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Merry Christmas

SEAL BEACH

District 2 planning commissioner sought

The District 2 seat on the Seal Beach Planning Commission is vacant and needs a mid-term replacement. Seal Beach Councilmember Tom Moore will recommend a candidate for council approval in the next few weeks. Leisure World residents who live in District 2 and are interested should email him at tmoore@sealbeachca.gov with their resume and qualifications.

Candidates must live in District 2, which includes Rossmoor Center, College Park West and LW east of St. Andrews Drive. That's Mutuals 10-17 and part of Mutual 1.

The Planning Commission, which is comprised of five members appointed by the city council, deals with land-use issues and reviews potential future building projects in Seal Beach. It meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 211 Eighth St. in downtown Seal Beach. The commission's specific duties and powers are contained in Chapter 3.10 (Boards and Commissions) of the Municipal Code.

MEMBER RESOURCES

Social services are coming to LW

The GRF Member Resources department is finalizing an effort to bring a full team of social worker advocates to LW to help residents navigate challenges associated with aging.

The GRF Member Resource & Assistance Liaison Office is partnering with Orange County's Adult Protective Services, Council on Aging, Alzheimer's Orange County and the Golden Age Foundation (GAF) to provide a comprehensive pool of information, resources and education.

In the meantime, Member resource liaison Robann Arshat is still working diligently to connect residents with needed resources, which is the most important aspect of her position.

LW's on-site collaboration will include Alzheimer's OC, which was once the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, a national organization founded in 1980 by family caregivers and individuals who recognized the need for ongoing support to help people faced with the challenges of the disease.

The Orange County chapter opened its doors in 1982. In December 2015, the group changed its name to Alzheimer's OC and announced it

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MERRY & BRIGHT



The Hui O Hula Club spreads cheer all over LW every year, visiting GRF departments to regale staff with beautiful dancing, as well as performing for clubs and local care facilities. GRF Library Operations Supervisor Vanessa Morris (far left), with help from Service Maintenance and Recreation, made sure the library, Veterans Plaza and beyond were bedecked for the season.



Christmas memories last a lifetime

Thank you to the LW residents who are spreading joy by sharing their best memories of Christmases past. Every holiday season is special, but sometimes, it's comforting to remember what was, those special times gone by that kindle comfort and conjure loved ones.

Laura Garcia, Mutual 8

Christmases of my youth were filled with the welcoming fragrance of succulent pork simmering in a bath of spicy, pungent chili sauce, collaborating with the earthy aroma of corn masa. As a child, on Christmas Eve I looked forward to mama's loving ritual of preparing corn-husk-wrapped treasures of aromatic goodness, Christmas TAMALES! The joyful anticipation for those edible gifts of love was almost as great as the endless wait for Santa's visit. Today the first magical bite of my "Christmas" tamale transports me, gleefully, back to a time of endearing simple pleasures.

Pat Blum, Mutual 4

My mother's birthday was Dec. 13. As a child, we would have a birthday party, and we would decorate her Christmas tree. As the years passed, we moved the decorating to Thanksgiving Day when we were all together. I now have grand children and great-grandchildren who decorate my tree. Pictures are taken to capture how they have grown each year. It's a special time in my life.

Bob Berry, Mutual 4

In 1943, I lived in a little town in Iowa. My favorite memory of Christmas was in 1943. I was 9, and my brother was 11. We got a used bicycle that we could share, best X-mas of my life.

Linda Johnson, Mutual 15

This is a funny memory that happened many years ago, and our family still laughs about it.

In 1975, our family went to Midnight Mass at the local Catholic Church in Astoria, Oregon. The Johnson family could fill an entire pew, and that was before the children/ grandchildren started to arrive. My dad was a stocky, iovial man. He was the last one to enter the pew, and he sat at the very end. He picked up the church bulletin and started reading it before Mass began. Suddenly, there was a "jiggling" of the pew. I looked down at the far end of the pew, and I see that my dad is trying desperately to keep

from bursting into laughter. He passed the church bulletin to my mom, who was sitting next to him. By the time the bulletin got to the other end, where my brother and I were sitting, we could see why the pew was almost rocking by then.

What the bulletin was supposed to say was, "we are here to celebrate the birth of the Divine Infant." What the bulletin actually said was "we are here to celebrate the birth of the Diving Infant." Almost 50 years later, I still can remember the

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experience of the ultimate typo. We really did have a merry Christmas that night.

Grace Kim, Mutual 14

My Christmas: I lived for 14 years in China, 17 years in Korea, and 60 years in the United States. When I lived in Shanghai, China, I attended Japanese school, and there was only one Korean Church. My parents were very active and dedicated church leaders. Sunday school students were all involved drama, and my role was an angel. It was a drama about Jesus born in the barn. My Christmas gift was a sweater my mother knitted. She wrapped it with white rice paper and left it by my bed. When I woke up on Christmas morning, I found it, and I was so excited to wear the beautiful sweater. I hugged my mom. Our Christmas tree was decorated by whole family with all the ornaments made by us. They were colored paper or colored by crayons. I remember that on Christmas eve, church choir members visited every home and sang Christmas carols. My mother gave them rice cakes and tangerines. On Christmas morning, we had chicken soup and tangerines. We visited friend's homes, and we all had rice cakes.

Suzanne Job, Mutual 9

Christmas dinner is a holiday tradition. This one particular year, we planned a trip to Bishop to enjoy snow in the mountains. We made reservations before we left home. The hostess booked a time on Christmas Day without realizing the restaurant would be closed.

When we arrived at the restaurant, the parking lot was empty, but the owner came out and said, "my executive chef is here, and we have another couple that showed up, so we're going to serve your dinner."

Everything in town was closed on Christmas day, so they knew we would have no way to get anything to eat for dinner. They honored a holiday tradition, and no charge for dinner. For dessert, they made tiramisu, and crème brûlée. The owner said eat one here, and take one back to the motel with you.

Anna Derby, Mutual 5

In my childhood, my family lived in a small town of southwest from Seoul, where my mother practiced Buddhism, a traditional Korean religion, and that's all we knew. Yet, I loved to hang out wherever people were and that was the town hall and small church we had. I was one of the kids who loved to stay until the last person left. Between church and mother's practice, I didn't think there was much different about it, but one thing I knew was that mother treated others so kindly. The year she turned 60 years old, she converted to Christianity and all of us were surprised and very happy for her. It's said that you do what you learn at home. And here I am, celebrating this holiday by sharing what I can with others in the spirit of my mother's be-kind-to-others life.

Lori (Townsend) Chamberlain, Mutual 11

Dad and Mom cooked up a plan when we were wee ones, in the hopes to keep us in bed a little bit longer on Christmas morning, so that perhaps, just maybe, *they* could have a bit of extra sleep.

Mom bought simple little Christmas stockings for each of us three kids, and hand embroidered our names on them. Before we went to bed each Christmas Eve, we kids would each hang our own Christmas stocking on the door handle of our bedroom.

When we awakened early Christmas morning, lo and behold! The previously empty stocking was filled with little gifts for eager kiddies to open and play with (quietly, was our parents' hopes).

It seemed that there was always a large orange or apple in the toe, doubtless more to take up space than to encourage good snacking habits.



Lori Chamberlain with her stocking from childhood

Still believing in Santa Claus, and thinking that either he or an elf had filled my stocking, I fought sleep each year, trying to catch Santa or his emissaries in the act. I never did! Never caught mom or dad doing it, either! It was a magical feeling, and still is a magical memory to me, now, as a grown "kid." It was a fun tradition in the Chamberlain household. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for the loving memories you gave us each year.

Frances Vargas, Mutual 2 My daughter Laurel (aka Lala) sent me this treasured letter a few years ago.

Dear Mom,

Of course, Christmas is more than the things we receive. It's about sharing, singing, laughing, praying and moments created and shared with family. In a sea—or at least a very large pool—of children, commitments, concerns and obligations, you always made time for me. You made Christmas magical but grounded in faith and taught me the importance of remembering others.

The lessons and traditions you taught shaped our Vargas Culture.

As Dad would say: leave an empty chair for a visitor or a candle lit in the window to welcome someone from the cold.

As we talked about the other day, your greatest gift has always been the ability to anticipate a need before it is spoken. So, my dear Mom, I want to thank you for all you have so joyfully given, shared, celebrated and sacrificed for me and our family. I have learned from you. I have heard you, and I thank you and love you to the Earth's end.

Always, Lala

Phyllis Poper, Mutual 14 Mother's Christmas Gift

Lovingly she ties each ribbon, fluffs each bow in proud display.

Each cookie is a work of art, a tasty treat for Christmas day.

Wreaths and garlands twine around, sparkling in red and gold.

Welcome guests to fireside places, cider soon drives out the cold.

Prayers of thanks for this abundance invite blessings from

All this prepared to send the message of our Father's gift of love.



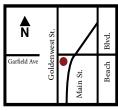
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The Leisure World Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is inviting residents to learn how to help themselves and others in the community after a disaster.

The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in

the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their communities.

The first in-person training since the pandemic began and

first ever evening training is set to begin in two weeks.

It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday in January and February from 6-8 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 1.

Students must attend all class dates listed to become CERT certified.

The dates are as follows:

- Tuesdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25
- Thursdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27
- Tuesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22
- Thursdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24

To register for this important training, contact Eloy Gomez at (562) 431-6586, ext. 356.

Recreation Director to Retire

Longtime GRF Recreation Director Terry DeLeon will leave his job in Leisure World effective Dec. 31 to embark on his retirement with a move to Kansas with his family.

His last official day will be Dec. 30, capping a 39-and-a-half year career with the GRF in LW.

The GRF Board of Directors thanks him for his longtime dedication to Leisure World, where he oversaw the community's recreational amenities and entertainment programs, considered by many to be a cornerstone of LW life.

He was the person who scouted out talent for the ever-popular summer Amphitheater shows, among many other responsibilities.

GRF President Susan Hopewell said, "While we are very sad to see Terry leave, we celebrate him and wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement. I wish him the joy and fun in his retirement life that he brought to all of us in ours."

He came to LW in July 1982 as a Service Maintenance worker and rose to the top of the Recreation Department in September 2000.

Mr. DeLeon said, "It's been a great chapter in my life. I've appreciated all the years I've worked in LW, all the people I've worked with and all the opportunities that were given to me to work in many different departments."

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was breaking away from the national organization to create a local non-profit. That would allow the group to retain local control of funds and expand into direct patient care through adult day programs.

Alzheimer's OC offers a variety of programs at no cost. Anyone can reach out for help and information whether he or she is living with the disease or not. Alzheimer's OC helps caregivers, families, friends, and neighbors by providing brain health and dementia education, advocacy, care, consultations, community resource connections, Adult Day Health Services, residential memory care services and more.

