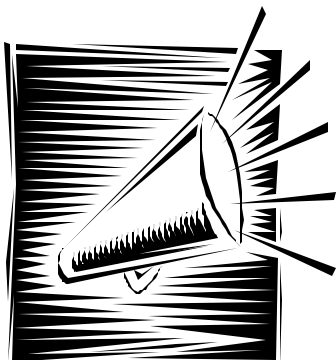


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SOUND OFF

By Bob Steinkraus

Several folks have asked me why I always finish this column with "Peace in the Valley."

Then I realized that many of you were not here when the columnist laureate of PVE appeared in this fish wrapper for many months prior to departing this veil of tears. So, with that in mind we decided to reprint his articles for your enjoyment. I believe that even the old timers will get a kick out of them.

His heading was always the same and reflected his mandate to say whatever came to mind. No editing.

THIS AND POSSIBLY THAT

By Jim Wirrick

Subject: After action report (Army talk for describing what happened)

To All Hands (Navy talk presumably referring to the entire body aboard)

In the eye, as well as the remaining cortical tissue of this more than casual observer, the rather elaborate affair (asexual) preceding dedication of the "Great Wall" (a.k.a. "Wall of Remembrance") receives a 9.4 on a scale of 10. (Ever notice when you are personally involved you tend to grade more generously?)

Free wine (red and white...and not cheap stuff either) plus free and good goodies (a.k.a. hors d'oeuvres) almost always ("always

requires a modifier such as almost) brings a crowd. And it (they) did. The M.P. (many productions) room was teeming (as in swarm).

Following Ray Stewart's history of this endeavor (Ray Tylutki started it all—Ray Stewart nurtured it) the committee introduced his team. (I've heard shorter eulogies.) Then a committee person introduced the chairman (ditto). For a minute there I thought we were playing "This is Your Life" just like on TEE VEE! Or do you remember? Try.

Following this gala, on to the unveiling (also asexual) went those pretty, mellow (note the comma) ladies and even more mellow gentlemen. For those of you who were hard at work, too busy, or simply too disinterested, you may wish to know this happening happened at the bar (a.k.a. Lounge). Right there on a brightly lighted wall (the very best kind for display purposes) was a culmination (wend) of serious, if often stumbling, effort by several of your neighbors. Despite their amateur status (save for Steve Mattingly, professional hanger) most of you seemed pleased with the result. I say most, bearing in mind the question of one observer, "Why was this done?" Or the comment of another, "Too bad the frames are all the same color." I quickly judged both of these comments to be of a negative nature and recalled Senôr Lincoln's "You can please (sic) some of the people....". So..no more

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THE POET AND THE ENGINEER

By Betty St George

Both Elly and Otto were born in Illinois but didn't meet until Elly was in Junior College and Otto was finishing his engineering degree at the University of Wisconsin. They met at a French-German Club Christmas dance. The clubs usually had separate dances; however this particular year they decided to have a joint affair. Otto attended with his brother who was a student at the JC. Otto spied Elly across the room and promptly asked his brother who she was. Next thing you know, he was cutting in on her. One might say the rest is history.



Elly and Otto were married six days after Pearl Harbor on the day Otto graduated from Aviation Cadet School in engineering. Otto was a ground officer in charge of maintenance. They went from Chanute AFB to Texas, then to Pendleton, Oregon to join the 17th Bomb Group of B-25's. It was the group that flew off the Hornet to bomb Japan later. Otto had his first ride in a B-25 with Ted Lawson as the pilot. As Otto said, "He was the guy who wrote Sixty Seconds Over Tokyo."

The 34th Bomb Group arrived at Pendleton. They were a heavy bombardment unit with B-17's and B-24's and Otto was assigned to them. Next move was with this Group to Davis-Monthan Field in Tucson, AZ. There weren't many planes available so the ones they had flew day and night and required maintenance around the clock. This

was a three-month stint, then off to Geiger Field in Spokane, WA where the 351st Bomb Group was formed with B-17's. They had Col. Hatcher as the commanding officer. Clark Gable joined their Group when they went to Vick's Field in El Paso, Texas, two months later off to Pueblo, CO for two months and then overseas to England to join the 8th Air Force. Elly was able to travel with Otto. She saw a good portion of the western U.S. in those early days of her marriage before Otto left for overseas. Elly returned home to Berwin, Illinois, seven months pregnant and stayed with her mother until Otto's return. Daughter, Nancy was celebrating her second birthday when Daddy arrived home.

