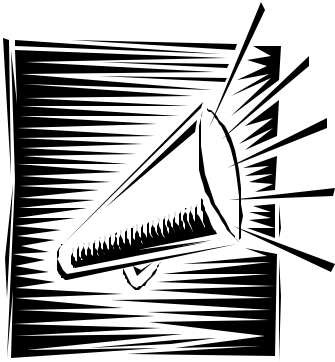


# ELYSIAN FIELDS

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## SOUND OFF

By Bob Steinkraus

We are inaugurating a new segment with this issue. It features original works by a number of our residents in the form of creative anecdotes and tales. All residents are invited to participate in this effort.

Handwritten is just fine, we'll take care of formatting and assist with editing, if required. Personal experiences or a story made up of whole cloth all qualify. There is a lot of talent here, let's explore it.

It has come to my attention that the French Government is issuing a certificate to recognize the participation of all American and allied service members who took part in the Normandy landing and contributed to the liberation of France. Key dates are June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945. No posthumously awarded certificates will be issued. Eligible TROA: veterans may call 1-800-245-8762 to request an application and a list of French Consulates in the U.S. Those with Internet access may also visit <http://www.info-france-usa.org>. The application and copies of documented proof of service in France should be sent to the nearest Consulate General of France. Because documentation will not be returned, copies, not originals, should be submitted.

The musings that follow are taken from the many items that pass through my PVE mail box and reflect how we get a chuckle out of aging gracefully.

Here is what the future looked like as seen in 1950:

- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long until \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter."
- "The Government is wanting to get its

hands on everything. Pretty soon it's going to be impossible to run a family business or farm."

- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside to help at the store."
  - "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 50 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
  - "Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
  - "Also, their music drives me wild. This 'Rock Around the Clock' thing is nothing but racket."
  - "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With the Wind', it seems every movie has a 'hell' or 'damn' in it."
  - "Also, it won't be long until couples are sleeping in the same bed in the movies. What's this world coming to?"
- And remember that amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic."

Peace in the Valley and Semper Fi.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NATION

By Cletus Nelson – Photos by Jack Albrecht and Bob Steinkraus



We didn't have 225 birthday candles. We couldn't have a birthday cake big enough to hold all of them anyway. We did have lots of great songs and music and singing and fun while celebrating a special time: the 225th anniversary of the birth date of our free and independent nation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2001.

Our celebration program was held in the Multi-Purpose Room rather than on the lawn by the pavilion because of predicted hot weather. Yankee Doodle Dandy spirits prevailed and we enjoyed, perhaps even thrilled a little, as we joined together to sing melodies and lyrics of songs from that terrific Broadway Musical of yesteryear, "George M." Guided by Dr. Patriotic (Bud

Booth) ably assisted by the active members of our PVE Holiday Committee, we blended our voices to the familiar words of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Over There" and "Give My Regards to Broadway" and many more of those stirring songs. We paused for a little to hear the solemn words of Johnny Cash and his poem "Ragged Old Flag," and we waved our own flags in pride and joy. We sang more of those "George M" songs and the final song was (almost) punctuated with the roar of cannon fire, putting an emphasis to the patriotism of the time. We relaxed and enjoyed the sociability of our holiday meal in the dining room and completed this special birthday celebration. (Ed. note: Great job– all appreciated your effort!)



Pat Glover & Joan Teague



Bud, John, Pat, George, Cletus, Joan



Jack Albrecht, Music Man



Cletus Nelson & Joan



**BOOM!** By Bob Steinkraus



Cletus with George Hamilton

# YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

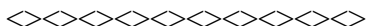
By John Regan

(John shares with us a letter to the editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 12 August 1992.)

“At 9 p.m. Wednesday evening, the movie Yankee Doodle Dandy with Jimmy Cagney was shown on TV. It was just about 50 years ago that I first saw that film. At the time I was an Army Air Corps Captain and B-17 pilot for the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force flying from England in World war II against German targets.

“After several sorties, I had two days off and spent them in London. The film was showing there and I went to see it. Half way through there was an intermission and all lights in the theater were turned on and an organist played music from the movie.