Alzheimer's affects approximately 84,000 people in Orange County. It disrupts daily life for the person with Alzheimer's and the people surrounding that person, posing challenges that can be difficult for everyone.

Every day, there is more information available about Alzheimer's and dementia, and Alzheimer's OC is a great place to get help and learn.

For immediate information at no charge, the 24/7 Helpline at (844) 435-7259 can answer questions and direct you to more educational information. You can also visit the website of at *www. alzoc.org/services* for a wealth information at your fingertips.

The more people learn and understand how the disease works, the more compassion and patience they will have.

-Roban Arshat, member resources

Holiday Notice

In observance of Christmas Day, all Golden Rain Foundation offices except Security will be closed Friday, Dec. 24.

The Leisure World Maintenance Department will be on call for emergencies only and may be reached by calling 594-4754.

The Minibus service is on the holiday schedule Friday and Saturday. The Access Bus is available Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The GRF will be closed in observance of New Year's Day on Friday, Dec. 31. The Minibus will operate on a holiday schedule.

How to Place a Classified Ad

Classified ads may be ordered over the phone by calling (562) 431-6586, ext. 383, or (562) 430-0534; emailed to debbiek@lwsb.com (staff will call back for payment information and ad confirmation) or in person at the LW Weekly office, 13521 St. Andrews Drive (two-story white building at the Amphitheater complex).

The office is closed to the public but people can knock on the door for in-person help. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Classified Rates

Resident rate: Classifieds are \$8 for 12 words or fewer; each

additional word is 25 cents.

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Deadline

The LW Weekly classified advertising deadline is Monday at 12:30 p.m. for that week's Thursday edition. Deadline changes due to the holidays will be printed in the LW Weekly.

For Information

For more information, call (562) 431-6586, ext. 383. Classified ads are online at *lwsb.com*.



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- COVID vaccine clinics for all residents
- Online and in-person events, led by our senior ambassador Grecia Nunez
- New specialists and services, including a new ophthalmology team

If you haven't had a chance to see our renovated clinic, visit optumcare.com/bettercare and take the virtual tour.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2022.



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PERSPECTIVES

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Thumbs up to those at the Fitness Center who chose to follow the statewide public safety order requiring the wearing of masks, helping to keep our community safe.

Thumbs down to those observed using the gym but disregarding the signage clearly posted at the building's entrances or who interpreted "wear a mask" as meaning under your chin, under your nose, or only when you check in.

"I can't breathe when I wear it over my nose," one participant laughingly blurted out to the person next to them, coughing.

Two thumbs down to the attendant who, when I asked about the mask policy, (seemed to understand) the mandate yet (said) nothing to participants.

Maybe you haven't (yet) lost a friend or loved one to COVID-19, but now's the time (yes, again)—if you're going to be inside GRF properties—to "mask up" and keep yourself and those around you safe.

> Larry Stotz Mutual 1

Editor:

On Thanksgiving, I had something to be especially thankful for—that I had no need to call Security regarding a real emergency. What I discovered was that (after living in LW for 14 years and not often having to call Security) a new number is required to reach Security.

On Thanksgiving, I kept getting a message: "please dial 1,562, then your number." And although I followed the instructions quite a few times, I still was not connected to Security.

So, I drove to the gate and asked how I could now get a name posted on their board to let someone in.

A very nice lady told me that if I reprogrammed Security's phone number on my cell as 562-594-4754, I'd be able to reach them. She was right!

If that change was posted in your paper, I missed it. And I am wondering if it would be helpful to someone with a real emergency Security oversees if you would (again?) post it in your paper.

D. Schilpp, Mutual 12 Editor's note: Southern California residents, including LWers, whose area codes start with 562, 626, 949 and 951, have to dial all 10 phone number digits as of Oct. 24. This change gave the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline a shorter phone number. The Federal Communications Commission designated 988 as the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, a recent FCC statement read. Those in crisis now will only have to dial that three-digit number rather than the current, harder-to-remember 800-273-8255 (TALK). *Editor:*

I want to give a big shout out to Service Maintenance for its quick response to my call regarding the smoke detector. I waited until 6:30 a.m. to call the emergency number and was told they could alert maintenance at 8 o'clock when they opened. At 8:45, I called Service Maintenance and was told they would put me on the list.

I placed two more calls as the afternoon progressed and no one had arrived.

Because of my sensitive hearing, the loud beeping sound forced me to get a chair and sit outside in the cold.

Finally at 2:30, after waiting

eight hours, maintenance arrived and replaced the smoke detector.

The next night the second smoke detector started its beeping at 5:45 a.m. I called Ruben Gonzales, facilities manager, and he was professional enough to leave a message on his recorder that he was out of the office and left another number to call in his absence. I called and left my message.

With the help of our mutual vice president this morning, Service Maintenance was here at 9 a.m. and replaced the remaining two smoke detector batteries. All is good and I hope that these new batteries last as long as I hope to.

Gerri Wright Mutual 11

Editor:

Just in the last few days, I have seen a driver run a stop sign on St. Andrews and two other people in their electric scooters crossing the street at the intersection of St. Andrews and Golden Rain, and the light was totally red the entire time.

All three of these people were completely unaware of the what they did.

I have seen other pedestrians carry the caution flag under their arms, tucked in their scooters or carried alongside their lower legs.

They have no idea how to

I don't feel safe driving or walking. I know this problem has been addressed but I don't see the improvement. In fact, it seems worse.

Could there be a consideration for crossing guards at the busier intersections?

> Lisa Benedict Mutual 2

by C.J. Blomquist Optum at the HCC

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This year, many of us will be spending the holidays without our loved ones. Although it can be hard not to be near friends and family, there are ways to make the season enjoyable.

Make the most of this unusual holiday

Make it a day for you.

The great thing about having the holiday to yourself is that you can do what you want. Go for a stroll around the neighborhood and enjoy your neighbors' holiday decorations. Stay home and binge-watch your favorite festive movies. Prepare your favorite foods and indulge—in moderation, of course.

Celebrate tradition—or don't.

Maybe there are some things you used to do with family and friends during the holiday season, and those are what make the season magical, Singing carols, having hot chocolate, exchanging gifts, you can do all these alone. Indulge in a special gift for yourself.

Not in the mood to celebrate?

Then don't. It's not a requirement. You can enjoy the day for what it is: a time to spend on yourself. If you're feeling down, do things to take your mind off the blues. Make it a productive day and catch up on chores around the house. Or just catch up on some of your favorites (non-holiday) movies.

Do some good for others.

Your friends, family, and neighbors are all lonely, too. Now is the time to spread a little holiday cheer with a video call. Most smartphones have a video call feature. Or bake some of your favorite holiday treats and deliver them to your neighbors. Be sure to wear a facemask and keep some distance, though: we all need to be extra careful. Call ahead and let your neighbors know to look out for a special treat!

Letters Policy

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Member Column—A Shared Wonderful Life

by Jim Greer

LW contributor

My annual holiday streaming binge always includes Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life." The central character, George Bailey, has the unique opportunity to experience what the world would be like had he never been born. Perhaps the most significant discovery is how intricately his life was interwoven with the lives of the townspeople of Bedford Falls. Until Clarence the Angel's intervention, George couldn't fathom the impact his life of struggle, sacrifice and dis $appointment \, had \, on \, others' \, lives.$

In his last conversation with his father, George expresses his frustration, stating "it's this business of nickels and dimes, and spending all your life figuring out how to save three cents on a length of pipe. I've been hoarding pennies like a miser here. I just feel like if I didn't get away, I'd bust. I want to do something big and something important."

Our lives are not much different than George Bailey's. We

struggle to see the purpose in life's challenges, such as declining physical agility, decreasing mental acuity and loneliness. Through the struggle, if we are observant, we will receive guidance from guardian angels, seen and unseen, who intervene to help us discover how wonderful our lives really are. As George Bailey did, we learn that the value of one's life is measured in the positive impact it has on others, not in the pennies, nickels and dimes we save.

Each of us are travelers on our own life journey. Our routes cross, and we meet en route, or in depots, stations, airports. If we're wise, we make friends with our fellow travelers, offer travel tips and share life stories. As each departs for the next destination, we bid them farewell, as happy as they are for their next adventure.

The ancient Ionian Greek philosopher Pythagoras wisely stated, "Friends are as companions on a journey, who ought to aid each other to persevere in the road to a happier life." We all travel rugged roads to what we hope are happier lives, often in the company of neighbors and friends. Some may experience significant challenges, setbacks or barriers on their journeys. Thankfully, the relationships we have built with our fellow travelers provide the solace we need to find meaning in the struggle.

In centuries past, pages of books were referred to as leaves, and turning over a new leaf meant turning to a blank page. As we venture into a new year, we turn over a new leaf, writing on that page our plans for the coming year's journeys, and record treasured memories. But it is the friendship of our fellow travelers that gives meaning to our challenging adventures. George Bailey learned that his compassion for his neighbors and friends created a permanent, unbreakable connection. As Nelson Mandela put it, "Our human compassion binds us the one to the other —not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."

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GRF Meetings

Golden Rain Foundation committee and board meetings are open to Leisure World residents. The following is a tentative schedule.

Mon., Dec. 27	GRF Board Executive Session
	Conference Rm A/virtual11 a.m.
Mon., Jan. 3	Recreation Committee
	Conference Rm b/virtual1 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 5	Physical Property Committee
	Conference Rm B/virtual 1 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 6	Administration Committee
	Conference Rm A/virtual1 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 7	GRF Board Executive Session
	Conference Rm A/virtual1 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 10	Mutual Administration Committee
	Conference Rm A/virtual1 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 12	Safety, Bus & Traffic Committee
	Conference Rm A/virtual1 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 13	Communications/IT Committee
·	Conference Rm A/virtual1 p.m.

NOCE Spring 2022 Registration

The Leisure World NOCE Spring Semester Class Registration Event will be on Jan. 14 in Clubhouse 2 from 9 a.m.-noon or until classes are full. Though the event had previously been planned for early December, NOCE staff availability has pushed it back until after the holidays. There will be ample time to ensure a smooth registration event for everybody involved.

New students have the option of filling out an application to become a student at www.tinyurl.com/NOCEapply; paper applications are also available at the LW Library. Returning students need to bring their Student ID (Banner ID) to the registration event. People unsure of their Banner ID should call NOCE Star Help at (714) 808-4679 to retrieve it. Both new and returning students need to bring their COVID Vaccine Card with them to registration.