In England, Otto was stationed in the midlands at Polebrook Air Base. Elly and Otto have visited there several times and last year attended a reunion there.

Otto came home to work on a special project called the "Honey Project." They allowed them a month's R&R in Florida, and before the month was up WW II came to an end, the Honey Project was cancelled. Being a civilian at heart, Otto left the service but remained in the Reserves for a while. Chevron claimed his talents for the next several years. Elly said, "He traveled all the time." If he was to be away more than six months the family was allowed to go with him. A big project in France, gave Elly and the children the opportunity to spend a couple of years there. After that there were stops in New Jersey and Iowa but they finally returned to California...Concord. The family now includes four children, Nancy, Scott, Lacey and Debbie. They built a home in Moraga where they lived 34 years prior to coming to PVE.

Elly's activities included a great deal of volunteering, Women's Clubs, Brownie and Girl Scout leader; Children's Hospital in Oakland, church work, and Cub Scouts too. She related a story about scouting in Paris. Each week she took the scouts swimming as none of the other mothers would drive in the hectic Paris traffic.... remember the one on the right always had the right of away. Her efforts afforded her a marvelous opportunity to represent the Paris Girl Scout Council in 1956 at the Jamboree in Switzerland at the

ACCEPTANCE AT PVE

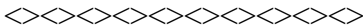
By Paul Bergerot,
Chairman NCROC BOARD

(Ed: Paul placed this information in my box with a request that it be published.)

I have often been asked by residents, as well as those interested in possibly joining the PVE community, "What criteria determines acceptance at PVE?" First and foremost, our purpose is to provide a premier continuing care retirement community for retired and former military officers and their spouses. We also reserve a limited number of slots on the waiting list for non-military related individuals who are sponsored by residents.

That being said, the process for determining whether or not an applicant qualifies for residency at PVE begins with our receiving a completed application. The application is reviewed in two important areas: a.) financial capability and b.) health status.

An applicant's assets and income are projected into the future as well as anticipated expenses and to determine if there will be sufficient income to cover future expenses. Concurrently, a prospective resident is asked to complete a health status questionnaire and include a personal physician's report. These are reviewed to determine appropriateness of placement and whether or not PVE can provide both present and future services as needed within the parameters of State regulations. Final approval rests with the NCROC Board.



PRECIPITATION

By Pete Palmos

The following is the amount of precipitation recorded on a rain gauge located on Estates Drive:

2000—2001

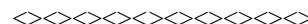
Month	To Date
Sep .05	.05
Oct 4.02	4.07
Nov 1.28	5.35
Dec 1.17	6.52
Jan 4.06	10.58
Feb 4.20	14.78 (thru. Feb. 20th)

Last year through February 20th, 19.97 inches of rain was recorded at PVE.

Bill Johnson, who lives on Constitution Ave., has also been recording rain at PVE. Sometimes his measurements are different than the amounts recorded by me. We have decided to average the amounts recorded when they are different.

The official rain for the City of Fairfield is measured at Travis AFB. The total through February 20th was 9.28 inches. Normal season to date is 15.21 inches.

As a matter of interest, the storm that passed through PVE between February 13th and the 20th, deposited 3.3 inches of rain.



SOUND OFF (con't)

free wine and cheese for those two....'86 'em Joe! Whilst quoting, *mas ou memos*,this from Gertrude Stein ...“If you can't say anything nice about anything, please come sit by me.” A final grade for this project must await an appropriate gestation period affording more than your casual glance.

A shade over 40% of us contributed staff and/or money to this effort. Viewed from the perspective of a ball player who hits but three out of ten times at bat and thereby earns a mil or two each nine months, this ain't bad (30% right?). On the other hand, a 40% grade won't get you thru high school. Even today! And try a 40% grade on your bike---going either way. So much for important vital statistics.

Please keep your memorabilia coming. This is to be a dynamic (changing) display. No cards or letters please. And recall... your self-aggrandizement stuff looks better on your own wall.

Should any of you harbor, or even hold, grandiose or even grand ideas for improving the compound (most of us left the campus some time ago) try to exclude (keep out) anything of a technical (complicated) nature requiring talent, skill, imagination, perseverance, artistry or schooling. Our time grows short.

And always remember, he (or she) who laughs last may simply be slower of mind. Far more comfortable than slow of foot.

Peace in the Valley!

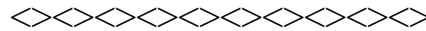
(Ed. This was originally published in September 1999. Jim was referring to the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the Wall of Rememberance in The Club.)

