-03-12 London Bound arrives in New York from Denver, with wife Ruth for a series of Lectures in Europe. He is bearded, dresses in shrouds and wears no shoes.
- He leaves for a two month swing through England, France, Denmark and Italy.



The Voice of Brotherly Love Bearded Krishna Venta, known as "The Voice of Brotherly Love," waves to group of admirers at LaGuardia Field upon his arrival from Denver with his wife, Ruth. They are en route to London. (Acme)

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1949-03-12 arrives in New

York from Denver on his

way to Europe

- In London Krishna Venta has come to bring Britain "int ٠ fold"
- Krishna Venta means Christ Everlasting. He calls hims ٠ "New Messiah" and "The Voice". And says he is 1,900 old.
- He said supporters were paying for his trip to Britain, a ٠ he has 80,000 followers in the United States.

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	And that is here yet another American registral The voice: The v	 blue nun, with silk statings and gold lame shi She is thirty-four, has f children. She reconcile her husband's faith ab cutting flowers with m eating—which he does—saying: "Well, the mea dead, anyway." NOTE: "The Voice," to looks about thirty-five
1949-03-14 The London Daily Mirror	BER HARRS ber Gammand veraras wer wend reunion in London pur- ok to be an latke on Allie. Marihal Sir Robert Sandbry, 'rom the'r ecteding of the 'rom the'r ecteding of the 'rom the'r 'rom the'r ecteding of the 'rom the'rom the'rom the'rom the'rom the 'rom the'rom the'r	hind the beard, brilli r tines his hair, and says i s 1,900 years old.

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- In London, American Police • tell Scotland Yard that Krishna Venta is a convicted burglar.
- In Rome, he arrives in ٠ hopes of seeing the Pope. Vatican guards thought it was an April fools joke.

POLICE SAY "NEW MESSIAH" BURGLAR A Daily Telegraph Service

LONDON, Sun.—American police have informed Scotland Yard that Krishna Venta, self-styled "New Messiah" is a convicted burglar.

Krishna, also known as Golden People, from Neophra-"The Voice," is living in a dead for 6,000,000 years." luxurious London suite.

But the American police He told reporters that he came to Britain from the U.S. told Scotland Yard Krishna Venta's real name "to awaken the world for love." is Francis Hiedzwatzer Pen-He claimed that he had 80,000 covic, and that he was born disciples in the U.S. and 2.000.000 in the world. Krishna told London reporters that he is at least

in San Francisco 38 years ago. American police said that in 1930 he was jailed for 90 days for burglary at El Paso (Texas)

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"I am ageless and I am months at Mogesto (California) "I construction of the standing of the s everywhere," he said. I honta to the state of the said of the said

1949-03-21 Police tell Scotland Yard new messiah is a burglar born in San Francisco The Daily Telegraph Sydney Australia



ROME (AP)-Krishna Venta, the "Messiah" of a California religious sect, arrived in Rome Wednesday with hopes of seeing the Pope. Venta said he hadn't talked with the Pope for about 1.845 years.

The bearded Venta predicted to reporters a terrible "onehour war" which only the elect would survive. He was interviewed in Rome's most plush hotel, the Grand, where he is staying with his wife.

Venta, clad in long white robes, told reporters he had been kept alive since the time of Christ by reincarnation.

He said the last Pope he saw was the sixth, but he couldn't recall the name. The sixth Pope was Alexander I, who reigned from 105 to 115.

There was no indication from the Vatican whether Pope Pius would receive Venta.

1949-03-31 Krishna Venta in Rome may speak with Pope he hasn't talked to in 1,845 years

'Messiah' Turned Away From the Vatican

ROME, April 1, (U.P.)-Krishna Venta, self-styled Messiah from Los Angeles, called at Vatican City today but was refused admittance.

Vatican guards thought it was an April fool joke. The white robed, barefoot visitor returned to his swank hotel suite in downtown Rome without an argument.

1949-04-01 Krishna Venta turned away from Pope guards thought it was an April fools joke Metropolitan Pasadena Star News

- 1949-04-27 Krishna Venta returns to Los Angeles from his trip to Europe.
- He returned to gather his flock of 145,000 faithful to a five-acre plot near Reseda.
- He arrived with a passport bearing the name Francis Pencovic.
- Venta said it was the name of a child who disappeared from San Francisco "miraculously" at the age of 3.

Barefoot messiah comes back to 'city of angels'

Barefooted messiah Krishna Venta tiptoed from a United Air Lines plane today to return from a two-month swing through France, England, Ireland and Denmark.

The self-appointed messiah, his raven tresses blown askew by the propwash of a taxiing airliner, gazed skyward and explained he had "returned to gather my flock of 145,000 faithful to a five-acre plot near Reseda."

Messiah Venta, who lugged along a 10-pound scrapbook of clippings, said he didn't get in to see the Pope at Vatican City, but did manage to squeeze in front of a newsreel camera there.

He arrived under a passport bearing the name "Francis H. Pencovic," which he explained was the name of a child who disappeared from San Francisco "miraculously" at the age of 3.

1949-04-27 Los Angeles Daily News

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- 1949-06-25 Krishna Venta builds 4,000 sq ft temple-home at 18829 Saticoy Los Angeles Daily News
- 1949-07-12 Plane Crash in Simi Hills, 33 die, 15 injured



A postwar development as nor-sapplied to Krishna's claim of to be the returned Messiah. mail in Southern California as the divinity, but one of his followers "He materialized himself," ahe awallows returning to Capitrano said abe thoroughly believed him explained. "He has no navel."

1949-06-25 Los Angeles Daily News



1949-07-12 Los Angeles Times photo

Krishna Venta, bearded mystic who calls himself "Christ", played a heroic role today by assisting in the rescue of 15 survivors of the tragic Standard Airlines crash in the Santa Susana Hills.

"I heard the plane flying low over my ranch nearby and then heard it crash" he said. "I ran barefooted to the scene with a friend and started doing what I could for the injured".

1949-07-13 Los Angeles Times "Krishna Venta, left, self-styled "Christ", who maintains a monastery in a stone house near crash scene, and Brother Paul, one of his disciples, give aid in carrying one of the victims in an ambulance. They also helped search for the dead.

The crash site was above Thompson Ave and Bell Ranch Rd/Mesa Dr. 1.6 miles from 585 Box Cyn

- Floyd and Essie Berry owned the home at 60 Box Canyon.
- They started building the home in the canyon in 1929, 10 years ago, a house that has for its walls, floors and ceilings the natural rock formations of Box Canyon.
- The Berry's have not cut into the rocks, but have built their home around them, utilizing holes and crevices for bookcases, windows, stairways, doors and fireplaces.
- A heavy iron cable runs from the sun porch to the opposite side of the ravine, carrying an elevator car for freight and passengers.