From the stage, an announcer made some comment and then asked all Americans present to stand. There were several of us, and as we stood the English people cheered and clapped and, with the organist, sang “Yankee Doodle Dandy.” It gave me, and I am sure the other Americans there, a feeling of warmth and pride never forgotten.”



# HEALTH, BENEFITS, AND TIDBITS

By John Vernon

Since my last article, a lot of new information has surfaced pertinent to TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL). The most important of these items are addressed in this article with information obtained both from TROA and David Grant USAF Medical Center.

**INFORMATION CARD.** The Department of Defense (DOD) has mailed a letter in mid-July to each beneficiary 65 and older which includes a wallet sized “Information Card” that can be shown to a health provider indicating where claims for TFL can be filed. It also provides phone numbers for obtaining needed information. The back of the card carries information on the TRICARE Pharmacy Program. **This is not an ID Card.** Your current military ID card serves that purpose when visiting any medical facility.

**TRICARE PLUS.** Please remember this term! Medicare eligibles enrolled or **EMPANELED** in a health care program at a Military Treatment Facility (in our case David Grant) will have a higher enrollment priority in the TRICARE PLUS option. This option, in effect, takes the place of **empanelment** and those of you previously empaneled should “roll over” into this option. Officials at the TRICARE Flight at David Grant indicated to me that you will keep the same primary physicians you now have.

**QUESTIONNAIRE.** It is anticipated that in late August or in September a questionnaire from the David Grant TRICARE Flight will be sent to each empaneled member over 65. It pertains to TRICARE PLUS enrollment. **It is paramount that this questionnaire be promptly filled out and returned!** In the PVE community, a central pick-up point for them will be established with completed forms hand-carried back to David Grant. For the few military residents not empaneled, further information on how to apply for a military primary care physician will be forthcoming, as information is received.

**PROFILES.** The July edition of the TROA magazine contained a TFL Personal Profile Que s-

# COMPUTER “KORNER”

By Guest Columnist: Kurt Gearhart

**Help, my computer won't start!** *(This is a multi part article and it will be continued in the next issues of the ELYSIAN)*

Just because you live in a gated community doesn't mean “Murphy” can't get in. Sooner or later some of us are going to turn on our computers and be met with less than enlightening results. Although this may be a little complicated, I'm going to discuss a plan of action to determine where the malfunction is. I regret I can't cover every situation in this short article nor can I go into great detail about each area of troubleshooting. This article by itself will not make you a computer expert as some of the solutions listed may be beyond your capabilities. My goal is to give you a logical order to follow and a brief description of some common technical procedures. This should at least allow you to give a better description of your problem to a technician or friend. You may also have a better idea what the technician is doing to your computer while you watch.



- **A normal “Boot” (startup)**

When you turn on your PC, it boots in the same order every time. This order is listed below and is also the order I use for diagnostics:

1. Motherboard POST test (Power on Self-Test)
2. BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) loads CMOS\* into memory
3. BIOS loads OS (Operating System = Windows) into memory
4. The OS (Windows) loads Programs and Accessories it needs or that you have added.  
(Some load during boot and others only when you click on them)

\*(Oh no!!!...not another acronym!! Trust me you

don't want to know what CMOS stands for because it's even more confusing.)

There are two ways to boot your computer. A cold boot and a warm boot. A *cold boot* causes a POST as well as the loading of CMOS, OS (Windows) and programs and accessories into memory. All systems are powered up from a “cold” power off state. A cold boot is preferred when doing system diagnostics to ensure memory and motherboard are in a “clean” state.

A *warm boot* is also called a software reboot and reloads the CMOS, OS, and programs and accessories. You can do this by selecting Start/Shutdown/Restart/OK from the start menu. If the mouse isn't working, then you can push the CTRL, ALT and DELETE keys at the same time to generate a warm boot. However, if Windows is running you will get an intermediate menu prior to reboot. This “CTRL, ALT, and DELETE” menu allows more diagnostics. You will be presented with a menu of all programs running (try it sometime and I bet you'll be surprised by the number of programs currently running on your computer). You can select which program you want to close, reboot or shutdown the entire computer. This is a valuable tool when a program stops responding or is “locked up.” It is not always successful and may result in a secondary screen explaining what problems Windows had trying to close the “frozen” program.