Speaking of The Club. I found out why they do not offer jug Chardonnay along

with or instead of Chablis. Turns out they are limited to one red and one white and the Chef likes to cook with Chablis.

Oh well!

And as 'ole buddy Jim used to say “Peace in the Valley.”



PVE MARKETING NEWS

By Patti Luccioni

Move-Ins for the Month of February, 2001

Gawood, Dewey, LtCol. USAF(Ret) & Eleanor
5301 Peace Court
Lompoc, CA

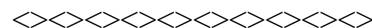
Myers, Stephen, Maj., USAR(Ret) & Jean
1202 Estates Drive
Lake Tahoe, CA

John and Jean Kersten
5403 Victory Court
Osprey, FL

Marketing Events for March, 2001

March 12 — Ambassador Update

March 22 — Prospect Luncheon



CRACKED EARTH

By Ancil Baker

My mind is like lightning - one brilliant flash and it's gone!

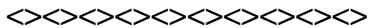
There I was, 20,000 feet, right side up, four churning, none burning, driving a Boeing KC-97 (tanker) on a direct flight from Lincoln AFB, Nebraska to Castle AFB, Merced, California to pickup a used Boeing B-47. Suddenly, from out of the corner of my left eye, I caught a glimpse of an extremely narrow crack in Mother Earth's surface with steep and plunging walls. From up there it looked to be about a yard wide and bottomless for about fifteen miles.

My first thought was "earthquake" because as a young 'okey' from way out west of Muskogee, I always thought that an earthquake was defined as an opening up of the earth into a devouring crevasse. Consulting my map, for a change, instead of my book of electronic navigation aids, I found that I was right over the Virgin River where it dug its way through Zion National Park.

Twenty years or so later after I quit flying, I got to visit on the ground some of the awesome sights I was privileged to see from the air. Sure enough, where the Virgin River exits its narrow canyon and flows into Zion National Park, it really does look like you could stand in the middle with water half way to your knees and almost touch the walls with outstretched arms. Of course it really is slightly wider than that but not much, and those canyon walls go straight up – like two to three thousand feet.

The only other canyon wall I have seen so tall and so perpendicular is the eastern-most overlook at Canyon de Chelly where the park service installed a metal railing to enable observers to lean out and look straight down some 800 feet at horses and riders below. Our state of Utah alone possess sights never to be seen on any cruise ship.

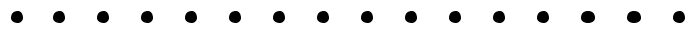
By the way, if you think nobody cares for you – don't file an Income Tax Return this year!



THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

By Elly Vasak

- The green shades of Ireland are calling me, calling me.
- Let's go together to tread the auld sod.
- Me mither has told me the lore of the Leprechauns.
- Sure 'tis the Irish are favored by God.
- We'll drink of the mead there in Bunratty's castle.
- We'll join in the dancing and jiggging with all.
- We'll ride in the jaunting carts all thru the country.
- We'll dine at high table at Trinity Hall.
- It's sure and begorra we'll see Tipperary.
- We'll see where the waters of Glendalough fall.
- We'll visit the towns on the green Ring of Kerry.
- We'll gaze at the mountains of old Donegal.
- St. Paddy himself drove the snakes out of Ireland,
- So we wear the shamrock lest any forget.
- He saved the O'Reilly's, O'Malley's and Murphy's,
- The salt of the earth, and they're here with us yet.



GOURMET CORNER

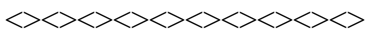
By Mike Michael

Our major issue has already been covered in the *“Friday Flash”* (02/16/01)—yes, making reservations for five or more at meals. Please read it.

Good news: Saturday night Chef’s Dinners will be reinstated shortly in *THE CAFE*. If you are already signed up from last year, you will still be on the rotation list. If you are fairly new, and interested, sign up in the Green Binder at the Reception Desk.

The major meal with the lowest turn out during the week is Sunday Brunch. The Committee concluded that this was not a matter of concern. The other major meal is Saturday evenings. To draw Residents away from that meal, and relieve some of the congestion, Saturday’s noon menu will be the same as for the evening meal.

A number of mundane topics were also discussed, including: (1) Removal of spots from chairs; (2) Replacement of stained glassware; (3) Request for a 15 meal plan—referred to Mr. Mattingly with little enthusiasm; (4) Replacement of ‘lost’ silverware (apparently some of it has legs); (5) Free drink for birthday people (Answer - - No!); (6) Wait Staff assigned as “Expeditors” in the kitchen to help move orders along; (7) Jug wine is selling very well—to the surprise of some of our connoisseurs; and (8) You should notice that, thanks to new carafes, your coffee is now much hotter.