1939-06-27 Floyd Berry Rock

House Hollywood Citizen News



No leaky roof nor termiles worry MR, and MD above, in their dream house with its natural receilings. A corner of the living room, with ever fireplaces of the residence, is shown at top. B rolling of the length which leads to the "scene is shown at lower left in the doorway to the unique house in the Bax Canyon hills. The rastic heavity of the site is indicated by the giant cactus plant and overhead vines. And, lower right, is the private elevated traily line by which the Berrys transport supplices and constitutes measurements.

Unique House of Floyd Berrys Set Among Natural Formations By ADA WEEKS

CHATSWORTH, June 27. — "A house everlasting" is the dream, home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berry, who for the past 10 years have been building, with ideas and moriar, a house that has for its wails, floors and cellings the natural rock formations of the Box Canyon hills. Berry, a native son, chose a spot at the extreme end of a ravine, because of the solid wails of rock, and, with the assistance of his wife, a former Hollywood beauly parlor operator, has built the house, still incomplete.

The large living room, entered through jurgels in the hatural rock formations, is on two floor levels and has two huge fireplaces. There are large windows built into rock walls.

On the "second floor" are bedrooms, bath and a bar, all with the natural rock walls and finished with rough, antiqued lumber.

The bathtub is built into the floor, with sabs of rocks emented together in a semicircle. The kitchen opens onto a breakfast room with windows on three sides, and a sun porch atop a giant boulder. A heavy iron cable runs from the sun porch to the opposite side of the ravine, carrying an elevator car for froieth and neueronic

The Berrye have not cut into the rocks, but have built sheir have a second them, utiliates we down, chairway to ore and fireplaces and their furture is hand-made with heavy lumber antiqued to look oldboiled together and trimmed with boiled together and trimmed with comma are lighted by electricity; water from mountain springs in piped into the house; cooking is done on a big wood-burning stove built into a store arch. The only "modern convenience" is an electric refrigerator.

the refrigerator. Housekeeping problems, declares Mrs. Berry, are cut to a minimum --there is scarcley any dusting to do. They are not bothered by delephane calls; the floors don't crack and the roof never leaks. Once ha a while, a curious ropher snake uncaks in. They make a pet of hund.

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1939-06-29 Floyd & Essie Berry Rock House San Fernando Valley Times



Berry, a native son, chose a ed together in a semi-circle, with the glass. Entering their living spot at the extreme end of a shower above. The kitchen, on room from upstairs, they found ravine in the canyon for their the "top floor," opens onto a their furniture all afloat-so they home, because of the solid walls breakfast room with windows on opened the front door (encased of rock, that had been washed three sides, and a sun porch atop in two massive boulders) and let and carved with the waters of a giant boulder, commanding a the stream run away. centuries. With the assistance of magnificent view of San Fernan-"We were rather nanicky for

his wife, a former Hollywood do Valley below. A heavy iron awhile - but when we looked beauty parlor operator, t h e cable runs from the sun porch down on the valley and saw the house, still incomplete, stands as to the opposite side of the ravine, floor covered, we felt much safer, a monument to the couple's art- carrying an elevator car for even though our house is built freight and passenger purposes. | right under a waterfall!" During The Berrys, who have planned the winter and until early spring,

The large living room, entered as they went along, have not cut a stream runs through their through tunnels in the natural into the rocks, but have rather, "back yard", which is solid rock, built their home around them, with two-foot deep ledges cut into rock formations, is on two floor utilizing holes and crevices for the sides of a steep rock wall. levels, with two huge fireplaces bookcases, windows, stairways, Their gardens are their least found holes already there; large doors and fireplaces. All floors, worry. Moss and flowers grow windows built into tock walls on where they have been needed to out of fissures in the rocks; their two sides and a stairway running be built, have been constructed shrubs, flowers and trees are the of huge rock slabs comented to native-growing Yucca, Moriposa along a rock ledge to the "upper gether and walls are of the same lily, black and purple sage, greesconstruction and of a foot thick. wood. Lupin, Sycamore, Oak and On the "second floor," also en-

other mountain growth. Furniture is Hand-made rooms, bath and bar, all with All their furniture is handnatural rock walls and finished made by them-heavy pieces anwith rough, antiquated lumber, liqued to look old instead of Valley Vista as is all the woodwork through new-bolted together and trim Nursery Gets out the house. The "bar", from med with ornamental iron and

which a circular staircase winds leather, Walls are draped with Sprinkler Job I up and around through rock crev. scrapes, Indian paintings, deer STUDIO CITY- Smiley Burnices into the kitchen, is cleverly heads and articles of mountain ette, screen star this week award lore. Friends have contributed ed a contract to Valley Vista

lore. Friends have contributed countless nick-nacks, all in keeping with the general theme. The rooms are surprisingly well lighted by electricity; water from mountain springs is piped into the house; cooking is done on a big wood-burning stove built into a stone arch. The only modern-convenience touch is an electric refrigerator-and it too, has its stone cubby-hole, enclosed with a heavy wooden door on iron hinges.

Housekeeping is Easy

According to Mr. and Mrs. Berry, who state that they hope their building is never completed, the rooms are cool in summer and warm in winter, They quote the old Indian saying, "What keeps you warm will also keep vou cool." Housekeeping problems, declares Mrs. Berry, are cut to a minimum - there is scarcely any dusting to do; they are not bothered by telephone calls; the floors don't crack and the roof never leaks. Once in a while, a curious gopher snake sneaks in, but that doesn't both-

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istic abilities.

stories

Enter Through Tunnels

tered through tunnels, are bed-

- May 1948, Sunset Magazine features the Boulder Shelter.
- "The house was not built of necessity, but simply because its builders, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berry of Chatsworth, California, fell in love with the large boulders shown here."
- We contacted the Sunset Magazine archives at Stanford University, and they shared with us the original pictures used in the May 1948 Sunset Magazine.





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Boulder shelter

THIS is not presented as an inspirational story in home-making against great obstacles. The house was not built of necessity, but simply because its builders, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berry of Chatsworth, California, fell in lowe with the buge builders shown here.

Their original intention was to build a one-room shelter a fittle more finished than the type of camp-cabin illustrated on page 42. However, their enthusiasm got the best of them. We feature the story because we believe you can find ideas in it which you may be able to use in your own camp or cabin.