Current Leisure World NOCE classes will soon be visited by a NOCE staff member, who will give students the option of pre-enrolling in the same class for next semester. The NOCE staffer will also be there to assist existing students with uploading their COVID vaccination cards. People who are interested in a class and not currently enrolled will need to attend the in-person registration event in January.

The full list of classes for Spring 2022 can be found below. Anyone with questions or concerns should call the library at (562) 598-2431 or visit in person and ask for Taylor Greene at the reference desk.

Class	Class Registration Number	Day and Time of Class Meeting	Start Date	Location	
Ceramics	61225	Tuesdays, 8:30 AM - 12:20 PM	1/18/2022	CH 4, Ceramics Room	
Ceramics	60570	Thursdays, 12:45 PM – 4:35 PM	1/20/2022	CH 4, Ceramics Room	
Senior Topics: Basic Computing	60725	Fridays, 10 AM – 11:50 AM	1/21/2022	CH 3, Learning Center	
Staying Mentally Sharp	60726	Fridays, 12 PM - 1:50 PM	1/21/2022	CH 3, Learning Center	
Mature Driver Improvement	60962	Saturday, 8 AM – 4:20 PM	2/26/2022	CH 3, Learning Center	
Mature Driver Improvement	60963	Saturday, 8 AM – 4:20 PM	5/28/2022	CH 3, Learning Center	
Painting	60765	Tuesdays, 1 PM – 2:50 PM	1/18/2022	CH 4, Painting Room	
Needlecraft, Knit, and Crochet	61241	Wednesdays, 2 PM – 3:50 PM	1/19/2022	CH 3, Sewing Room	
Health and Wellness	61239	Thursdays, 9:30 AM 11:20 AM	1/20/2022	CH 4, Section C	
Health and Wellness - Restricted Mobility	61240	Thursdays, 11:30 AM to 1:20 PM	1/20/2022	CH 4, Section C	
Tone Chime Choir	61158	Thursdays, 10 AM – 11:50 AM	1/20/2022	LW Amphitheater	
Senior Chorus	60857	Mondays, 10 AM - 11:50 AM	1/24/2022	LW Amphitheater	

GRF BOD **Executive Session**

Monday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m. Administration Conference Room A and via Zoom NOTE: This meeting is closed to Shareholders/Members per Civil Code §4935.

Executive session meetings are held in the strictest confidence. Every Board member has a fiduciary duty to maintain the confidentiality of all topics deliberated and discussed in executive session. Failure to do so could expose GRF and its Board members to liability. Board members participating via telephone or web-based applications should ensure they do so in a manner that will preserve the privacy and confidentiality of such meetings by being in a location that is secure with no other persons present or in hearing range of the Board's discussions.

1. Call to Order

President Susan Hopewell

- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Legal
- 4. Contracts
- 5. Pending and/or Litigation
- 6. Member Disciplinary Actions
- 7. Personnel
- 8. Adjournment

Agenda is subject to change.

Street Sweeping

GRF trust streets are swept on the fourth Thursday of the month. Parked vehicles must be removed from trust streets before midnight the night before. Contact Mutual directors to find out when your carports are scheduled for sweeping.

News Deadlines

The editorial deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday for the following Thursday's edition. People may email articles or drop them into the letter slot at the front of the News Building, located on the east side of the Amphitheater. See page 4 of any edition for a list of section editors and their email addresses.



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Mutual Meetings

Mutual residents are invited to attend the open meetings of their mutual boards (schedule subject to change).

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Mon., Dec. 27	Mutual 8 (open forum, 9:15 a.m.)
	Conference Rm A/virtual9:30 a.m.
Tues., Jan. 4	Mutual 17
	Conference Rm A/virtual 1:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 6	Presidents Council
	Clubhouse 4/virtual9 a.m.
Mon., Jan. 10	Mutual 9
	Conference Rm A/virtual9 a.m.
Tues., Jan. 11	Mutual 16
	Conference Rm A/virtual2 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 12	Mutual 4 (open forum, 9 a.m.)
	Conference Rm A/virtual9:15 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 13	Mutual 12
	Conference Rm A/virtual9 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 14	Mutual 3
	Conference Rm A/virtual9 a.m.
Mon., Jan. 18	Mutual 15
	Conference Rm B/virtual9 a.m.
Tues., Jan. 18	Mutual 14 (open forum, 1 p.m.)
	Conference Rm B/virtual 1:15 p.m.

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Thursday, Dec. 23: Baked ham with honey-glaze sauce, mashed sweet potatoes and seasoned green beans; cheesecake; roast beef-and-cheese sandwich, with lettuce, tomato and pickle, plus creamy coleslaw.

Friday, Dec. 24: Closed—no delivery.

Monday, Dec. 27: Polish sausage with sautéed onions and red bell peppers, whole-grain roll, and baked beans; fruit cocktail; egg salad sandwich, with spinach and tomato, plus marinated-beet-and-onion salad.

Tuesday, Dec. 28: Turkey tettrazini, biscuit and Brussels sprouts; sugar cookies; entrée Caesar chicken salad, with romaine lettuce, shredded cheese, croutons and Caesar dressing, plus crackers.

Wednesday, **Dec. 29:** Lemon-pepper chicken breast, brown and wild rice, and green bean almandine; mandarin oranges; turkey-and-cheese sandwich, with lettuce, tomato and pickle, plus cucumber, red onion and dill salad.

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Puzzles & Comics

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By Jim Scancarelli



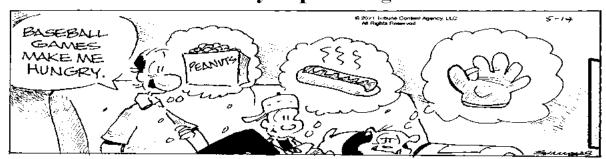
Broom-Hilda

By Russell Myers



Middletons

By Raph Dunagin & Dana Summers



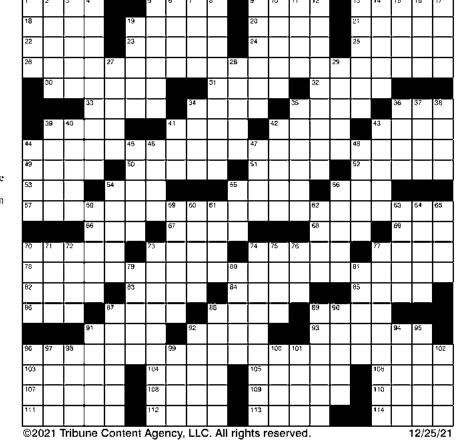
The Observer Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

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- for short 5 Play the lead
- 9 Trifles
- 13 Film a scene 18 Cupid
- Antoinette 20 Offering of 29 Down
- 21 Dolly's greeting 22 Bryophytic plant23 Giving the sack
- 24 Broadcast journalist
- Marvin 25 Brazilian novelist Jorge
- 26 Santa to elf: 30 Word with silver or sun
- 31 Confident
- 32 Adolescent 33 English political party
- 34 Sojourn
- 35 Musical group 36 Cook spot in Brighton
- 39 Goatee locale
- 41 Hawaii or Alas., once 42 Utah lily
- 43 Departed
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- 78 Elf to Santa: 82 Zeno's hometown
- 83 "I've got ___ in Kalamazoo"
- 84 Double curve 85 Give a ten
- 86 Rather
- 87 Color lightly
- 88 Nanny's noises
- 89 Big sip 91 Sound: prefix
- 92 Soothing lotion
- 93 Ocean-going craft96 Santa to elf:103 Conductor-composer
- Dorati
- ___ the finish 105 Georges of social reform
- 106 Rub the wrong way
- 107 Watery silk fabric
- 108 Salinger girl

Santa and His Elf

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston



- 109 St. Pete's neighbor
- 110 Strong as _ 111 Fall flower
- 112 Mortgage paper
- 113 Highly amuse 114 Rockwell or Clark

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- 19 Alma_
- 27 Actress Téa
 28 "Something of Value" author
 29 Pavarotti, for one
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- 37 Wave: Fr.
- 38 Gershwin heroine
- 39 One-named Spanish singer40 Ford or Fonda41 Explosive inits.
- Scatter about
- 43 SNUs Father ___ Sarducci 44 Disney sci-fi film 45 Funny folks
- 46 To boot
- 47 Taro root
- 48 Mitchell mansion owner
- 54 Allotment55 Motel alternative
- 56 Tea type
- 58 Cornhusker's largest city59 Dieter's choice60 Fall behind
- 61 Part of SWAK
- 62 Equal share 63 Not illuminated

- 64 Swap65 Breaks a fast70 Secondhand
- 71 Gaucho's cow-catcher
- "Marley and Me" Wilson 73 Stately
- 74 Off-married lawbreakers
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 75 Imitates
 76 Papua New Guinea port
 77 North Sea arm
 79 Sully
 80 Eucalyptus eater
- 81 Twist and squeeze
- 87 Hard worker 88 Soda fountain order 89 Disney dwarf 90 Author Cather
- Gaze fixedly
- 92 Censure
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- 97 Slaughter
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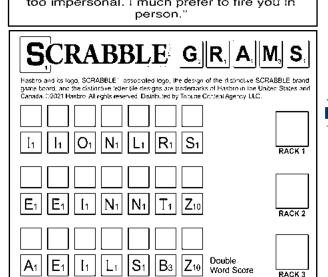
Sudoku 1

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9 To 5 By Harley Schwadron



"Sims, your working remotely via Zoom was too impersonal. I much prefer to fire you in



2nd Letter Tople |A1||O1||Y4||R1||R1||T1| $|G_2|$

 $|N_1||N_1|$



PAR SCORE 265-275

BEST SCORE 339

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square.



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FIVE RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

She almost didn't come.

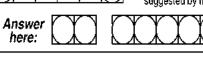
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

We pulled it off.

RACK 4

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

here:



Guess Who?

I am a doctor born in New York on December 24, 1940. I graduated from Cornell University Medical College. I am best known as the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Sudoku #2

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Puzzles & Comics Answers on page 16

A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z *

> Solve the code to discover words related to Kwanzaa. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = A)

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

12 14 Α. 9 8 26 9

Clue: Acknowledge a happy day

14 18 26

Clue: Gathering crops

3 21 6 7 12 23

Clue: Relatives

D. 26 3 22 7 26 20

Clue: Passing down customs



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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3 letters = 1 point 4 letters = 2 points 5 letters = 3 points 6 letters = 4 points 7 letters = 6 points 8 letters = 10 points

(9+ letters = 15 points)

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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ARTWORK **BLACK CANDLESTICKS** COMMUNAL COMMUNITY CORN CREATIVITY **CROPS CULTURAL DETERMINATION FAITH FEAST GIFTS GREEN HERITAGE** HOLIDAY **JOYOUS PRINCIPLES PURPOSE** RED RESPONSIBILITY SYMB0LS UNITY

RELIGION

Congregation Sholom

Congregation Sholom will hold its hybrid services on Friday, Dec. 24, with Rabbi Eric Dangott in Clubhouse 3, Room 9, and on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi Mymon.