Some programs will “lock-up” a computer and leave you with absolutely no input capability (mouse or keyboard). In this case you need to shutdown the computer electrically. Most computers will shutdown if you push in and **hold** the on/off button for 5-7 seconds. If all else fails, unplug the computer. In these last two cases, your computer will run some additional hard disk diagnostics automatically the *next time you turn it on*. Don't be alarmed, it's a good thing that may even find and correct errors on your computer.

Now that you know how to “reboot” your computer, we'll discuss problems you may encounter during startup. You'll be rebooting several times during this process, so remember CTRL, ALT, and DELETE.



# SPORTS AND RECREATION

**GOLF and POOL** By John Kroyer

**TENNIS** By Millie Healy

The monthly PVE golf tournament produced some different winners this time. A Calloway system of handicapping was used. In this system the player gets to subtract the score of his worst holes, the higher the total score the more worst holes he gets to subtract from his score. This gets to protect him from disastrous playing, a little better than the traditional way of handicapping. Thus we have these winning teams:

1<sup>st</sup> place went to Bud Booth, Bill Ekern and Warren MacQuarrie;  
2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Dominic Battistella, Dewey Garwood and Pete Palmos;  
3<sup>rd</sup> place taken by Bill Armentrout, Don Herrington and Nick Nickel.



What ever happened to the fourth player in each foursome? I don't know. A senior moment must have slipped in there somewhere.

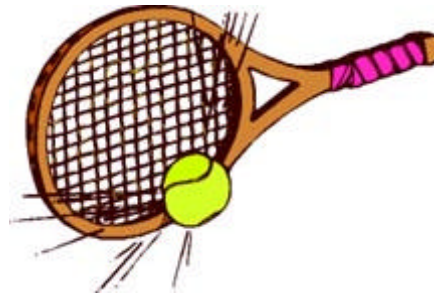
It is time for you occasional pool players to sharpen up your game again. There will be another double elimination tournament beginning in September for the first sixteen players who sign up. Look for the sign-up sheet to appear in the "green book" at the reception desk in the Big House.

Nick was heard to tell Don, "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's distracting!" To which Don replied, "This isn't a watch, Nick, it's a compass."

## "F.B.I."

While playing social tennis, provided it is agreed upon, when the game starts and each person gets his or her turn to serve for the first time, they may request F.B.I.----first ball in, meaning the first ball served that is in starts the game. Actually, a player can keep blasting away until he or she scores an ace!! The F.B.I. request is not in the rules just for that reason. However, if this is done

you are not a very respected player and it does not really happen as all most friendly social players come to play and want to get the game going



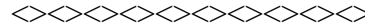
**Tip:** When you have a lot of time to think about a shot you are most prone to over-hitting or netting the ball. Create a mental picture

of the court and of returning the ball to a specific spot on the court. This will help your concentration. Remember—watch the ball leave your racket!

Thank you, Lance Bernard, for donating the chair to the tennis court. It is a nice memorial to Caroline, my friend.

## BINGO

Just so you will know who to ask for a loan, here are the most recent Bingo jackpot winners, no dates provided: Ray Odom, and again Ray Odom, Fred-a Jurian, and Mildred Bradley.



# PVE MARKETING NEWS

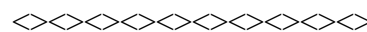
By Patti Luccioni

## Move-Ins for the Month of July, 2001

Brown, Olive  
1210 Estates Drive  
Santa Maria, CA

Ray, Eldon & Mary Ella  
3108 Estates Drive  
Vacaville, CA

Waters, Wayne & Elisabeth "Betty"  
2306 Estates Drive  
Santa Maria, CA



## GOURMET CORNER

By Mike Michael

About the time this hits the streets, or shortly thereafter, we should have a new menu. It will be hard to exceed the popularity of the current one. Incidentally, the most popular entrée has been Orange Roughy! Hopefully we will see it again soon.