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Cooking alcove. Fireplace is built up from natural creevice by fashioning flue with stones and mortar. Chairs are two inner spring exchines fastened together. Hole fireplace at left leads to bedroom. Hole at right, to roof, Raiing, hand-herm we



Above. Bedroom was added after one-room house was completed. Camp stool with plgwood removable top used for chairside table. Steps lead to outdoor area. Fireplace flue had to be drilled out of large rock

Right. Looking into living room from passagencay loading to roof through natural opening. Main fireplace, right. Hollowed out rock for dishes and kitchen supplies

Right, Dining area. The table at left is merely two saw horses with planks placed across for the top. Doors open onto small level area on the side of the canyon through which a stream tumbles and roars

Below. A rock too big to move was in the center of this room. Builders dug around it and dropped it below floor level. The window is framed with reducood ties. Shag rugs cover mattresses for lounging







Above. Approach to the house is across a small canyon. This sling, sliding on a cable, cases problem of transportation across canyon

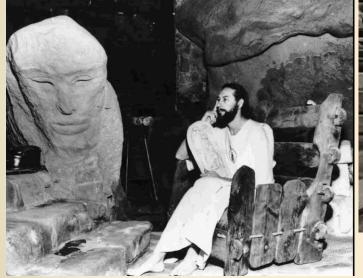
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- Krishna Venta at carved face in Boulder Shelter Dining Area
- Notice the lighting, angle and backdrop behind the carved face that brings out the features of the sculpture in the Krishna Venta photo





1948 Larger view of carved face

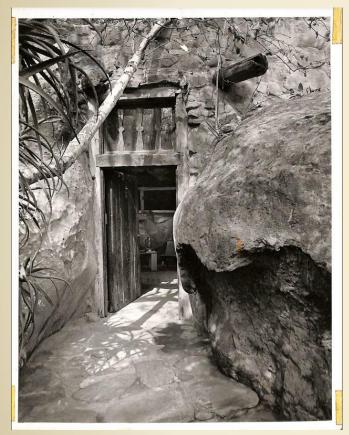


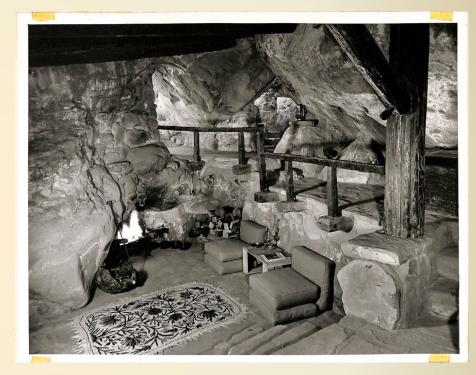
Dining Area photo May 1948 Sunset Magazine photo from Sunset Magazine archives

The detail of the carved face was not seen in the magazine article, until we received the original photos.

Circa 1950 to 1954(1) Krishna Venta at Boulder Shelter

(1) Sister Helena's diary states that they moved into the Rock House Dec 12, 1950, and left Oct 6, 1954.



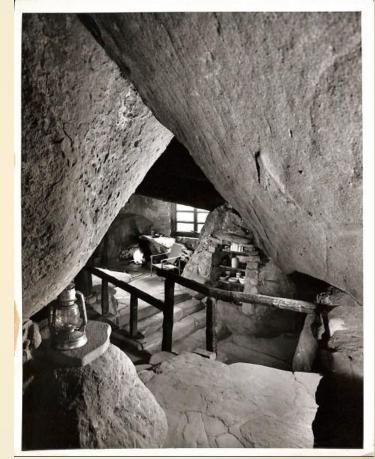


Left Entrance Doorway Above Cooking Alcove May 1948 Sunset Magazine photos from Sunset Magazine archives

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Above BedroomRight Looking into Living RoomMay 1948 Sunset Magazine photos from Sunset Magazine archives



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Left Dining Area Right Living Room May 1948 Sunset Magazine photos from Sunset Magazine archives

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CULTISTS PRAY FOR LANDLORD 1954-10-07 Valley Times Led by "brother" Paul, foreground, members of the WKFL Fountain of the World religious cult prays for Sgt. George Lampson, who forced them to move from one of their Box Canyon camps for non-payment of a year's rent. Owing \$2,600, and with their leader Krishna Venta in New York, barefoot women and bearded men later trudged up canyon to other home, which they own themselves. --- AP Wirephoto

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- March 1963, it is owned by Marvin Rubin and Bill Tara.
- Caption on the photo reads: Weekend outing in Cave --Artistically inclined group meets Saturday and Sunday afternoons for a bit of music in the main room at Cave Falls, the former home of the Fountain of the World cultists.

1963-03-12 Cave Falls Fountain of the World LA Times pg1



 Jerome Bixby is resident manager

> 1963-03-12 Cave Falls Fountain of the World LA Times pg2

CULTISTS CAVES

Continued from First Page installed a hand-tiled shower They made structural repairs to some of the hand- glass.

pairs to some of the hand-grass. built houses. They made a Not even the wild kids dam at the end of the fails so who came later could dethat water would collect stroy or descrate the cave rocks. They pruned and much. But when Tara and planted, restoring natural Rubin took title, there were beauty from amidst the only five pieces of furniture waste and weeds.

Enter Jerry Bixby, and three mattresses. The science fiction writer and mattresses are gone, recomposer in search of a placed by government surhome. Downtown dwellers plus cushions. The cave is Rubin and Tara invited cool, can make the most Bixby to move in as caretak-acquisitive man contemplaer-custodian of newly named tive. From upstairs, you can Cave Falls. In return for look down over the sprawlrooming his wife and two ing floor of the San Fernanchildren rett free, Bixby do Valley.

would have to maintain the Around this unspoiled nugrounds, make new improvecleus, the landlords made ments as the partners played plans. Tara drew a picture of with their property.

Bixby helped in stall tions to the other buildings: modern plumbing. He built workshop, studio, gallery a rustic entranceway to house, residence for Bixby, match the hand-hewn com-

plex. He yanked out debris and kept out vandals. But none of them fooled Greenberg, who instructs for

But none of them fooled Greenberg, who instructs to with the strange structure UCLA Extension during the built in and above the cave, week and holds Saturday In the years before Krishna, classes in the studio at Cave a family named Berry Falls. A few colleagues got owned the property, literally on the calendar: a meeting made a home in the cave, of the American Society of The sandstone had holowed Magazine Photographers; a out organically, almost mira-Chouinard party; a class culously; there were natural from LA. Trade Tech. Gradareas for a living room, a ually, the place is becoming kitchen, closet spaces, a center of the arts and con-Rocks were used for floor-versation.

ing and stairs. Tunnels became hallways. A bedroom --for additional instructors, was built above the boulders in music as well as the visual and a roof sealed off this arts. There is time and space unusual hillside home. The cave house was where under the most serenc cir-

The cave house was where under the most serene cr-Krishna lived, too, when the cumstarices. You can call cult moved in during the Cave Falls through Tara's late 40s. His followers made downtown number, DU 2some homemade cabinets, 5096.