New members who want to watch the livestream should contact Jeff Sacks by texting (714) 642-0122 or emailing <code>jfsacks@gmail.com</code>. The link will have the meeting ID and password embedded. Those who want more details or need to practice can call Jeff ahead of time. The phone number to call for those who do not have Internet service is (669) 900-9128. To join the Zoom meeting, go to <code>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752519429?pw d=UDREWTA1N21jaXVUZUhyQmY1U01JQT09</code>. The meeting ID is 375 251 9429, and the passcode is 8ZYy69.

The walking group meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Clubhouse 3, Bus Stop A.

Those who need to be added or removed from the misheberach list should let Darlene Rose know by Wednesday at (562) 347-8088. Contact Jeff to participate in games, the book club or livestream services.

Anyone who wants to join the congregation should call Howard Brass at (562) 794- 9090.

Faith Christian Assembly

For many people, this season is the most wonderful time of the year, with the excitement of the true meaning of Christmas, the giving, the preparations and the celebrations. But what happens after the celebrations are over and it is time to go back to the usual schedules?

Faith Christian Assembly has a wonderful care ministry, launched in 1993 to ensure no one is overlooked. Care leaders call the people under their care each month to check on how they are doing. A report is given to Pastor Sheri Leming to keep her upto-date as well. This vital ministry impacts so many by showing people that they are truly cared for.

Join Faith Christian Assembly for service this Sunday, Dec. 26, and experience a warm, welcoming place of true connection with the savior and the congregation.

Sunday service times are at 10:30 a.m and 5:30 p.m. The preservice prayer is on Sunday at 5 p.m. The midweek Bible study is on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The Grief Share meets every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

To receive a free copy of the newsletter or to learn more information about the church, call (562) 598-9010 or visit www. FCAchurch.net.

LW Baptist

LW Baptist Church will celebrates Jesus' childhood in Clubhouse 4 on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. Jesus' birth was a miracle, but he grew normally as a child. His father and mother were amazed at the things said about the boy, including the meaning of his name (savior); his presence comforting God's people; the blessing he would be to the whole world, his role of redeemer; his humble childhood home; and his uncanny, youthful awareness of his mission.

Singing Christmas songs will be part of this Sunday's celebration. Sunday school precedes worship at 9:15 a.m. The women's Bible study is at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 27.

Call the church office for more information at (562) 430-8598.

Redeemer Lutheran

The theme for Redeemer Lutheran's Christmas weekend is "Eternal Christmas Gifts: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love." The candle-light Christmas Eve service is on Friday, Dec. 24, at 3 p.m. and the Christmas Boxing Day service will be on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

The lessons and carols of the feast day will be accompanied by the organ, choir and special piano duets by Pastors Lynda and Cedric Elmer.

The service is held inside the stained-glass sanctuary at 13564 St. Andrews Drive. Join Redeemer Lutheran behind the creche as it gathers with the Holy Family, angels, shepherds, and farm animals to celebrate the savior's birth.

The LW Weekly (562) 430-0534

Community Church

The mask mandate has gone back into effect across the state as the infection rate has risen again. Many people may be feeling unsettled and just over it all. Mary might have felt the same as she traveled with Joseph to Bethlehem for the Roman census and had no place to stay before giving birth to Jesus in a stable. For Mary, Joseph and Jesus, that first Christmas was unsettling as well.

Community Church has made a point as a faith community to say loudly and repeatedly "You are welcome here." That welcome has some constraints imposed by the pandemic, but the welcome is still absolute. Community Church will continue to worship in-person with its new air-filtration system, with masks and proof of vaccination required to attend.

The Christmas Eve Service will be at 6 p.m. The service will feature beautiful and moving lessons and carols that will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, Com-



Pastor Johan Dodge and Community Church's Christmas tree.

munity Church will have worship at its regular time at 9:50 a.m. with a message titled "The Power of the Heart."

Find Community Church on Facebook for livestreamed worship @communitychurchleisureworld. Those who don't have Facebook and want to watch via Zoom can call the church office or email *leisurewccsue@yahoo.com*.

Those in need without another way to address it may call the church office to leave a message at (562) 431-2503.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church of Leisure World teaches from God's word, the Holy Bible, verse by verse. It is a friendly church that welcomes all visitors. Each week during this month will have joyful Christmas music at each service.

Services

Gary Whitlatch is the speaker for this weekend. LWers are welcome to hear more from God's word concerning the birth of a savior.

Sunday services are traditional with Hymnal music provided by Pat Kogok at the piano from 9:30-10:45 a.m. This week, the trio comprised of Sherry and Al Parmenter with Janet Ray, will sing Beautiful Star of Bethlehem."

The Saturday service is contemporary, with Gregory Black leading in worship and guitar accompaniment from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Friday prayer meetings are from 6-7 p.m.

The weekly Bible study led

by Jack Frost is on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30. They are open to all interested.

The Message

It is the time of the year when Christians around the world celebrate the virgin birth of Jesus the Messiah. The Old Testament prophets prophesied his birth centuries before it occurred. It's amazing how accurate those prophesies were and something only God could pull off.

The Gospel writers give a wealth of information about the events leading up to his birth, and his life and ministry that followed.

Luke 2:6-7 talks about his birth in a manger because there was no room at the inn. Then in verses 8-11 describes a visit from an angel of the Lord, heralding his birth: "Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone all

around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord."

This savior is identified as Jesus the Christ. The meaning of that word savior is deliverer. Matthew 1:21 explains with "And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, (savior) for he will save his people from their sins."

May everyone endeavor to celebrate the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

Scripture of the Week

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Announcements

Those who want to speak to someone at the church or have a need, can call (562) 431-8810.

Assembly of God

Whether LWers' Christmas celebrations are small or large, Assembly of God encourages believers to take time to reflect on the wonder of God's gift. It is because he desires relationship with mankind that Jesus was sent as a baby in a manger. When people take that message to heart, it changes everything.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, Assembly of God will evaluate where the community is and what has happened this year. The world is still coping with a pandemic and its variants and following mask mandates. There are many issues where people find themselves

on opposing sides of strangers, friends and loved ones. So what does this mean for the Christian? Is there hope anywhere? Pastor Chuck Franco will preach "Courage for The Coming Year" on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 2. God intends for his children to walk with courage and hope. Assembly of God encourages people to start preparing their heads and hearts for a positive, confident, faith-filled life in 2022.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 2, Assembly of God will study Session 6 of "Kingdom Heroes,"

a Bible study authored by Tony Evans featuring the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11.

More information about Leisure World Assembly of God can be found at *lwassemblyofgod. com*. Those who want prayer, a personal contact from a pastor, or a DVD of the Sunday morning sermon, can contact Pastors Chuck and Sheryl Franco at (562) 357-4360 or *pastorchuck@lwassemblyofgod.com*.

Pastor Chuck's sermons can be accessed on Facebook (Chuck Franco) and the Faithlife app under the group "Leisure World Assembly of God."

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Religion Directory

Assembly of God Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. Clubhouse 3, Room 2 (562) 357-4360

LW Baptist Church Sunday service, 9:45 a.m. Clubhouse 4

Beit HaLev

(562) 430-2920

Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Chavurah, Friday, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, after service
Ma'ariv service, MondayThursday
Livestream on Zoom, YouTube, Facebook and simshalom.com

LW Community Church

Sunday worship, 9:50 a.m. Call-in Sunday message, after 5:30 p.m. Livestream available on Facebook 14000 Church Place, (562) 431-2503

Congregation Sholom

Friday service, 7 p.m.
Saturday service, 9:30 a.m.
Clubhouse 3, Room 9
Livesteam and Zoom

Faith Christian Assembly

Sunday service, 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. Midweek Bible Study, Wednesday, 11 a.m. Griefshare, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 13820 Seal Beach Blvd., (562) 598-9010

First Christian Church

Friday Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m. Saturday Service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m. Chapel on Northwood Road, (562) 431-8810

Holy Family Catholic Church

Mass, Mon.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon 13900 Church Place, (562) 430-8170

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sacrament Mtg., Sunday, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 10 a.m. Elders & Relief Society, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 10 a.m. 6500 E Atherton St. Long Beach Livestream: https://youtu.be/Qk24-vuAAi0

Redeemer Lutheran

Outside service, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary service,
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
13564 St. Andrews Drive,
(562) 430-8619

St. Theodore's Episcopal Sunday service, 12:15 p.m.

13564 St. Andrews Drive

The religion directory t

The religion directory provides the latest information about church services reopening as pandemic restrictions decrease. To submit updates email <u>laurieb@lwsb.com</u>.



Holy Family Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Diocese of Orange, on Dec. 12 at its 8 a.m. Mass. The Mariachis band came to sing to Our Lady and a great number of people participated.

Holy Family Catholic Church

Holy Family Catholic Church, 13900 Church Place, next to the St. Andrews Gate, will observe Christmas Day Mass and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Jospeph on Saturday, Dec. 25 and Sunday, Dec. 26. See below for more information about this weekend's services.

Friday, Dec. 24: Children's Choir Concert at 4 p.m.; Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass at 8 a.m.; Christmas Day Mass with the Children's Choir at 10 a.m. There will be no confessions on Christmas. Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at 8 a.m.; Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. and noon.

Masses

To receive a copy of the weekly parish bulletin, sign

up at https://ebulletin.jspaluch. com or https://www.jspaluch. com/Subscribe. Visit the website for more information at www. holyfamilysb.com.

Father Joseph Son Nguyen suggests that people wear masks while inside the church. Saturday (Vigil Mass) is at 5 p.m., and Sunday Masses are at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon. Weekday Masses are Monday-Saturday at 8:30 a.m., and confessions are on Saturdays from 4-4:45 p.m.

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Leisure World's Holiday Spirit



Members of the Quilting Bees gathered to celebrate the season and their win for their colorful, fabric-bedecked tree (r) in Clubhouse 3.

And the winners are . . .

story and photos by Patty Marsters pattym@lwsb.com

The results are in for the 2021 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. With just one point separating the top two trees, the Recreation Committee chose to award a virtual tie to the Lapidary Club and Quilting Bees for their efforts in Clubhouses 4 and 3, respectively. Coming in second was the Arts and Crafts Guild's tree in Clubhouse 1.

