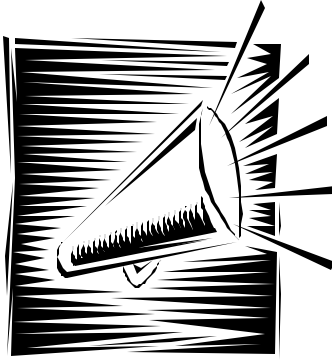


ELYSIAN FIELDS

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SOUND OFF

By Bob Steinkraus

This little "newspaper" has grown like Topsy (an old Southern expression) and it's about time to reiterate our editorial policy.

First of all, due to time constraints, the 20th of the month deadline is *immutable*. Submissions must be sent to Fred-a Jurian (4019) or Bob Steinkraus (5202) by that date. Sending them elsewhere only delays the process since they must be converted to format prior to review and editing.

Secondly, since we have a sixteen-page limitation, not every submission can be published the month it is handed in.

Thirdly, although we'd like to keep hands-off, we reserve the option of using the red pencil on any article considered unfocused or which is redundant. And, please, no more than 550 words. That's about a page of copy.

I don't want to sound like a scold, so enough already. Now for the good news.

For those of you who have a computer, Adobe Acrobat Reader program and a color printer, Jack Albrecht has a deal for you. Our original copy is in color (pictures and artwork). If you would like a copy give Jack your name and e-mail address he will forward it to you electronically.

Semper Fi and Peace in the Valley.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY~ ELYSIAN FIELDS !

Fred-a Jurian, Editor

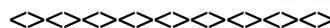
Would you believe - can you believe the *Elysian Fields* is two years old! We have come a very long way from our first publication of four pages, two years ago. Jack Albrecht, Layout/Publisher/Technical Consultant/Staff Photographer, Betty St George, Biographical Editor, Bob "Steiny" Steinkraus, Managing Editor, and as well as myself, are the original Founders of the *Elysian*. We take this special time and opportunity to thank each and every contributor for your interest in submitting copy that has helped to keep the presses rolling and we hope that you feel, as we feel, this has been quite a "successful venture," and fun service to the PVE Community.

So Happy Second Anniversary Elysian Fields!! And to top it off, we share the following by Elly Vasak:

TO THE STAFF

Two years ago was launched right Here
A publication of our own.
Complete with news and memories dear
Remark at how this work has grown!!

Elysian Fields, where heroes go
Now has a namesake all our own.
Hail, Heroes - all of you
For work applauded and Well Done!!



IF YOU NEED ANYTHING CALL JACK

By Betty St George

From the very beginning anytime anyone wanted something done we knew to call Jack Albrecht. If you have a computer you know exactly what I mean. There is hardly a person at PVE that has not called on Jack for help. Not only can he help solve your problems but also he does it in such a patient and reassuring way. This is only one of his talents. Without Jack the *Elysian Fields* might not exist. Do you need a photo taken, call Jack. One would think he was a professional. Our dog and cat owners marvel at his results. Most of the pictures in the *Elysian Fields* are his handy work.

No matter what needs to be done you can count on Jack to volunteer. It could be the Not Quite Ready For Prime Time Players calling for help for someone in a support capacity, or it is a committee that needs a musical tape or a CD made for a patriotic event. The solution, call Jack. He is always so quiet and unassuming, but he is always there for anyone of us who needs him.

Jack was born in Hannibal, Missouri ("Mark Twain's" old stomping grounds), and his family moved to San Francisco when he was a toddler. Maxine, came from Tioga, Colorado, an old coal-mining town which is no longer in existence.

Jack was a paratrooper Sergeant in WWII and after the war, for fun, he made a free fall jump while a civilian going to school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jack says he and Maxine met between wars...(WWII and Korea) in Tulsa at a dance. Jack was attending the Spartan School of Aeronautics finishing with a degree in Radio Engineering. Two weeks after Maxine and he were married in San Francisco, Jack was recalled to active duty for the Korean conflict. He reported to Fort Lewis and was scheduled to board a transport ship bound for Korea. Jack had previously applied to go to OCS and orders came through for him to go to Fort Ord for Leadership Training before going to OCS. Jack actually had one foot on the gang-plank when these orders came. His two foot lockers preceded him on board...never to be seen

again.

Jack's Army career included The Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS...a three year tour in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon in Washington, DC as the J3 Ballistic Missile Defense action officer...Fort Bliss, Texas...Ent AFB...Fort Sill... Fort MacArthur...a tour in Germany...Osan AFB, Korea...one in the Panama Canal Zone, and his last overseas tour in Viet Nam. He ended his military days at home in the Presidio in San Francisco as the Sixth Army Inspector General, having attained the rank of Colonel.