MANAGER—Jerome Bixby is resident manager of Cave Falls. At rear center are original rock buildings, with chimney showing the top of main cave.

dancing instruction, too,

hills.

ARTS, ARTISTS

- Per owner Marvin Rubin, the original house • took more than 20 years to build, and much of the work was done by Floyd's wife Essie Berry.
- Rubin said Essie, a mystic, built all of the ٠ original rooms out of fire-seasoned wood "because she preferred the wood cleansed of any former association".
- Krishna was a friend of the Berry family. ٠

Essie Mae Berry died in 1966 and is buried at Oakwood Cemetery



1964-10-17 LA Evening Citizen News

New Art Center–Revamped Mysticism

Cave Falls, a new art center prior to the formation of the country, the display also will The exhibit is open to the in Box Canyon, Chatsworth, is cult, and later the cult mem-include three-dimensional mapublic free of charge. Hours located in a house built around, bers erected other buildings at terial dramatizing the changes are 10 a.m. to 9:30 pm. Monthe falls. in and through a cave in the

yon, and during the time the years.

year there is a waterfall which prey to vandalism. cascades over one side of the Rubins said they are still in the 19th century will be concave.

ing and creative writing classes and there are plans for

Metro Water

at Chouniard Art Institute, and erty With water and the clean-up art director and illustrator Bill Tara. Manager and director is John Thompson.

Mystic Hub World, a religious sect, which ences of all kinds." now is located farther up Box

"Fireman, Save My Child"

Canyon. The original cave house took . . . and similar dramatic sen- amateur, have flocked to exmore than 20 years to build, timents are the subject of a hibit their work in the third "Cats, and Their Feline Foiand much of the work was unique exhibit presented annual San Fernando Valley bles Captured in Oils, Terra done personally by the owner, through the joint efforts of the Festival of Art, to open Mon- Cotta, Wood, Alabaster and Mrs. Floyd Berry. Rubin said Mrs. Berry, a and the Municipal Art Dept., Bullocks Fashion Square in fish." mystic, built all of the original currently showing in the Tow-Sherman Oaks. rooms out of fire-seasoned er Gallery of the Los Angeles The exhibit will show the title of an exhibit to be prewood "because she preferred City Hall. the wood cleansed of any for. On view are paintings, draw-oils and water colors, pastels 6 at the Setay Gallery, 371 N. mer association. Krishna Venta, leader of the both historical and contempo- all of the available media. religious cult who was killed rary, on the subject of fire Of the artists, 700 are adult, ica, Italy, Belgium and Eng- C several years ago in a bomb- fighting.

family. He lived in the Cave vate collections around the 21/2-year-old.

in fire fighting methods that day; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tues-The cult moved up the can- have taken place through the day through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, and Sat-

Three months during the property was unoccupied it feld Costumes and equipment urday, the closing day, from used by Los Angeles firemen 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Demonstrations and lectures ave. cleaning up the grounds, trasted with that employed to-The art center offers paint-"hampered by lack of water." day. and make those in the know

A special feature, according even more so. Also free of to William Miller, city fire charge, the greater part of ted next month, and Rubin said chief, will be the showing of a these will be held from time vin Rubin, head of the adver-tising and design department at Chouniard Ari Institute and erty.

The exhibition will be on the show will be made Friday operation completed, Rubin view through Nov. 4 in the 25th at 7:30 p.m., again in the mall. said he sees great possibilities floor gallery. Hours are from There will be cash awards in for Cave Falls. "It's primitive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday classes ranging from amateur and seemingly far away from through Thursday; 10 a.m. to to professional, from adult to The center was at one time the city," he said. "It would be 10 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. to child. Ribbons and other prizes the hub of The Fountain of the a wonderful place for confer-15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, will be presented. Presenting There is no admission charge, the awards will be Fashion Square manager R. E. Schnei-* * *

Artists, both professional and der.

Los Angeles City Fire Dept. day at 10 a.m. in the Mall of Gold . . . by 23 artists and one

That's the long but explicit works of 835 artists, done in sented Monday through Nov. ings, prints and photographs, and caseins, in fact, in almost Camden Dr., Beverly Hills. Artists from all over Amerthe rest children. The young-land are represented in the m ing, was a friend of the Berry Drawn from public and pri-lest entrant in the show is a group. Where the fish came from remains a secret

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60 Box Canyon, Cave Falls, 1968, 1974

- 1968 Advertisement at right
- Circa 1974, Below, old sign from current owner, advertising Fall Session art classes, Hugh Merry Jr. Instructor
- Hugh Merry owned 60 Box Canyon from 1974 to 2006



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Ann Vincent, Curt Brock, Gloria DeMuri

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Ann at carved face, erosion effected

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A screen shot from 2011 "The Fountain" Dick Shanafelt sweeping the steps

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Top panorama of Ann in the dining area, above carved face Lower photo shows remains of roof

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Ray at Entry door



Gloria at the entrance looking into the living room

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585 Box Canyon, Fountain of the World, 1950's



Headquarters Sign outside of the Headquarters building that was blown up in 1958

Today's 535/533 Box Canyon

"Ye who enter here enter in upon Holy Ground"

The Main Entrance to Fountain of the World Leads to Monastery Sign at left of photo points to WKFL Headquarters

Today's 585 Box Canyon Road

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585 Box Canyon, Fountain of the World, 1969

CULT FEARS MANSO **Retreat Provided**

Food, Sanctuary BY BILL MILTON



REMEMBERS MANSON-Virginia Todd, 17, with

her guard dog Bear. She me

................... vealed today that members of

- The Fountain now houses 15 men, women and children.
- The Manson Group first visited in October or November 1968.
- The Fountain group asked the Manson family to leave, and when they refused, they went across the street to the Ventura County Fire Dept Station and summoned a county sheriff.

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'Fountain' Cultists Fear Manson Clan **Group Defied** Order to Go











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585 Box Canyon, Fountain of the World, 1969

Retreat Provided Food, Sanctuary





Staff Photo **REMEMBERS MANSON-Virginia Todd**, 17, with her guard dog, Bear. She met Manson and his band of hippie followers.

BY BILL MILTON

The bizarre Tate-LaBianca-Hinman murder cases took another macabre twist when it was revealed today that members of

the accused "Manson Family" frequented and sometimes took refuge in a religious cult retreat with a violence scarred past.

A frightened teen-aged girl, her mother and an aging "sister," who all live at the Fountain of the World commune in Box Canyon, confirmed information that accused murderer Charles Miller Manson and members of his hippie hate cult "several times" visited at the retreat.