"Many, many thanks to all of you for the heart and soul you put into this," Assistant Recreation Manager Kathy Thayer told the participating clubs. "Every tree is an amazing example of what our clubs are capable of."

This year's contest theme was "We Are in This Together," highlighting the community's struggle through COVID, as well as its unity through its diversity. Five clubs were chosen to decorate prelit trees in the clubhouse lobbies according to interpretation of the theme, representation of the

individual club and overall presentation.

The Lapidary Club's tree featured hand-crafted ceramic, beaded and glass ornaments, including angels made to honor those who died of COVID this year. (LWers who requested angels can contact Thuy Do for the special ornaments after the tree is taken down in January.)

Quilting squares and spools of ribbon were on prominent display on the Quilting Bees' tree. The Arts and Crafts Guild's tree also featured hand-made treasures, such as carolers crafted from discarded soda cans, tiny pom-pom hats and portraits of each club member.

The tree in Clubhouse 2 was bedecked in ornaments befitting a club called Let the Good Times Roll. And the Theater Club's tree in Clubhouse 6 celebrated the magic of movies.

The Lapidary Club received a \$100 Amazon gift card; the Quilting Bees were awarded the same amount to Panera. The Arts and Crafts Guild were given a \$50 certificate to Lucille's Barbecue.



Winners from the Lapidary Club (top) and the Arts and Crafts Guild pose with their winning trees.



The Clubhouses 2 and 6 trees clearly represent Let the Good Times Roll and Theater Club.



COMMUNITY



The Sunshine Club celebrated its accomplishments this year with a holiday party.

SUNSHINE CLUB

Club celebrates the end of the year with a party

The Sunshine Club held its end of the year party on Dec. 17 in Clubhouse 3, Room 2, to celebrate the progress of the club. Lunch included teriyaki chicken; lightly battered mixed tempura with five pieces of shrimp, sweet potato, bell pepper, zucchini, and onion rings white rice; salad; miso soup; and candy and cupcakes from See's Candies for dessert. Special thanks to Lillian Silva and Loni Gardette, who volunteered to pick up the food from the restaurant.

It was the second time in a year that the Sunshine Club members could meet in person. Due to safety concerns, the club had to limit the party's capacity to 50 people. The club hopes to be able to gather without capacity restrictions next year.

Those who attended met one another with smiles on their faces and were happy to be with people who have similar interests in the community. The room was decorated with red, green, and other bright, beautiful colors to match the jolly holiday spirits of the club members.

The club will meet on Jan. 14 with GRF Security Director Victor Rocha as the guest speaker. The club will then continue to meet every Friday at 10 a.m. via Zoom until further notice.

LW Birthday

Happy Birthday to Don Roswurm, who turned 97 on Dec. 22. Don and his wife, Harriett, have resided in Mutual 14 for over 31 years.

Celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or Retirement?

Let the LW Weekly celebrate with you. Email submissions and high resolution jpgs to: laurieb@lwsb.com

The deadline is the Thursday before the desired publication date.



Don Roswurm

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Post will not host Bingo on Dec. 26 but will return on Jan. 2. Doors will open at 1 p.m. in Clubhouse 2, and play begins at 1:30. Remember that masks are currently required in all Trust properties.

Additionally, there will be not be a district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 8, as the officers will be attending the D.E.C. convention at the Marriott Hotel by the Long Beach airport. All members of the Auxiliary are invited to attend. To carpool and RSVP, call (562) 594-0209.

The Post will sponsor a super Bingo on Jan. 23. Buy-ins will be \$15 for six games on a sheet. Jackpots will be \$100 for the first nine games and \$150 for the 10th game. There will be other games and door prizes. Family and friends are welcome to join.

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HUMANIST ASSOCIATION

Next meeting will be on Jan. 2

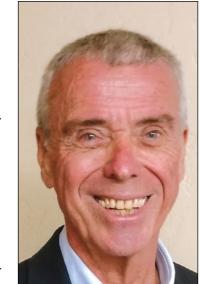
Did self-proclaimed psychic Jean Dixon predict the assassination of JFK? Have the prophecies in the Bible been fulfilled, and is the world living in the end times?

Across the globe, prophets and seers have been part of human culture for millennia and across the globe. With the aid of a PowerPoint, presentation, Robert Richert will offer a skeptical look at the subject on Sunday, Jan. 2, from 10:30 a.m.noon in Clubhouse 3, Room 1.

His talk will include secular, psychic and religious forms of prophecy through the ages.

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Richert has been active in



Robert Richert

Humanist/Freethought issues for four decades. He is currently working on a memoir and commentary titled, "Apple Pie Atheist." His previous book, "Open Wound," which is about his experiences during the Vietnam War, is on Amazon. Richert is a dynamic presenter, and his talks are always well-received.

Join the Humanist Association and begin the new year by learning about this fascinating subject.

News copy deadline is 4 p.m., Thursday, one week prior to the desired publication date.



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Mutual 7 Holiday Party



Mutual 7 Board of Directors Sue Rotter (I), Beth Vroom, Roger Bennett, Lena Stevens and Pat Repasi helped everyone in their Mutual get into the Christmas spirit with a holiday party.



Friends and neighbors enjoyed catching up and meeting new people.

Democratic Club

by Mary Larson

LW contributor

The Democratic Club continues to urge all Leisure World voters, regardless of party affiliation, to refuse to sign the petitions to recall three Los Alamitos School District trustees when and if they are certified for distribution in the community.

Before these recall petitions can be circulated, they must be certified by the Orange County Registrar of Voters. If certified, recall supporters will have 90 days to collect approximately 2,000 signatures of voters from each of the three trustees' districts.

The Registrar of Voters estimates the cost for this proposed recall election would be up to \$192,948 plus about \$3.40 per signature for verification. This would all have to be paid for by the Los Alamitos Unified School District.

The Registrar of Voters has rejected the recall supporters' petitions to seek signatures for the third time. No reasons have been given to the public for this rejection. They now have a limited time to resubmit their petitions for approval.

This recall effort began in September 2021, when notices of intent were sent to trustees Chris Forehan, Scott Fayette and Megan Cutuli. Forehan and Fayette were first elected to the board in 2020; Cutuli was elected to her fifth term on the board in the same election. Leisure World residents voted in all three of these trustee areas in 2020. They will again be asked to vote on the possible recall if a sufficient number of people sign the petitions.

In response to the threat of a recall, Forehan, who was the featured speaker at the club's December meeting, said he and the other trustees have always acted in the best interest of the students, staff and community. They are proud of all that they have accomplished, including efforts to maintain school environments in which every child feels safe and valued.

Among the original complaints coming from recall supporters regards opposition to the district's plan to initiate—at the request of the students and

their families—a non-political, optional ethnic studies curriculum. This course, named "Ethnic Studies: Cultural Experiences in the United States," was first offered this fall as an elective for Los Alamitos High School juniors and seniors. The intent of the course is to expand students' awareness of the role of ethnic groups in a diverse American society in order to build community and solidarity across various groups and differences. Readers are encouraged to Google "LAUSD ethnic studies curriculum now on public preview" to learn more about the curriculum.

People can also purchase a copy of "A Different Mirror for Young People: A History of Multicultural America" by Ronald Takaki, which serves as the core text for the class, from Amazon.

For more information about the recall effort, LW Democrats and supporters are invited to subscribe to the club's free electronic newsletter by calling editor Mary Larson at (562) 296-8521 or emailing democraticclubsly@gmail.com.

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Auxiliary members should record their volunteer hours for 2021 and get them to Donna

Severson as soon as possible. Severson will forward the totals to the National American Legion, who reports all volunteer hours

to the U.S. Congress. This important report has a huge impact on the help given to veterans by Congress.

Republican Club

The Republican Club booth is open every Monday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot by Clubhouse 6.

The speaker at the club's November meeting was Jovanka, who asked not to have her last name published. She is an immigrant from Serbia, formerly in the Communist nation of Yugoslavia.

She spoke of the horrors of living under Communism and contrasted it with the joy of living in freedom in the United States, especially in LW.

Brian Harmon has been asked to lead a discussion at the January Republican Club meeting about politics and economics. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 2.

Harmon received a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree specializing in economic history from Cal State Long Beach.

Since graduating from his master's program, Harmon has taught high school social studies full-time for about 10 years, and college economics part-time for 25. During that time, he also did outside consulting, substitute teaching and was a stay-at-home dad, the last of which he felt was the most rewarding.

Harmon said that one of his favorite books of all time is "Power and Money: The Economics of International Politics and the Politics of International Economics," which he says sums up his view of world history.

Harmon also believes that Time Magazine was correct when they designated Johann Gutenberg as the Man of the Millennium (AD 1000-2000). "Because of the printing press," he said, "competing ideas about science, economics, technology, religion and politics could be disseminated to the common people. This resulted in revolutions in all of the above areas."

SOCIAL CLUB

Club returns on Friday, Jan. 28

The Social Club will reopen on Friday, Jan. 28, in Clubhouse 1 at noon to play cards or games. The club will serve lunch and snacks, plus coffee and tea. The cost to join is \$4 per person.

Those who are interested in registering a new table should call Marj Earls at (562) 275-1778 or Joan Taylor at (562) 240-5416.

Animal Care Services

Long Beach Animal Care Services provides animal control services to Seal Beach. To report coyote activities or other animal control issues, call the 24-hour animal services line at (562) 570-7387 or go online at www.longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/coyote-report. Remember to not enagage and give space to wild animals, strays and any sick or agressive looking animal you come across.

OBITUARIES

Sally S. Jacobs 1940-2021

Sally S. Jacobs was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Dec. 23, 1940, to Edwin and Myrtle Station. She died on Dec. 12 at the age of 80 in Seal Beach.

Sally was married to Lawrence Jacobs on Aug. 27, 1988, in Idyllwild, California. They lived in Sun City, California, before moving to Leisure World in 2016

Sally was an avid golfer and was a member of the Leisure World Golf Club, Meadowlark Women's Golf Club and the South Club Women's Golf Club (aka Little Rec).

Sally is survived by her husband, daughter Alicia, four grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. She will be laid to rest quietly by the family at Riverside National Cemetery.

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Leisure World's Holiday Spirit



Bruce Lombardi's patio is ready to welcome Christmas. Say hello to Santa at 1411 Pelham Road, 64-H.

LWers spread the joy of the season

While LWers wait for Santa, they're hanging their stockings with care, decking their halls, and illuminating their exteriors for all to see. Represented on these pages are scenes submitted by residents to share their holiday spirit.

Also noteworthy are the decorations found at:

• 13451 Danbury Lane, 133-G: A friend of resident Mary Greytak adorned her home with lights, deer, angels and a nativity scene.