What was Maxine doing all this time? She was busy raising their two sons, John and Bruce, and daughter Cheryl. There is a glint in Maxine's eye as she says, "I was a camp follower." We all know that being a military wife is a full time job. It requires great dexterity as well as a sense of humor. Occasionally she would work as a secretary but Jack and the children were her top priority.

Little known facts about Jack...The Academy of Model Aeronautic elected him to the Model Aviation Hall of Fame in August, 1998. The year before he was awarded the McEntee Memorial Award medal. The presentation was made by the President of the WRAM's (Westchester Radio Aero Modelers, Inc.) at their annual trade show in White Plains, NY. The medal is awarded each year to recognize achievement in technical, organizational or competitive phases of radio control. Jack was the 27th recipient of this award.

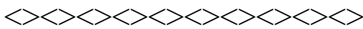
Where and when did this hobby/sport start? At age nine, in San Francisco Jack started construction on usual solid and rubber band powered models. While in college he became interested in the radio-controlled models. His first R/C model was a Scientific Mercury free fight kit converted to three-channel radio control. Jack participated in his hobby whenever time permitted from that time until now. He has belonged to several clubs. Jack's technical skills have aided and abetted him in advancing in the state of the art of R/C.

Jack now belongs to the Woodland/Davis Aero Modelers which is a club for radio controlled model aircraft flyers. The field is close to Woodland. They have a 60 x 600 foot paved runway, surrounded by grass. There is a building with a

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING (con't)

snack shop, running water and electricity. There are about 125 members in the club. Most of their flying is for sport but occasionally for competition. Jack has miniature aircraft that are models of full scale aircraft. One of his planes, an Extra 300S, is a model of a German designed full scale aerobatic aircraft. The model's wing span is 7 feet and is powered by a 2.1 cubic inch engine. Jack has ten different radio controlled model aircraft. He uses a computer transmitter that is programmed for each aircraft. At this point Jack became very technical on how all this is accomplished. I now understand how he became a computer expert!

Jack and Maxine came to PVE in November 1997 for the same reason everyone else did.



PLANNED GIVING

As Proposed by Don Seed, #4020

There are numerous planned giving programs available to benefit both PVE-Residents and PVE-Activities. Other retirement communities such as ours have been taking advantage of these programs for years. Rogue Valley Manor at Medford, Oregon, has raised multimillions of dollars for the benefit of their organization and residents over the past 12 years.

Planned giving is a plan where a resident donates funds, property, stocks or something of recognized value to a large charitable foundation. The foundation guarantees to pay the donor a fixed dollar amount every quarter for the rest of the donor's life or 20 years, whichever the donor chooses; payments are based on the donor's age. For example, an 83 year old would receive a 10% quarterly distribution for the rest of his/her life; this would amount to \$10,000 annually on a \$100,000 donation - and, more than one half of the \$10,000 is tax fee. About one-half of the \$100,000 can be written-off as a charitable deduction on the donor's tax return. If you donate appreciated assets you can avoid capital gains tax on

part of the appreciate asset. This 10% return is now equivalent to approximately 12% after tax.

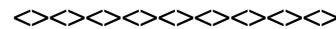
At the death of the donor, one half of that \$100,000 goes to the charitable foundation and one half to PVE. The donor may also select a charity of his choice instead of PVE. In addition, the donor may also direct that his quarterly payments go to the recipients.

Most large charitable foundations have these plans available. Rogue Valley uses the Presbyterian Foundation which guarantees all plans with the full faith and assets of the world wide church organizations. All fund, paper work, guarantees, advice and briefings are the responsibility of the foundation. PVE would simply be a means of bringing the donor together with the foundation specialist.

Various plans are available, such as Charitable Gift Annuity, Deferred Payment Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, and Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Each has different benefits to offer and the donor should consult with the foundation advisor, his/her own tax advisor, and/or attorney. PVE will in no way offer, nor be responsible for advice to the donor.

Several PVE Residents are presently taking advantage of these planned giving programs, and are very pleased with the results. PVE Residents and Staff will be offering briefings on this subject in the near future, as well as handing out brochures from these plans. Foundation representatives will then be invited to come in and give specialized briefings and consultations.

Please be advised that I am not a qualified tax specialist or financial advisor. Qualified specialist should be consulted before adopting any of these plans.



FATHER'S DAY

By Otto Vasak

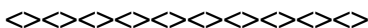
(Memoir Writer)

No, this was not the Father's Day in June. This was Dad's Day in the late autumn of 1938 at the University of Wisconsin, and the students' dads were being honored at the Saturday football game being played at Camp Randall Stadium. Our Band Director, Ray Dvorak, decided that band members' dads should march out onto the football field with their sons and daughters during the opening ceremonies before the game started.

So here we were lined up under the south goal post ready to march out on the field. My father was standing next to me – a lot shorter than I was, but all smiles. We waited for the fanfare to begin. In the front row were the Swiss flag throwers. Behind them was the line of herald trumpeters—and behind them was the marching band.