Mrs. Ann Todd, her daugh-	
ter, Virginia, 17, and Sister Nekona, an elder of the com-	Pat
mune, recalled how they met Manson and his followers.	Buttram
In an exclusive interview with a team of reporters and	6
photographers from this news-	
paper at the Fountain it was	
further learned that several	5
of the girls from the "family,"	
including Susan Denise Atkins,	
Patricia Krenwinkel and pos- sibly Linda Kasabian and an-	-
other girl, had sought sanctu-	Seems us men
ary in the retreat shortly after	
the Tate and LaBianca mur-	have as many sho
ders in August.	pick from as wome
Det. Lt. Robert Helder, key	And they tell me
figure in the LAPD murder	thing is the square-
probes, told the Hollywood	thought I saw a
Citizen News - Valley Times that investigators knew of the	salesman wearing
Manson clan's visits to the	these but it tur
Fountain. He described an	got that way fro
"inner circle" of followers	tires.
who are alleged to be the	But shoes have g
perpertrators of thefts, auto	like everythi
thefts and ultimately murder,	Disparable For sh

hese days e styles to the latest toe style. T used car a pair of med out he m kicking notten to he ng else. but he said the group Disposable. For the price of sometimes numbered as high half-soles, heels and one shine ... you can buy a new pair.

Chatsworth area. The secluded Fountain com- I know one fella who bought munity is tucked away in a a dozen pair of shoes! The tree-shrouded roadside deep in clerk asked him, "Now whatta the only houlder stream Boy you need with a dozen pair of Canyon about eight miles from shoes?" The fella said. the Spahn Ranch where the "Matching purses . . ." hippie marauders made their ome for almost a year. The These are times when you area is sparsely settled. see a guy in a pair of cowboy The Fountain, which now boots, and you know why he houses 15 men, women and wants to die with his boots on. children, was the scene of a Probably because his toe nails

are painted. Turn to Page 3, Col. 1 But the worse thing is these



Group Defied Order to Go

Continued from Page 1 sure the bus was there "for a Venta," self-proclaimed Mes- couple of months." siah and founder of the Neither she nor Sister

cult, and nine of his followers. Nikona could theorize why The two cult members who Manson had come to Fountain, assertedly detonated 40 sticks whose members say they of dynamite were among those abhor violence and seek to killed in the blast and fire, ac- embrace all religious faiths as cording to Merle Hollis, chief being equal. However, it is criminal deputy for Ventura known that Manson studied County, who headed the inmysticism in prison and revestigation of the grisly event. ferred to himself as "Jesus" "Sister Nekona" and Mrs. and "Satan." Virginia Todd Ann Todd described Manson said that some of the group and several of his followers as referred to him as "Charlie "friendly and polite" during the Guru" and "Heavenly their many visits. They said Father" on several occasions on several occasions they gave Mrs. Todd again affirmed them food and sometimes her opinion that despite her shelter for the girls and that fears she considered the group they ate with the Fountain "friendly" but with Virginia's members a few times in the help she was able to recall an communal dining hall and incident in which "Katie" (an worship area. alias used by Miss Atkins) Mrs. Todd reported that on called her and two other "two or three" occasions women "pigs." Manson and some of the girls (The words "pig" and "pig-gy" figured prominently in the took nart in the commune's Saturday night skits and murders of musician Gary musical shows Hinman, who befriended "Charlie would sing and Manson, the Sharon Tate play his guitar for us and the slayings and the death of Leno girls would sing and LaBianca and his wife. Miss harmonize. I complimented Atkins is charged with the them one time because they murder of Hinman. A girl now did sing so beautifully in custody also told police that together " said Mrs. Todd Manson directed his followers Both of the women said they to go to the Benedict Canyon had no reason to fear them at home of Miss Tate and that time but Mrs. Todd cgn- eradicate the "pigs.") fided that she was "very leery "I think it was in September of them" and that since the or maybe it was August when story of the murders have it happened 'Sadie' (Miss come to light she is "afraid Atkins) and three other girls for herself and for the lives of came to the main hall of the her children." Fountain and said they were Her fears are based on rumors that remnants of the going to stay here," said Mrs.



THOUGHTFUL PAUSE - Sister Nekona, one of the elders of the Order pauses thoughtfully during an interview with a reporter of this newspaper.

won't harbor criminals. It is erted a very strong influence against our rules and against over the group which they said the law and we had our also included Charles D. children to consider." said the Watson, currently fighting extradition from Texas to face worried mother. After the second refusal of the murder charges, and Paul the girls to leave, Mrs. Todd Watkins, arrested for auto said one of the Fountain mem- theft in the raid on the Barker bers went across the road to ranch in Death Valley, where the Ventura Country Fire the clan assertedly lived Dept. station and summoned a following their departure from county sheriff to the retreat. the Spahn Movie ranch in late The group went up the hill and August or early September. sat in their car, according to "He was the Lord and Mrs. Todd. Master and anything he said "It was when Sadie was sitthey did. They never questing in the car that she said, "Why, you pigs' and she began tioned him or argued with him," said Mrs. Todd of the to sing a song about pigs," frail, penetrating-eyed Mansaid Mrs. Todd. son, who is said to have had a Virginia, who was also hypnotic control over his folpresent at the incident and lowers.

says that Miss Atkins "hated They both said that during

Her fears are based on going to stay here," said Mrs. rumors that remnants of the Todd clan are still in the area

Deputies and police are again Barbara and myself told them combing the community for that they could not stay here. additional suspects in the And Sadie said that they had mass murders. 'been told to come here' or Seventeen-year-old Virginia Todd, who has lived at the and they refused to leave. We Fountain with her mother and told her again that she could younger sister Cornelia, 9, for not stay and would have to eight years, was more vocal in leave the private premises,"

expressing her fears of the continued Mrs. Todd. group. "I didn't like him (Charles she explained that the Foun-tain is a humanitarian group Manson) the first time I saw and that when Manson and the him. He was always staring at others first arrived in October me and kept asking me to or November of 1968 they had come with him into his bus helped them. "They were just and hear him play the guitar. dirty, nasty looking people. I was really scared of him," They looked like they needed a said the girl. She referred to bath and some clean clothes the green and white school bus and we did not mind helping in which Manson and several them," she said. of the girls arrived at the But she related that at the retreat and lived in for a time. time of the return of the four girls they had read about the On several points Mrs. Todd arrest of most of the Manson and her daughter disagreed. Family at Spahn Ranch on Mrs. Todd said the bus stayed

near the retreat for only "a charges of auto theft. few days" but Virginia was "We will help people but we



FOUNTAIN CREST - This Greek symbol is used by the religious order as its official crest.

present at the incident and says that Miss Atkins "hated

me." said she told her mother "Sister Muriel, Sister and the other women, "You're three pigs, you're the worst pigs I have ever seen." She said the deputy ordered them to leave and they departed. The fears of Mrs. Todd go beyond concern for the members of the Fountain and her girls to her missing son. Hugh "Rocky" Todd, 15, has been gone since Oct. 1 and his mother fears that he may

called Beau told Virginia that have joined with the Manson when she did something the Family before they left, His group did not like they would sister, Virginia, said the boy stick long pins in her. seemed to be infatuated with She told of Mary, a blonde Katie (Miss Krenwinkel) and haired attractive girl with a talked with her for long college education, and periods of time about horses Stephanie, a tall girl with and motorcycles.