A HORROR STORY

By Irwin Rosin

I have a horror story that I hesitated writing about, but am doing so because it is part of WW II History. To this day, I still get a down feeling when I think about it. Shortly after arriving at Sugamo Prison in Tokyo in late 1947, as one of the two doctors on duty, where the Japanese accused of crimes against humanity were confined, I was summoned to the Commandant’s office. He wanted me to check out a Japanese lieutenant, a prisoner, who had tried to commit suicide by rolling his bed sheet rope-like, tied one end around his neck and the other around the radiator in his cell, and twisting himself around and around. However, he was spotted by an MP guard and stopped. He was then placed in an isolation cell, and now the Commandant wanted me to examine him and decide if it was medically reasonable to put him back with the other prisoners.

I set out that afternoon for the lieutenant’s cell accompanied by a Japanese prisoner/interpreter. I soon became curious about the interpreter as he spoke perfect English without an accent. As we walked, he explained that he was a Nisei born and raised in California and a graduate of the University of Southern California in 1941. His father sent him to Japan to learn Japanese traditions and customs and he got caught up in the war. When we reached the isolation cell, the Japanese lieutenant came to his feet and stood at attention. I asked him why he was a prisoner at Sugamo. His story, told in a calm voice, totally shocked me—and I remember it vividly to this day.

During the war, he had been in charge of a Japanese army platoon in the Philippines. Every few days he was given an updated list of villages “to be dealt with.” To explain: after the Japanese occupied the Philippines in 1941-42, the American troops and Filipinos fled into the bush and carried out guerilla warfare as best they could. The Japanese decided that the village closest to the guerilla activity would pay the penalty for this event. The lieutenant would lead his platoon “to the village to be punished.” He would order the villagers to dig a ditch at the village edge—mostly old men, women, children—the young men hav-

AWAY WE GO

By Liz Wildberger

Wait! Is it a bird? Is it a plane?? No, it's SUPERBUS! That blue and white cloud that just sped by was our own PVE passenger carrier rushing off to a new day's adventure.

The month of March has a clogged calendar of events ranging from musical offerings to garden visits. On **Thursday, March 1**, a performance by the Mingus Big Band will engage jazz buffs. The UC, Davis programs have been very popular, and this tribute to the great sounds produced by multi-instrument bands is sure to be a toe-tapping time. **Wednesday, March 7** is the date selected by Corinne Ekern and her committee to feature storytelling by Mike Wilson. He specializes in the life of Jack London, the California author who lived in Sonoma as well as in Oakland. The program will take place here at PVE at 7:30 in the evening. Corinne's group has been very effective in bringing interesting and talented performers to our community. Circle the date for an entertaining evening with a skilled storyteller. On **Thursday, March 8**, a trip to San Francisco is scheduled to visit the Rainforest Café. This restaurant is a newly opened, multi-level complex. Participants in the PVE-sponsored tour will arrive before the café opens for a private tour by the "curator" who will lecture on rainforests, endangered species and point out exhibits throughout the restaurant. Then, surrounded by banyan trees, with gorillas nearby, lunch will be served. Frogs, snakes, birds and butterflies abound and one room has an underwater décor. Every 22 minutes the lights dim as thunderstorms crash overhead! Early sign-up is recommended for this Safari-sans-sunscreen. An additional treat will be a stop at Pier 39 to enjoy the beauty of spring flowers, or you may wish to browse in the Wax Museum. This is guaranteed to be a wonderful day. If you survive the Bwana-like atmosphere of Thursday's outing, you may be ready for a whale-watching expedition on **Friday, March 9**. Hardy, dramamine-fortified residents will gather at Half-Moon Bay for an afternoon of whale-watching. The gray whales are returning from their southern sojourn, and certified naturalists aboard the vessel will help residents locate and enjoy the leviathan antics of these incredible whales. The last whale-watching