The committee discussed its action with respect to removal of jackets during warmer periods. The feeling was that we may have acted in too much haste. However, with cooler weather and since thermostats will not be raised as much as expected the matter may be moot. This, however, should not detract from the expressed concern that the general standard of dress of the residents has been on the decline and efforts should be made to improve it.

The committee is working with management to see if better response might be had on oft repeated concerns of the committee. Such items as:

- Add parker house rolls
- Better portion control
- Reduce salt content
- Avoid rich soups
- Improve the updating of PVE-TV
- Darker sour dough rolls

These were examples of such issues. As of this writing positive response is already evident.

We are sure that you have noticed the improvement in the quality of the wait staff and table arrangements – this thanks, in large part, to the work of Pat Carroll, our new Dining Room Manager. Note also that the dining room retinue is now fully staffed.

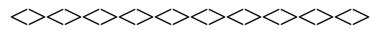
Chef's dinners have been a smashing success – fun and good food.!

The hot fudge machine should make its appearance shortly.

Noon time bus service has received disappointing usage. It will be curtailed with a view that it will be started up again at a later date. As the population ages bus service will become more and more essential.

Don't forget to make out comment cards – good (hopefully) and also bad. They serve an important function in the operation. You may also have a word with any of your friendly committee members; chairman Bill Halliday, Doris Armen-

trout, Ernie Hass, Al Kocher, Pat Orme, Ginny Peterson, Nancy Stoneberg, and yours truly, Mike Michael. If your thoughts, ideas, etc. deserve action, they will probably suggest you make out a comment card.



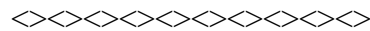
## COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Jan Holderness

The community garden is celebrating it's new life. At long last the eight new plots are in place, the paths, fence and water hook-ups installed. The entry arbor will soon be covered with new vines and the gardeners will be happy to welcome everyone to visit and perhaps come away with a tomato, squash, or flowers.

We are sincerely grateful to Gaylon Rude's staff for their labor and wonderful guidance and cooperation. Three cheers.

The centerpiece of bricks continues to weave a thoughtful tapestry of Resident's lives, loves, and philosophies. We especially encourage our newer residents to visit and to consider ordering their personalized brick. Contact Pat Orme, treasurer, or Jan Holderness.



## FOR THE MEN OF PVE

By Jack Lindeman

Many of the newer residents at PVE may not be aware of the very active SIRS (Sons in Retirement) branch which operates in Fairfield. The group meets for fellowship and lunch at the Travis Delta Breeze Club the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. Regular golf, bowling, tours, and other events are provided. This is a men only group but twice a year events for the ladies are held. The lunches feature outstanding guest speakers and a hearty meal. No dues are collected and you are only expected to attend at least 6 lunches a year at the current price of \$10 each. A table collection of \$1 per person is suggested to defray costs. Membership rolls are presently open



## **HOORAY FOR THE “CATS” AT PVE !!!**

By “Jim Dandy” Harrison

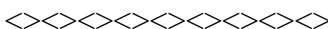
I think maybe the *Elysian Fields* is not so much discriminatory to us, as unaware! So to help rectify the situation, let me introduce myself ---- I am ***Gentleman Jim Dandy***, better known as ***Dandy***. I reside at 4103 Constitution with my roommate Billie Harrison. I moved to PVE a few months ago after running an ad in the



newspaper-looking for a new home. Billie came to be ‘interviewed’ by me and I decided that with some training by me, she would do very well.

I am primarily a Maine Coon, which means I’m a big *cat*!! I weigh almost 14 pounds, am pure white (when I haven’t been rolling in the dirt), with green eyes and a long fluffy tail. I’m a pretty handsome fellow – if I do say so myself!!

PVE is a great place to live! I like the wide window sills and enjoy my screened-in patio, from where I sit to converse with the quail and rabbits - and there I also watch the PVE world go by! *Ciao* – (meow).