Canyon commune.

kinky white hair and a very Missing along with the boy bad complexion. And also of a were two knives which she woman about 30 who Virginia said her brother always carsaid was either an entertainer ried with him. The girl said or "a prostitute." they were given to him by a None of the three recalls man "with a long beard" who anyone but Manson and

lowers.

They both said that during

the year the clan was in the

Mrs. Todd told of a "Mary

who first arrived with

Manson in the school bus and

reportedly gave birth to a

Virginia told of a girl named

Beau, whom she described as

small and petite with brown

hair and brown eyes. The girl

area they saw several women

and men come and go.

child on the hus.

lived off and on at the Box Watkins using last names. Both the Todds said that While Manson professed to they never heard any of the be a religious leader, Sister group mention the names Nekona and Mrs. Todd said Tate, Polanski, LaBianca or that he did not discuss the Hinman but Virginia recalled topic very much with any of one of the girl's mentioning a their group. Mrs. Todd

"big, rich home in Benedict remembered one instance Canyon. when Manson observed her The Todd girl, who at one correcting one of the younger time attended Valley College, children and he assertedly told said also that she thought she

her. "Why correct a child. A recognized Terry Melcher, the child knows what it is doing. son of Doris Day, as being You should let them do with Manson on one occasion whatever they want to do." but she could not be absolutely Virginia said most of the sure Manson assertedly blamed

time the Family's conversations were very confused Melcher for the failure of his and she felt that they "were usually up on something." She songwriting career for the singing group known as the related overhearing a con-Beach Boys. Melcher, who versation in which Miss Atkins was visited many times by reportedly told another girl Manson lived in the Renedict that "she hated killing Canyon home before it was anything, even an animal." rented by Miss Tate.

Manson also made this pro-Even now as the case pronouncement about his gresses in the courts the "philosophy." "Why fear residents of the Fountain of anything? Let Man do the World would like to forget anything he wants to do or has the name Charles Manson or the nerve to do." that they ever saw him and Both the mother and his band, Mrs. Ann Todd and

daughter said that Manson ex- her children live in fear.

dynamite explosion Dec. 10, 1958, which killed "Krishna

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above the retreat is a huge memorial of the order whose members' credo is that all living things Shalt Not Kill" refers to all forms of living things, and is not limited to human beings.

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585 Box Canyon, Fountain of the World, 1992 memories

Retired fire captain Audie Callaway liked Venta well enough, but saw the religious leader as taking advantage of his position and earning a reputation as a hypocrite.

Venta, according to Callaway and others, was a gambler and womanizer. According to Callaway, during fire emergencies Venta slept in a car with a different woman every night.



days of the "Fountain of the World," a cult that thrived at this Box

Venta, and his followers through a mutual interest in firefighting.

'Barefoot cult' tragedy holds special place in area history

By Susan Chasen Special to The Enterprise

n the heart of Box Canyon, a sign that once marked the entrance to a bizarre religious cult still reads: "Ye who enter here enter in upon Holy

Ground Today it hangs over the driveway to a private residence. Its faded letters and welcoming message compete with "No Trespassing" signs And the story behind it is virtually forgotten.

In 1958, the Fountain of the World commune came to a gruesome end. It was described as the worst mass murder case in Ventura County history: 10 people were killed. And it shocked the small Simi Valley community of fewer than 8,000 residents.

Like the recent Rodney King verdict, the tragic episode brought a rare blaze of national attention to a community normally well outside the public eye. But at the same time, the story also shows an aspect of Simi Valley's identity that challenges recent media depictions of it as a last bastion of lilvwhite conformity and order The cult disaster faded quickly

into the background by the early 1960s, when Simi Valley started growing at a dizzying pace, and the booming new suburb was looking more toward the future

But earlier residents of Simi Valley and the Susana Knolls would never forget the story of the strange sect. The saga, which includes

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wife-swapping, some fine baking and a cigar-smoking false prophet, would end in a flash of dynamite. It begins with one man and his mysterious passions

In 1948, a restless young man, born Francis Pencovic, seemed to have finally found his calling It was in the beach community of Venice. Pencovic, 37, had assumed a new, religious-soun ding name. The one-time boilermaker, drifter and San Francisco orphan was calling himself Krishna Venta, And people were flocking to his spiritual lectures.

Few knew their teacher had a lengthy arrest record in Texas and California. According to several sources, Pencovic had been picked up for burglary and petty theft, writing bad checks and violation of the Mann Act. which prohibited taking women across state lines for immoral purposes. Once, he was even arrested

for writing threatening letters to President Roosevelt In the 1930s and early 1940s. Pencovic served at least two



FREE: Krishna Venta leaves jail after an arrest over nonpayment of child support.

jail terms - the longer of the two was for nine months. In another case, he was sent to the state mental hospital in Stockton for observation But all this probably wouldn't have meant much to Venta's fol lowers even if they had known about it. Like most cult follow-

ers, they did not rank among the

In Box Canyon, they built a primitive settlement of local rocks, timber and concrete - 12 (Please see CULT, Page 8)

world's most skeptical. In fact

they were willing to believe the

For example, in one published account. Venta was quoted sav-

ing that he came to Earth from

the planet Neophrates and had

lived here for 240,000 years. He

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in Turkey - in the Garden of

"I have been on Earth all

At other times, he offered a

more mundane version of his

converted after growing long

hair and dressing in robes for a

Hollywood Bowl Nativity Play

Whatever story he told, it

seemed to work. By 1952, Venta

had convinced members of his

flock, which at one point reach-

ed about 175, to swear off the

luxuries of modern life and

retreat to Box Canyon in the

hills southeast of Simi Valley.

There was a bookkeeper, an

insurance salesman, a teacher.

zealots willing to give up their

money and property to live on

the remote commune with Ven-

ta. Doctors and lawyers were

even reputed to be among the

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Cult

(Cont. from Page 1) buildings in all — and called it the "WKFL Fountain of the World." The initials stood for "Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith and Love."