trip included (at *no extra charge*), a dramatic storm at sea, featuring waves higher than the boat, but those who survived the excitement still talk about the adventure. The Norwegian Children's Dancers return to PVE for a performance on **Saturday, March 10**, at 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. These delightful young dancers, costumed in colorful traditional clothing entertained PVE audiences several months ago, and their return should provide an afternoon of fun for all. The eighth annual Napa Valley Mustard Festival will attract residents on **Sunday, March 11**. The Marketplace is the signature event of the Mustard Festival. Participants will discover the best of Napa Valley and taste mustards from around the world, take in celebrity chef cooking demonstrations, and enjoy bountiful displays and generous tastes of food and wine. This showcase has been a hit since its inception. An abundance of large, festive white tents and four enormous buildings will ensure Festival-goers' comfort in the event of cloudy skies. The Philharmonia Baroque will perform a concert of Mozart compositions on **Wednesday, March 14**, at the Dean Leshner Center in Walnut Creek. Here at home, on the same evening, **Wednesday, March 14**, Walter Robie, an artist friend of Bud and Marion Card, will present a slide show on the Northern California coast. Mr. Robie will be remembered for his program "Sandscapes" which he brought to PVE last summer. Creative and artistic in style, the program includes music appropriate to the visuals. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the PVE Multipurpose Room. *Faith and B'gorra, it's that time again!* For all the Irish folk (real and honorary) at PVE, a program of Irish music and Blarney at the White Barn in St. Helena will take place on **Friday, March 16** at 8 p.m. Featuring the duo, Kith & Kin, this is a wonderful way to celebrate the wearin' of the green. After spending an evening drinking green beer and swaying to "When Irish Eyes are Smilin," it will probably be a welcome relief to travel to the Davis Community Church on **Sunday, March 18** for a piano recital. "Music for Two Pianos, Eight Hands" will be presented at 4 p.m. at the church. If you didn't get to see the snow-capped peaks of Twin Sisters, you will be given another opportunity to enjoy the

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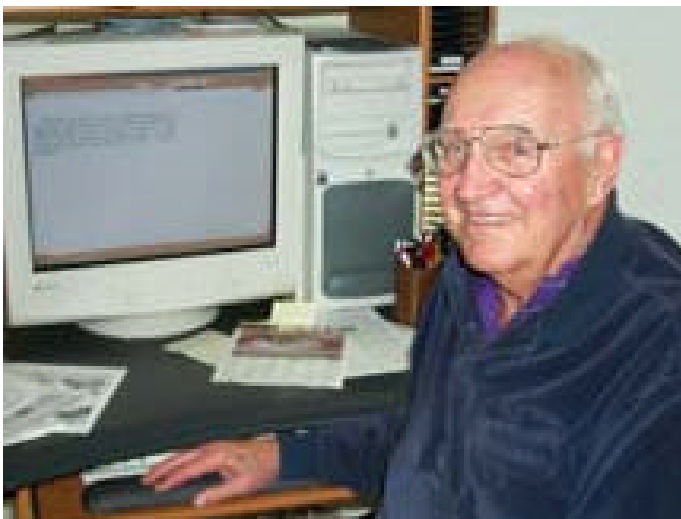
By Bob Steinkraus

This month we introduce you to two additional members of the *Elysian Fields* staff, Betty St George and myself. Betty our Biographical Editor



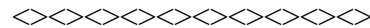
from the start, with the initial, delightful interview with our oldest *working* resident (and he still is) Ray Graves and his wife Virginia.

Betty owned and managed a bookstore for many years before moving here and was requested to be the editor, but declined. Betty is another of the ten per centers who seem to be active on many fronts. She was the Vice President of the initial Residents Council, teaches a bridge class at the PVE college of extended knowledge, is a member of the Welcoming and Library Committees, is a volunteer driver, has been a member of



the *Not Quite Ready for Prime Time Players*, is a lector at our church services and serves the community at large as Precinct Inspector during elections, and is President of the Solono Republican Women Federation.

Then there's Bob Steinkraus, Managing Editor. He can't match Betty's record but has been fairly busy since arriving at PVE. He was a member of the committee that formulated the original bylaws for the Residents Council, was President of the initial Residents Council, started the PVE golf group long since taken over by John Kroyer, has been a member of the *Not Quite Ready For Prime Time Players*, sings with the PVE Choral, is a lector at PVE church services, does volunteer driving and co-established this fish wrapper.



FROM "THE NET"

A teacher asked her third grade pupils to write about how they spent the Spring break holiday. One child wrote:

We always used to spend the holiday with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live here in a big brick house, but Grandpa got *retarded* and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a place with a lot of other *retarded* people. They live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass.

They ride around on big tricycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a *wrecked* center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all right now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they jump up and down in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. Then they go cruising in their golf carts.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night: "Early Birds." Some of the people can't get past the man in the doll house to go out.