Then all of a sudden the signal was given for the fanfare. The fanfare was coordinated for the band's brass instruments and the herald trumpets. It modulated from one key to another and sent shivers down the back. After the fanfare, we marched out on the field playing "On Wisconsin" - my father marching proudly along with me.

The band then went to their seats on the 50 yard line, and my father joined my mother in the stands. This was the most memorable fathers' day for both of us, my father and me.



COME MEET THE CANDIDATES

Friday, September 7th

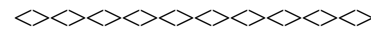
Large Multi-Purpose Room

By Ken Jones, Chair, Nominating Com.

This date is reserved to encourage all Residents to come and **MEET THE CANDIDATES** for the rotation of three new Members to PVE's Resident Council. Each Candidate will have the opportunity to make a short presentation to introduce themselves and their intent.

Prospective Residents who have signed to this commitment, if elected, are: Wayne Bogard, Eleanor Ford, George Hamilton, BC Jarvis, Kathleen Nye, Ann Story Ousley, Joseph Peterson and Beverly Worden. It should be noted that additional nominations may be made from the floor at this Meeting – *provided* prior written agreement has been obtained from the proposed candidate. Shortly after this meeting, ballots will be mailed to *each Resident* to vote for three (3) new Members only.

The newly elected Members will be introduced later at the Residents' Annual Meeting of October 19th.

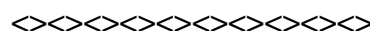


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As written by (Memoir Writer)

Hilda Helmer at age 13

About this time of year
My Grandma should be coming home.
Very quietly she comes.
I'll see her from the window in the hall,
Stepping up the path,
The dog frisking gladly, yet
Gentle with her smallness.
September skies are deep and blue,
The snap of autumn bites the air.
I catch my breath when I remember that Grandma
Won't be coming home.



COMPUTER “KORNER”

By Guest Columnist: Kurt Gearhart

Last month I discussed some solutions for a computer that did not want to work. I know I put most of you to sleep and the rest I'm sure will never remember what the article said. I don't expect you to. This article is for reference only. You don't need to understand it. But someday you may be glad you saved this checklist when your computer is broken and you can't find anybody to help. Just staple these two articles together and save them for future reference. One important note: If your computer is still under warranty, your first step is always to call your manufacturer. Here goes part 2.

- **My computer “hangs” up while Windows is loading.**

You can't fix your computer if it won't boot. But it doesn't boot!!!! Fortunately Microsoft has provided *alternate* ways to boot your computer so you can fix problems. If you push the keys below after you turn on the power but before Windows starts to load you will get diagnostic help. Again you have just a few seconds to press the desired function key.

F5: Boots in Safe Mode. This mode uses default drivers. Your video screen will be a different color and the icons will be in a different place. You may not be able to access some components. But you have a working computer that will let you diagnose and fix your problem. These next 6 suggestions are the most common diagnostic tools I use when fixing Windows problems.

1. *Start/Settings/Control Panel/Add/Remove Programs*: highlight and remove program (s) that you think may be causing your problems (something you just installed?).

or

2. *Start/Settings/Control Panel/System/Device Manager*: to delete hardware that may be causing problems. (any new devices - USB?)

or

3. Delete bad programs from your “Start Folder”

or

4. *Start/Programs/Accessories/System Tools/System Information/Tools /System Configuration Utility /Startup*: use trial and error to uncheck any programs you feel may be causing problems during the boot process.

or

5. Run virus checking software if you suspect an infection.

or

6. Reinstall Windows or some of its components.



SHIFT-F8: A Step-By-Step Confirmation loading process. You can watch each step and determine which one is causing the problem.

- **I can't get Windows to boot, even using the steps above!**

In this case, you need to get out the Windows Emergency Startup Disk (3 1/2 inch floppy) and place it in your floppy drive. Now turn on your computer. You will be greeted with a slow boot process and probably a black screen with a few letters on it (DOS prompt). If you're lucky Windows may boot to the safe mode. See suggestions 1 thru 6 above if you make it to the “safe mode.”

SPORTS AND RECREATION

GOLF and POOL By John Kroyer

TENNIS By Millie Healy

Golf

Wednesday August 1st the PVE Golf Group had its monthly tournament. The game was a simple scramble except that no one player could have two shots used in succession. This helped to prevent any of the better than average players from dominating the play of his team. As expected the scores were higher than in other varieties of the Scramble which have been played. First place went to the team of John Kroyer, Louis Bartley,

John Gearhart and Russ Bowen (glad to see him back in golf). The second place team was "Fletch" Fletcher, Betty Tylutki, Phil Yaggi and Don Romberg. Third place went to Bud Booth, Pat Glover, James Bartley

and Bill Armentrout. The next tourney will be on September 5th.

Some comments heard walking off the 18th green.