- 13331 Twin Hills Drive, 56L: Sharon Woodruff has elves, farm animals, Mickey and Minnie, and more all aglow outside her home.
- Mutual 9, Building 215: There are lights in trees, light poles and outlining the 18 units.
- Mutual 17, Building 3: Right by the Main Gate, the festive building surely brings a smile to visitors and residents alike.

LW Weekly thanks all who sent in photos.



From Pam and Bill Turner's front windows at 13201 El Dorado Drive, 207-L, neighbors can see their Department 56 collection, which began with the Dicken's railroad station and grew to include the North Pole Series. "We have over 30 houses and numerous accessories," they said. "People often comment about the work it takes to create it, but it is pure joy putting on each piece."



Jennifer McLaughlin pays tribute to her mother, Patricia Cordray, at 1641 Monterey Road, 18-E.



Snowmen welcome everyone to 1720 Interlachen Road, 41-H.



Can you spot the video of Santa in the window at 13962 El Dorado Drive, 60-A? Karen Jensen's efforts won third place in Mutual 2's decorating contest.



Alma Zamzow's sweet créche sits outside her home at 1541 Homewood Road, 112-B.



Joanna Matos was so committed to her design she became part of the decorations.

MUTUAL 2

Joanna Matos wins decorating contest

The annual Mutual 2 Christmas Dinner filled Clubhouse 2 on Dec. 11. Shareholders snagged all 200 tickets, making it a sold-out event. Jimmy Koppel's catering service provided a meal of ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and more, and LWers brought their favorite desserts, covering three 8-foot tables. Mutual 2 President Peggy Keller kept the party hopping, while local band Triple Pay had everyone on their toes. Director Gordon Smith played Santa.

Director Teri Nugent ran

the show behind-the-scenes with help from volunteers. Former director Patti Kilian created beautiful centerpieces, which were raffled off to one lucky person at each table.

One of the evening's highlights was Director Chris Abel awarding prizes to winners of the Mutual's annual Holiday Decorating contest. Third prize, \$50, went to Karen Jensen of 60-A, and Alyce Lubs of 60-K amazed the judges with her Southwestern-themed display, worthy of the \$75 second-place prize. Top hon-

ors and \$100 went to Joanna Matos of 24-E. She really went all out this year.

Honorable mention was bestowed on the Lawlors of 56-F, Elaine Mueller of 54-E, the Cordrays in 18-E, and the Vus in 36-A. The directors thank all the shareholders who entered the contest and invite the community to check out the wonderful displays.

"It was a fun party, and our shareholders really made the effort to make Mutual 2 a wonderland of the holiday spirit," said Director Chris Abel.

Leisure World's Holiday Spirit



Mike and Sandy (Tessier) Skinner spent a long five days finishing their "Leisure World Christmas House" at 1710 Tam O'Shanter Road, 12-D. "Mike and I wanted to light up your spirits—and our home—for all to enjoy," Sandy said.



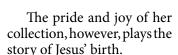
Nativity sets are displayed throughout Andrea Maas' home, from the front door to the bathroom.

Jesus is the reason in 41-B

Andrea Maas' nativity collection at 1300 Knollwood Road, 41-B, can be viewed Mondays and Fridays between 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The scenes come from around the globe, including Ireland, Haiti and Spain. Over the past three decades, she's found them at craft fairs, rummage sales and estate sales, while some have been made for and by her.

One set was made by a group of girls in fifth grade; she keeps a photo of them with it. Another was discovered while looking inside a painted box.



Her nativity treasures, which are found throughout her home during the holidays, include books, blankets, needlepoint, and puzzles that she put together herself and framed.







Glenna Hoff added gold poinsettias this year to the lovely angel at 1371 Pelham Road, 66-G.



Debbi Fudge wanted to address the fear some may be feeling during the pandemic, so she included this reminder with her holiday decorations at 13730 Annandale Drive, 31-B.

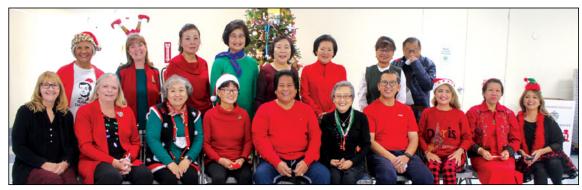


Dorothy Schwartz's display at 1671 Interlachen Road, 285-E, is titled "Santa and Mrs. Claus and Their Christmas Wonderland" and is dedicated to the memory of her late husband, Bob Schwartz. It's lit up for all to see from 5-10 p.m. through New Year's Day.



This brightly lit patio is at 1720 Interlachen Road, 41-G.

ARTS & LEISURE



Members of the Joyful Line Dance show off their holiday best at the club's year-end party.

Joyful Line Dance goes on hiatus until Jan. 6

The Joyful Line Dance class is taking a hiatus during the holiday season and will be back in session on Jan. 6.

On Dec. 16, 30 members of the group celebrated the season with a year-end/holiday party featuring dancing and a catered lunch in front of the Christmas tree in the Clubhouse 3 lobby. The club thanks Caryn Lynn Stel and Kelly Johnson for picking up the bento-box lunches from Kampai Sushi House, a Japanese restaurant in Los Alamitos. After dining on teriyaki chicken, lightly battered tempura, rice, salad and miso soup, the members were treated to chocolate- and lemonflavored mini cupcakes made by Stel's daughter, Brandi Kroeze.

Leaders Albert Comia, Connie Peck, Daisy Ramos, Chung Cha Lewis, George Pinada, Sunny Kim and Anna Derby were thanked for the music, new dances and coordinating they did so everyone could comfortably participate, indoors and outside, all year long.

The Thursday classes will resume on Jan. 6 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clubhouse 6. Sessions are limited to 30 people on a first come, first served basis. For safety reasons, exercise shoes are recommended; face masks are mandatory until further notice.

For more information, send a text to (562) 301-5339.

Guys & Gals Tournament

The Dec. 15 Leisure World Guys & Gals Tournament was played at LW's own Turtle Lake Golf Course. A total of 32 oneman-and-one-woman teams competed in three flights for best net scores, four circle holes (within a 5-foot circle) and two closest-to-the pin challenges.

All scores below are net (gross score minus handicap). A Flight encompasses golfers with handicaps of 0-10, B Flight is 11-13, and C Flight is 14-18.

A Flight: First place: Jae H. Lee and Sun Lee, a terrific 11 under 43; second: Bob Turner and Janice Turner, a really nice 10 under 44; third: Bill Lyons and Pam Krug, a super 8 under 46; fourth: tie between John Kolthoff and Linda Herman, Young Lee and Hae Lee, Gene Archambault and Stella Yoon, and Steve Walker and Yvonne Yim, a really good 7 under 47.

B Flight: First place: Joon Sup Yoon and Young Yoon, an incredible 15 under 39; second: Kyoo Choi and Bong Choi, a remarkable 12 under 42; third: Ron Jackson and Dale Quinn,

a sweet 9 under 45; fourth: tie between Ryan Hong and Kay Hong and Hyon Shin and Sang An, a very well-played 8 under 46.

C Flight: First place: tie between Bill Zurn and Neva Senske and Brian Tivnan and Patty Littrell, a fabulous 11 under 43; second: tie between Dennis Jensen and Marilyn Hewitt, Lee Broadbent and Joann Lim, and Pat Paternoster and Allison Kim, an excellent 10 under 44.

Closest to the pin on the par-3 seventh hole were Bill Lyons and Devora Kim, and on the par-3 16th hole, it was Fujio Norihiro and Sandy Derouin.

The next Guys & Gals Tournament will be Dec. 29. Anyone who is scheduled to play (check clubhouse bulletin board) and cannot should contact Alan Sewell at (541) 324-8558 or Dave LaCascia at (801) 674-5975 as soon as possible, preferably well in advance of the day of the tournament; there are usually players available to fill in.

—Dave LaCascia

Hot Shots Down Shufflers

Shuffleboard League continued on Dec. 10 at the Clubhouse 1 courts, with the Hot Shots defeating the Shufflers 13-5. The Shufflers' all-game winner was Kelly Johnson; the Hot Shots' all-game winners were Sung Yi and Dan Habel. Each of these winners is a new player this year. After four weeks of competition, the Hot Shots and Shufflers are tied for first place.

The annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 11 in Clubhouse 3. After a potluck dinner of homemade pasta, meat dishes, rice and plenty of delicious sides, plus desserts, the group played several rousing and close games of Left-Center-Right. The evening's big winners were Dave LaCascia, Jack O'Brien and Carol Johnson.

Shuffleboard practice is Tuesdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m., plus Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Starting time for league play is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. Players should arrive on time to get a starting position.

In order to use the Shuffle-board Courts, people must be trained in court setup, maintenance and play and eventually become a participating Shuffle-board Club member. Contact Dave LaCascia at (801) 674-5975 for details.

Pool Club

The Leisure World Pool Club used to be known as the Leisure World Pool and Billiard Club of Clubhouses 2 and 3, but that was way too long a title. It also deliberately excluded those residents who chose to play at Clubhouse 1. Then, when the pool tables were removed from Clubhouse 3, the name became less meaningful. Besides, Leisure World never housed any billiard tables, which have no pockets and are played on with three large balls.

More recently, on Dec. 13, 4-20 beat Break em and Make em 8-5. Bob Barnum won five of his games, including both singles matches.

The Fantastics won over Pot Luck by a 9-4 margin. The Fantastics, who are in second place, gained one game on first-place team 4-20, but are still 11 games behind with only one week left in the regular season. Ruffy Ramos, the A player for the Fantastics, won six games, losing only one doubles match.

Ace in the Hole beat the Favorites 9-4. Jerry Wrenn, the B player for Ace in the Hole, won six games and made a very difficult shot on the eight ball to win the final game. He had to go the length of the table and narrowly thread the cue ball between two other balls to make the shot.

Hot Sticks beat Go for Broke 8-5. Connie Adkins of Hot Sticks made a fantastic shot to win a nine-ball doubles match, with the nine going three rails and hitting off the point of the side pocket and straight into the corner pocket. Some might say it was lucky; whatever it was, it won the game.

The league plays every Monday in Clubhouse 2 at 6:15 p.m.

—Dave Silva

Community Karaoke

The Dec. 15 karaoke party brought out everyone's holiday spirit via the carols sung by Ruby Johnson, Tony Tupas, Carolyn Mottola, Karen Morris, Barbie May, Danna Sanders, and Pete and Tino Tupas.