## **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

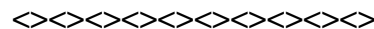
By Fred-a Jurian, Chair

***THE STORE*** has had a rather fabulous month with deposits in excess of \$3,000! This is in part due to the generosity of those heirs that have chosen to donate household furnishing, and special items to ***The Store***. We do again thank these wonderful folks who have contributed so generously to our fund raising efforts that go to the Resident Council Operating Fund (RCOF). As a reminder to others, these donations are considered a “contribution” and as such are deductible on your income tax.

The Ways and Means Committee (W&MC) has taken two months of the summer “off”-- but that does not mean that we are not hard at work collecting items on a day-to-day basis and moving and shaking—particularly with our recent Garage Sale (anticipate another sale shortly) – as well as our numerous numbers of hours in ***The Store***, particularly by Helen Millson our very able and dedicated Store Manager—“kudos” to Helen! and – a big thank you to our volunteer “Sales Associates” - such dedicated ladies!

With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone that we encourage *new* members to join our Committee, you need no particular talent to join—only the will to participate actively. Meetings are on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**, in the Large Arts & Craft Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Community Center. We invite ladies and gentlemen...at present we do have several men on the Committee and even couples... So, we encourage those that may be interested to come to our first fall meeting: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Again, thank you all for your donations and contributions to ***The Store*** and our Garage Sale items.



# PAWS AT PARADISE

By Freddi Miller

Connie Gaydosh, new President of the PVE Dog Club is gathering ideas for meetings and programs to be presented this Fall. Let her know if you have an idea or a request. Although she was in a rush to leave for vacation, Connie took time to write this account of her dog *CLEOPATRA*.

## At the End of the Lead.

During El Nino, a dirty, wet little dog walked into a classroom and made herself at home at a teacher's desk. She did the proper three turns around, lay down and went to sleep. This was in San Jose at Independence High School where I had worked for many years. During the day a group of kindhearted teachers hid the little dog in various workrooms through the school while the Humane Society tried to locate the owners. At night, the dog would go home with a good friend of mine.

When ten days had passed and no one came forward to claim this little creature that had captured everyone's heart, it was decided (without my knowledge) that I needed a dog! On January 30, 1998, *Cleopatra* went first to the vet and then



home with me. *Cleo* is a longhaired Chihuahua-mix, white with tan markings and weights about 12 pounds. She was about one year old when she came to live with me. The name *Cleopatra* was given to her because of a slight attitude problem

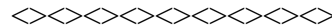
that we had for the first week or so. She now has me very well trained so we no longer have any problems! Roger Caras once said, "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

## Need A Dog?

The July Issue of *The Whole Dog Journal* contains an article on "How to Pick a Winner," and is about choosing the right dog for you at an animal shelter. If you are thinking of rescuing a dog from a shelter, let me know and I will give you a copy.

## New Toll-free Poison Control Number

The SPCA has a new poison control hotline phone number for pets. If you have a reason to suspect that your pet may have been exposed to something toxic, either internally or externally, this phone number will connect you with an ASPCA veterinarian specially trained to assist pet owner or other vets. This is the only dedicated animal poison control hotline in the world manned by veterinarians, not telephone operators. The number is staffed 24/7 : (888) 4ANI-HELP or (888) 426-4435.



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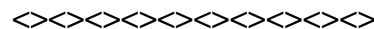


## A BLIND DATE (cont'd)

he on me.

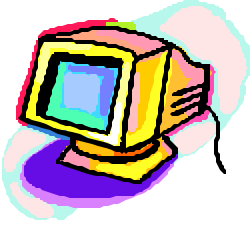
I opened my arms wide, then wrapped them around him. He nibbled on my ear, put his cheek against mine, and shivered with delight.

Since then we've been together – my dog, *DJ*, and I.



# COMPUTER USER GROUPS (CUGS)

By Dominic Battistella



While on our Florida vacation in May, my sister who lives in a Retirement Community near San Antonio, TX. gave us this cute "Dear Lord" poem. It has nothing to do with computers, but we'd like to share it with our PVE residents (Hi Ellie V.)