PAWS AT PARADISE

By Freddi Miller

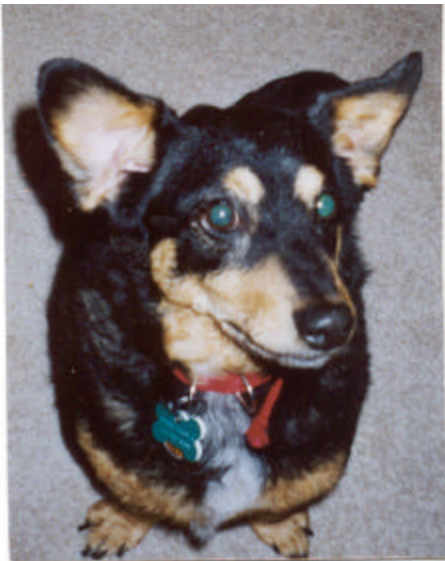
Eighteen busy Residents - about 50% of the dog owners - took the time to attend the Dog Club Meeting in January. An interesting video, "Pets Helping People: Pet Partners Program" (produced by the Delta Society), was shown and received favorable comments. It was helpful in training owners who take their dogs to visit patients in the Health Center. Kim Adams, from Laurel Creek Activities Office gave a brief talk on how Residents may arrange to have their dogs visit our Health Center.

Before the meeting adjourned, Acting President Bill Johnson reemphasized our responsibility as **good neighbors** to keep pets on leash while outside and to be sure to pick up after our pets whenever they leave a friendly deposit on the walkways, lawns, or wherever!! And—to hush our dogs whenever their barking is disturbing others...no matter if they are tied near a community building or in their own home-runs.

If there are residents who have dogs but have not been receiving the occasional Dog Club publications, we'd like to know who you are so that you can be included in the group. Just call Bill Johnson at 432-1370....and let him know.

At the End of the Lead

Two dogs that responded to my request for more PVE dog bios were featured in the February Issue of *Elysian Fields*: The "tail" of **CHARLIE**,

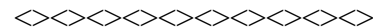


aka Prince Charles of PVE, was the third dog to "write" his own story: "I like to believe that I was to the manor born, quite possibly a descendant of a Corgi from the kennels of Queen Elizabeth. My lineage is question-

able due to some misalliance and misadventures of ancestors, and how and why I ended up in the Solano Animal Shelter is a mystery to me. What a dismal place! But a lady from PVE noticed me—I did perform some fancy sit-ups and paw waving for attention—and she selected me for adoption. **WHAT LUCK!** (*Charlie* should have told us—that lady was his wonderful owner, Pen Henry, Building 1000.) I am skittish about noises—especially bagpipes—but I really like all people and am so happy to live here...."



SHANDRA'S formal education is somewhat limited so she didn't write her own story, but her mistress gives her credit for hijacking "Why It's Great to be a Dog" from the *Reader's Digest*. (These will appear in later "Paws" accounts.) **Shandra** is an eight year old Maltese/Poodle-mix and having resided at PVE for three years is well known among the human and canine Residents. Besides looking forward to morning walks (and sometimes in between) she likes to listen to classical music and to con Security personnel for doggie cookies down at the Guard House. She is ecstatic when told to go get in the car. If it's raining, not to worry, **Shandra** has an umbrella on her lead and her mistress, Helen Alexander, will be in her raincoat at the other end of the lead. They reside on Independence Drive in Casa Cantelomis.



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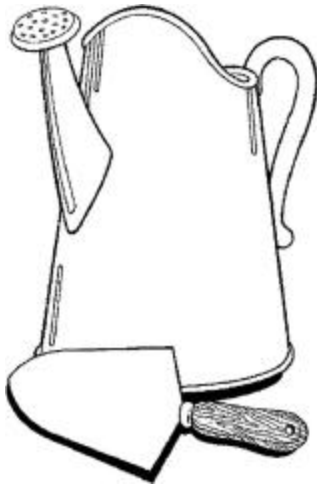
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COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

By Jan Holderness

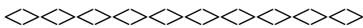
“If you want to be happy for all your life long become a gardener”



Gardener's are waiting patiently until April when they hope to be back to their plots for the spring and summer seasons. The garden design will be changed to accommodate the new parking lot, but it will be improved by new drainage and better soil. The brick centerpiece will not be effected. Personalized bricks tell a wonderful story of our first three years here. Check it out.

These bricks can be ordered from Jan Holderness, or Pat Orme for only \$35.00.