It wasn't all holiday tunes that evening. Essie Hicks chose "You Sangto Me," while Richard Yokomi liked "A Peaceful Easy Feeling." Martin Rosendaal did a wholehearted "Eight Days a Week," and Ray Grierman's "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" was entertaining. Vinny Correnti's "Mack the Knife" had the audience singing along, and Eric Voge's "Pretty Woman" made toes tap.

Pizza and a rich cake were served by helpful elves Susan Kelleghan, Tony Tupas and Josie Cade.

Karaoke practice sessions are held Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in Clubhouse 6. Everyone is welcome to the next karaoke party on Dec. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Clubhouse 1.

-Margie Thompson

Monday Combined Bridge

At the Dec. 13 gathering of the Monday Combined Bridge Group, the winners were:

First place: Evelyn Scherber **Second place:** Lorna Binger **Third place:** Dotty Kemper

The group meets every Monday at noon in Clubhouse 1. For more information, contact Marion Standish at (562) 493-1236.



Lori Chamberlain

Hui O Hula extends big kudos to Gracia Nunez, senior ambassador for community activities, and Kaye Huff, Hui O Hula event coordinator, for uniting Optum and the LW hula club for a few Christmas cheers in dance and music on Dec. 8. Both groups joined together for the line "here's a drink to you and me," as sung by Hawaiian entertainer Don Ho; this popular classic never fails to please and bring laughter. In addition to such holiday classics as "Christmas in the Isles" and "White Christmas," the hula dancers performed "Tiny Bubbles" by special request. Hui O Hula appreciates the opportunities to bring holiday cheer to different groups within LW, even during these unusual times. Free Hawaiian hula lessons are offered at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Masks and distancing are required; bring socks, ballet slippers or soft suede shoes (the winter is cold for dancing barefoot). For more information, call Huff at (562) 431-2242.

Yahtzee Club

At the Dec. 10 meeting of the Yahtzee Club, Donna Wenrick won for Most Yahtzees (five), Joann Lester had the Highest Total Score (1,687), and Marilyn Moody won the Door Prize.

The Yahtzee Club meets every Friday from 12:30-4 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 6. The cost to play is \$2 per meeting.

The club is currently at maximum capacity, but new members will be accepted in January. Anyone who wants to be on a waiting list to join or would like a lesson in the game should call or text Kathy Rose at (714) 309-6873.

Bunco Club

The LW Bunco Club meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Anyone who wants to play is welcome to join the group on Dec. 27 in Clubhouse 3, Room 1, starting at 6 p.m. sharp. There is a halftime social. Contact Gail Levitt at (562) 596-1346 with any questions.

The winners from the Dec. 13 meeting are as follows:

Most Buncos: Barbara Robarge and Leena Shulman Most Wins: Beverly Fried-

> Most Babies: Michie Kimura Most Losses: Rita Fueyo Door Prize: Bill Zurn

Bowles aces No. 8 at Men's tournament

For the Dec. 8 Leisure World Men's Golf Club Tournament, 52 variously skilled golfers vied for best net scores (gross minus handicap), plus four circle holes (shots within a 5-foot circle rewarded) and two closest-to-the-pin challenges, at LW's Turtle Lake Golf Course.

Due to the overseeding of the tee boxes, the 1,658-yard course was more a 1,370-yard pitch and putt. Accordingly, scores were very low, with 40 golfers net at or under par and 23 circle holes—a new record.

A hole-in-one was carded by Bruce Bowles on the eighth hole.

All scores are net. A Flight encompasses golfers with handicaps of 0-7, B Flight is 8-11, and C Flight is 12-18.

A Flight: First place: Andrew Kim, a really good 9 under 45; second: Richard Jun, a well-played 8 under 46; third: tie between Bruce Bowles and Bill Long, a very nice 6 under 48; fourth: tie between Fujio Norihiro and Jay H. Lee, a good 4 under 50; fifth: tie between Dong Kim and Ron Jackson, a

nice 2 under 52; sixth: tie between John Kolthoff, Bob Turner and Steve Ro, at 1 under 53.

B Flight: First place: Kyoo Choi, a terrific 9 under 45; second: tie between Dale Williamson, Roland Phillips, Gene Archambault, Bill Zurn and Yoon Sup Yoon, at 6 under 48; third: Ryan Hong, 5 under 49.

C Flight: First place: Ben Benjamins, a tournament-best 14 under 40; second: Paul Shellenberger, a sensational 11 under 43; third: tie between Joe DiDonato and Byron Schweitzer, a sweet 7 under 47; fourth: tie between Pat Paternoster, Jack Haskins and James Choi, a fine 6 under 48; fifth: Brian Tivnan, an excellent 5 under 49.

Closest to the pin on the par-3 seventh hole was Alan Sewell and on the par-3 16th hole was Byron Schweitzer.

The next Men's Tournament will be on Dec. 22. All golfers should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time and be ready to play.

—Dave LaCascia

Pinochle

Pinochle is played in Clubhouse 1 every Monday, Thursday and Saturday. The warmup game starts at 11:30 a.m., with the regular game beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The following are the winning scores from recent games.

Dec. 9: First place: Gene Smith, 12,340; second: Charlotte Westcott, 12,030; third: Tony Dodero, 11,250; fourth: Marilyn Allred, 10,630.

Dec. 11: First place: Irene Perkins, 12,850; second: Tony Dodero, 12,130; third: Keith Clausen, 11,360; fourth: Marge Dodero, 11,290.

Dec. 13: First place: Sylvia Clinton, 11,450; second: Marge Dodero, 10,760; third: tie between Irene Perkins and Margaret Smith, 10,470; fourth: Nancy Wheeler, 10,340.

Anyone interested in playing pinochle should call Marge Dodero at (310) 968-9509.

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Tournament Poker

Jon Jones won the final table at the Tournament Poker Club on Dec. 11, defeating Sal Maciel. His A-3 beat Maciel's hand of K-3. Jones, who has won the final table six times, has lived in Leisure World for 11 years and enjoys working out in the Fitness Center.

The players who placed third to fifth are Tom Pappas, Marvin Rolnick and Roy Mittlesteadt.

High hand was won by Jeff Rolnick, who had quad 9's with a king kicker. Second highest hand was won by Connie Deady and quad 5's with a queen kicker. The promotional hand of 7-4 was won by Dan Galliani. The Ken Reddy Raffle Prize was won by Wendy Wu.

The club plays the first three Saturdays of every month in Clubhouse 6. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and players must be seated by noon; no late entries are accepted. Call Judy Jasmin at (562) 626-8179 for more information.

Cribbage Club

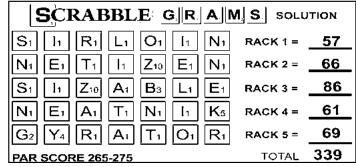
Cribbage Club meets every Tuesdayin Clubhouse 1. Desserts and coffee are served at noon, with play beginning at 12:30 p.m. Seven games are usually concluded by 4 p.m., with players rotating at the end of each game. Players do not need to bring a partner. New members are always welcome.

On Dec. 14, Margaret Smith took first place with a score of 837 (of a possible 847). Jack

O'Brian placed second with 824, Eileen Dohl came in third with 823, and Patti Smith landed in fourth with 819. Carrie Kistner and Suzanne Parks each won six games but were out of the prize totals, while Pat Fellows lost all seven games.

Anyone interested in learning the game or brushing up on their skills can leave a message with Patti Smith at (562) 242-4674.

—Marilyn Chelsvig



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Sudoku 1 Answers

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The Basic Rules of Sudoku:

• There is only one valid solution to each Sudoku puzzle. The only way the puzzle can be considered solved correctly is when all \$1 boxes contain numbers and the other Sudoku rules have been followed.

• When you start a game of Sudoku, some blocks will be pre-filled for you. You cannot change these numbers in the course of the game.

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• Each column must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same column of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.

• Each row must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same row of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.

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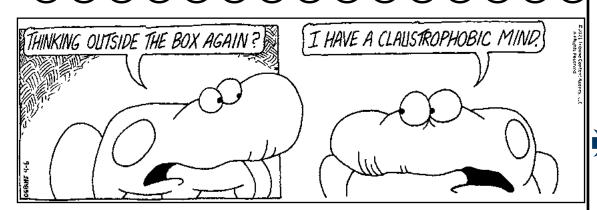
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Puzzle Answers

Puzzle pages 6-7



Sudoku 2 Answers

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6	2	9	8	7	4	5	3	1
4	5	8	3	2	1	9	7	6
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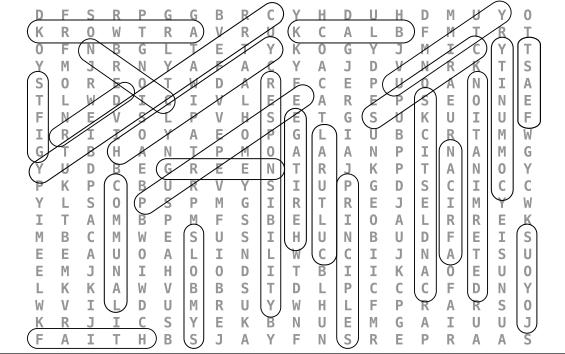
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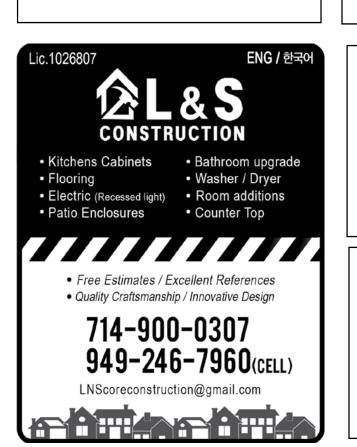
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Men's Golf League Results

Eight men and one woman of the Leisure World Golf League participated in the Nov. 29 tournament at the par-70, 5,600-yard Meadowlark Golf Course in Huntington Beach.

Scores are net (gross minus handicap). A Flight handicap is 0-20; B Flight is more than 20.

A Flight: Dave LaCascia, a well-played 4 under 66, plus a birdie; second: Fujio Norihiro, 1 over par 71, plus a birdie, his second eagle in a month, and closest to the pin on the par-3 seventh hole; third: Clay Fischer, 2 over 72; fourth: Larry Hillhouse; fifth: Sam Choi, plus fewest putts for the round.

B Flight: First place: Lowell Goltra, a terrific 6 under 66; second: Liz Meripol, 2 over 72 and fewest putts for the round; third: Bill Zurn; fourth; Bob Munn.

On Dec. 3, nine men and one woman tackled the par-70, 6,000-yard Willowick Golf Course in Santa Ana.