Bud said to Pat "This can't be my ball, Pat, it looks far too old."

To which Pat replied "It's been a long time since we started, Bud."

Pool

Sign-up sheets for the Fall 16-man double-elimination pool tournament can be found in the Green Book at the reception desk. This tournament features random pairings for the first round of play. The winners of that round play each other eliminating down to the final man. The losers play each other down to the final man. The final two players vie for the championship. In that way the lesser players get to stay in the tournament longer and compete closer to their own level. This makes the match more fun for everyone and still be competitive. The tournament will begin as soon as we have sixteen sign-ups.



Tennis

Do drop in! For tennis that is.

We have a wind screen, water fountain, no problem with parking, no meters and we are close to restrooms. Wednesdays and Saturdays are drop in tennis days. People just come out and can get a game. Any level of player is welcome, just show



"My doctor told me to spend three hours a week on the tennis court."

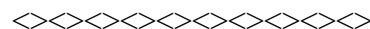
up and you will play a game or four and rotate so others can play. *Everyone takes a turn.* There is no sign up. Play starts at 8 a.m. in the summer and 9 a.m. in the winter but just come any time 8 a.m. or later. Remember, any level of play is welcome and many have not played in years but are having fun, even some beginners.

It has been said that putting old tennis balls in the microwave brings them back to life, although briefly perhaps for another half hour of play. However, there is no vent in the microwave so your next reheated food may have burned rubber taste! A better way is to put them in the dryer with a load of towels.

Bingo

Here are the jackpot winners of the last four sessions.:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 24 th | Bea Munter and Mary Chavis |
| July 30 th | Grace Okazaki |
| August 7 th | Art Weinberger |
| August 14 th | Addie Richardson |



GOURMET CORNER

DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

By E. M. (Mike) Michael

First off, my special apologies to Jackie Roemer, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of Committee Member in the last *Elysian Fields*.

Your Committee now meets on the second Wednesday of every month - this to enable Chef David Kalbaugh to attend. Everyone feels that this will greatly improve the quality and effectiveness of our meetings. Chef David went over the new menu - which will be in effect long before this goes to print. It is far more meaningful (and mouth-watering) when the Chef describes his new creations. The feeling is that the new menu outdoes the old one - even if one will have to do with Sea Bass or Salmon instead of Orange Roughy. What's your view? The new menu contains, as did prior ones, "exceptions." Please follow these; otherwise it will slow down service from the kitchen. More on this later.

Comments from Committee Members this month include:

- *Seen at Sunday Brunch were shorts and jeans! These are *NO-NOs*!
- *More chicken - less breading requested.
- *Carving station at Sunday Brunch should carve *THIN* slices.
- *Creme Brulee has been a smash!
- *Per recent USA Today article on proper nutrition, PVE is outstanding.
- *Several requests for Scalloped (properly pronounced) Potatoes.

The Committee has a total of ten applications (now closed) under consideration for replacements of three outgoing members. All of the candidates, both ladies and gentlemen are outstanding. It will be tough making a choice - which will be done by secret ballot, at our next meeting on September 11th.



I HAVE ALWAYS DREADED OLD AGE

Offered by Bud Booth

(Note: This sort of reminds me of what happens around here. This is how things look through the eyes of someone much younger than our age group.)

I cannot imagine anything worse than growing old. How awful it must be to have nothing to do all day long but stare at the walls or watch TV. So last week, when the mayor suggested we all celebrate Senior Citizen Week by cheering up a senior citizen, I determined to do just that. I would call on my new neighbor, an elderly retired gentleman, recently widowed, who, I presumed, had moved in with his married daughter because he was too old to take care of himself.

I baked a batch of brownies, and, without bothering to call (some old people cannot hear the phone), I went off to brighten this old guy's day. When I rang the doorbell this "old guy" came to the door dressed in tennis shorts and a polo shirt, looking about as ancient and decrepit as Donny Osmond. I'm sorry I can't invite you in," he said when I introduced myself, "but I'm due at the Racquet Club at two. I'm playing in the semifinals today."

"Oh that's all right," I said. "I baked you some brownies..."

"Great" he interrupted, snatching the box. "Just what I need for bridge club tomorrow! Thanks so much"...and just thought we'd visit a while. But that's okay! I'll just trot across the street and call on Granny Grady..."

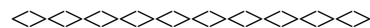
"Don't bother," he said. "Gran's not home. I know. I just called to remind her of our date to go dancing tonight. She may be at the beauty shop. She mentioned at breakfast that she had an appointment for a tint job..."

I called my Mother's cousin (age 83): she was at the hospital working in the gift shop.

I called my aunt (age 74): she was vacationing in China...

I called my husband's uncle (age 79) I forgot, he was on his honeymoon...

I still dread old age, now more than ever. I just don't think I'm up to it...