Fred Schaffer has been making redwood flower boxes for many residents. To date all are 6 to 8 inches high and 4 to 8 feet long. They are bottomless, resting on the ground which will allow moisture to migrate upward and roots to expand into the soil. A box with redwood trim may be seen at 5707 Flag Court. Boxes without trim, but in various configurations suited to resident's homes may be seen at: 5107, 5110-5111 Independence Drive, and 4017-4018, 4024 Constitution Ave. Planter boxes with bottoms suitable for placement on walks or driveways (or on the ground if desired) can also be constructed. Residents who would like to have similar boxes may contact Fred by leaving a note in his in-house mailbox 4017.



COMPUTER USER GROUPS (CUG)

By Dominic Battistella

The **BASIC Computer Group** met on Friday, February 2nd. Thirty-seven members attended the meeting conducted by the Gearhart's son Kurt. The meeting started with a short review of some basics from previous meeting handouts. The highlight of the evening was a CD handout made (burned in computer language) by Kurt for each member at the meeting. The CD's included 15 Programs or Applications among which was a program for keeping track of passwords, a WinZip program, Split-it program, picture applications and a 123 Solitaire program.

The **INTERNET Computer User Group** met



on Friday, February 9th. Only twenty-seven members braved the elements on a stormy night and were treated to a well prepared informative session conducted by Jackie Peterson.

A short session sharing computer VICTORIES and FRUSTRATIONS with members was followed by an introduction to Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 from our Professor Teaches CD. Topics included were - "What is Internet Explorer, the Internet Explorer screen, linking to websites, navigating pages and closing Internet Explorer."

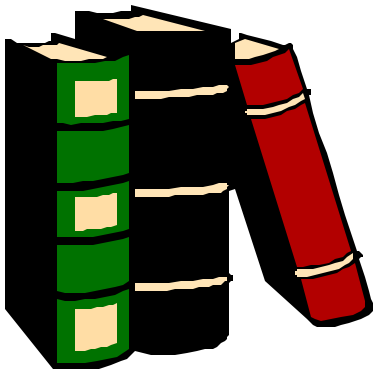
While Jack Lindeman was enjoying a Florida vacation last week, his **Macintosh CUG** meeting scheduled for Friday, February 16th was replaced by a Computer Program for all residents at 1:00 PM in the MPR. Our guest speaker for this meeting was Willow Miranda, Community Manager for the SENIOR.com website working out of Sebastopol, Ca. Her website is probably the best online source of information for Seniors covering many subjects. Included are Health, Travel, Gardening, Poetry, Painting, Reading, Chat rooms, Forums, Widow and Widower section, Links you'll love on the internet, and helpful hints as well as Questions and Answers from Readers.

Handouts from this meeting are available in our Mail Room. The next meeting for the **BASIC**

FROM YOUR LIBRARY

By Bev Clemson, Head Bookie

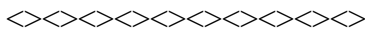
We are taking it a section at a time to explain to you what it is about. When you walk into the library. The desk-like arrangement at the right holds talking books and cassette tapes in the top drawer and VCR tapes in the next two drawers. As yet there is no special order. You can pull the drawer out so you can see the back, if you tug a little.



On the top of the desk are cassettes of the entire Bible given to us by the Aurora Company. There are Bible lessons too in there.

We have now received a new image enlarging machine that will be a great aid to the visually impaired.

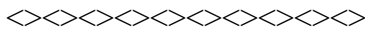
PUT YOUR BOOK DONATIONS IN THE BOX IN THE COMPUTER ROOM.



FROM THE "NET" (con't)

So, the ones who do get out bring food back to the *wrecked* center and call it pot luck.

Grandma says grandpa worked all his life to earn his *retardment* and says I should work hard so I can be *retarded* someday too. When I earn my *retardment* I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their Grandkids.

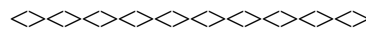
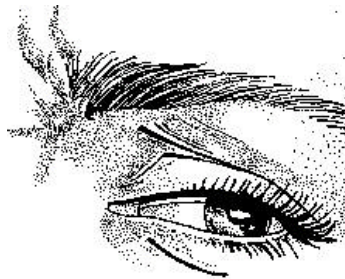


COMPUTER USER GROUP (con't)

Group on March 2nd is **cancelled** due the Computer Program being held for ALL residents that same afternoon at 1:30 PM in the MPR. The guest speaker for this Program is Mr. Eric Johnston, Microsoft Marketing Rep. for Northern California. The Topic of the meeting will be-- "Bringing the richness and convenience of Digital Media and Entertainment tools to home computers." This will also include working with Windows ME and Windows Media Player 7. Again, this meeting is for ALL PVE residents - please put Friday, March 2nd on your calendar so we can have a good turnout for Mr. Johnston's presentation.