During most of the sect's six year life, members lived humbly and submitted to Venta's unusual religious practices For example, Venta had a

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fterward, Venta - a strikingly tall, rail-thin figure - raised his glass, offered a toast with pink champagne and admonished the newlyweds to celebrate each anniversary -"No matter how broke you are - with another bottle. Couples, however, were not allowed to live together. Housing was in short supply, so they lived in male and female dormitories, as did the children. Venta, however, is widely be lieved to have enjoyed cohab-

Ineved to have enjoyed cohabitation privileges with women of the cult. His followers subjected themselves to his authority

themselves to his authority because they believed he was some sort of Messiah, perhaps even an incarnation of Jesus Christ.

On Easter, Venta acted out his Messiah claim by hoisting himself onto a large cross. Some claimed that he had no navel and that this proved his divinity. According to Venta, his Foun-

According to Venta, ins Fountain of the World commune was to become a training ground for 144,000 elect souls who would live by the motto "Love in Action" and dedicate themselves to serving others.



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	who had already hooked up with	keep him warm," Callaway said.	his religious pretensions.	The plan is to go to Krishna	speaking into their brand-new	possession
- 10 C	Venta took their status quite	Callaway knew Venta because	She tells the story of how Ven-	Venta and demand a confession	tape recorder in that Tarzana hotel, there was no turning back.	The ford grotesque
10000 E. 100	seriously.	his cult headquarters was in the	ta, wielding a plastic water pistol	of crime, pretense, immorality	Sometime after midnight, one	body parts
COLUMN STREET,	Impressive titles ranging from priest to bishop to cardinal	midst of brush fire country. And	during one of his sermons,	and hypocrisy - to demand the	of these two disillusioned men	of feet awa
States of the local division of the local di	were liberally bestowed upon	Venta, who served in the Army	repeatedly squirted a woman	truth."	was seen speaking with Venta	hung eeril
1000	both men and women, such as	Medical Corp in World War II,	disciple in the face.	They wanted this unlikely	and Cardinal Gene at the Box	branch. A
1	Priest Mary and Cardinal Gene.	had become a conscientious	"He accused her of not listen-	confession to prove charges they	Canyon monastery headquarters.	the charre
1	Children and adults without ti-	volunteer firefighter.	ing. But I couldn't see where the	made two days earlier to a state	He was carrying a canvas bag.	a child's d
	tles were called "Brother" or	His followers learned first aid	lady had done anything," Brad-	attorney general's investigator.	A witness said she heard Venta	remains o
	"Sister," followed by their first	and, even in their bare feet,	ford said. The woman, who was	They had complained of Venta's	angrily ordering him off the	Survivo
100	names.	became avid volunteers for the	wearing glasses, didn't even	promiscuity with women in the	property. She said she had never	looked on,
12	Venta was referred to as	Fire Department. When a plane crashed in the	move to wipe them clear.	sect. In addition, they alleged	heard the cult leader treat any-	bleeding f
12	"Master."	Santa Susanas or after the	Other complaints about Venta,	that Venta's claim to divinity was	one with such hostility before.	debris, as
4	They all wore flowing, color-	Bakersfield earthquake in 1962,	according to Bradford and others, included that he rode in	false and that he had enslaved his followers, embezzled from them	A short time later, at 1:28 a.m. Dec. 10, there was a deafening	back the b
1000	coded robes, reflecting their	the "Barefoot Cult" members	an old, government Jeep, while	and illegally practiced medicine	blast.	blast. It be
	positions in the sect and em-	showed up as if out of nowhere.	his barefoot disciples walked;	on them.	It was heard miles away.	Some of followers
2	broidered with the letters "WKFL."	They helped with rescues or with	that his meals were better than	Their recording indicated they	Windows shattered at the Box	left in Box
70	Men grew long hair and	carrying out the dead.	his followers enjoyed; and that he	were not optimistic about getting	Canyon Fire Station cottage	he had not
0.0	beards. Women covered their	No one would have guessed how	smoked cigars, drank and gen-	Venta's cooperation. They said	across the road.	living in N
100	heads and wore no make-up.	oddly ironic this work would	erally lived higher than his fol-	they were willing to die to "rid	The two ex-cult members had	Mount Ev
(C)	And they became known as	seem one day.	lowers.	society of this man.	detonated 20 sticks of dynamite,	however,
2	"the Barefoot Cult" because	Callaway remembers Venta	D	"We may have our last night in	each containing 80 percent	dental brin
642	they never wore shoes, not even	dressed, as always, "like Jesus		this world tonight," they	nitro-glycerin - four times the	implanted
4	in the rugged terrain of Box	Christ himself," actively par-	T n 1949, Venta had another	predicted. Kamenoff left a sep-	normal concentration of ex-	Followe
5	Canyon.	ticipating in meetings of the Ventura County Firefighters	run-in with the law. He was	arate "goodbye" note to his family.	plosive.	mourn the
	The life of cult members in-	Association.	arrested and spent a few	family.	Receipts showed they were	no loss of l
	cluded "Concentrations" twice	Callaway's favorite story is	hours in jail for non-payment of		purchased at a Los Nietos oil well	Venta's
	a day, in the morning and even-	about Venta going to Chicago and	child support, and the case		supply firm. The men had said they needed it for some blasting.	an unmark Memorial
SY Y	ing, when the chapel bell tolled	using his association credentials	dragged on for six years.	T oth men had left the	Ten people were killed in the	Hollywood
2	and the entire group gathered for religious observances and	to take a fire department ride-	At first, the court told Venta to	B group in 1957. Kamenoff	explosion, including Krishna	nony=000
	lessons	along.	get a job so he could pay \$50 a	because Venta was forbidding	Venta, Muller and Kamenoff.	
	To support themselves, they	Venta went on a "resuscitator	month in support for two children	him to see his wife, who was still	Most of the victims were	1223-122
A A	worked on farms and did odd	call." When the heart attack	from a past marriage. But, according to court re-	in the cult.	mutilated or burned beyond	T n the c
	jobs in Simi Valley. They didn't	victim was coming to, he ap-	cords, Venta claimed he had no	Venta had taken Kamenoff's	recognition.	ing the truck
	ask for pay, but simply ac-	parently thought he hadn't. He	money because he lived in a	wife, Sister Nerria, with him to	Two children were among the	vided answ
	cepted whatever they were	saw the Christ-like Venta and said with terrific relief in his	commune. The state Court of	Alaska where he was establishing	dead.	tape recon
	given.	voice: "Oh Lord, I made it!"	Appeal accepted his argument. It	two new settlements - one in	Seven-year-old Keela Baker, a	there, alon
1	Also, they didn't believe in	Despite Venta's shortcomings,	said there was no evidence that	Homer and another at Kachemak	Simi Elementary School student, and her father Martin Baker, 40,	dynamite.
5. S. S.	killing anything, not even	Callaway retains a certain	Venta had any money or way of	Bay.		1.000
8 N D I	weeds. And they greeted	respect for the sect as a whole.	getting it.	Bay. Venta banned Kamenoff from	were killed. Her sister Linda, 9, was hospitalized with severe	Resident
	everyone — including outsiders — with a big bug.	"They were damn good	A dissenting justice objected		burns.	and Simi V
00000	- with a big bug.	firemen.**	that this would allow any father	been violent toward Sister Ner-	The cult's newest member,	the traged help the vi
0032	0		to join a religious cult to escape	ria. Kamenoff claimed that Venta would not allow his wife and child	11-month-old Brother Ellwyn	for food, bl
1008			child support payments.	to leave and was intercepting his	James Shanafelt, was killed	101 1000, 01
1000	A II this might have seem-	residents in	Venta's poverty, however, didn't keep him from hitting the	mail, effectively blocking him	along with his parents Cardinal	In an odd
1000	A ed pretty harmless. But outsiders who had fre-	- Simi Valley and the	gambling tables in Las Vegas.	from contacting his spouse.	Gene, 39, and Bishop Jane, 37.	story, on D the Ventur
	quent contact with the group	Susana Knolls tolerated	According to a report published	In the intervening year and a	The infant's two school-age	
800	could sense that things were	and — in some ways — even	in Newsweek, he eventually ran	half, Muller and Kamenoff ended	brothers Robert and Freddy were	Supervisor
P1000	slightly awry at the Fountain of	admired the peaceful cult.	up a \$2,900 debt which he later	up in the desert community of	orphaned.	members
633971	the World. The problem was	The cult members' children	settled for 30 cents on the dollar.	Joshua Tree. Muller, a brick		volunteer f
10000	Venta himself.	attended Simi Elementary School and were well behaved. The sect	Most of Venta's disciples ac-	mason, lived with his wife,	D	proper clot
EUROP 11	"He was one of those 'Don't do	even earned a reputation for fine	cepted his questionable habits,	Patrice. She also had been a		sideration
100	as I do, do as I say do' sort of	baking, canning and for candies	however. Perhaps they even saw	Fountain of the World member	R obert and Freddy were well known. They	
100	guys," recalls retired Fire Cap-	the members made at Christmas	religious significance in their	and still dressed like one, even though she had a teaching job in	played on local Little	The WKI
6.082	tain Audie Callaway, 72.	time.	leader's erratic behavior. But not all of them did. And not	Twentynine Palms.	League baseball teams and other	World neve
9612	Even though Callaway liked	Glyndolyn Bradford, a	surprisingly, Venta's womanizing	Muller was described in	sports teams. After the explosion.	that deadly the Box Ca
2012	Venta well enough, he could see that the religious leader was	longtime Susana Knolls-area	and manipulation of marital af-	published accounts as unstable	they went to live with relatives in	faded away
2 S	taking advantage of his position	resident, recalls being a little	fairs, even more than his	and short-tempered. His wife was	Seattle.	following h
128	and earning a reputation as a	taken in by the group at first. She	gambling and legal troubles.	said to fear him. In 1946, he	Robert, who at 13 was the	ing cult me
100	hypocrite.	and her husband had drilled	were ultimately the cause of his	served six months in jail in Santa	oldest boy in the sect, was a hero	combing th
100	Venta, according to Callaway	water wells for the sect, and afterward came to know Venta	downfall.	Monica for burglary.	on the night of the blast, helping	pectation t
202 -	and others, was a gambler and a	and his followers.		He and Kamenoff, a native of	nine other children escape from	return.
	womanizer. He thought nothing of	"I liked them very much. The		Russia and former construction	their burning dormitory.	
	blowing the collective savings of	religion was a little different than	n the evening of Dec. 9,	worker, reportedly spent long	In five minutes the building was consumed, but as if by a	In Alaski
100	his flock on the tables in Las	we're used to, but they were	1958, Ralph Muller, 33,	hours drinking beer, playing chess and arguing about religion	miracle, all 10 boys sleeping in-	Venta's leg
100	Vegas or at the Denver dog	loving people."	and Peter Kamenoff, 42,	at Muller's home.	side got out unhurt.	Klein, a Ho said there's
	tracks.	Venta could be very charming,	two unhappy, ex-followers of	It may have been during one of	At the time, newspapers quoted	trailer part
100	The men in the sect suspected	Bradford recalls. He was a	Krishna Venta, took a room in a	their chess game arguments and	Venta's 11-year-old son Sharva:	group and a
×	that Venta was sleeping with their	striking, charismatic figure and	Tarzana hotel and soberly plotted	under the influence of too many	"The shattering explosion	Park." A fe
1	wives. And they didn't approve	he preached a theory of rein-	revenge against the man they	beers that they conceived their	jarred us from our sleep. As we	Isaiah Bate
	According to Callaway, during	carnation.	believed had betrayed them.	plan to bring down Krishna	a wakened, the roof fell in on top	He runs a 1
UCLA	fire emergencies Venta slept in a	"He was interesting at least to	In an hour-long tape recording they left behind, they described	Venta.	of us. Everything seemed to	active in lo
uux.	station wagon with a different	listen to," she said.	their plan:	By the night of Dec. 9, 1958,	catch fire - our beds, the walls,	lives by the
	woman every night.	But she also saw a side to		bowever, when they were	our clothes and all of our	Foundaire of