HEALTH, BENEFITS, AND TID BITS

By John Vernon

In last month's article, a lot of important information on TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL) was furnished you. This month's article is intended to be a continuation. As we draw closer to October 1, 2001, transition into TFL should be smooth.

TRICARE PLUS: Again, please remember this term. Empanelled residents will "roll-over" into this program and will keep the same primary physicians at David Grant USAF Medical Center. About a dozen of our eligible residents have not been empanelled and should be eligible for TRICARE PLUS, also. The TRICARE Office has been queried and further guidance for this latter group will be furnished, as soon as received.

QUESTIONNAIRES:

HEALTH NET SERVICES - recently mailed an Information Card and Questionnaire to all TFL eligible retirees, 65 and above. Health Net is the organization contracted by DOD to administer the TRICARE program. I received a lot of phone calls concerning this form, as it requests your intent to drop or retain additional insurance. It is a survey; however, in the August 10, 2001 TROA Legislative Update, it was stressed how important it is to fill it out and return it. "The form is essential to make sure your claims are processed promptly and correctly." TROA guidelines are to fill the form out to the best of your ability and a separate form is required for each beneficiary. If you later change your mind about dropping or keeping additional insurance, the new information may be called in toll-free at **888-363-5433**. Incidentally, I have used this line several times and was connected to a live voice and person rather quickly, an amazing feat, by golly! Questions you may have concerning any aspect of TRICARE programs may also be presented at this number.

DAVID GRANT QUESTIONNAIRE: In late August or early September, all TFL eligible will have received a local questionnaire. The packet will also contain handouts pertinent to TFL and TRICARE PLUS. Essentially, empanelled individuals will be queried as to whether they want to "roll-over" into the TRICARE PLUS program. Plans still are to establish a central drop-off point

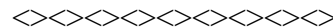
so that completed forms may expeditiously be hand-carried back to David Grant.

DAVID GRANT BRIEFINGS: Health Net Federal Services will conduct a total of **four (4)** TFL briefings on September 17 and 19, 2001 at the David Grant USAF Medical Center Auditorium on the first floor. Briefing times, each day, will be 12 noon and 2PM. If you have a car and are driving to any of the briefings, please consider inviting and taking a neighbor who doesn't have transportation.

PVE BRIEFING: An invitation has been extended to Lt Col. Bruce Allen, TRICARE Flight Commander, to provide a briefing at PVE tailored to our needs. It possibly may be similar to the Health Net briefing. As information is received, time, date, and location will be announced.

CONCLUSION: With October 1, 2001 rapidly approaching, I believe that eligible PVE residents are well prepared to transition into the new TFL programs. It is my intention to keep you closely informed either in this column or in separate correspondence as to any additional steps necessary to assure a smooth transition. You should have on hand the MATRIX previously provided, the TFL pamphlet provided in your June copy of the TROA Magazine, and TROA profiles handed out or sent for, which will assist you in your decision to retain extra insurance or not. If terminology confuses you, remember TRICARE FOR LIFE is the program that provides funds to pay private civilian providers, usually specialists. TRICARE PLUS is the program that provides a military physician as your primary care doctor and in effect takes the place of empanelment.

(Eds. Comment: Our Military Residents should give John a huge "Thank You" for the hard work and research he shares to keep you apprised of your health needs, options and concerns.)



IT'S GREAT TO HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

By Irwin Rosen

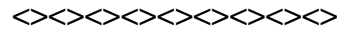
In 1950, I got to know and admire Maj. Humberto R__, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Maj. R__ delivered our second daughter, but we all admired and respected him for his professional ability. We could never understand why he remained in grade as a *Major* when many of his resident students were Lt.Cols. and Colonels. Then in 1960 while attending a medical meeting at Walter Reed we found out the true story about this outstanding surgeon and why he never seemed to get promoted. Thus it was related to me by a young resident surgeon.

Major R__ had incurred the enmity of many generals at Pentagon level. They had aging mothers and mothers-in-law and wanted Dr. R__ to keep them indefinitely in hospital status (if they couldn't care for themselves for nursing care) rather than arrange private nursing assistance. Maj. R__ resisted this, pointing out that he had an obstetric-gynecological teaching program and could not tie up his ward beds with nursing care-type patients. The angry generals struck back with their major weapon at that time—they refused to promote him. In the Service if you get passed-over for promotion repeatedly, you are expected to leave the Service.

Then something happened to change the whole scenario. General Eisenhower became President and his wife, Mamie, suddenly needed gynecological surgery. Being an old Army wife, Mamie went to see the Chief of Gynecology. Maj. R__ operated on her and she did well. About this time, friends tipped Mamie off as to what was happening to Dr. R__. The word came down from Mamie –“Nobody touches Maj. R__ -- *he's my doctor!* - and *please* reconsider his promotional status.” POW! Maj. R__ was promoted to Lt. Colonel. On the next promotion cycle - POW! - Lt.Col. R__ was promoted to full Colonel. The brass, angered, bided their time -- after all, Ike's presidency was eventually going to come to an end.