A Flight: First place: Jim Goltra, 1 over 71, plus a birdie and tied for fewest putts for the round; second: Tim Looney, 2 over par 72, plus a birdie and closest to the pin on the par-3 fourth hole; third: LaCascia, 4 over 74; fourth: tie between Norihiro (who tied for fewest putts for the round) and Bill McKusky (who also recorded

B Flight: First place: Meripol, at even par 70; second: Lowell Goltra, 2 over 72; third: Tom Ross; fourth; Mike Looney, plus closest to the pin on the par-3 12th hole and fewest putts for the round; fifth: Gene Vesely.

Three days later, seven men and one woman participated in the tournament at the par-70, 5,600-yard Riverview Golf Course in Santa Ana. The first eight holes were played in pea-

A Flight: First place: Jim Goltra, a sensational 6 under 64, plus 2 birdies and fewest putts for the round; second: McKusky, a really nice 2 under 68, plus closest to the pin on the par-3 ninth hole; third: Norihiro, an even par 70; fourth: tie between Fischer and La Cascia.

B Flight: First place: Lowell Goltra, a well-done 5 under 65, plus closest to the pin on the par-3 second hole; second: Meripol, a super 2 under 68, plus fewest putts for the round; third: Bob Munn.

Eleven men and one woman tackled the par-62, 4,000-yard David L. Baker Golf Course in Fountain Valley on Dec. 10.

A Flight: First place: tie between Fischer and Jim Goltra, bothatasweet8under54; second: Choi, a really nice 7 under 55; third: Vesely, a nice 6 under par 56; fourth: tie between LaCascia, McKusky, Norihiro and Gary Stivers (who also had fewest putts for the round), all at 5 under 57. Fischer, Choi, Stivers and Norihiro each carded a birdie, with Jim Goltra having three. Goltra was closest to the pin on the par-3 third hole, while Stivers was closest on the par-3 12th hole.

B Flight: First place: Meripol, a really well-done 13 under 49; second: Tom Ross, an excellent 10 under 52, plus fewest putts for the round; third: Lowell Goltra; fourth: Munn.

The league plays at four local courses, all within 15 minutes of Leisure World. The courses are always quite full, so advance reservations can be made via a signup sheet available at each round. If interested, contact Stivers at (714) 313-3697 or LaCascia at (801) 674-5975.

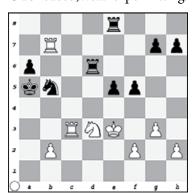
—Dave LaCascia

Chess Club

This week's puzzle is checkmate in three moves. White moves first; any answer by Black, and White's third move is checkmate.

The White rook moves from c3 to a3, then Black knight to a3, followed by White pawn to b4 and Black king to a4. The next move by White is checkmate.

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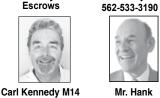
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Downstairs, east-facing, quiet, secluded 2 BD, 1.75 BA, newer flooring and heat pump



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M15 3-N • \$345,000 Upstairs 2 BDR, 1.75 BA, bright and beautiful view

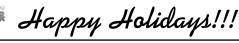
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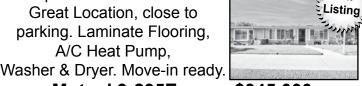
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Expanded 2 BDR/1 Bath Great Location, close to parking, Laminate Flooring, A/C Heat Pump,



\$345,000

1BDR/ 1Bath Basic, greenbelt view. A/C Heat Pump, laminate flooring, Cut-down shower, kitchen island

Mutual 9-235E



\$215,000 **Mutual 1 – 3D**

Condo, 3rd Floor Corner, 2 BDR, 2 Bath, fully equipped South/West facing. Can Be Financed

Mutual 17-118C



\$415,000

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Fabulous location I Enjoy the beautiful greenbelt view this two bedroom one bathroom expanded home has to offer. This lovely cottage offers newly installed vinyl plank flooring paint throughout. The spacious living room features a heat pump with air conditioning. The kitchen has white cabinets with built in appliances including refrigerator, stove, oven and skylight. The master bedroom is fully expanded with a walk-in closet and sliding glass door to the patio. The bathroom has a skylight and cut-down shower for a walk-in convenience. The second bedroom looks onto private side patio. Enjoy the private tiled patio with entry gate and skylight that overlooks a lovely greenbelt. Enjoying the ocean breezes and all that the Seal Beach community has to offer.



Coming Soon!

Don't miss out on this expanded one bedroom one and three-quarter bathroom home that has so much potential. Kitchen has built-in appliances including dishwasher and microwave, skylight, and water softener. Living room overlooks a pretty patio with expanded garden space and walk-in-storage closet. Second bedroom has been expanded and has added a walk-in closet, three-quarter bathroom and maybe use as a master bedroom. This terrific home also has added a washer dryer, central heating and air conditioning, skylights in the kitchen, bathroom and second bedroom. It has wood floors in the living room and bedrooms, and laminate floors in the kitchen and bathroom. Enjoy the amenities this home has to offer. You can walk from this convenient location to downtown Leisure World, the pool, jacuzzi, gym, health care center, post office, and amphitheater.





Elegantly expanded corner two bedroom, one-three quarter bathroom, formal dining room home. This desirable home features an inviting living room and formal dining room with Bay windows. The kitchen has built in-appliances including dishwasher, microwave, decorator tile backsplash, added glass cupboard doors, Corian countertops, and breakfast area. Master bedroom has walk-in closet and Bay windows. Master Bathroom has bathtub with shower and washer dryer. Second bedroom has walk-in closet, added 3/4 bathroom, and Bay window. This special home has Air Conditioning, double pane windows with plantation shutters, leaded glass entry door with sidelight, a brick porch entry, drive up-parking, and is located on a pretty Greenbelt location.



Stop by and see this charming two bedroom one bathroom expanded cottage with formal dining room. The spacious living room features plantation shutters. The entry door with glass Is double pane. The formal dining room is expanded has a ceiling fan and double pane windows with shutters. The kitchen features white cabinets with new pulls, built in leisure world appliances including stove, oven, refrigerator, and ceiling fan. The master bedroom has Thermo glass door with built in blinds leading to patio. The bathroom has a refinished shower with walk in shower door for easy entrance, newer light bar and highboy toilet. Second bedroom may be used as a guest room, den, or office and has bi-fold doors to dining area. The private patio has indoor outdoor carpeting and patio storage. This property has the convenience of drive up parking enjoys, lovely ocean breezes, and is located in Leisure World in the charming community of Seal Beach.



This charming corner two-bedroom one bathroom cottage overlooks green belts in all directions. Kitchen has built-in leisure World appliances including refrigerator, stove, oven and has an add China cabinet and skylight that opens. Bathroom has newer counters, Skylight that opens, and cut down shower. Master bedroom, living room, and second bedroom all overlook pretty views. The enclosed patio room adds extra living space that can be used for a dining area, office, exercise area, or bonus room. Also, the patio offers a walk-in storage area. Enjoy the charm that's Seal Beach has to offer and the wonderful ocean breezes. Don't miss out on this fabulous location.

Beautifully expanded corner two bedroom, one-three quarter bathroom, formal dining room home located on a fabulous Green Belt. This lovely home features a cozy living room and formal dining room. Extended kitchen has built in-appliances including dishwasher, microwave, added pantry and extra-large Skylight. Master bedroom has walk-in closet with custom shelving and ceiling fan. Master Bathroom has bathtub with shower, mirrored wall above sink with 2 added medicine cabinets, added storage cabinet and skylight. Second bedroom has Murphy Bed wall unit and ¾ added bathroom and stall shower. This special home has 3 bay windows overlooking desirable green belt location, new paint and vinyl plank flooring throughout, central heat & air conditioning, double pane windows, smooth ceilings, leaded glass entry door, and charming brick porch entry. This home is light and bright and in move in condition. Enjoy Seal Beach living and the wonderful ocean breezes.



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Mutual 5-93F

Mutual 8-202C

Mutual 8-202J

Mutual 3-21A

Mutual 10-240B

Mutual 11-267I

Mutual 12-70D

Mutual 14-15I

Mutual 2-13F

Mutual 2-51J

Mutual 1-35J

Mutual 11-285H

Mutual 2-19L

Mutual 2-24D

Mutual 1-30D Mutual 1-37F

Mutual 12-41G

Mutual 2-46D

Mutual 10-248D

Mutual 11-277A

Mutual 2-40L

Mutual 8-203G

Mutual 2-22J

Mutual 1-52A

Mutual 2-63A

Mutual 5-123K Mutual 2-17C

Mutual 9-224G

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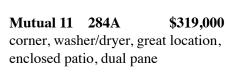
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Mutual 12 67K \$279,900 great location, wrap around patio, plank flooring, several skylights, drive-up

Mutual 7 165E \$318,000 expanded, plank flooring, heat pump, green belt, skylights, nice



\$375,000 **Mutual 8 183G** great greenbelt views, enclosed patio, skylights, very nice



Mutual 11 272L \$395,000 corner, partially expanded patio, lam. floors, light and bright

Mutual 17 108B \$415,000 2 bedroom, 2 baths, cent. air, new carpet, large balcony, fresh paint is back Mutual 4 83K \$389,500 remodeled, faces south, washer/dryer, great unit, move-in-ready

\$469,000 **Mutual 11 164L** 1 3/4 baths, extra large skylights, 3 bay windows, new paint, double pane

Mutual 2 6G \$474,900 1 1/2 baths, bay windows, air cond., double pane, washer/dryer

\$479,000 **Mutual 12 36A** btfl. greenbelt, expanded corner, washer/ dryer, granite, newer kitchen



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1681 Interlachen Rd. #282L | M11 | \$320,000 Corner 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath with laminate flooring, new carpet in bedrooms, A/C Heat Pump, fresh paint, upgraded hardware, and skylight in the bathroom.



113751 St. Andrews Dr. #36B | M1 | \$195,000 Basic 1 bedroom, 1 bath with great greenbelt location! Heat Pump, 2 skylights and storage cabinets on patio.



1910 St John Rd. #30D | M15 | \$429,000 Rare Corner 2 bedroom, 1 bath atrium. New vinyl floors and freshly painted.

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2 Bedroom, 1 Bath Corner unit with partial expansion, Dining Room, remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Upgraded flooring throughout.

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For Sale In Escrow Closed Sale

Aug

July

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

On December 20th, 2021 a total of 41 units show as active listings on the CRMLS (this is where Realtors list property for sale).

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- 23 2 bedrooms/1 bath from \$265,00 to \$479,000
- 17- 2 bedrooms/2 baths from \$349,000 to \$499,000

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Apr

May

Jun

Feb

- 2 bed 2 bath upstairs unit remodeled throughout
- 1 bed, 1 bath drive up