Today, Dear Lord, I am 80, and there is much I  
haven't done.  
I hope, dear Lord, You'll let me live 'till I am 81.

But then if I haven't finished all I want to do,  
Would You let me stay awhile - until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see,  
Do You think You could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast. There is so much in  
store  
I'd like very much to live until I am 84.

And, if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85.

More plans will be up in the air, so many things to  
fix,  
I'd like to see what happens here when I'm 86.

I know, Dear Lord, it's much to ask, and I bet it's  
nice in Heaven,  
But I would really like to stay until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast and sometimes will be  
late,  
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.

I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful  
time,  
I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89 - Maybe!

Now for a Computer update on our July meetings.

The **BASIC** Computer group met on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> with 24 members attending. Since John Gearhart was unavailable for the evening and Tom Martin was

recovering from a recent illness, I took time away from Wimbledon tennis and golf to prepare the evening program. In a recent survey of our members, several comments were made that our programs were sometimes too advanced. So for this meeting, we backed up to review some Basics with selections from our Professor Teaches, Windows 98 CD. Topics reviewed were; Using Desktop, Tips, Tricks and Key Board Shortcuts and Managing Files and Folders. Then Jack Albrecht briefed the group on the new breed of "Burn Proof" CD-RW (Compact Disk-ReWritable) Drives. The TDK VELOCD and PLEXTOR, CD-RW drives are two that have "Burn Proof" technology and have been recommended by several computer magazines. The meeting ended with a short FUN trip on the Information Highway, reviewing and editing email messages.

The **INTERNET** Computer group met on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> with only 18 members present. Our main topic for the evening was the "Mini-Mouse" venture mentioned in last month's Elysian article using Keyboard Shortcuts, not only to reduce wear and tear on the wrist, but once learned, they are easier to navigate and more fun to use. There are hundreds of these shortcuts, but we will focus on those in more common use, such as those, which were included in a handout to those present. There are three main keys on the keyboard when used in combination with other keys make simple shortcuts. They are the Windows key, Control key and ALT key. Member inputs to add to our handout are welcome. These handouts will then be made available for members in future meetings. The meeting ended with an exercise in Email editing and reviewing humorous emails circulating PVE.

The **MACINTOSH** Computer group met on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was devoted to problem solving and Internet connection protocol. Several new sites were visited. Each member provided his/her favorite for the others to enjoy. Also a presentation of MacLink/Plus was given. This is a Macintosh program, which enables the Mac to translate PC programs, and makes it easier for communication between the Mac and PC.

**REMINDERS** – For those who do not own

# FROM YOUR LIBRARY

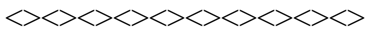
By Bev Clemson, Head Bookie

The rubber band collection is snapping right along. We delivered our 6<sup>th</sup> package to the *Daily Republic* last week and they were happy. Also delivered a huge plastic bag of duplicate paperbacks to the Fairfield Public Library, for which they were exceedingly glad.

Our newest member of the Library Committee is Bernie Murray, who is learning the ropes. "Oh," she said, "I didn't know we had a Decorating section." We have many things that most people don't avail themselves of. Look around, folks, you will be amazed.

Our new bookcases have not yet arrived, but are being worked on, we are told. When we get them, there will be some chaos again while we rearrange sections. We promise to have signs to guide you.

More new books come in every week. Enjoy.

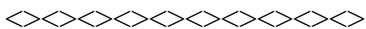


## COMPUTER USER GROUP (cont'd)

computers we have three available for resident use at PVE. One in the Community Bldg. upstairs small Library. It has a printer and is connected to the Internet. There are also PC and MAC manuals and current magazines in this room. In the REC

Hall/Game room there are two computers with printers. One has Windows 98 and is connected to the Internet. The other can be used for Word processing, games etc.

