

Life Grows On

October, 1991. The world watched in grief and horror as land California, incinerating everything in its path. For awhile, A Uf]nb'UbXA]Y>YbgYb!5_i 'U feel safe.

..ÎK \Yb'U\ci gY'gYj YfU'a]Yg' Uk UmVUWYg'UfYznci 'Xcb'ZYY' h'fYUhbYX' 'A Uf]nb'gUng'"6i hi gccb'h Y>YbgYb!5_i 'Ug'k YfY Z'fWX'hc UMbXcb'h Yf'\ca YUg' the relentless inferno rolled near. 5 Z'f'h Y'UfYg'cfa 'dUggYX'h Y Z'la]mfYi fbYX'hc'h Yga c'Xf-]b['fi WY'"5'h'ci [\ \YUf'f'c- _Ybzh'Y>YbgYb!5_i 'Ug'k Ugh'X']h'Y'h'a Y'

..ÎH\YXUm'U'Z'f'h Y'UfY'k Ug'ci lz k YW'YX'h YUfW]h'Y' 'A]Y' gUng'"H'Yn'fYi]'h'h'Y\ci gY]b' every detail.

The garden, however, was Ubch'Yf'g'f'f'n'i 'H'Y'UfY'g']b- tense heat had left soil that was]h'Y'a c'fY'h'Ub'Ug'\Yg'"H'Y*'S' year old pines that shielded the garden were destroyed. The 7 Z'chD]h'c'g'dc'fi a g'zk \]W\UX' g'WY'YbYX'h YVUW'n'f'X'Z'ca 'h'Y' view of the neighbors, were gone. C'bY'W'U'f'Y'X'z'g'c'c'm'V'ci 'X'f'k Ug' U''h'U'f'Y'a U]b'Y'X'c'Z'h'Y'f'c'b'W' df]n'Y'X'V'U'W'n'f'X'

..ÎK Ycf][]bU'm'V'ci [\h'h'Y' \ci gY'V'W'U' gY'c'Z'h'Y'n'f'X'Z'



Marilyn says." I wanted to be U'V'Y'hc'd]W'U'V'ci ei Y'h'Z'ca 'h'Y' garden everyday. "

..; Un]b[i dcb'h Y'V'U'W'Y'Y'X' fi]b'Z'A]Y'Ub'XA Uf]nb'g'Uk U' V'Ub_'dU] Yi dcb'k \]W'h'Y'mi W'i 'X'W'a d'cg'Y'h'Y[U'f'X'Y'b'c'Z' h'Y'f'X'f'Y'U'a g'z'Z'f'Y'Z'ca 'h'Y'W'b- straits of existing plants and g'f'i W'i f'Yg'"

..Î=\UX'U'k Ung'W'Y'Y'b'U'a V]j U' Y'bh'U'V'ci h'h'U'h'[\ \D]h'c'g- dc'fi a \YX[Y'Ub'nk Un'Z' 'A]Y' says.

..H'Y'n'f'i W'Y'X']b[('S'n'f'X'g'c'Z' gc]'Ub'X[f'U'X' U'n'ig'cd'Y'X'h'Y' V'U'W'n'f'X'U'k Un'Z'ca 'h'Y'\ci gY'" 7f'Ub'Y'g'X'f'c'dd'Y'X'i [Y'V'ci '-

ders into place, and landscape contractor Chris Hecht created a series of low stone retaining walls that terrace the slope into 'Yj Yg'"6 Yfa g\Y][\h'Y'b'h'Y' separation between spaces and a U_Y'h'Y[U'f'X'Y'b'g'Y'Ya "Uf[Yf" ..5'd]W'i f'Y'gei Y'_c]'Ub'X'']m' dcb'X'W'U]a g'h'Y\ Y'U'f'hc'Z'h'Y' landscape. Originally the Z'la]m'Y'bj]g]c'b'Y'X'g'ca Y'h']b[' ga U'z'Vi h'cb'W'h'Y'V'U'W'\c'Y' rolled onto the scene, plans got bigger - so big, in fact, A]Y'Z'Y'h'h'X'U'h'Y'h'a Y'h'U'i Îk Y\Uj Y'U_Y'H'U'c'Y]b'h'Y' V'U'W'n'f'X'Î' 'H'Y'ga U''X'Y'U\UX' V'Y'W'a Y'U'%SL %]Z'ch'V'U'W'n'f'X'



Hecht says.
 ...H\ci [\ h YnUFXk Ug'gW`dhYX
 VYU hZ `mk]h `dcbXgZghcbYgZ
 UbXVYfa gZU`]b[]hik]h `d'Ublg'
 k UgbñiUVfYnY"
 ...ÎH Ya U]b`dfcVYa ž `gUng'
 d'Ubl]b['XYg] bYf`@i fU8 YCa YZ
 "was that the site was so ex-
 dcgYXVYU gYcZh Y`cgg`cZU`
 the tree cover. I had no idea it
 was going to be as windy and
 hot and cold as it was."
 ...5 bch Yf`WU`Yb[Y]g'h Uhi
 A]_ YW`YMg'd'Ublg'"5 gZf Ug'
 \Yg`WbWfbYXza cfYa Yubg'
 better, and he rarely wants a
 d'Ubl]b'a cfYh Ub`cbYUFYU`
 H\YhUg_ k Ug'hc`_ Yd`]hZca VY-
 W/a]b[U`i a VY`8 YCa Y[Uj Y'
 h Y[UFXb'i b]m]k]h k \]hYgZ
 d]b_ gZdi fd`YgZUbXVi Yg/mY-
 lows and reds add accent.
 ...H\YUFYubYUFYghh Y\ci gY]g'
 an open lawn. Nearby is a se-
 W XbXbcc_ Zcf'a YX]hU]cb'"5`
 lower level contains raised beds
 Zcf` YfVg`UbXWhUck YfgZUbX
 Uga U`[fYyb\ci gYUbXg]cf-
 U] YVi]`X]b[`ghUbXg`]b UVchca`
 corner of the garden.
 ...Î5 `chcZdYcd`Y]b h YUfY'
 UFYUdi h h Yf'a cbYnVUW`]bhc`
 Z fb]li fYUbXh Y\ci gYž` A Uf]-
 `nb`gUng'"ÎK Ydi hci fg`]bhc` h Y'
 yard. We have always been
 ci hXccf`dYcd`YÎ

WbhYfd]YWZWa d`YhYk]h U`ck`
 waterfall.
 ...H\Y) !Zc hXYd`dcbXXc Ygbñi
 gYYa `Ug`j UghVYU gY'a cfUfYX`
 stones cantilever over the edge,
 gca Yha Yg'a cfYh Ub`&ZYhZhc`
 dfchWUg` fUW`cbg'"I bXYfk Uhf`
 fcW`ghYdg'a U_ Y]hYUgm]c [Yhici h
 cZh YdcbX]bWgYgca YcbYUW`
 dentally falls in (which Casey the
 Zla]`mXc[ž` Ug`]'i ghUHXL'"5 g`UV`
 cZghcbYZfa gUfci [\ V]X] Y`5 bX`

the entire
 gWYa Y
 revolves
 Ufci bXh Y'
 ÚfY]gWffYX`
 Vci `XYf"
 "We left
 h YVUW`-
 YbYXfcW`
 Ug`Ua Ya c-
 rial to the
 old garden,"