As President Eisenhower's term in office drew to a close, the powers-that-be prepared orders transferring Col. R__ to a professional assignment away from Walter Reed. But Dr. R__ was one step ahead of them. He promptly submitted his retirement request and accepted the prestigious position as Chief of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Seton Hall University Medical School in Connecticut.

The analogy that comes to mind is that of Admiral Rickover and how he persevered in his professional beliefs against the Navy brass of this day—thanks to a “higher power” (powerful Congressional figures)!

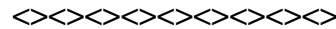


TRAIN TRIP AT NIGHT (con't)

Before my eyes,
Then merge, one mass,
And pass
Like sighs.

Speed is a thief
Who steals the brief
Sight
Of the things
That fly on the wings
Of night.

Specters in hosts
I see Arise And flee
Across the skies.
The train is a knife
That cuts their life
And lets their ghosts
Go Free.



WHAT'S COMING UP

By Lise Hansen

- ◆ “Corot to Picasso” at the Cantor Arts Center, Stanford. Lunch at the Allied Arts Guild Restaurant.
- ◆ Ansel Adams at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
- ◆ Louis Valentine Johnson, classical guitarist at PVE
- ◆ Jeremy & Matthew Weinglass perform at PVE (grandsons of Lucille Thyrring)
- ◆ Sportfishin’ with Capt. Dave Nimmo, San Pablo Yacht Harbor
- ◆ Oakland Ballet *perform The Moor’s Pavane* (Othello) and other works
- ◆ Bayanihan Phillipine National Dance Company, presented by UC Davis at the Sacramento Community Center Theater
- ◆ Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” by Cal Shakespeare at Bruns Amphitheater, Orinda
- ◆ Antique Collector’s Show at the San Francisco Cow Palace
- ◆ Sea Lions at Pier 39 San Francisco, lunch at the Rainforest Cafe
- ◆ “Contact”, Best of Broadway Series at the Sacramento Community Center Theater
- ◆ Sausalito Floating Homes Tour, lunch at Scoma’s

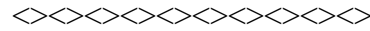
WHAT WE’RE WORKING ON

By Lise Hansen

- ◆ *Platee*, Mark Morris Dance Group at Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley
- ◆ Golden State Accordion Club Band at PVE
- ◆ TransAmerica Golf Tournament at Silverado Country Club
- ◆ “The Shakespeare Review”, UC Davis Main Theater
- ◆ Oakland Ballet
- ◆ “Aida”, Best of Broadway Series at Sacramento Community Center Theater
- ◆ Kelly Johnson, classical pianist at PVE
- ◆ “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the

Forum”, Davis Community Theater

- ◆ Day at the Races
- ◆ Stanford vs. Notre Dame Football
- ◆ Fiesta Navidad, UC Davis at Sacramento Community Center Theater



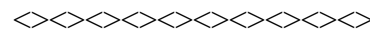
DON’T FALL!!

By Elly Vasak

Remember “Deep Purple,” ‘twas a song we used to dance to?
Now it’s the color of my face!
They used to call me “twinkle-toes,” but that was several years ago.
Now I walk like one from outer space.

I was walking to dinner one Saturday night,
Surrounded by friends, all happy and bright.
But the boards on the bridge are warped and rough,
I caught my toe, and it was tough.
I went down like they’d felled a tree.
I couldn’t believe it would happen to me.

There are lots of words of good advice,
All very helpful, all very nice,
“Pick up your feet” and “watch your step”
“Look where you’re going when the streets are wet.”
But as I crossed the bridge, I must have been dreaming.
“I fell flat on my face” has a whole new meaning!



COMPUTER USER GROUPS (CUGS)

By Dominic Battistella

The current September Issue of *Consumer Reports* has an excellent article on “Home Computing,” answering most questions on whether to upgrade or buy now, and what are the best choices for Internet Service Providers (ISP’s), Computers, Furniture and Peripherals.



Computer courses through Fairfield-Suisun Adult Education are now available online at www.courses2go.com/fsusd. For further information call: 421-4155.

All of our Computer Group Meetings during the month of August were well attended and if there is anyone interested in having a copy of our notes and/or minutes, including our membership— just give me a call and I’ll be pleased to see that you have a copy. Call me (Dominic) at 421-8676. We always encourage interested and new Residents to join our Group Meetings.

Our MAC Group wishes to extend “*thanks and appreciation*” to Joe Peterson for donating a De-Luxe Edition, MacLinkPlus version 10.0 software which opens Windows files and unreadable E-mail files on your MAC. In addition, Joe spent several hours updating our GS Power MAC with the following software programs: Mac OS 0.1 and RAM Doubler; Norton Utilities and AntiVirus; Aladdin’s Spring Cleaning; Appleworks 6 (replacing Clarisworks); Conflict Catcher, Extension Mgr., which replaces Apple Ext. Mgr. Joe also added and organized folders in the Launcher Program. All of these will be discussed in future meetings.