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Next.... A 24-minute 2011 documentary

"The Fountain"

By Callie Shanafelt

When Callie Shanafelt was six years old she learned that her father grew up in a religious cult near Los Angeles where her grandparents were killed by suicide bombers in 1958. Before their death her grandparents followed Krishna Venta, a man claiming to be the second coming of Christ. To demonstrate their beliefs they pledged to live communally, go barefoot, wear color-coded robes and grow their hair long until peace and brotherly love spread throughout the world. Callie's father tried to answer her questions about the Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith and Love Fountain of the World cult but he blocked out most memories of his childhood and the night of his parent's death. The Fountain is a documentary following brothers Fred and Dick Shanafelt as they come to terms with their childhood while helping Callie on her quest to understand why her grandparents would join a cult in an era of crew-cuts.



Available on Vimeo to rent (\$1.99) or buy (\$4.99) https://vimeo.com/ondemand/thefountain

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The WKFL Crest Insignia, as seen on the Headquarters Sign outside of the Headquarters building that was blown up in 1958

Embroidered on all robes

WKFL in the center, Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Love

On the Banner KV for Krishna Venta

In the center of the Banner "Christ Immortal", written in Greek



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1950 Census Box Canyon, Simi Valley

Row 18 Krishna Venta Wife Ruth 4 children

Occupation: Teacher of Philosophy Industry: Spiritual Group

Census Taker notes: This person head of religious cult. Refused to give age & place of birth. Left an I.C.R. to be sent directly to Bureau of Census. 3 houses also listed under same number, because there is only one "head" the "Master", namely Mr. Venta

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