**EYE ON THE INTERNET** - Computer technology is making it simple for those who wish to contact their Lawmakers. For example - [www.boxer.senate.gov](http://www.boxer.senate.gov) and [www.feinstein.senate.gov](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov). To contact the homepage for our 43<sup>rd</sup> President go to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). Other useful websites for PVE residents are [www.troa.org](http://www.troa.org), [www.senior.com](http://www.senior.com) and [www.seniorlaw.com](http://www.seniorlaw.com). Stay tuned.



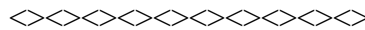
# THERE'S A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE

By Elly Vasak

I was happily reading, enjoying the day,  
When I heard the six words that nobody  
should say  
If they want me to feel anything but dismay:  
Those six little words, "There's a mouse in  
the house."

Well, I pulled up my legs and I sat on my  
feet,  
And I can assure you, my heart skipped a  
beat.  
One thing you can bet is I'm always upset  
When I hear him repeat, "There's a mouse in  
the house."

Night came at last and the long day had  
passed.  
He set a trap and we climbed into bed.  
Then we heard it go "snap" and we knew it  
was dead.  
For ONE day I can say, "There's NO mouse  
in our house."



*Glitch* by Tom Klare





# “ANNIE” IS WATCHING - YOU!

By *Annie Ford*

It was with great interest that I read “Sharlie” Norman’s story (July Issue, *Elysian Fields*), and yes, there are many cats in Paradise - all fascinating felines with stories to tell.....and this is mine:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is **ANNIE** - due to unfortunate circumstances I found myself an orphaned kitten living on the streets and rooftops of Vacaville.

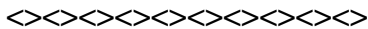


When I found the family I wanted, I spent five days on the roof of their house until they realized I was part of the family. It was really quite easy because I was so adorable with beautiful blue eyes, MY best feature! I enjoyed living in Vacaville

until three years ago when Mom and I moved here and I LOVE living in PVE. You see, I hold a position of great importance here and take my responsibility very seriously. Each day I sit on Mom’s desk or in the window of our guest room and watch each and every one of you as you come and go through our PVE Main Gate. (Oh, “Mom” is Eleanor Ford, No. 5001!)

I keep track of everything that happens here – I see it all. It is my job – it’s what I do! And, I must admit I do enjoy the bouncing bunnies and cleaver quail, and even the silly dogs that also walk by.

But - just remember, I am watching you, unless of course, I am taking a quick catnap – I do take my responsibility VERY seriously!



## VISIT OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS...

(As of July 20, 2001)

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Ed Albrick

### DAVID GRANT MEDICAL CENTER

Arlene Royce

John Ousley

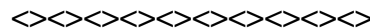
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Janet Yeoman

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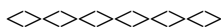


## REMEMBERING

**Toru "Murph" Okawachi**  
**Col., USA(Ret)**

Beloved Husband of Toshiko "Pat"

Arrived PVE: May 26, 1998  
 Died: June 23, 2001



**Mrs. Caroline Bernard**

Widow of the late

**Lawrence G. Bernard, RAdm., USN(Ret.)**  
 Devoted Mother of 3, Lance, John & Chris

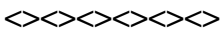
Arrived PVE: November 6, 1997  
 Died: June 24, 2001



**Mr. Kenneth "Ken" Wolfe**

Beloved Husband of Madelynne  
 and Devoted Father

Arrived PVE: September 29, 1998  
 Died: July 11, 2001



## ~TITLE and REFERENCE UNKNOWN~

*My grief is like a river –I have to let it flow,  
 But I myself determine just where the banks will  
 go.  
 Some days the current takes me in waves of guilt  
 and pain,  
 But there are always quiet pools where I can  
 rest again.  
 I crash on rocks of anger—my faith seems faint  
 indeed,  
 But there are other swimmers who know that  
 what I need  
 Are loving hands to hold me when the waters  
 are too swift,  
 And someone kind to listen when I just seem to  
 drift.  
 Grief's river is a process of relinquishing the  
 past.  
 By swimming in hope's channels I'll reach the  
 shore at last.*



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