REMINDERS - Unless notified otherwise - the **BASIC CUG** meets on the first Friday - the **INTERNET CUG** meets on the second Friday, and the **MAC CUG** meets on the third Friday of each month. Current PC and MAC magazines are available in the small library along with a Computer which is on the Internet. Two other computers are available for resident use in the REC Hall and one of these is online. Volunteers are still needed to back up our Group Leaders - anyone interested please call me at 421-8676.

EYE ON THE INTERNET - For USAA members, their website - www.usaa.com is offering a FREE downloading for Quicken's Turbo Tax to do your taxes for last year - it is fairly easy to use and only costs \$14.95 for the 1040 and \$9.95 for the 540 to send the forms to the IRS online. Kiplinger is also offering a similar program on www.taxcut.com. Stay tuned.



AWAY WE GO (con't)

awesome white stuff when the Snow Train to Reno chugs out of the station on **Tuesday, March 20** for two days of adventure in the casinos and showplaces before returning to PVE on **Thursday, March 22**. Participants in an earlier Snow Train trip praised both the fun and the beauty of the trip. If one's taste turns to more Spring-like settings, a trip to the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco to view "Bouquets d'Art" on **Thursday, March 22** should be a satisfying experience. This botanical extravaganza includes huge arrangements of natural flowers, and examples of flowers in art, filling the galleries of the museum. Lunch at the Museum Café is an added treat as participants leisurely peruse the beautiful bouquets throughout the museum. The National Orchestra of Spain performs at UC Davis, on **Friday evening, March 23**. This renowned group of musicians are known for their dazzling performance style. Ballet enthusiasts will thrill to a full-length performance of "Sleeping Beauty" when it is performed in San Francisco on **Saturday, March 24**. A PVE audience will step inside the magic and grandeur of this fairy tale classic set to one of Tchaikovsky's most familiar and romantic scores. Filled with an array of vibrant characters, spectacular dance and lavish scenery and costumes, the production is the centerpiece of the San Francisco ballet season. On the following day, **Sunday, March 25**, residents can continue to indulge their romantic fantasies at the San Francisco Garden Show. "Flower Power", the 2001 Garden Show theme is full of ideas, inspiration and shopping at the most revered and revolutionary flower and garden show in California. There will be twenty-three magical gardens, lectures and seminars, exotic orchids, perfectly sculpted bonsai, graceful Ikebana and shimmering pools of koi, and gourmet food opportunities abound. The Solano Symphony has chosen "Great Composers" as the theme for their concert on **Sunday, March 25**, so if one's taste runs to familiar classical music rather than gardens, this concert offers a pleasant option and will be followed by dinner at Merchant and Main restaurant in Vacaville. **Thursday, March 29**, garden lovers will travel to Daffodil Hill in historic Amador County "Gold Country." This lovely country setting includes acres of

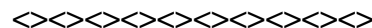
spring flowers, notably the daffodil in all its shapes, colors and varieties. A picnic lunch in a grove replete with preening peacocks provides a delightful outdoor experience. The month of March ends on a sporting note. The final spring training game between the San Francisco Giants



and the Oakland "A's" promises to be one of the best games of the summer, according to sports guru Bill Armentrout. **Saturday, March 31**, the PVE bus will rumble forth, filled with loud and raucous fans. March activities come in like a lion with big band sounds, and go out like a lamb? Not likely.

Upcoming April Events for Long-Term Planners

- Sunday, April 1:** Richard Goode, pianist, UC Berkeley
- Tuesday, April 3:** Jarvis Winery Tour III
- Thursday, April 5:** Antique Plaza in Roseville
- Friday, April 6:** "Love, Sex and the I.R.S." Dreamweavers Theater, Napa
- Sunday, April 8:** "Taming of the Shrew", Dean Leshner Center, Walnut Creek
- Wednesday, April 11:** Mark Morris Dance Group, UC Davis
- Thursday, April 12:** Mare Island Tour
- Thursday, April 19:** V.G. Buck Olive Oil Company, local wineries, lunch at Vintage
- Sunday, April 22:** Richard Stoltzman Clarinet Fever, Marin Symphony
- Wednesday, April 25:** Carnegie Jazz Band, UC Davis
- Thursday, April 26:** State Capitol, California State Museum
- Saturday, April 28:** Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, UC Berkeley



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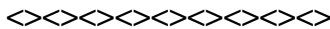
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