Watch for reminders of our Group Meetings on PV-TV Channel 78, the Bulletin Board in the Community Center Lobby and the *Friday Flash*.



PVE MARKETING NEWS

By Patti Luccioni

Move-Ins for the Month of August, 2001

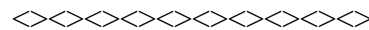
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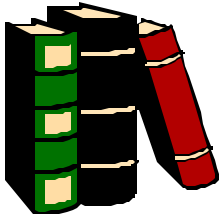
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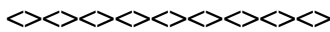
By Bev Clemson, Head Bookie

Have you seen them? Have you seen them? What? The *new* Library shelves, of course!!! Thanks to an idea from George Yeoman the Library has been expanded by 10%. And thanks to *The Termites* the new shelves have been made and installed. Also thanks to Management - who paid for them. These new shelves will make available space for much more Biography, which we find you like - so bring those books up to us.



So now ... everything has been moved around - again. We warned you! There are signs everywhere to guide you and Fiction is still where it always was. If you have trouble, please feel free to call Bev Clemson (427-1574) or Joan Teague (438-7760, who are *Bona Fide* Qualified Guides. However, our other Bookies are in training for same and may be able to help also.

Don't worry about the empty spaces, they will fill up soon. We are expecting several boxes of book in September and understand other donations are also on the way.



THE NIGHT THE STARS FELL

By Beverly Clemson

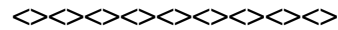
((Memoir Writer))

The night sky was full of falling stars. What a marvelous sight! I couldn't take my eyes from it. I was determined to watch all night. I grabbed a pad from the lawn swing, a blanket and pillow and climbed up on the pergola. There I had a great view. It was magical. Fairy lights falling, falling, like snow flakes; not that I had ever seen snowflakes. But nonetheless, it was beautiful.

I was about thirteen. It's funny that it might have been August 11 because that is now our daughter's birthday. There was no thought in my mind of war or rockets or missiles, so it must have been in 1940 or '41. There is a meteor shower

that comes around every August 11 from the direction of the constellation Perseus. This I learned from a book on space. I feel sure now that this is what it was. Being that far back the shower may have been more intense than it would be now, or maybe it is not even seen now. I surely have never seen anything like it since then.

The air was relatively warm that starry, starry night and I stayed up the whole time, caught up in the wonder of it. It is embedded in my memory like a delicate Japanese painting.



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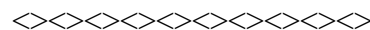
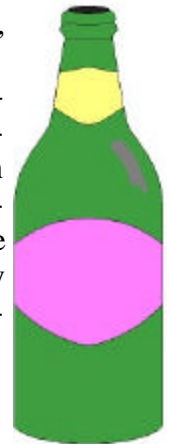
By George Wyman

There were two basic goals established by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters at the beginning of the occupation of Japan. One was to establish a democracy based on the rules of law and the other was to demilitarize the government, culture, and institutions of Japan.

The Health and Welfare section of the Headquarters, of which I was a member, had supervision of one of these institutions---the Japanese Red Cross. This organization was headed up by Prince Shimazu; A cousin of the Emperor.

A few weeks after the surrender, the Prince invited four or five of us to dinner at his home west of Tokyo. Prior to the dinner we were given sake cups filled with a smooth liquor. I asked to see the bottle from which this had been poured. The label read "Old Granddad, Bottled in Bond, 100 Proof Bourbon Whiskey." The revenue stamp said "Made in Spring 1917, bottled in Spring 1923."

The Prince explained that this bottle remained from a shipment of medicinal supplies sent by the American Red Cross at the time of the 1923 Tokyo earthquake. And so, here we were drinking this marvelous whiskey twenty-two years later, after the earthquake of an entirely different kind---war!



IT TOOK ALL OF MY WILLPOWER !!

By Jackie Roemer

(Memoir Writer)

It was my husband's first shore duty in 7 years with the seagoing WWII Navy. We anticipated going to Newport, RI where he had been assigned Navigation Instructor at the Navy Line School.

Following Norfolk, VA's extreme humid heat and mediocre living quarters, Rhode Island seemed like a heavenly place for shore duty. Housing was scarce and it was again difficult to find a suitable place to live. Through a colleague, we were able to rent a large apartment on the top 3rd floor of a beautiful farmhouse. The family who owned the farm were Portuguese and resulted in being not only landlords but very supportive friends. The property won what was called the "Green Acre Award" for its pristine beauty. From the main road, there were large old oak trees lining a long driveway to the entrance. The barn was half garage where we parked our *new* Oldsmobile.

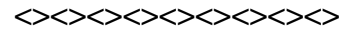
The next year was filled with parties, congenial friendships and wonderful lobster dinners. Many wives took day trips to the Massachusetts Factory Outlets, lunches and good times. All was idyllic until my husband was diagnosed with a life threatening illness. After 5 hours of surgery, he spent six weeks in the Newport Navy Hospital, which was approximately 4 miles from our apartment.

It was hurricane season. One particular day, the wind started blowing and the rain came down in torrents. A radio commentator announced a pending hurricane. I was at the farm apartment, my husband was a patient in the Navy Hospital. Farmer Correy secured all windows and boarded the garage door, which housed our new car, in preparation for the storm. I was told I could go with the family to the basement of the farmhouse until the winds subsided. Before going below, the visual devastation was overwhelming. Huge beautiful oak trees were up rooted, fences were askew, power and telephones became nonexistent. Mother Nature was indeed in control.

Suddenly all was deathly still, as can occur during "the eye of the storm" and I had a compel-

ling desire to get to the hospital to be assured of my husband's safety. I persuaded farmer Correy to remove the beam, which barred the garage door, because I had decided to drive the car. Clad in raincoat, hood and boots I began the 4 mile drive. It took all the willpower I could muster but I was determined and kept telling myself—after all there were times when I had driven through icy snow and sleet from east to west coast with the company of other wives to "meet the ships" when they came to port after 8 or 12 months at sea. The dangerous drive from the farmhouse to the Hospital may have been foolhardy but I didn't care. There wasn't another car on the road. I weaved, dodged, zigzagged around fallen trees, telephone wires and roadblocks, maneuvering the automobile in a reckless but persevering manner. Finally the hospital was in sight and I could see that the building was untouched. It was safe in the arms of that strong brick structure.

I was proud of my perilous trip. When I walked into my husband's room the first words he spoke were, "*How's the car?!*"

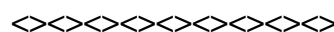


FROM YOUR EDITOR

This Editor would like to hear from our Readers. All *comments* are encouraged—"good" or "bad." Perhaps how you feel about PVE, the outside community, the *Elysian Fields* maybe a "Letter to the Editor" column? We are interested – just let us know.

We encourage all Residents to submit copy to the *Elysian* – think about what you may have to say...your story - your thoughts. RULES: Copy not to exceed 550 words, submit your hard copy in Box 4019, no later than noon of the 20th each month. The Editor will be liberal, however, reserves the right to use the 'red pencil' as a matter of space available and discretion.

Also, I take this opportunity to apologize to the "Memoir Writers" – hence, in the coming issues, they will be known as the "*Literati*."



GARAGE SALE

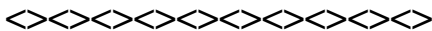
** ALERT **

Your Ways & Means Committee will sponsor another Garage Sale on Saturday, September 8th from 9:00 a. m. until 2:00 p.m.—and possibly continue on Sunday, September 9th for a few short hours. All Residents and their families and guests, as well as all of our PVE Staff, their families and guests are invited to our Sale that takes place at #4019 Constitution Avenue.

With the generous cooperation of Maintenance, we will have the usual *free* curb-side pick up a few days prior to the Sale. We appreciate and accept all donated household items considered clean and in good condition—however, we cannot accept clothing at this time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th and possibly Sunday, SEPTEMBER 9th

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS !



VISIT OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS...

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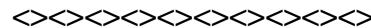
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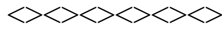
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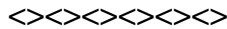
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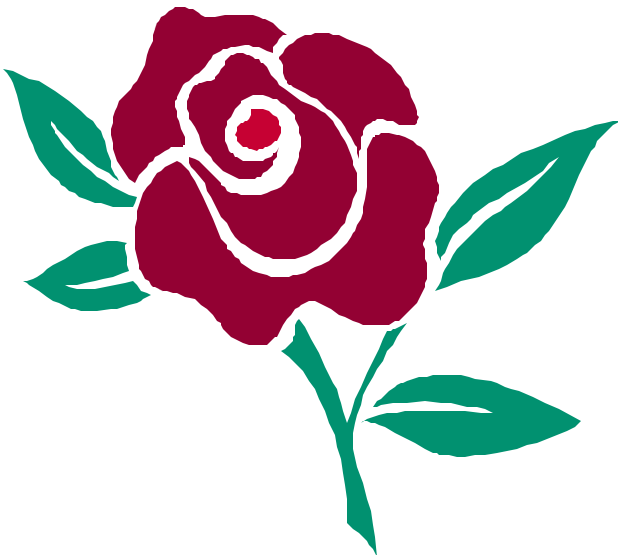
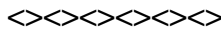
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 and father

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